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Truly A Millstone...

Governor Bert Combs called the present Kentucky Constitution, written in 1891, a "millstone around the neck of Kentuckians."

And that it is, in our opinion, a millstone much too heavy to allow any real progress for "Kentucky's Greatest Natural Resource—Its People."

For this reason, we would urge that every voter casting a ballot in November to vote in favor of the proposed Constitutional Convention, which, if approved, will revise the 12 most dangerous parts of that millstone.

First and foremost, to our mind, is the limit of \$7,200 on state employee salaries, which is the subject of a court mandate due to become effective in January. Its result would be a strict limit on income for these officials at \$7,200. This mandate will be suspended until the outcome of the convention, and the new provisions approved by the people of Kentucky. (Whatever the convention comes up with must be approved by a vote of the state's voters.)

There is no doubt that the State's new medical school, part of the University of Kentucky at Lexington will be doomed, along with serious hinderance to the University,

state colleges, high school systems, state hospitals, and all other of the important state agencies. While \$7,200 may look like a fortune to us, it is peanuts compared to what these officials can earn in private industry, or in other states for the same job.

And to expect to staff the medical school with a salary limit of \$7,200 is completely silly. Unless the rates are raised, the school will either just not open, or open with second and third rate teachers and professors.

And in our minds, the former is far preferable to the latter.

Without going into details of the other 11 points at this time, we shall have more to say about them later, we think that the Convention must, for the sake of future Kentuckians, be approved. And don't forget, regardless of what you're told, by opponents of the Convention, it can consider nothing other than the 12 specific points authorized, and everything it does is still subject to final acceptance by all of us, as shown by our votes.

We urge your support for this matter. If it is rejected it will be the saddest day for Kentucky since the last Indian attack on Fort Harrod.

Cooperative Sels Annual Meeting Aug. 9 At Park

The election of local board and Farm Home Advisory Committee members plus operations reports will be the highlights of the Southern States Cooperative's annual membership meeting for the Somerset area on Tuesday, August 9, at Pulaski County Park at 8 p.m. (EST).

"Gearing Southern States Cooperative to Better Service Stockholder Members"—a slide film presentation on the cooperative's 1959-60 operations and a look into the future—will be presented by Collis Layton, an operations supervisor of Southern States Campbellsville regional office.

Colson Is Chairman
Barkley E. Colson of Somerset will serve as chairman of the local meeting. Walter Jones, White Oak Baptist Church of Nancy will give the invocation.

A report on local operations and services will be given by Hugh N. Pierce, manager of Southern States Somerset Cooperative.

Nominees for the local Southern States Board of the Somerset area are Jesse Gibson, Bronston, John Shadon, Tateville, and James Cook and Amos Gibson, both of Eubank.

Nominees for the Farm Home Advisory Committee are Mrs. Jesse Gibson and Mrs. John K. Gover, both of Bronston; Mrs. Paul Haney, West Somerset; and Mrs. Sam B. Norfleet, Nancy.

Nominees From Floor
Other nominees may be made from the floor.

Members of the board whose terms expire this year are Everett Buchanan and John K. Gover and members of the Farm Home Advisory Committee whose terms expire this year are Mrs. Craig Poynter and Mrs. James P. Jones.

Two Indiana Women Hurt In Wreck Monday

Two Indiana women suffered minor injuries about 10:30 o'clock Monday morning in an accident on North Highway 27 at its intersection with Ky. Highway 1247, at Science Hill, State Trooper John Adams reported.

Treated and released at Somerset City Hospital were Mrs. Mavis Ella Spoonamore, 43, Southport, Ind. and Mrs. Hazel Spoonamore, 35, Greenwood, Ind. Another passenger in the Spoonamore car was not hurt.

Trooper Adams said the accident occurred when Mrs. Mavis Spoonamore started to pass a truck near the intersection in her 1959 Pontiac. The truck started to make a left turn onto Ky. 1247 and Mrs. Spoonamore swerved to the left to avoid a collision. The Pontiac skidded across the intersection, hit a guard rail, spun around and came to a stop with the rear of the car resting on top of the rail.

Trooper Adams said the truck was in no way responsible for the accident and a citation was issued to Mrs. Spoonamore for improper passing. Both the front and rear ends of the car were damaged considerably.

Two Accidents

Water Skiing, Logging Accidents Claim Lives Of Two Men Saturday

Two persons were killed in accidents in the county Saturday, one involving a bulldozer and the other as a result of a water skiing accident on Lake Cumberland near Burnside Island State Park.

Dead are William Lawrence Whitaker, 40, Somerset, killed when a bulldozer he was operating slipped under a tree he was removing and pinned him between the tree and the driver's seat of the bulldozer.

Clifton Pelfry, Dayton, Ohio, who died as a result of injuries caused when the propeller of a speedboat hit his legs in a water skiing accident.

Killed At 9:15 A.M.

According to Coroner Kenneth Gibbs, Whitaker was killed at about 9:15 a.m. Saturday. He was using a bulldozer to remove a beech tree some 60 feet long on the property of Marvin Hall at Hall.

Whitaker, who worked for his father, was pushing the tree down hill when the blade suddenly dropped from the tree. The machine was still in motion, caused him to be pinned to the operator's seat when the dozer went partially under the felled tree.

Barney Rogers, Acorn, Orrville Mounce, Poplarville, and Kenneth Whitaker, a son of the victim, were working some 40 feet away, and faced to the assistance of Whitaker. The younger Whitaker jumped onto the machine and placed it in reverse gear, releasing his father.

Coroner's Report
The coroner's report said that death was sudden, caused from internal injuries.

According to Deputy Coroner Max Zibell, Pelfry, who was injured in the skiing accident, died of loss of



STEELING THE CAMPAIGN—Democratic Presidential nominee John F. Kennedy, joins United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald in greeting spectators in Hyannis Port, Mass. The union leader and Sen. Kennedy held a press conference at which McDonald said 400,000 of his men had been adversely affected by cutbacks in steel production. He said the Federal Government should create a demand for steel through stepped-up public works projects. Kennedy added that the Administrations hard money policy and high interest rates had a depressing effect.

Somerset Patient At VA Hospital Beaten And Robbed Near Lexington

A Somerset patient on leave from the Veterans Hospital in Lexington, who was hitchhiking a ride to Cincinnati, was beaten and robbed of \$179.47 Friday night in Bourbon County by occupants of a car who had picked him up in Paris, Deputy Sheriff Reuben Arnsperger reported.

Arnsperger was called to the residence of Ronald Brooks on the Townsend Valley road at 12:30 a.m. Friday where the patient, listed as Russell Phelps, 29, of Somerset, had gone for aid.

The man was taken to the Bourbon County hospital for treatment of a deep laceration on his head and other cuts and bruises. He was dismissed after treatment.

Phelps told Arnsperger that four men picked him up and said they were going through Cincinnati. But he said, when they came to the Townsend Valley road they turned off, stopped the car, beat him, hit him on the head with a soft drink bottle, took his money, and personal papers, and then drove away.

The Veterans Hospital was notified and sent to Paris to return the man to the hospital. Phelps, who has been a patient at the Veterans Hospital since 1949, refused to press charges.

Elam Family Moves To Burnside

The Joe Elam family, who have been making their home in the Oats property on the Monticello Road, are moving this week to the Benn Hornbeck home on Grandview Avenue in Burnside. Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck have moved to Berea.

If watermelons are to be stored for a few days, keep them at temperatures ranging from 36 to 40 degrees, with high humidity. However, do not keep them for more than four days as they will start to lose quality.

Section Of US 27 At Harriman To Be Relocated

The Tennessee Department of Highways has advertised for bids for reconstruction and relocation of a seven-mile stretch of winding U.S. 27 near Harriman. Edwin Roberts, one of the officers of the U.S. Highway 27 Association, announced yesterday.

Roberts said the stretch of road, known as the Bitter Creek Project, would include construction of seven new bridges. The contract will be let on August 26.

Acquisition of the last rights-of-way for the highway were obtained last month in circuit court in Morgan County, Tenn. Circuit Judge W. I. Davis, Jr., awarded possession of all tracts of real estate not having been purchased earlier for rights-of-way to Morgan County thus clearing the way for construction of the highway.

With the completion of this project, most of U.S. 27 in Tennessee will have been relocated or resurfaced, Mrs. Helen Joyce, Wartburg, Tenn., secretary of the association, said.

A large part of U.S. 27 in Kentucky has been improved in the past 10 years and further improvements are being planned between Tazewell and the McCreary County line.

Moves To Somerset

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Cordell and children of Pine Knot moved Monday to Somerset. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cordell will have positions in the Somerset City School system.

Pulaskians Charged With Detaining Three Teenage Casey County Girls

Two Somerset men and a man from Naomi have been charged on a Wayne County warrant with detaining three Casey County teen-age girls against their will, Deputy Sheriffs Milburn Roberts and Homer Wesley reported this week.

Charged are Gus Hall, 26, Jarvis Ave., and Carl Compton, 28, Ogden Street, both of Somerset, and Amos Muse, 24, Naomi. They were arrested Sunday afternoon and placed in the Wayne County jail. Later they were released on bond.

The local officers gave this account of the incident as told to them by the two 17-year-old girls and the 18-year-old girl:

Waiting For Ride

The girls were waiting for a ride home to Argyle in Casey County at a miniature golf range on U.S. 27 Truck Route north of Somerset about 11 o'clock Saturday night. The three men came by and offered to drive the girls around and take them home if their ride didn't come. The girls accepted.

The men went to Zollicoffer park where they drank a beer and then drove to an isolated section near Cumberland Point Lodge, some five miles south of Naomi. There they detained the girls against their will for several hours.

The 18-year-old girl said she tried to escape from the men but was pulled back into the car and slapped four or five times. About 4 o'clock Sunday morning she managed to escape and ran to Cumberland Point Lodge where she got the proprietor Bill Bush, to take her to the home of Deputy Roberts at Naomi.

Trooper Is Called

Roberts called State Trooper John Adams and together they went back to where the girl had escaped from the car but the men and the other girls had gone. The officers then went to the homes of the girls at Argyle and found that they had gotten home only about 20 minutes before the officers arrived.

Later Sunday morning the girls, their parents and the officers went to Monticello where warrants were sworn out for the three men. They were arrested in Somerset and at Naomi Sunday afternoon and taken to the Wayne County jail.

Water District Meeting Is Set For August 16

There will be a meeting of Pulaski County Water District No. 1 on Tuesday, August 16. Officials of the water district announced this week. The place of the meeting will be announced later, they said.

All commissioners of the water district and an official from the Federal Housing Administration in Lexington will be present at the meeting to answer questions from consumers.

Playground Discussed

The Science Hill Kiwanis Club met at Pete's Cafe Monday night for its regular weekly dinner meeting. The members discussed possible sites for a community playground in Science Hill. No definite action has been taken by the club.

McCreary County Clerk Slain Last Tuesday

McCreary County Court Clerk Mark Waters, was shot and killed at a drive-in restaurant in Whitley County, 2 miles north of Jellico, Tenn., shortly after noon last Tuesday according to Whitley County officials.

Charged with the slaying is N. B. "Nip" Perkins, Whitley City, land agent for the Stearns Coal and Lumber Company. Perkins, who surrendered to Whitley County officials, waived examining trial before Squire Frank Taylor and was released under \$5,000 bond.

According to witnesses, Perkins entered a side door of the restaurant with a gun in his hand, approaching Waters who was seated at a table with Perkins wife. A brief scuffle ensued and Waters fell to the floor, mortally wounded by five .45 calibre bullets.

Sheriff Otis Croley of Whitley County said "bruises on Waters' head indicated he also had been struck with a blunt object." The Whitley County officer said there was no weapon found on or near Waters' body.

Youth Committed To Kentucky Home

Ray Ping, 14, Walnut Street, Somerset was arrested by City Police Thursday and charged with breaking and entering Wanda's Kitchen restaurant on North Maple Street late Wednesday night, officers reported.

He entered a plea of guilty in Juvenile Court Thursday and was sent to the Kentucky Home School at Lyndon the officers added.

Police Arrest 19

Somerset City Police last week arrested 19 persons. Eight were charged with being drunk in public, two each with reckless driving, disorderly conduct and no operator's license, and one each with breaking and entering, loitering, assault and battery, breach of peace and improper muffler.

Phelps Enjoy Picnic

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Phelps, Colo. enjoyed a picnic with their children Sunday on Lake Cumberland. Present were Mrs. Wilma Lee Colyer and daughter, Port Union, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Meece, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Duell Meece, Hamilton, Ohio. Ruthella, Ben Ray and Sue Phelps, Colo.

The Washington County Courthouse at Springfield is the oldest courthouse in use in Kentucky.

There is some difference between the appearance of fairness and the intent to be fair.



OLYMPIC SYMBOL—Visitors to the Olympic Games grounds in Rome, Italy, stop to admire this striking 15-foot bronze female figure, called "The Olympic Torch." The work of Italian sculptor Emilio Greco, it stands outside the Sports Palace where many events of the Summer Olympics will be staged starting on August 26.

Prather Elected Pharmacists Officer

Jimmy Prather was elected second vice-president of the Kentucky Pharmaceutical Association at the annual State Convention, which was held at French Lick Springs, Ind., Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27. Albert Threlkeld and Prather attended all sessions of the convention and returned home Thursday.

DVBS Plans Change

Daily Vacation Bible School at the First Christian Church will be changed to meet on Monday, August 8. The school will continue six days, closing Saturday, August 21. The plans for the school had to be changed because of several conflicts with other activities.

Jasper Family Reunion Set For Sunday At Park

The descendants of the late Eld Jasper and Mrs. Jasper and of the late M. T. Jasper and Mrs. Jasper, who live at Mintonville, will hold a family reunion at the Pulaski County Park Sunday, August 7. Dinner will be served at noon and all relatives, their families and friends are invited to bring a basket lunch and

Priscilla Daulton To Attend FFA Meet

Priscilla Daulton, of Somerset High School, will attend a Leadership Training Conference for State and District officers of Future Homemakers of America, August 4-6, at the FFA Leadership Training Center, Hardinsburg, Kentucky. Miss Dalton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dalton of 603 E. Mt. Vernon Street, is First Vice-President of Lake Cumberland District and has served as reporter and 1st Vice President in the local chapter.

Mrs. Peggy Baker Nichols, adviser of the Somerset Chapter, will also attend the meeting. During the meeting, state officers will serve as group leaders in instructing their corresponding officers in each of the 14 districts in their duties and responsibilities. Each of the districts will hold meetings for planning their program of work for the year.

Sam Colyer Ill

Mr. Sam Colyer entered the Somerset City Hospital Monday and underwent surgery Tuesday. His condition today is reported as fairly good. His son, Mr. Ray Colyer, and Mrs. Colyer of Frankfort and his daughter, Mrs. Jack Curtis, Mr. Curtis and children of Louisville will spend the week end here to be with their father.

Home From Hospital

Mrs. Leonard Brown of Stearns, who has been a patient for two weeks at the Somerset City Hospital, is convalescing nicely and has returned home.

Gossett Is Arrested On Liquor Charge

Walter Gossett, Jr., West Somerset, was arrested at his home on the Forest Hill Road, on July 23 and charged with having liquor in possession for purpose of sale (third offense), county officers reported.

Deputy Sheriffs Gilmer Slavey, Carter Weddle and Milburn Roberts arrested Gossett and confiscated eight half-pints of gin, the officers said.

He was released on \$500 bond to appear in County Court tomorrow for trial.

Meininger Attends Bible Convention

Charles Meininger, local minister and congregational servant of Jesus Christ, returned from a three-day Bible Convention at Pleasant Ridge Park near Louisville.

The assembly featured a program of Bible discourses and demonstrations geared to aid the minister-delegates in meeting community needs and applying Bible teachings in daily life on the community level.

The counsel given them will aid the local congregation in dealing with various features of the ministry.

As President, Abraham Lincoln once remarked, "My earliest recollecting is of the Knob Creek place," referring to his boyhood home near Hodgenville.

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