

FINANCIAL PUBLICATION (Continued from page 1)

As newspapers were established and became the popular medium of dissemination of public information, the statute was re-enacted in 1873 in the following words:

At the time when the county court imposes the levy, the claims against, and the expenses legally incurred by, said county, and chargeable upon the county levy to whom and for what date, shall be stated on the order-book of said court; also, the amount of all moneys or credits on hand, or due or owing the county, applicable to the payment of demands against the county shall be ascertained and stated on the record, from which the clerk shall, immediately after the adjournment of court, be made by the clerk a statement, in tabular form, showing the debts and assets of the county, the allowances by the court, to whom, and for what purpose made. This statement the clerk shall cause to be inserted in some newspaper published in the county, or, if there be none, then to be printed in handbill form and distributed among the citizens of the county.

This Act was continued in force until the enactment of Chapter 13, entitled "County Courts," by the General Assembly in 1892. Section 1846 as enacted in 1892 was the same as it is today except that it contained no penalty for failure to comply with its terms. In 1909 this Act was amended so as to provide a penalty for failure to make the publication required therein. It will be seen that Section 61.296, printed later in this article, contains practically the same provisions as the above two Statutes from 1860 to the present time.

In an opinion on file in the Fayette Circuit Court, Judge Chester D. Adams, in 1942, included the following words: "In further consideration of whether it is necessary for the Fiscal Court (and other responsible financial officers of the county) to make the reports provided for in Section 1846 it will be seen by reviewing all of the Acts of the respective Legislatures from 1860 to 1938, that laws have been enacted requiring the fiscal courts and fiscal officers yearly in a newspaper of the

county, to publish the amount of public funds received, the sources from which received, the dates, purposes and persons to whom disbursed. The Legislature evidently intended for these publications to be made, otherwise there would not have been so much legislation on the subject.

The Statute requiring the fiscal body of the county to make publication, was as we have seen by the Act of 1860 applicable to the court of claims under the former constitution; it was re-enacted as part of the General Statutes in 1873, and after the present Constitution was adopted in 1892. In 1906 the Legislature added a penalty for its violation.

Evidently the Legislators thought well of this Statute regarding publication of reports by the fiscal courts, for in 1926 and 1928 they enacted Section 3747a-1, which required various public officials, except in counties containing a city of the first class, or a county or city which by law is required to make quarterly publication of its financial affairs, to make an annual publication of all receipts and disbursements.

In 1938 the General Assembly re-enacted this Act and described more particularly the paper in which the said report was to be published, requiring publication in a newspaper having the largest bona fide circulation. The Acts of 1926 and 1928 required publication in the newspaper in the county having the largest circulation.

The 1942 General Assembly added an amendment to this Act requiring all public officers who are required to publish a financial statement to file a copy of the newspaper containing the statement with the auditor of public accounts. It seems to be the legislative intent, expressed by successive acts of Legislature, that fiscal counties, and fiscal officers of counties, schools and cities who receive funds for the county, school or city, shall publish a statement showing what funds have been received by them and how they have

"Advance-Design" Chevrolet Trucks Make Bow



The trucks that will bring true power design to the highways of America, Chevrolet's new "advance design" line of commercial vehicles, will be introduced to the trucking industry June 28 by Chevrolet dealers across the country. Incorporating a variety of new features that assure greater operating efficiency, load-carrying ability and highway safety, the new trucks are said to be more rugged and durable than ever before. First units were built in Chevrolet's Janesville (Wis.) assembly plant, and were appropriately hailed here as the "Queen of America's Dairyland," Miss Betty Gene Gardner, Ridge-way, Wis., chairman of the new vehicle as Gov. Oscar W. Rueffels' "advance" chief executive (right) and R. W. Pollard, Janesville plant manager, look on.

been disbursed. In his decision Judge Adams concurred partially to an opinion which was given by Judge J. W. Gammon on the form of the items included in the statement. This concurrence is too long to be stated here. One item in question, that of stated salaries on an annual basis, was added as an amendment to the Statute by the 1944 Legislature.

Judge Adams further stated in substance, that the law may require strange things but never something useless or ridiculous. The official entrusted with public moneys is merely a ministerial officer; he is the technical custodian of public funds; and as such, he should make a true and sworn statement of his receipts and expenditures under his care.

It is a matter of regret that many of our governmental officials, who swear to uphold the law, resort to subterfuges to evade, or misconstrue, the

provisions of the many publication law. In many counties this has been repeatedly done under the guise of "saving taxpayers money." The intent of the legislature, since 1860, is emphatically enacted so that every citizen should have the right to receive the money being spent. Another implied phase of the Statute is to prevent trickery or dishonesty in the handling of public moneys. We are not implying, at the least that governmental officials are dishonest, but we sincerely believe that any official should recognize his opportunity to prove to his citizenry that all his acts do not have the trace of trickery or dishonesty.

The Statute in question in the Kentucky evicted Statutes of 1946 reads: 61.296 (3747a-1, 3747a-2) Local officers to make annual statement of collections and disbursements; publication penalty for failure; publication of list of delinquent taxpayers; when legal publication is to be made.

largest bona fide circulation. (1) Except in counties containing a city of the first class audit of their financial affairs of law kind and cities required by law to publish an annual report contemplated by this section, every public officer of any county, graded school district, city, or subdivision or district less than a county, whose duty it is to collect, receive or have the custody, control or disbursement of public funds, shall at the expiration of each fiscal year prepare an itemized, sworn statement of the funds collected, received, held or disbursed by him during the fiscal year just closed. This statement shall show the amount of public funds collected and received, from what sources received, the amount disbursed, the date of each disbursement, for what purpose expended and to whom paid; provided, however, that only the total of the amount paid as salary during the fiscal year and each official or employee of the governmental unit shall be shown in the statement. The officer shall procure and include in or attach to the report as a part thereof a certificate

sworn to, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the officer holds office. (2) The fiscal court of each county not containing a city of the first class shall cause to be published annually in the newspaper published in the county, that has the largest bona fide circulation there in, a statement showing the names of all persons returned by the sheriff on its return of tax warrants and the amount due from each for the preceding year, with such other information as the fiscal court deems proper to be published, within thirty days after the return has been filed.

(3) All newspaper publications or advertisements required by this section and all newspaper publications or advertisements required by other laws shall be published in the county which has the largest bona fide circulation in the government unit or district for which the publication or advertisement is required. The publications or advertisements shall be made in the size of type provided by law and at the rate provided by law and paid for out of the funds of the officer making same. If no newspaper is published in the county, the officer charged with having the publication or advertisement made shall determine how same shall be made.

(4) Any public officer who fails, refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars. The fine shall be paid into the treasury of the county, city or other government unit in which the convicted officer holds office. (1944, c. 155.)

Because of the seemingly lack of interest by responsible officials, or downright evasion of the Statute in some counties, the 1944 Legislature added the Statute 61.295 for the purpose of making the State Auditor responsible for the publication of financial statements of many governmental units in Kentucky. This Statute reads: 61.295. Copy of Published and annual statement to be filed officials.

with Auditor. (1) It shall be the duty of all public officers who are required to publish the financial statements as provided for under KRS 61.295 to file with the Auditor of Public Accounts on or before the 31st day of August of each year a copy of the newspaper containing such financial statement. (2) Any officer who shall fail to file said copy of the newspaper containing said financial statement shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars at the discretion of the court or jury trying the case. (1942, c. 89-1-2)

By resolution of KPA members at the January mid-winter meeting at Louisville, the Executive Committee was directed to take immediate steps to procure enforcement of the financial publication law. The method which the Association decided that the most feasible method could be used would be the employment of an attorney on a retainer basis, preferably a Frankfort attorney who would be on the ground. Attorney Louis Cox has been retained. His office is in the McClure Building.

Mr. McClure will inform the state auditor that the Kentucky Press Association expects him to live up to the exact letter of the law as contained in Statute 61.295; that the auditor must inform responsible officials that a return report MUST be accompanied by the required printed financial statement as outlined in the Statute before clearance given. Further, the Association will take such necessary steps in law to require the auditor to uphold the Statute in its entirety.

KPA newspaper publishers sincerely believe that they are doing their duty in demanding that the readers should be able, at all times to know how public moneys are being received and disbursed by their county officials.

July 4th PICNIC

County-Wide Farmer's Picnic
AT
RENFRO VALLEY
JULY 4 :: ALL DAY

Sponsored by County Farm Bureau

This is going to be an old fashion picnic. Everybody invited to come and bring a basket of dinner. Hot coffee will be free.

Horse-shoe pitching, rope jumping, bicycle races, hog calling, ball games and many other things will be carried on during the day.

Mr. Lair has turned over the ground at Renfro for this occasion and says:

"WELCOME TO ALL"
Music By Mt. Vernon Band

TOPS

FOR HOME CANNING

ZINC CAPS!

Easy to use! Save so much! Well used for generations, still have wide preference among housewives! These reliable caps make successful home canning today — as they have in the past. Use them with most common canning jars — and you'll find them better! They seal when no others seal!

AT YOUR GROCER'S

SEE HOW REASONABLE!

It costs less than you think to cook the modern way—Electrically.

TODAY'S faster, more efficient electric ranges bring economical electric cooking within the reach of almost everyone.

The oven of a modern electric range uses current only about one-third of the time to maintain average baking and roasting temperatures. Surface units cook on low heat (one-eighth of high heat) up to 75% of the time in many cases. The deep well cooker will cook a meal for five for two cents or less.

If you are using electricity for refrigeration, lighting and the average number of small appliances, the chances are that all or most of the current used by your electric range will be billed on the bottom step of your electric rate, which means that electric cooking will cost you little if any more than less modern methods.

Come in and get the full story about the low cost of carefree electric cooking today!

COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

THE SWITCH IS ON TO ELECTRIC COOKING

Classified Ads

Rates for classified ads under this heading are 2 cents per word first week, 1 cent per word thereafter. Count your words. A 25-word ad will cost 50 cents for one week...

FOR SALE—14 screens, size 28 x 48 inches; good condition; newly painted; at half price. See A. F. Hoffman, Mt. Vernon.

FOR RENT—High speed floor sanders, edgers, and polishers—Large stock of associate items: Varnish, Shellac, wood filler, floor wax, and wood cement. Farmers Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

WILL PAY CASH—for old rugs. Must be clean. Mt. Vernon Signal.

The church still meets the first Saturday night and Sunday of each month. Sunday School—Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE CHURCH (Garland Singleton, Pastor) Preaching services third Saturday and Sunday of each month. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

PINE HILL CHURCH OF GOD (Rev. Silas Moringo, Pastor) Regular services every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

FOR SALE—Large Lot on Locust St. Mt. Vernon, Ky. See Lutter Cummins. 119p.

BINDER TWINE—Banded canvas; parts and repairs. Farmers Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

ENSILAGE CORN—Permutkie, hybrid and, yellow sweep state sargo can seed. Farmers Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

NOTICE—Toilets and Septic tanks cleaned. Olney Tobey, R. 3 Crab Orchard, Ky. 119p.

OTTAWA BAPTIST (C. H. Philbeck, Pastor) Regular services second and fourth Saturday and Sunday of each month. Preaching services Saturday night at 7 p.m. Christ at Quail on Decoration Day, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sun. Dev., May 30, Charles Brown must be clear. Soft fabrics day morning services, 11 a.m.; will preach. There will also be a singing and dinner on the Mt. Vernon.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST There will be a all day meeting at Providence Church of Christ at Quail on Decoration Day, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sun. Dev., May 30, Charles Brown must be clear. Soft fabrics day morning services, 11 a.m.; will preach. There will also be a singing and dinner on the Mt. Vernon.

WANTED—Old rags. We will pay cash for old rags, such as flannel, muslin, etc. Soft fabrics day morning services, 11 a.m.; will preach. There will also be a singing and dinner on the Mt. Vernon.

FOR SALE—Used Felvator R. regenerator, rebuild, perfect operation \$185.45. County Maytag and Appliance Co. 11c.

WORM LIVE STOCK—Phenothiazine, drench and feed grade, liquid drench, bolus and phenol. Farmers Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

PHOSPHATE—Phosphate for applying your grasses and grain. Farmer Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For State Senator, 19th Dist. (G. I.) JOE ED RAWLINGS. Strictly for Va's Bonus and U.S.A. Objectives. Republican Primary, Aug. 2nd.

For Representative, 79th Dist. C. W. (Wally) PHILLIPS. Republican Primary, Aug. 2.

For Circuit Judge, 28th Judicial District LAWRENCE S. HAIL. Republican Primary, Aug. 2.

MOLASSES—Black Strap in barrels, or small amounts, 5c per pound. Farmers Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PLASTER. Figures, Statuettes and Ornament. See George, Louisville. Horse Shoe Bend, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 16-26p.

FOR SALE—One 6-yr-old black mare, good saddle and will work anywhere. See R. W. Elliott, Calloway, Ky. 119p.

FOR RENT—Selling rooms by day, week or month. Mr. May-Nicley 11p.

MALE WANTED—Reliable man with car, wanted to call on farmers in 10 South Rockcastle County. Wonderful opportunity \$15 to \$20 a day. No experience or capital required. Permanent. Write to day. MENESS COMPANY, Dept. A, Freeport, Ill. 126p.

WANTED—Man to make ice blocks and credit, removal on Louisville, Ky.

FOR RENT—Selling rooms by day, week or month. Mr. May-Nicley 11p.

FOR SALE—One second hand Home Comfort Cook Stove and one Five Burner Oil Stove. 11p.

INTERNATIONAL HOME FREEZERS—Jammed delivery save time, save feed and money. Farmers Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

FOR SALE—House and Lot. For information see Mrs. Nellie McKinzie.

FOR SALE—Lunchmaster Electric Grill, with oven, hot plate and 5 compartment steam table. Also one Savoil Cabinet type oil range, like new. See Mrs. Henry Lavefers at Dixie Inn. 126p.

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INSECTICIDES—Household and live stock DDT, Dieldrin and powder. See Farmers Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

FOR SALE—1946 Tandem House, Trailer, Refrigerator, Bottle Gas Range, Electric Hot Water Tank, Sleeps Four, Electric Brakes. Cost \$1,900. Will sacrifice \$1,950.00. Slightly damaged. Lincoln Motor Sales, Stanford, Ky. East Main St. Telephone 361 J. 11p.

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BALLARDS—Pig and Sow. Ration better and cheaper than corn. Farmers Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

PHILCO RADIO—Beautiful Console Model, standard and portable. See A. F. Hoffman, Mt. Vernon. Bryant Bros. 126c.

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FOR SALE—Egg and Nat. Mixed. Above quality. include delivery. Sand Springs Coal Company. Inc. Phone 21.

MILK COOLERS, MILKING MACHINES, AND CREAM SEPARATORS—Farmers Supply Co., Danville, Ky.

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Ollie Jones' Dandy 25 acre Farm and Personality Located 1-2 mile East of Conway, Ky. Absolute Auction Tues., June 24 On The Premises — 10:00 A.M. Rain Or Shine LOCATION—This dandy smaller type farm is nicely situated about 9 miles North of Mt. Vernon, Ky., and about 10 miles South of Baroa, Ky., being 1/2 mile east of the thriving settlement of Conway, Ky., on good gravel all year road, close to school and church. This farm is widely known as the Leonard Winn property. LAND—5 Acres now in corn, .9 ac's of tobacco, the base, remainder of farm in grass, being red clover, 1 mothy and mixed grasses. This entire tract can be cultivated and all is under good fence. Well watered by branches and good well at residence. Orchard with good variety of fruit, also splendid garden. IMPROVEMENTS—Good 7 room residence nestling under plenty of shade and surrounded by a beautiful lawn. Concrete walk to front and rear. Lanscaped with choice variety of roses. Good combination stock and tobacco barn, garage, poultry house, smoke house with cellar underneath and all essential outbuildings which are in good repair. PERSONAL PROPERTY—4 year old white faced cow to be fresh soon, lot of small tools and household furniture. This is simply a dandy tract of land which is well improved and well located. Would make an ideal poultry range and truck gardening farm. Farms of this size and location are very scarce on the present market and extremely high when found. Mr. Jones is retiring from active farm work and will make his new home in another part of this State - hence the reason for this sale. We take this means cordially inviting you to attend this Absolute Auction on TUESDAY, JUNE 24th, AT 10:00 A.M. and respectfully ask that you pay this clever gentleman a reasonable price for his good holdings. POSSESSION—On day of sale, subject to present rental contract. TERMS—On real estate, 25% on day of sale, 25% upon delivery of deed and the remainder in one and two years. On Personality, Cash. For further particulars see or write either Mr. Ollie Jones, the owner, or Mr. Dan Deaton, the tenant, on the farm, or MESSER, SUTTON & CARTER Crab Orchard, Brodhead & Stanford, Ky. COL JAMES B. MESSER On The Block. Some Money will be given away at this Sale Absolutely Free.

FOR RENT—Selling rooms by day, week or month. Mr. May-Nicley 11p.

Mr. Business Man - are you getting the HORSE LAUGH? Many Merchants, Professional and Business Men are now heavily using "HORSE LAUGH" directed at neighboring town business men. The reason, Your neighbor is receiving 40% of your home town trade! Return this laugh - Advertise your merchandise - Keep this trade at home. Your best medium for advertising is your local paper. Let the public know what you have to offer through an ad in the Signal.

For Circuit Judge R. C. TARTER Republican Primary Aug. 2nd. CHURCH NOTES (Continued from page 1) CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Church Service, 6:30 p.m. Young People, 7:00 p.m. Preaching Service. Mid-week Prayer and Praise Meeting Thursday, 7:00 p.m. The Sunday School will be having a Children's Day program given by the children. Come and enjoy it with us. WILDE CHRISTIAN (W. E. Davis, Pastor) Sunday School - 10:00 a.m., Free Church, Wednesday, Mrs. Beulah Stewart, superintendent. Church Services - 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. second and fourth Sundays of each month. FUNDAMENTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST (Tanner James Pastor) Sunday Services Bible School - 10:00 a.m., Preaching 11:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Service, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. BRODHEAD CHRISTIAN (Loyal E. Harris, Pastor) R. C. Anderson, Supt. Bible School - 10:00 a.m. Church Worship - 11:00 a.m. Christian Endeavor - 6:44 p.m. Evening Service - 7:30 p.m. All welcome. "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord, Isaiah, 1-18. BRODHEAD BAPTIST (S. L. Whitley, Pastor) Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday School. John Lassell, Sunday School. "Come in to Worship, Depart to Serve." 11 a.m. Church Service. 6 p.m. - B.U.U. 7 p.m. - Worship Service. Wednesday night - Prayer Service at 7 p.m. MAPLE GROVE CHURCH (C. H. Philbeck, Pastor) Preaching 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Regular services the first and third Saturday and Sunday of each month. Preaching services at 7 p.m. on Saturday nights Sunday School at 10 a.m. Sunday and Preaching Services at 11 a.m. CORINTH BAPTIST (Garland Singleton, Pastor) There is going to be a three night meeting and also Bible School each day beginning Friday, July 4 through Sunday. Everyone come and bring your children.

MRS. SALLIE DENNY'S Nice 4 Room Home and 1 Acre of Land. Lot of Household Furniture LOCATED ON CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD IN BRODHEAD, KY. Absolute Auction FRIDAY, JUNE 27 1:30 P.M. On Premises LOCATION—This home and about one acre of land is located near Dees' Oil Distributing Station on Chestnut Ridge Road in the good town of Brodhead, Ky. IMPROVEMENTS—Consist of 4 room residence with veranda and rear porch, smoke house, small barn and all essential outbuildings. Home fully equipped with electricity. This acre is fertile, has large garden and cow lot and is well fenced. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE Dressers Davenport Beds Singer Sewing Machine Tables Breakfast room set Kelvinator Electric Refrigerator Stand table Rockers Porch swing Carpets Wheelbarrow 2 Heating stoves Lot of small tools, including Cook range lawn mower, lot of cooking 2-30 Pound shoats utensils too numerous to mention Oil Stove. Mrs. Denny and her daughter are making their home in a different State - hence the reason for this sale. Our Signed Contract has but One Price and that is the HIGH DOLLAR BID AT THE AUCTION SALE. An Absolute Sale in every sense of the word. The housing situation still is very acute and the demand exceeds the supply. This particular real estate will be in the price range of many who are not in position to own a home costing several thousands of dollars. We take this means cordially inviting you to attend this Absolute Auction Sale on FRIDAY, JUNE 27th, AT 1:30 P.M. and respectfully ask that you pay this good willed a reasonable price for her property. Some Money will be given away at this Sale Absolutely Free. POSSESSION—On day of sale. TERMS—25% On Sale Day, 25% upon delivery of deed and remainder in one and two years at legal interest on real estate; cash on personal property. For further particulars see or write either Mrs. Sallie Denny or Col. James B. Sutton, Sales Manager, Brodhead, Ky., or Messer, Sutton, & Carter, Agents Crab Orchard, Brodhead & Stanford, Ky. COL. JAMES B. MESSER on the Block.

Retrospect

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

B. S. Craig representing the Mt. Vernon Tobacco Mfg. Co., was in Livingston calling on merchants. ... A beautiful miscellaneous bridal shower was given at the home of Rev. ...

Louisville Business Men To Arrive Tomorrow

Mt. Vernon will be visited tomorrow by a party of 125 Louisville business men including manufacturers, wholesalers, bankers, transportation officials and others. ...

Financial Publication Under Fire

The local Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee composed of Messrs. Smeek, Eloy, Miller and E. B. Thompson, who will make the welcoming address. ...

Luner

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Bushle have returned home after spending a week with relatives in Hamilton, Ohio. ...

Soil Conservation News

The Broadhead Soil Conservation District has given assistance to 17 farmers in planting and establishing soil conservation practices. ...

Wald

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bullock and family of Indiana have returned home after visiting several days with relatives. ...

Quail

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Clifford of Washington are visiting relatives here. ...

Admits \$108,000 Theft

A 50-year-old bank teller at Columbus, Ind., admitted that he embezzled more than \$100,000 from the bank and had worked for 19 years. ...

How to Live 100 Years

Be moderate in your use of monoxide gas. Don't antagonize women. Don't stop to think about marriage, once you are married. ...

Activities Calendar

- Lions Club—Christian Church, 6-30 p.m.—1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Chamber of Commerce—Court house, 7 p.m.—3rd Tuesdays. ...

Car Hits Pole At Horseshoe Bend

Two men driving a '38 Chevrolet car bearing an Ohio license were badly injured and shaken up at Horseshoe Bend just north of here early Sunday morning. ...

Community Playground Open to the Public

The community playground at the school building full scheduled with large crowds each night it's open. Softball and volleyball are the most popular games played. ...

Church Notes

Mt. Vernon Christian (Chas. M. McKay, Pastor). 10 a.m. Bible School. A. C. L. for all. ...

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(W. C. Young, Pastor). Sunday School 9:45 a.m. ...

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Deaths

The following deeds have been recorded by the County Clerk's office: ...

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Two young sailors drowned Sunday night in an apparent attempt to swim from Ellis Island in New York Harbor, to the mainland. ...

Local Baseball Team Defeats Winchester

His ace pitcher, Buddy Adams, broomed the local team to a 1-0 victory Sunday afternoon by the score of 1 to 0. Adams allowed the visitors only one hit and struck out three. ...

State Briefs

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Two young sailors drowned Sunday night in an apparent attempt to swim from Ellis Island in New York Harbor, to the mainland. ...

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Messenger, Sutton, Carter Calendar of Auctions

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Dogs We Know...

By Bob Day



Lazybones Nothing seems to stir him to life. What can his master expect if the dog isn't fed right? Gro-Pup ribbons would give him every vitamin and mineral dogs are known to need. It's a money-saver, too! Each box supplies an amount of food by weight which will last for 30 days. Gro-Pup also comes in steel and in Pet-Tins. For variety, feed all three.



Twice as Much Petrolinum Jelly 10% more active than other products. **Twice as Much** Petrolinum Jelly 10% more active than other products.

Build a Business of your own DDT and 2-4-D sales and spraying services. Chemicals and equipment available.

FORGET IT-AND GO TO STEEL

BAUER SAID THAN DONE. But Miles Nerve can be of real help... **MILES NERVE**... **FOR YOUR FUTURE BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS**

Black Leaf 40 KILLS LICE... **HOT FLASHES?**

When Your Back Hurts And Your Strength and Energy is Below Par... **DOANS PILLS**

Woman's World Skirts Require Expert Fitting To Solve Your Figure Problems

By Erta Haley

AS LONG as I can have skirts...

the women who wear them are very comfortable. It's true, provided those skirts you wear are so fitted as to approximate, and that means they should look good on you.

It's the little bit behind the natural hipline in most of the skirts—even in those that have draping—and the cut-off at the waistline draw attention to the hips. That's why a skirt is demanding of the figure, and must be expertly fitted so as to suit the wearer perfectly.

It is the ideal figure, and by that I mean one that is well proportioned, especially through the hips, you may wear skirts that are some-what full. You also may wear the more narrow skirts that give the pencil-slim hipped look.

On the other hand, the woman with the full-figured figure must choose her skirt with considerable care. This type of skirt must be built on slim lines, but never be too tight, as this will only emphasize the fullness. The waistline will have to be carefully adjusted, and so will the length, and in many cases you will need the help of an expert to assist you in fitting problems.

For Firm Waist There are many ways of finishing a waistline on the skirt so that it hangs smoothly. The waist may be finished with a binding, which is fine if you have a slender waist line minus bulging. You also may use a stitched-on fabric belt, or what is illustrated in this cool dress by Herbert Sondheim, in dusty pink fabric with "bustled" buttons set in diagonal lines at the shoulder and hip. An unusual feature is the diagonal seam across the waistline. **Curved Silhouette** A notable postwar change in fashion is in the silhouette, which also is partially due to the amount of material designers now have at opportunity to play with. The silhouette is curvaceous and emphasizes natural lines. They are gently curved, like an apple. The features that are gone are the pinched look, the nipped in waist and the exaggerated...

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Phenothiazine-Salt Mixture for Sheep

Tests have been carried on for four successive seasons at the Texas substitution, Sonora, to determine whether continued licking of phenothiazine-salt mixtures is toxic to sheep, and also whether this practice would continue to reduce the incidence of phenothiazine-salt mixtures in the troughs.

There were no harmful results; in fact, the lamb crops were 3 per cent heavier than during three previous seasons when salt alone was kept in the troughs.

The use of the phenothiazine-salt mixture also resulted in reduction and checking of worms. The sheep were heavily infested at the beginning.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Birth Announcement
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patton of Crawfordsville, Ind., announce the birth of a daughter born at Culver hospital on May 27. She is a beautiful baby, christened Judith Ann. Mr. Patton is the son of Mrs. Mildred Patton of Crawfordsville, Ind. Mrs. Patton will be remembered as Mary Thompson of this city.

O'Banion-McWilliams
The wedding of Miss Una Lee O'Banion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Banion of Owen county, and Charles Dallas McWilliams, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. McWilliams of Lexington, was solemnized at noon Tuesday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. McWilliams on Richmond avenue. Dr. C. C. Eton officiated in the presence of the immediate family.

The house was decorated throughout with mixed spring flowers.

The bride wore a two-piece aqua girdaine dress with black accessories and a shoulder bouquet of yellow roses. Following the ceremony a luncheon was served.

The couple left for a short wedding trip, after which they will make their home with the bridegroom's parents for the present.

The bride is a nurse at St. Joseph's hospital. The bridegroom served in the United States Army for four and one-half years, 35 months of which were spent overseas. At present he is connected with the Veterans Administration on Richmond avenue. Dr. C. C. Eton officiated in the presence of the immediate family.

and mother of San Antonio, Texas, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Langford, Capt. Whitmore and Mrs. Langford were in service together in World War I.

Mrs. Ellen Evans of Brodhead is spending this week with her brother, P. D. Ramsey and niece, Mrs. Joe Garner of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Sigmon and daughter, Doris, of London, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. John Cox and son, and Miss Grace Cox were at Ottawa Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown.

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Miss Jane Davis Sparks who

has been attending Yale University at New Haven, Conn., is home for the summer with her mother, Mrs. B. C. H. Sparks and sister, Ann Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Roberts of Hillsburg, were home over the weekend with Mrs. Robbins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Linkville and Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Hilton left Tuesday for a two weeks vacation. They will visit in Washington, New York and other places of interest.

Week-end guests of Mrs. Bentley Sparks and daughter, Ann, were her husband, Bentley Sparks, who has a position in Cincinnati, O., son, Alfred Sparks and wife of Somerset, and daughter, Miss Jane Davis Sparks, who is home from New Haven, Connecticut.

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NAVY CUTS PERIOD OF ENLISTMENT
The navy department has announced that the period of enlistment for first enlistees into the Naval Service have been cut to three (3) years.

Men with previous naval service, re-enlisting within three months, may be enlisted for a two (2) year period and receive gratuity pay of fifty dollars for each year of previous service.

VOTE REPUBLICAN
FOR
(G.I.) Joe Ed Rawlings
FOR
STATE SENATOR
19th District
FOR **Walt's Bonus** and **K.E.A. Objectives**
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The Garrard County Auctioneers reported the sale of 1,558 head of livestock Friday. Receipts and quotations follow:

CATTLE—Receipts, 664; steers, \$14.50 to \$24.80; best baby heaves, \$22 to \$23.50; other baby heaves, \$18 to \$21.50; heifers, \$19.50 to \$22; cows, \$20 to \$18; 10 cows and calves, \$71 to \$185; milk cows, \$54.50 to \$146; bulls, \$15.80 to \$16.90; stock bulls, \$68 to \$180 per head stock cattle, \$29.10 to \$108 per head.

HOGS—Receipts, 363; lights, \$22.50; mediums, \$24.50; packers, \$24.50; heavies, \$22; sows, \$16.10 to \$18.90; sows and pigs, \$73 to \$23; shots, \$24.50 to \$26.25; other shots, \$19.50 to \$23.75.

CALVES—Receipts, 478; top, \$26.55; seconds and butchers, \$23.20 to \$23.55; heavies, \$22.75 to \$25.50; common and medium \$17.25 to \$17.

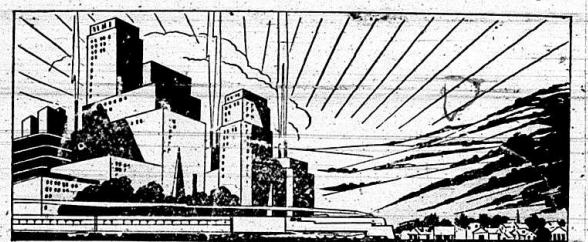
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 36; no quotations.

HORSES AND MULES—Receipts, 17; no quotations.

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There is no part of Kentucky with more compelling lure for Louisville business men than the Blue Grass and Mountain areas of the eastern half of the state.

Here is one of the most beautiful scenic sections in America and one of the richest in natural resources.

So when the Louisville Board of Trade plans its annual Spring Outing it is always occasion for jubilation when it is announced—as it the 1947 tour—"It's the Blue Grass and Mountains this year."

The Louisville party of 125 comes to see the growth and progress of twenty-six Eastern Kentucky cities, to talk over problems of good roads, transportation, reciprocal trade relations and similar subjects.

They will be mighty glad to meet business and professional men, civic leaders and the ladies and the children when their special train arrives in—

Mt. Vernon, Ky.
FRIDAY, JUNE 20th
12:55 p.m.
You Are Cordially Invited to Meet The Good Will Special
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Athletes Foot Gorm
How To Kill it.
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If not pleased, your 35c back
Ask any druggist for this Strong
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Absolute Auction
SAT., JUNE 28
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LOCATION—This good home and choice lot, containing about one acre, is located on Old Fairground Street in the thriving town of Brodhead, Ky., just one block from High School, Church and store.

Residence contains 5 rooms, large veranda and rear porch, electricity throughout. Is in good repair and ready to move right into. Has good well at back door. This is a good home, well located on an extra large lot with beautiful shade trees. Has small barn and large fertile garden.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—The following listed personal property all new, no article being over six months of age: 2 Beds, springs and mattresses, wardrobe, 3 piece living room suite, 4 linoleum rugs, dinette set, buffet, 1 odd dining room table, 2 occasional chairs, cook range, heating stove, kitchen cabinet, rollaway bed, electric washing machine, shades and curtains. Lot of dishes and cooking utensils too numerous to mention.

The housing situation still is most acute and critical and building material, labor and lots are very high and very scarce.

We take this means of cordially inviting you to attend this Absolute Auction on **SATURDAY, JUNE 28th, AT 1:30 P.M.**, and respectfully ask that you pay this good lady a reasonable price for her property.

POSSESSION—Full and complete on day of sale.

TERMS—On real estate, 25% on day of sale, 25% when deed is delivered and the remainder in one and two years at legal interest.

Some Money will be given away at this Sale Absolutely Free.

For further particulars see or write either Mrs. Brummett at the residence or Col. J. B. Sutton, Sales Manager, Brodhead, Ky., or

MESSER, SUTTON & CARTER
Crab Orchard, Brodhead & Stanford, Ky.
COL. JAMES B. MESSER, On the Block.

Soldier Come Home

BETTY ZANE WATSON

Jennifer Martin, grandmother of Johnny Davis, has never forgiven Johnny's father for having married her only daughter, Linda. Linda died giving birth to Johnny and the old woman, now 190 years old, still lives in the same house.

Basil Martin, a weaver, Johnny's father, is killed when he steps in front of a car when the murderer returns for Mrs. Martin. This death sends the old woman, who promises Davis on his death bed to care for her, to a sanitarium, where, a dream he has long cherished, following the funeral, she summons her entire family and announces that she is disowning the Martins.

CHAPTER XVII

"I always admired your taste, my dear, and although sometimes I thought perhaps the furnishings and the clothes you bought for me a little expensive, I always trusted your perfect judgment." She moved a step closer to her and said the next few words in a low voice directed at her daughter-in-law.

"Yesterday I checked with Foreman's on some of the merchandise in the

"Well, John, I once thought I'd have Kit for a granddaughter, but I'm glad she saw through Basil in time to change all that. However, I'd still like the relationship to go through as planned when we were young. Perhaps you could help me out. Do you think so?" she smiled at him shyly.

Johnny looked at Kit and saw her blushing. So much had happened in these last few hours that the whole situation wasn't exactly clear to him. To have seen Basil and to find he had only been dreaming, that was a shock and then to be told that he was to be the sole heir of Jennifer Martin and to make his home here with her, plus the grand surprise that the park was to be finished immediately at the foot of Martindale where his mother had planned it... all of this together was too much and he wondered if he would not awaken suddenly and find he had only been dreaming.

He looked at Kit and smiled. Basil had said she had broken their engagement day before yesterday in a note she had sent him. And just

Gooding's about your grocery bill last month. It's not too bad, Cecilia, with a list of them—you know them much better than I. The prices I paid during the last twenty years have been a little higher than they used to be, but not double the price the stores asked for the articles you were so kind to purchase for me."

"I'll never worry about you being nice on the profit you have accumulated through the years," Jennifer, who lowered her eyes. She was wiser than her husband, for where Henry had tried to explain this mistake, she knew it was best to remain silent and bear the truth as it was spoken.

Next she turned to Basil. But before she had a chance to speak he jumped up and looked at her defiantly.

"And now my turn," he said. "What have you got cooked up about me? This is the thanks I get for saving your life! I wish I'd let you down—"

She was standing so close to him that when she reached out her hand to slap him she hit him hard on the cheek. He stepped back quickly, his hand flying to his jaw.

"Yes, you wish you'd let me burn. If it had been up to you, my dear grandson, to save my life, I would have known the truth of the matter now!"

Basil stared at Johnny, still sitting guiltily in his chair. "So you've managed to read my mind," he said. "I'm not so good at saving her life as you believe it," he accused him faintly.

Thomas, who had been standing in the doorway, stepped forward. Jennifer Martin looked at him and smiled. Basil turned and saw him, then knew who had told his grandmother the truth.

"You'd believe him! Why, he's the wordy but a—"

"A murderer!" Jennifer Martin supplied the word quickly. "But a guilty murderer—and even if he were, there are some instances when that seems to be the only solution!" She shook her finger at Basil.

This silenced him and he went back to his seat on the corner.

"Now that I've exposed your little frauds, I hope you will be kind enough to leave my house, immediately. If you are not going to leave tomorrow noon I shall be forced to call the police. And I think you should know how much I shall appreciate not having to look into your scheming faces every day and wonder if each day you might have the courage to do away with me!"

Basil was the first to leave, but first he turned to Kit.

"It's all clear to me now. Now I can understand why you sent me the message breaking our engagement yesterday. You're going to stay on the side with the money, aren't you, baby?" he asked sarcastically.

Loves Always Finds a Way

Johnny stood up, and taking him by the coat, pulled Basil to him, then sent him sprawling across the floor. He started to lunge back at Johnny, but thought better of it and walked out of the room. Henry and Cecilia followed him haughtily.

Jennifer Martin turned now to Johnny and smiled at him. "For you, my son, I have a different kind of news. Before you go, I've promised him that Martindale Park would be finished immediately, and so it shall. The workmen have been hired and will begin work tomorrow morning. And as for you, my entire estate will be yours when I die... but I warn you I'm going to live a long time and have an interest in things again. It's yours, as well as Martindale, which you must call your home from this day forward!"

She turned and looked over her shoulder at Linda's portrait. She spoke softly to it and there were tears in her eyes.

"There, my girl... how do you like that?"

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that I feel for you. It's not what I thought you were. I thought that love was security and a settled kind of feeling about everything... and now I know what it really is."

"Tell me, beloved." He held his cheek against her.

"It's... well, it's not security and yet it's a fine feeling inside you that no matter what happens everything will be all right as long as I'm with you, darling. It's a madness of passion and a calmness of spirit that only comes to someone perfectly contented—someone in love. And then it's dangerous as a raging sea and as safe as our little cove here in the park also. It's everything that was ever wonderful... oh, Johnny, I love you so, darling."

"Why, Kit, why did you wait? Why didn't you tell me when you knew?" he asked quickly.

"I couldn't tell, Johnny. Not with J. B. and all that. It was when we were in the 'Whispering I think that I knew for the first time. I saw how much he loved you and how much he loved me. And I know what your father and mother had for each other was true love and... I believe in it. I know, I was wrong about Baz. Oh, Johnny, I never talk about it again. It was too close."

He held her face between his hands and kissed her. It was a kiss of promise and love and passion. It was all the things that he wanted to say to her and couldn't find the words for.

They walked on toward the tower they called their own finally, and once a while they looked toward the tower and kissed her. It was a kiss of promise and love and passion. It was all the things that he wanted to say to her and couldn't find the words for.

Kit looked once toward Martindale Park. It was a beautiful sight. "I'm sorry, Johnny, I can't let her down, Kit." He smiled at her, reading her thoughts.

She will be such fun doing over the east wing the way we had together, Kit. She clapped her hands together.

"Yes, I thought you and Basil planned it. Whatever you liked will be all right with me, you know that."

It was Monday morning, the start of a new week... a new life.

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Lesson for June 22

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THE TRAGIC END OF A NATION

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 23:1-2. Judah's sin was not only a national tragedy, but also one with deep religious significance.

The wicked king Jehoiakim was succeeded by his son Jehoiachin, mere boy who reigned only three months. He gave way to Nebuchadnezzar, who appointed as his successor Zedekiah, a young man of twenty years.

It is in the verses just preceding our lesson that we learn that Zedekiah turned against Babylon in an act of rebellion (v. 1).

His sudden change of allegiance (II Chron. 36:13), for which he was condemned by Ezekiel as a traitor (Ezek. 17:15-17), has well been called the vanishing point in a diminishing line of kings. It was an evil thing he did (II Kings 23:30), and he was rebuked by the prophet, young man of twenty years.

True it was that he only followed what he had learned from his predecessors, but that he nevertheless excused a man foolishly to turn against God's will.

Observe that God was not just a disinterested spectator, and yet he had come to the place where he let Judah go down to its own awful doom. The worst thing that can happen to a man or a nation is to be abandoned by God.

Zedekiah's act of folly quickly brought:

Retribution (v. 24). Jeremiah urged Zedekiah to surrender (Isa. 47:3), but he refused to save Jerusalem and himself, but he refused, and the city was besieged.

The king's refusal to hear God's prophet and his turning to Egypt for help speak to us of the manner in which unrepentant sinners reject God's mercy and then seek help at the hopeless cisterns of this world (Jeg. 2:13).

The king tried to flee, but was taken captive. Then came the siege of Jerusalem. For one and one-half years the enemy gradually closed in, while famine and disease grew apace in the city. Jeremiah went through this entire period sharing his people's suffering and grief. Lamentations is the record of this eyewitness.

Sin does its terrible work. Even as it it takes a great city and turns it into a plague spot marked by cruelty, suffering and death, even so it can bring ruin to the inevitable and unrepentant sinner in the life of the individual who persists in rejecting the voice of God.

Note also that the sin of Zedekiah brought quick judgment, not only on himself, but upon his innocent children (v. 7), and on many in the besieged city who were equally guilty of wrongdoing. It is again a picture of what sin does today in the homes and communities of our nation.

II. Remoral (v. 11, 12).

The fall of Jerusalem prepared the way for the closing scene of the immediate history of the nation as the people went into captivity. It also ended for the time being the history of the city that had once so proudly held a position of privilege and power, but was now brought down by its sin and rebellion against God.

We see rightly that history repeats itself. We see that any nation that lifts itself up in pride and forgets God will inevitably perish. We see ourselves where our beloved country stands. As we consider its debauchery and drunkenness, its disregard of moral standards, its indifference to the things of God, we feel that instead of pointing a finger of scorn at Judah, we ought to be on our faces before God in penitence and shame.

Let us not assume that we hold a place of favor with God, which exempts us from the certainty of judgment. Israel was his chosen, and they still are, for his promises of ultimate blessing to them have never been broken. But as they brought certain punishment, and the same is true today not only of the can but of the individual.

The Sunday school lessons will take up the history of Israel again at this point in April, 1948, when we consider the captivity and the partial return of the people to their land.



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