THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

FRIDAY ISSUE Semi-weekly Kernet

CAA Course To Open

Wildcats Win

Over Mississippi

Wildcats Won

First Loop Crown

Philharmonic Orchestra To Play **Its First Complete Symphony** For Sunday Afternoon Musicale

Reception To Be Held In Music Center Following Concert, Commemorating Completion Of Extension Program

enting its first complete symphony in the University partment's history, the Philharmonic orchestra will hoven's "Symphony No. 5 in C Minor" on the Sunronon musical at Memorial Hall. teted by Prof. Carl Lampert, the concert will begin n. with Wagner's "Procession of the Grail". The re-of the program will be devoted to the performance overs's "Fate" symphony. The concert Sunday will second appearance of the+

EMPHASIS WEEK TO OPEN SUNDAY

Religious Council Plans Activities

Add Morland

Spanish Tests Set

Guignol Announces Cast other organizations will religion. Bart Peak, YM said yesterday that the

Satire On Nazis For Week's Run

To Begin Tuesday

To Open March 17 DANCE CLUB IS PROPOSED

Group Could Bring 'Name' Bands Here Senior Students

SAFE DRIVING **CAMPAIGN SET** FOR MARCH 24-26 For Ten Tomorrow

Trophies Offered To Winners Of Driving Tests

By 62-52 Score

A proposed "dance club," to which Asked To File be Degree Applications

Here In 1912

John Kerr Named For PR Award

Staff Officers Asked To Meet

Student's Photos

Poll Reveals Students' Stand On War

Engineers Book Craig's Orchestra

Students Will Take First Air Flight At Local Airport

Colonel Donnelly To Discuss CAA In Union Today

Summer Session Courses, **Professors Are Announced**

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Agriculture Dance us and Prof. To Be Held Tonight

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THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

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Two-Dollar Feudalism

Several days ago in Richmond, Virginia, Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt spoke before a group of aroused Southerners on the injustices of the poll tax, core of Dixie's twentieth century brand of feudalism. Next morning Virginius Dabney, editor of the city's ultra-respectable old *Times*-Dispatch, sat down at his typewriter and worried painfully about the First Lady's "strange faith

in universal suffrage."

As do numerous other Southerners, the paper skipped conveniently over the fact that the Conskipped conveniently over the fact that the Con-stitution of the United States guarantees to every sme adult American the right to vote in public elections. "The right of the citizens of the United States to vote," the Effecuth Amendment says, "shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color,

Yet today seven states out of the forty-eight we discriminatory poll taxes. In those seven states, an average of one out of every four eligible voters voted in the election last November. In

states, an average of one out of every four eligible voters word in the election lax November. In the other forty-one states, an average of three out of every four eligible voters word in the election lax November. The same general ratio has held for several years; the trend, if any, is for an even lower percentage.

The Virginia editor who expressed concern for Mrs. Rooseelt was aptly qualified to do so the state in which he lives is an excellent example of the poll tax at work. In Virginia 17.9 per, cent of the populace actually sore. (The state in oth the extreme example—in South Carolina the percentage is 13—but it is a tspical one). Only eighteen per cent may cant a vote—and on the home grounds of Thomas Jefferson, who said and believed that "all men are endoued with certain unallenable rights."

Across the line—in West Virginia, where they have no poll tax—the average vote is 76.9 per cent. Across another line—in Kentucky, where there is no poll tax—the percentage is in the neighborhood of 70. Ratios of other nearby state—Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware—are too consistently larger for the situation to be a freak of nature, or an accident, or a coincidence; it's the poll tax that does it. e; it's the poll tax that does it.

It would be naive indeed to say it is unfortu-nate that the South has to resort to an undemo-cratic practice in order to raise revenue to run its state governments. It would be naive because that simply happens not to be the purpose of the poll tax. It's real aim is to gain precisely the result accomplished: to keep large groups of the populace from voting on election day. As a matter of fact, the poll tax is not really

tax at all. It is a deliberate barrier. It consists a most cases of a fee of \$1.50 or \$2.00 per person, ayable six months before the date of election. Now, theoretically, a buck and a half is not a

f money, but when one stops to consider the there are about 11,000,000 people in the h who belong to families having yearly in-s of \$250 or less, the figure begins to take

2.4 percent of their total annual income to exercise their constitutional rights.

ercise their constitutional rights. But the poll tax system doesn't stop even there; there are several supplementary devices to use in case the fee alone is not enough. For example:

The dates for payment of the tax are, of course, announced publicly-to conform to the laxe-but the publicity usually consists of small placards tacked on the door of the county clerk's office. If the bumpkins and Negroes don't happen to see them of course it's their own fault. The "proper" people somehow always seem to discover the dates with very little trouble; perhaps it's because of the notices they always receive in advance.

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And—as if this were not enough—no one is
permitted to cast a ballot on election day unless
he can show his poll tax receipt. If it's been misplaced during the six months intervening, it's
just too bad. Besides, since it's the receipt rather
than the payment itself that is the customary
passport to suffrage, the officials always can pass
out receipts to chosen people—and thus keep
their machine in power.

And—as if this still were not enough—there is d
always that potent ace in the hole, the cumulative rule. Should a man miss payment for one
election, he is in most case required by law to n
pay not only the current tax but also the back al
tax before he can expect a ballot. Thus, if a
fastrecropper happens to fall two or three years a
behind in his payments, he is as good as disenfranchised—permanently.

Here in Kentucky we do not have the poll tax. P

most Southerners will find unlavorable rather than reasuring.

The colleges of the state are the obvious place to make our beginning. If the University of Kentucky will take the lead perhaps other Kentucky schools- and perhaps eventually institutions to sead to us-well fall in behind. And perhaps then it will no longer be the custom in the South to speak cynically of a person's "strange faith in universal suffrage."

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MUSICAL MUTTERINGS Let's Welcome By BILL PENICK

The Wildcats

The Kernel Editorial Page

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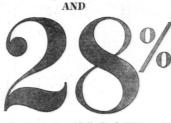
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