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## NOTABLE CHANGE IN CONDUCT OF FLOYD AFFAIRS

Is Seen by Sewell; Complete Report On County Published

A comprehensive resume of the affairs of Floyd county is included in the following report made a few days ago by State Inspector and Examiner Nat B. Sewell.

At the beginning of the present term of county officers, January 1, 1934, but few counties in the state, all things considered, were in worse shape as to the condition of their fiscal affairs than Floyd county. During the period of 16 months this administration has had charge of the county's affairs, but few counties have made better progress in bringing order out of chaos than has Floyd. At the beginning of this administration, the county had a total indebtedness of close to \$1,000,000, of which \$880,000 was represented by outstanding county warrants that had, to a great extent, been issued through a period of several years in excess of the available income and, consequently, in violation of the law. On May 1, 1935, this total indebtedness had been reduced to \$886,429.22, or a reduction in 16 months of over \$113,000, as accurately as could be determined from public records of preceding years.

Until 1931, Floyd county's property valuation, for purposes of county taxation, was among the 15 largest in the state. As a result, its income was correspondingly large. Far more revenue came into the county treasury every year than was needed for all operating costs, improvements, and extraordinary public services. However, not only was this big income entirely consumed, but this county was thrown more deeply in debt every year. One of the chief sources responsible for the creation of this heavy and unwarranted floating indebtedness was the payment of immense sums for so-called rights-of-way.

Taking into consideration the number of miles of permanent

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## MISS ALLEN AND MR. PELPHREY WED

A marriage of wide interest to the host of friends in this section of the contracting parties was that of Miss Susan Allen and Mr. Russell Pelphrey, which was solemnized on Thursday, June 20, at Kenova, W. Va., the Reverend Yates, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, officiating.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Allen, of this place, and is granddaughter of Hiram Harris, prominent Prestonsburg man. Mrs. Pelphrey was graduated from Prestonsburg high school, and also studied at the Kentucky College for Women, Danville, Ky. She is well-known through this section, where her family is prominent.

Mr. Pelphrey, a member of a well-known Kenova, W. Va., family, is a graduate of Morris-Harvey College. He has held a responsible position here during the past few months, and during that time has cultivated a wide circle of friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pelphrey have the warm wishes of a host of friends throughout the Tri-State region.

## ILL-HEALTH FORCES CAUDILL WITHDRAWAL FROM PRIMARY FIGHT

Prof. W. M. Caudill, of Murray, Ky., brother of Circuit Judge John W. Caudill, has withdrawn from the race for the Democratic nomination for Superintendent of Public Instruction, it was announced here this week.

Ill health made it impossible for Professor Caudill to continue through the campaign. Mr. Caudill has been suffering from the effects of an influenza attack incurred last winter, and he withdrew from the race upon the urgent advice of his physician. He had assumed a strong position in the present political campaign.

## TAX ASSESSMENT OVER 9 MILLIONS

Several Companies Appeal From Property Evaluation Fixed by Supervisors

Total assessment of Floyd county's taxable property, as certified by John B. Lewis, chairman of the state tax commission, is \$9,884,647. This total is subject to increases or decreases from action of the commission.

Several large companies are appealing from the assessment fixed on their property by the county board of supervisors, and these appeals may result in a decrease from the present total.

The total real estate assessment equalized by the board of supervisors is \$2,240,102. Coal rights and improvements were assessed at \$548,700; oil, gas and other mineral rights at \$159,898. Intangible personal property was placed at \$564,000, tangible personal property at \$1,026,449, less an exemption of \$43,355. Bank shares were assessed at \$89,664. The livestock valuation was \$12,475, less a \$5,665 exemption.

## MID-SUMMER UNION SERVICES TO BEGIN HERE SUNDAY NIGHT

The first of a series of nine union services for the mid-summer months is to be held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday night at 8 o'clock. At the same time the quarterly worship in music being held at the church at the end of each three-month period will be observed.

Solo numbers will mark the music worship period. The contributors are to be Mrs. Iley B. Browning, Franklin Moore, Louis Harkey Mayo, Robert Holcomb, Ernestine Brown, Theda Bibb Thomas and Eloise Williams.

The Rev. Harry P. King, pastor of the Methodist Church, is to speak from a theme pertaining to music. The Missionary Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches are to join in the services, which will extend through August.

## YOUTH HURT IN WRECK

Lewis Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manis Conley, of this place, sustained several cuts and bruises Tuesday morning when the auto which he was driving left the highway at the home of Roe Hyden at the upper limits of Prestonsburg. The car, owned by E. H. Sowarda, was completely wrecked and Young Conley is recovering at his parents' home here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clarke and children, Ethel and Bill Ed, have returned from a visit with Mrs. Clarke's parents, Judge and Mrs. Ed Hill, at Westerville, O.

## Oklahoma Officers Arrive Too Late To Claim Prisoner

Earl Jarrett, alias Earl Martin, fugitive Oklahoma slayer, was released from custody here Friday morning by Circuit Judge John W. Caudill on a habeas corpus proceeding.

The next afternoon, Oklahoma officers arrived here to claim Jarrett. His release was absolute, however, since he was not required to execute bond, and the officers returned to Oklahoma, convinced they would be unable to locate Jarrett.

When it was shown that Jarrett had been arrested six days prior to the hearing, that officers had no documentary evidence of his guilt and that Oklahoma authorities had not arrived to claim the prisoner, though sufficient evidence had elapsed in which to make the trip here, Judge Caudill announced that the "only thing I can do, as I see it, is to release the prisoner."

Mrs. Jarrett, the former Miss Nell Lows, Pike county teacher and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Lows, Mayflower, Ky., heard the proceedings in court here with a calm that belied the deep anxiety that gripped her. Gas company officials and workmen were present, and the young couple drew the sympathy of the crowd.

## ROWAN COUNTY ASKS FOR HELP WORK RELIEF PLANS SPEEDED

Militia Requested in Clearfield Strike; Governor Hestitates To Act

Morehead, Ky., June 25—Clearfield, one mile from this place, was in darkness last night, as striking workers of the Lee Clay Products Company there forbade the Kentucky Power Company to string wires to provide electric current and ordered their members who had been working at firing the boilers of the company, where lighting current has been generated in the past, to quit.

In the meantime, Governor Ruby Latham considered the advisability of sending troops into the Rowan county strike area. County Judge E. C. Jennings requested the protection of the troopers last night and the Governor consented to send them, but he declined to want more time to consider the situation.

Monday morning, 15 special deputy sheriffs assigned to protect the plant were driven away by rifle fire from the surrounding hills. More than 100 shots were said to have been fired, but no one was reported hurt. Last night, the strikers were in complete charge of the plant.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock strike leaders notified company officials that they would withdraw the men who have been

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## BOY, 10, HURT HERE WHEN HIT BY CAR

Charles, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Rhoda Frazier, of West-lawn, was injured in an operation for removal of a tumor.

Before marriage, Mrs. Davis cut Friday, when struck by a car driven by Herb Salisber of one of Floyd county's burly on Court street here. The oldest and best-known family was held since it had stepped from behind a car directly in the path of Mr. Salisber's tin, of auto. The boy was taken to Beaver Valley hospital, where his condition was favorable to his recovery.

## McDOWELL CONTINUES WIN STREAK, DEFEATING GARRETT SUNDAY, 8-1

An uninterrupted winning streak was stretched one game farther Sunday by Doug Hays' McDowell baseball team, which in annexing its latest victory defeated Garrett, 8-1.

Buck Stumbo, until a Sunday or two ago catching for the Flemingsburg team of the Bluegrass League, provided the big number for the Left Beaver nine. Ballard Moore twirled fine ball for the winners. Honeycutt, former Prestonsburg pitcher, and Stone shouldered the mound burden for the losers.

## BANKS DIRECTED TO PAY INTEREST

Fiscal Court Claims \$1,500 Due From Former County Depositories

An order entered on the records of the Floyd fiscal court Monday directs the Bank Joseph and The First National Bank to pay interest on daily balances of county funds in the two banks from June 15, 1933 to June 15, 1935. A. D. Roberts, auditor for the court, computes the amount of interest due at approximately \$1,500.

The two banks resigned June 15 as depositories for county funds. They are willing, it was said this week by County Attorney Forrest D. Short, to pay interest on county deposits from the date of George P. Archer's selection as county treasurer and from the time when the banks were officially named as depositories. They contend, however, that about one year of the time on which interest is asked was during the trusteeship of W. J. Reynolds and that during that period the banks were not officially county depositories.

If the court agrees with the banks that interest is legally due only from the time Mr. Archer assumed the trusteeship, amount of interest due the county will approximate \$500.

## TRIPLETT AND BATES CLEARED OF ROBBERY CHARGE AT HAZARD

Cash Triplett and Fred Bates, of Lackey, this county, were acquitted Tuesday in the Perry circuit court at Hazard of a charge of robbery made against them by Mrs. Jesse Western, cashier of the Golden Valley Shows.

The robbery charge was preferred against Triplett and Bates following the gun battle at Garret in which L. Triplett was wounded. Mrs. Western claimed Cash Triplett and Bates stole from her husband's auto a sum of money approximating \$300.

"Whitey" Davis and Robert Washington, a negro, member of the Golden Valley Shows troupe, were jailed here following the Garret fight. Both are to answer to the action of the Floyd grand jury at its September session. Davis is under \$1,000 bond and the negro is under \$500 bond.

## JITNEY SUPPER

The Woman's Missionary Society of Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church will give a jitney supper at the Wagon Wheel Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited.

Dick Berger and Dana Kirtley, of Huntington, W. Va., spent the week-end here as guests of friends.

## GRIFFITH WOUNDED IN MAYTOWN FIGHT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

May Released Under \$5,000 Bond, Charged With Shooting of Officer

Deputy Sheriff W. M. Griffith, of Betsy Layne, is in the Beaver Valley hospital, suffering from the effects of a shotgun wound in his back as the result of a widespread disturbance at Maytown Sunday.

John May, of Maytown, arrested Sunday afternoon for the shooting of Griffith, waived examining trial and executed \$5,000 bond Monday. His bondsmen are P. L. C. May, H. F. May and M. V. Allen.

The shooting took place in front of Ed Sutton's store in Maytown. Both Griffith and May fired at each other, it is said, which fired first is disputed. Both factions tell dramatically opposing stories.

Bill Jack Stephens and Max, it is said, went to Maytown together Sunday. Stephens claims that as soon as he and May arrived in Maytown they were contacted by Griffith and others. He said that he and May were disarmed, May's hands and other belongings taken, both roundly cursed and generally abused. He contended members of the other faction were intoxicated and that he and May sought to prevent trouble. Stephens also claimed that Griffith fired two shots at May before the latter replied in kind.

On the other hand, friends of Griffith claim that May first sought to shoot Jake Salisbury after the latter had torn up a name belonging to May and was prevented by Griffith or others from shooting Salisbury; that Stephens then attempted to shoot Griffith and in turn was disarmed. This report says May then went home, procured a shotgun, returned and began firing on Griffith as he rounded the corner of Sutton's store.

The charge from the shotgun tore across Griffith's back, entering at the right shoulder and tearing across his ribs and muscles. It was at first feared the shot had injured his spine, but a hospital attendant said Tuesday the wounded man's condition was favorable.

## MARRIAGE OF MRS. BRALLEY, MR. SMITH

Mrs. Irene Bralley, of Martin, and Mr. C. H. Smith, of Prestonsburg, were united in marriage at Pikeville on Saturday, June 22, the Reverend Llewellyn, of the Episcopal Church, performing the nuptial rites.

The contracting parties are prominent in Eastern Kentucky and business circles and have a host of friends. Mrs. Bralley, member of a prominent Virginia family, has resided for several years at Martin, where she has extensive property holdings.

Mr. Smith is the Eastern Kentucky distributor for the Gulf Refining Company and has resided here for the past three or four years. In his business dealings with the people of this section he has gained the respect and friendship of all who know him. Mr. Smith came to this section from Tennessee.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Smith left on their honeymoon, visiting relatives in Tennessee and also touring other Southern states.



POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR REPRESENTATIVE We are authorized to announce



A. J. (JACK) ALLEN of Garrett, Ky., as a candidate for Representative, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the August primary, 1935.

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J. J. (JIMMY) HATCHER as a candidate for Representative of Floyd county, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the August primary, 1935.

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JOHN W. HAYES of Hueysville, Ky., as a candidate for Representative, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the August primary, 1935.

To the Voters of the 13th Senatorial District of Kentucky: We are authorized to announce

BALLARD M. JAMES as a candidate for the nomination for State Senator, subject to the Democratic party at the August primary.

GREENVILLE R. SPRADLIN authorizes us to announce that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of Representative from the 15th Senatorial district of Floyd county, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the August primary, 1935.

FOR SENATOR We are authorized to announce

J. B. WICKER of Lackey, Ky., the present Representative from the 99th Legislative District, as a candidate for State Senator from the 15th Senatorial district composed of Floyd, Knott and Pike counties, at the primary August 3, 1935.

FOR SENATOR This announces the candidacy of

JOE P. TACKETT for the Democratic nomination for State Senator, 13th Senatorial District.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE We are authorized to announce

MELL PETRY of Garrett, Ky., as a candidate for Representative, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the primary August 3, 1935.

For Representative We are authorized to announce

MRS. ALEX L. HILL as a candidate for nomination for Representative from the 98th legislative district (Floyd county), subject to the action of the Democratic party at the August, 1935 primary.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR We are authorized to announce

DR. B. F. WRIGHT of Letcher county, as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the primary August 3, 1935.

Mrs. J. F. Ribble and Mrs. E. H. Searwards were guests in Ashland recently of Mrs. Harry Hatchco.

Miss Alice Harris has resumed her studies at Eastern Kentucky Teachers College after having been home with her mother, Mrs. Kate Harris.

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DANIEL BOONE and KENTUCKY by Dr. Charles M. Knapp UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Thus the first years after it was to the forest, therefore, the marriage of Daniel and Rebecca Boone in 1756 were looked largely for his sustenance. Boone was now a backwoods farmer. During the fall and early winter of 1765 Boone, with seven companions, made a journey on horseback to Florida, the new colony that England had just received from Spain in 1763. Apparently they went with a view of moving there if the country seemed attractive. They explored Florida all the way from St. Augustine to Pensacola, having on the whole a wretched time. But Boone seems to have been much attracted to Pensacola, for he there bought a house and lot to which he apparently planned to bring his family. But upon his return he abandoned the plan, and also his investment. On the Yackin he remained a few years longer, though he seems not to have given up his old idea of a hunting trip to the much-talked-of land of Kentucky.

It must not be concluded from their passionate devotion to hunting that the backwoodsmen of this period led a existence. Farming upon the Virginia and Carolina uplands was crude as to methods and insignificant as to crops. The principal wealth of the well-to-do was in the herds of horses and cattle which grazed in the wild meadows, and in droves of swine that fed upon roots and acorns in the forests. For the average family on the outer fringe of settlement much of the food came from the woods. For months at a time bread was seldom seen in the cabins. To the forest then went the pioneer for his food, the long hunts providing food, furs and skins, which, having a ready sale in the market towns of the east, provided them with such necessities as salt, tools and iron.

little Miss Kouns' aunt, Miss Ida Marie Martin. Wanda Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kouns, of Ashland.

Miss Hazel Patrick, daughter of Buck Patrick, well-known man of this place, was stricken recently with appendicitis and taken to the Beaver Valley hospital, Martin, where she underwent an emergency operation. Her condition at this writing is reported as satisfactory. Miss Patrick has many friends and relatives in this section who wish her a speedy recovery.

Bill Allen and Edgar Colburn attended a birthday party at Garrett recently.

Mrs. Charlotte Martin was the recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Sexton, of Garrett.

FORD CAR DELIVERIES PASS MILLION MARK

Retail deliveries of Ford V-8 cars, commercial cars, and trucks passed the half-million mark during the last 10-day period in May. It was announced at the home office of the Ford Motor Company. May was the third consecutive month this year in which retail deliveries exceeded 100,000 units, it was said. The last 10-day period in May was the second best 10-day period for retail deliveries in the last five years. Retail deliveries in the first five months averaged better than 100,000 units per month. The total of retail deliveries of Ford trucks and commercial cars in the first five months was 66 per cent ahead of the total for the similar five-month period last year and greater than the total for any other similar period since 1930. Retail deliveries of Lincoln motor cars in the last 10-day period in May were greatest in volume of any 10-day period thus far this year.

HUEYSVILLE

Wanda Lee Kouns, 8-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Banner Martin, of this place, entertained 22 of her little friends at the Martin home Wednesday afternoon, June 12, on the occasion of her fifth birthday. Those present were Wilma, Triba and Phyllis Irene Hughes, Janice Patrick, Jeane and Billie Turner, Pud Hays, Bobbie Mullins, Ruth and Goldia Meade, Tiny and Leola AdPrater, Ermogene and Barbara Patrick, Dorothy Allen, Tony and Raymond Shepherd, Betty Louise Bailey and Ella Fae Hughes.

All of the little guests report an afternoon of nice entertainment, which was directed by



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Local Happenings

Mrs. Homer Salisbury and daughters, of Cave City, are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Anna Mayo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harkins entertained with a dance party at the Axier hotel June 14. Their guests were Mrs. Iley B. Browning and sons, of Ashland; Mrs. Mary E. Harkins Howard and sons, of Miami, Fla.; Mrs. J. F. Ribble, New York City; Mrs. Mark G. Nichols, Webster Springs, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Spradlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Harkins, Jr., and sons, Mrs. Josephine D. Harkins, J. D. Harkins, Jr., and Walter Scott Harkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Herford were in Louisville last week visiting Mrs. Herford's mother, Mrs. Annie Richmond, who is a patient at Hazelwood Sanitorium.

Mrs. Mark G. Nichols left Sunday for her home in Webster Springs, W. Va., following a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Spradlin, who accompanied Mrs. Nichols home.

J. M. Morell, Sr., returned last week to his home here from Huntington, W. Va., where he has been receiving medical treatment. The many friends of Mr. Morell through out this section will be pleased to learn that his condition is much improved.

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Mrs. O. W. Van Potten and children, of Charleston, W. Va., were guests here last week of Mrs. Van Potten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Archer.

Mrs. Iley B. Browning and children, of Ashland, were guests here last week of her mother, Mrs. Josie D. Harkins Leroy Combs returned to his home here a few days ago from Lexington, where he has been a student at the University of Kentucky.

Mrs. Belle C. Gardner has returned from Huntington, where she has been at the bedside in St. Mary's hospital of Mrs. Maude C. Nunery. James Reisk submitted to an operation at the Beaver Valley hospital, Martin, last week, and is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Dove Vaughan submitted to a major operation at the Paintsville hospital Saturday. Her condition is favorable to her early recovery, it was said this week.

Mrs. Mont Gibson was operated upon this week at the Beaver Valley hospital, Martin, for appendicitis. She is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Colonel May is critical ill at the Paintsville hospital, where she was taken a few days ago suffering from pleurisy.

Mr. C. T. Rule and Mrs. C. O. Wheeler, of Paintsville, were business visitors in Prestonsburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Powers and children, of Huntington, W. Va., were guests Sunday of Mr. Powers' brother, M. D. Powers, and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Bond and daughters, Misses Dixie and Dorothy Curtis, have returned to Lexington, following the funeral and burial here last week of Dr. and Mrs. Bond's daughter, Miss Lenore Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hurt returned Monday from Tazewell, Va., where they spent a few days on business and as guests of relatives.

County Agent and Mrs. Bach, Dewey May and Miss Mabel Layne, of Salversville, were visitors here Sunday.

E. A. Stumbo was home over the week-end from Wayland, where he is employed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company.

Miss Miriam Smith returned Saturday to Hindman following a visit of several days here last week.

Miss Norcie Sturzell was the week-end guest of her parents in Hindman.

J. D. Bond, H. O. Herr and Woodrow Burchett spent the week-end in Hindman.

Miss Martha Chapman, former teacher in the Betsy Layne schools, was in Prestonsburg this week. Miss Chapman is the guest of Miss Golda Porter at Allen and of friends at Betsy Layne.

J. D. Bond left Wednesday for Lexington, where he will be the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bond, for the next two weeks.

NOTABLE CHANGE IN AFFAIRS

Continued from page 1. roads existing at this time and the conditions that prevailed in the selection of routes for these roads, I know of no other counties in the state that have been more imposed upon than the rights-of-way racket than this county. When the county budget was set up for the present fiscal year beginning July 1, 1934, it was found that warrants had been issued or paid in the preceding year for close to \$50,000 for rights-of-way claims that had been allowed by the fiscal court. During the present year, old warrants for rights-of-way amounted to more than \$150,000. Others still are outstanding. The present administration, early in its term put a stop to the perpetration of this unconscionable racket. Had this action been taken several years ago, the county would have had just a few miles of road as it has now and would have been free of a vast part of its floating indebtedness. The interest alone upon which has been about as much as the total income for general purposes in nearly half the counties of the state.

Though the industrial depression of the last five years has greatly reduced the property values and the income from taxes is now fully one-third less than it was before the war of debt, the county still has an annual revenue greater than is collected in more than two-thirds of the counties of the state. This income not only is ample to meet all operating costs of government, but is sufficient to retire, rapidly, outstanding warrants and other indebtedness that now are costing the county nearly \$20,000 annually in interest. The road fund has been set up for the next fiscal year under further provisions of debt payment and it is now evidently the policy of the present county officials, including a majority of the fiscal court, to continue the most conservative system of management in fiscal affairs that the county has known in a long time. As of May 1, 1935, the various funds had to their credit the following cash balances: Sinking fund, \$50,238.28; Live Stock fund, \$41,311. Special 1930 Levy to pay court judgments, \$20,454.77; Special 1934 Levy to pay court judgments, \$3,039.90; Left Beaver Highway fund, \$1,533; Sales Tax fund, \$8,864.52; General Fund, \$9,832.12. There was no deficit in any fund on that date, and should not be any at the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, 1935. The county has not defaulted in meeting any of its payments on bonds maturing nor upon interest when due. In fact, its sinking fund has had a very considerable surplus at all times. This surplus, like was in session 49 different the time required by law. The other funds belonging to the county, has been handled recklessly and with but little regard for the ultimate welfare of the county. As one example, in the latter part of 1933, just before the expiration of the previous administration, the fiscal court entered an order instructing the then county treasurer to withdraw from the sinking fund a total of \$40,000 in cash with which to purchase county warrants as an investment for the sinking fund. Acting upon this order a total of \$39,555.35 was invested in county warrants. In other words, warrants and accrued interest amounting to nearly \$40,000 were redeemed before they had a chance but not in the order of the usual. While the greater part of these warrants were issued in 1931 and 1932, a considerable part was issued in 1933, even as late as the last month in the present year. The fiscal court made its order for redemption. Holders of these warrants had purchased them at a discount ranging from 30 per cent to 50 per cent. Thus, the favored ones were given an opportunity to nearly double the value of the county. Various other instances of manipulating public funds and giving unwarranted advantages to members and friends of the county administration in power are in evidence in the records. It is indeed fortunate for the county that the present officials have not approved of these practices that have been so costly a so demoralizing to the county. As a rule, a majority of the fiscal court have given their cooperation and support to the county officials who started in at the beginning of this administration to stop waste, favoritism and bad management. If the next fiscal year produces as good results as the past year, the county, though still in debt, will be in position to operate upon a sound, economical business basis. The fiscal court consists of four members. In the last 14 months of this period, the court

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THIS IS WHAT LAFFOON WOULD HAVE YOU INDOORSE Governor Laffoon, supporting Thos. S. Rhea for Governor, would have the voters endorse his administration which has run the State so deeply in debt. Read below: State indebtedness under Laffoon to March 29, 1935 \$21,815,601.13 Indebtedness when Laffoon became Governor 12,679,230.40 Growth of debt under Laffoon management despite income derived from the sales tax 9,164,460.73 Increase of debt per year 3,055,486.00 Increase of debt per month 299,161.00 Increase of debt every day 7,639.00 The carrying charge on the taxpayers— Annual interest 1,092,284.00 Monthly interest 299,161.00 Interest per day 3,094.00 If the waste in government had to be paid fairly and our farms sold to raise the money, a good farm would have to be sold every day to raise \$7,639.00 per day increase in our debt. There are 1460 days in the four Laffoon years, therefore 1460 farms would have to be sold.

Vote for Chandler for Governor AND QUIT PAYING SALES TAX He is the only candidate on the Democratic ticket to be voted for on August 3rd that is against the entire Sales Tax. (1) A vote for Chandler in the primary shows you appreciate him catching Laffoon and Tom Rhea out of the state and calling the Legislature together and giving us a primary. (2) If we elect Chandler we will have no more Sales Tax to pay, as he is the man that has fought Laffoon and the Sales Tax from the time Laffoon and his bunch started trying to put the tax over on us over three years ago. (3) Elect Chandler and all these useless jobholders will be taken off the payrolls at Frankfort, as that is where part of the Sales Tax money goes. (4) Elect Chandler and he says—and he will do what he says—no teacher in Kentucky will draw less salary than they are now drawing, or have their pay cut in any way. By stopping the waste of all our public funds, as there are now \$1,000,000 of useless jobholders drawing salaries that will be stopped, and the money given to the teachers. (5) Elect Chandler and he says—and he will do what he says—he will meet the Government with the required amount of funds so the Relief in Kentucky will be carried out, and not only that, but he will see that the GRAFT IS TAKEN OUT OF THE RELIEF AND THE MONEY GOES TO THOSE ENTITLED TO IT. All the Sales Tax that has been paid since the law took effect July 1, 1931, which amounts to about Ten Million Dollars, has been spent, and on top of that the State has some in debt over Three Million Dollars more—paid to maintain the Laffoon-Rhea jobholders. (6) Elect Chandler and he will never let one cent more tax be put on real estate. If he needs any extra revenue, it will be put on luxuries we can do without, and keep the tax off bread, meat, clothing and necessities of life. A vote for Tom Rhea, Laffoon's candidate, is voting to pay Sales Tax and maybe an increased tax for four more years, starting July 1, 1935. (7) A vote for Tom Rhea is a vote for Laffoon and for the State Government to be carried on the same way it has been for the last four years. (8) A vote for Tom Rhea is a vote to have us disfranchised by doing away with the primary, as he is for a convention so the town politicians and jobholders can nominate anyone they want, and get the people any voice in whom they want for officers. They showed us this when they turned down Senator Barkley bearing President Roosevelt's written request for a primary. (9) A vote for Chandler is a vote for an ex-soldier. He is a friend of the soldiers and the laboring class of people. Lieutenant Governor Chandler is at present chairman of the Kentucky Disabled Ex-Service Men's Board. When you go to the polls to vote think of your family having to pay three cents on every dollar's worth of food, clothing and necessities they buy. That's TOM RHEA'S platform. Vote for your family by casting your vote for Chandler and he will stop this tax. The Town Ring and jobholders will see you before the election and tell you how taxes, and what nice things the Rhea side will do for you, but let's vote for our family instead of the bunch that's sapping our lives away each and every day by making us pay this Sales Tax. Remember one thing—the race is between Chandler and Rhea. So let's throw the tyrannical yoke off our necks and be free again. We can do this by electing Chandler for our next Governor. (10) A vote for Chandler is a vote endorsing Roosevelt's Administration, as he is against any Sales Tax. When Congress asked him to pass a Sales Tax he said he was horrified at this when they turned down Senator Barkley for a primary now had not been for Chandler. So, when you vote for CHANDLER you are voting for Roosevelt's choice for Governor of Kentucky. He is the one that has done what Roosevelt stands for! RHEA HAS NOT! DON'T LET THE RHEA POLITICIANS DECEIVE YOU. Chandler Campaign Comm. By TAYLOR STUMBO Campaign Chairman, Floyd County

# .. My Personal Page ..

By Roe Fulkerson

In the *Kiwanis Magazine*, June, 1935—

Leander swam the Hellespont because of a woman's smile. I do not recall the lady's name at the moment. There is a copy of Bullfinch's Mythology in the bookcase behind me, but I am not going to look it up because Lord Byron and Richard Halliburton have both swum the Hellespont since, and it's an old story.

Paris started the Trojan War because of a woman's smile. Her name was Helen, but I'm not going into details of that affair, either, because it is ancient history and you doubtless remember the yarn.

Mark Antony messed up history and started a scandal with Cleopatra because of a

woman's smile. That is a snake story and a lot of people don't like to read about snakes, so I will omit the denouement.

The point I am trying to make is that all down through history and legend, men have started wars, have changed kingdoms, have become heroes, have become villains, have fought, bled and died for the sake of a woman's smile.

If they were good men, they were made better; if they were bad men, they were made worse. A woman's smile has lifted men to heights otherwise unattainable, and has sunk men to depths to them unthinkable, without it.

A woman should be careful how she uses her God-given smile, because it is one of the greatest influences for good or evil in the world. To earn it,

men have done ungodly and things.

Last night I prayed because of a woman's smile.

It happened about 2 o'clock in the morning. The baby began to cry fretfully. Her mother and I had been at a party until about an hour previous. I felt it my duty to go and see what was the matter, if anything.

The baby's room is next to ours, and separated from it by French doors which are largely of glass. Over these glass doors my wife has put curtains of some of that material which reminds a man of a mosquito net or mosquito jar, depending on whether he loves fish or hates mosquitoes. The foot of the baby's bed is close to this door. I snapped on the light to see my way in and went to the middle of the doorway looking toward that door.

When the light flashed up, baby fingers pushed aside that curtain and a baby face looked through the glass at me. The expression on the little face was a mingling of sadness and curiosity. There were tears on the long lashes which made her eyes look like jeweled blue gentians. When she recognized me, the little face lighted up with a heavenly smile and the tears were shaken from the lashes. The tips parted and eight little seed pearl-teeth showed between them as I came to open the door.

I took her up in my arms and found there was nothing in the matter except that she was not sleepy and she was lonely. Seating myself on the living room floor beside her, we spent from that time until almost morning in literary pursuits. We reread Mother Goose and lived through for the hundredth time the adventures of Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, Tom the Piper's Son and all the others. Each time I explained the pictures she rewarded me with that little woman's smile of hers.

Finally the little yellow head leaned more heavily against my chest; the long

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lashes drooped and she slept peacefully. I was afraid to move for fear I would wake her, so I sat there on the floor thinking. It was then I prayed. It was one of those formal prayers. I didn't get on my knees and raise my hands and high heaven. My hands and knees were busy. It was just an informal prayer, but I knew that God would understand why I could not approach him in the conventional manner. The prayer was not even put into words because I didn't want to wake the baby, but this was what I thought: God, You've always been wonderfully kind to me, much kinder than I have deserved. I have never known poverty. Sickness has never hit me hard. I have many friends, and they have always been wonderful to me. I am blessed with the love of a woman, God, and you know how much better she is than I deserve. Now, God, I haven't been half as good as You have a right to expect me to be. I have played 10-cent limit now and then, but never with people who could not afford to lose the small sums involved. I have drunk beer, but never to the point where it was injurious. I have lied some, God, but none of these lies were mean lies. They were foolish little white lies to save my pride, or maybe to help a friend out of a hole. I have been a bit profane at times, but You know it was under great provocation. I have quarreled with people, but have never said things behind their backs. I have had my fights and that was the end of them. I have never been vindictive. I don't owe any one on earth a cent and I have always been honest. I have paid my bills in cash or in returned friendship and helpfulness. I'm really not a bad fellow, as fellows go, God.

Of course You know all these things, but You have a lot of men to think about, and I am not egotist enough to think You have my record right at Your finger ends. I hope you will pardon me for reminding you of these things. Now you have put this baby in my arms. This is by long odds the most wonderful thing you ever did for me. God, I didn't deserve it at your hands. I have an idea, though, that in that inscrutable way in which You work things out, You knew what she would do for me.

I have lost a few hours' sleep tonight on her account, but you know I have stayed up a lot of nights for less reason. She has rewarded me with that heavenly smile of hers, God, I think You knew she would do things to me. She has done them! I am going into all this because I want You to know that Your plan has worked. I am going to try awfully hard from here on to the end of the road to deserve that smile of hers. I am going to try to keep it on her face, God, I am determined that I will never do anything of that which she will not approve. I us with children. Don't you?

am going to stand a little squarer before the baby and before You, God. I don't want either one of you to think I don't appreciate what You have done in sending her to me. I don't want to take up too much of Your time, God, but from now on, I wish You would watch my smokes! You'll see how hard I am going to try to deserve her. That was about the prayer I made. I am sure He gave me that pretty youngster just to put me on my mettle and make a better man of me. I think God, I am determined that I will never do anything of that which she will not approve. I us with children. Don't you?

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