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Grave Charges Brought By Justices of Peace

Rates Will Be Lowered For Buses, Trucks

STATE LEGISLATURE IS SAID TO BE READY TO ACT ON BILL

Following its approval of a reduction of about 38 per cent in the cost of license plates for pleasure cars, the state legislature this week was ready to act on another bill which would allow a reduction of approximately 25 per cent in the price of bus and truck license tags.

Assurance that the bill would be approved was given by administration leaders Monday afternoon when the House passed a bill to bring trucks weighing less than 5,500 within the provisions of the 1932 act regulating and taxing commercial trucks using the state roads for hire. After striking out the emergency clause, the House passed by a vote of 59 to 28 the bill designed to eliminate discriminatory features of the 1932 law. It exempts trucks hauling farm produce.

WATER PROJECT GRANTED MARTIN

WILL START CONSTRUCTION IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS, IS REPORT

The Public Works Administration last Saturday allotted \$43,000 to the city of Martin for the construction of a city water system, which it has been reported will create employment for approximately 40 men the work to last about three or four months.

This allotment was said to have been a grant for 30 per cent of the cost of labor and materials and a direct loan for the remainder of the money necessary, which must be repaid by the city within 15 years.

Work on this project is expected to start in about three weeks, or as soon as the contract is let and approved by the federal government.

Floyd Miners Attend Funeral Rites In Pike

Delegations of Floyd county miners, representing the United Mine Workers of America, went to Pike county Saturday of last week, where they attended the funeral of Perry Adkins, of Henry Clay, a miner who was shot and killed there last week in a clash between Pike county officers and striking miners.

MARTIN DEFEATS PIKEVILLE HIGH

BEAVER CREEK BOYS SWAMP VISITORS BY SCORE OF 56 TO 13

The Martin high school Purple Flash basketball team "wiped up the gym" with their visitors last Friday night when the Pikeville team went there and lost to the Beaver Creek boys to the score of 56 to 13. Although the Pikeville boys were badly beaten, it is held by those who know their basketball dope that they could have made a much better showing had they not been handi-

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Five Taken In Liquor Raids On Right Beaver

Five men were arrested Sunday by Sheriff Taylor Stumbo and several deputies in a sweeping raid of the Salt Lick section of Right Beaver Creek, four of whom were found with small amounts of liquor and one of whom was allegedly in possession of a large distilling outfit.

Dingus Bolen, of Salt Lick, was arrested and taken to the county jail after having been taken with the still, and, according to county officials, 32 gallons of whisky and a large amount of mash was poured out. Some of those arrested have paid fines and others are out under bond.

AGED WOMAN DIES AT WONDER FRIDAY

PASSES AWAY FROM COMPLICATIONS RESULTING FROM CANCER

Mrs. Elizabeth Burchett Robinson, 85 years old, died Friday at the home of her son, Sherman Burchett, at Wonder, from complications arising from her extreme age and a cancer from which she had been suffering for several years.

Mrs. Burchett was one of the best known women in this section of Floyd county, and was a devout christian, highly respected by all who knew her. She comes from one of the oldest of the county's families.

She leaves to survive her five children, three sons and two daughters, Sherman Burchett, Richard Burchett and Lacey Burchett, all of Wonder; Louanis Kenderick, and America Blackburn, Wonder; one brother, Jim Tussey, Burchett, of Woods, and one sister, Dollie Sester, of Ashland.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home of her son, with the Rev. Isaac Stratton officiating, after which interment was made in the home cemetery.

PIKEVILLE YOUTH IS VICTIM OF GAS

IS FOUND DEAD IN ROOMING HOUSE IN LOUISVILLE SUNDAY NIGHT

Robert Robinson, 23 years old, of Pikeville, a student at the School of Law, University of Louisville, was found dead at the rooming house where he was staying last Sunday night, a victim of asphyxiation from gas fumes which came from an unvented gas heater, flames of which were turned on at full force.

At the coroner's inquest his death was attributed to gas, but officials were uncertain as to whether his death was intentional or accidental. He was said to have been dead several hours before being found.

A three-page letter was found in the room addressed to a Pikeville girl, which said in part: "Characteristics prevent me from making a prominent citizen of myself, worthy of being somebody. Dreams I have had of becoming of some service to my community and my country appear to be broken. I'm dissatisfied with myself."

Robinson's father is connected with the Big Sandy Fruit Company at Pikeville.

Palmer Crisp, Allen, Ky.

WRIGHT SENTENCED TO ONE-YEAR TERM BY FLOYD CO. JURY

CHARGED WITH SHOOTING AND WOUNDING WITH INTENT TO KILL

Austin Wright, 25 years old, was sentenced to one year in the state reformatory by a jury in Floyd circuit court Thursday of last week on a charge of shooting and wounding with intent to kill in connection with the shooting of Willie Wright at Brainard last June.

Willie Wright, who is a cousin of Austin Wright, was shot at close range with a shotgun, the charge tearing off his left arm. The shooting was said to have been the result of trouble between Austin Wright and Columbus Wright, father of the wounded man.

P'BURG GIRL ON HONOR ROLL

Miss Naomi Goble, of Prestonsburg, a graduate of the class of 1933, Prestonsburg high school, is one of the 13 students in Eastern Kentucky State Normal at Richmond to meet the stringent requirements allowing her name to be placed on the honor roll. Miss Goble, who is 16 years old, has proven herself a very brilliant student, not only in high school, where she graduated with honors, but in her college work as well.

MARY PATTON, 63, DIES AT MAYTOWN

PASSES AWAY AT WEBB HOME AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS' ILLNESS

Miss Mary Patton, 63 years old, of Maytown, died Tuesday of this week at the home of the late T. J. Webb after an illness of several months. Miss Patton was never married, but had been a housekeeper in the Webb home for approximately 50 years, and after the death of Mr. Webb's wife many years ago, she took charge of his children and in that capacity endeared herself not only to the family but to the friends of Mr. Webb throughout this section of the county.

Funeral services were held at the Webb home Wednesday afternoon, attended by hundreds of friends. Rev. O. P. Smith officiating at these services and in his sermon praised this woman for her unselfish service to her friends. Interment was made in the Webb cemetery under the direction of E. P. Arnold.

TROY PRATER, 33, DIES THIS WEEK

PASSES AWAY AFTER HAVING BEEN BEDFAST FOR SEVEN YEARS

Troy Prater, 33 years old, son of Dan Prater, of near Hueysville, died at his home on Brush Creek Monday after a long illness. His death was attributed to a complication of ailments which had confined him to his bed for the past seven years.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Hix Prater; two children; his parents.

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AGED MARTIN WOMAN IS TAKEN WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Margaret Boyd, 86 years old, died at her home at Martin Wednesday of this week, after an illness attributed to complications arising from her extreme age.

Mrs. Boyd was one of the oldest and best-known women in this section of the county. She was the mother of Ernest Boyd, prominent Martin business man. Her husband preceded her in death many years ago.

Funeral services were held on Prater Creek Thursday after which interment was made there under the direction of E. P. Arnold.

SAM WALKER GETS TERM WEDNESDAY

WAS CHARGED WITH SLAYING OF BILL MUSIC ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Sam Walker, of Drift, charged with murder in connection with the death of Bill Music, 22-year-old Johnson county youth, who was slain at Drift on last Christmas Eve, was given a five-year term in the state penitentiary by a jury in Floyd circuit court Wednesday of this week.

Music was slain, his throat cut with a knife or razor, in a drunken fight in which, it was said about eight or nine other men were involved. Walker's defense was that while he was engaged in the fight, he was not guilty of the slaying.

The slaying was done, it was said, while Music was trying to separate two men who had fallen to the ground while fighting some person, alleged to have been Walker, coming up behind him, pulling his head backward, and cutting his throat from ear to ear.

IS CERTIFYING POULTRY

W. L. Baldrige, Floyd county poultryman, is certifying his Plymouth Rock flock, and keeping demonstration records.

CHILD IS KILLED BY TRAIN WEDNESDAY

WAS TRYING TO SAVE HIS DOG FROM DEATH WHEN STRUCK

A four-year-old child, son of Robert Tackett, of McDowell, was killed Wednesday of this week when struck by a C. & O. passenger train at Dwayne, while trying to save his dog from being struck by the engine.

The child was said to have been walking along the tracks with his mother when the animal ran onto the tracks in front of the fast approaching train, and the child, fearing for the safety of his pet, ran after the animal before onlookers could interfere. The dog was killed instantly, and the child was terribly mangled, a part of the engine tearing away a great part of his face.

The child was brought to Allen by members of the train crew, where he was placed on a bus, but died before reaching the hospital at Martin.

A Powell county farmer spread eight tons of marl on three acres of land, and is planning to treat several more acres of his farm.

Suit Will Be Instituted by Fiscal Court

CLAIM LARGE SUMS WERE MISAPPROPRIATED BY FORMER OFFICIALS

Claiming irregular, illegal and fraudulent appropriations of money rightfully belonging to Floyd county were made by former members of the fiscal court, the court in special session Monday of this week made an order asking that a thorough investigation of the county's books be made; refrained the county treasurer from making payment upon any warrants issued prior to their last session, and instructed County Attorney Forrest D. Short to enter suit to recover such sums of money as apparently have been illegally paid out of county funds.

The fiscal court also named Okey K. Hayslip, a certified public accountant, to make an audit of the county's affairs, and appointed Andrew E. Auxier, Pikeville attorney, as assistant to Mr. Short in their attempt to make recovery of the large sums of money they say have been misappropriated.

Early in January, Magistrates M. C. Wright, Willie Hall and James Clark asked that a special session be called for an investigation of the county's affairs, and while setting Monday as the date for the session Judge W. L. Stumbo questioned the right of these men to hold office, owing to the probability that the county was illegally redistricted last year, and stated that those who held these offices prior to the last November election still hold their offices and will hold them until their successors are legally elected.

Other orders made by the fiscal court at this session were for the repair of the county courthouse and the jail at a cost not exceed \$4,500, if the CWA would agree to furnish labor; an appropriation of \$750 for the construction of a bridge across the Big Sandy river at Tram, and an order allowing \$40 in each case for the burial of paupers, which is to be done under the direction of the magistrate and in the district in which the person died.

Judge Stumbo refused to sign all orders approved by a majority of the members of the court, and Magistrate M. C. Wright was appointed a substitute to sign in his stead.

The resolution ordering an investigation of the county's affairs follows, in full:

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Mrs. Cabell Succumbs At Wayland Last Week

Mrs. Cabell, aged Wayland resident, died Thursday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jean Durant, from an illness of several weeks, brought about by her advanced age.

Mrs. Cabell was a widow, her husband having passed away many years ago. Funeral rites were conducted at the Estill cemetery Friday, after which burial was made there.

Many Graves county poultry flocks were blood-tested and accredited, and several demonstrations held, by a local hatchery in cooperation with the county agent.

Mrs. Ben Norris, Martin.