

The Lone Big Sandy Member of Normal Site Commission Gives School to Morehead

Wallen's Vote Lands Plum For Allie Young's Town

End of the Farcical Deadlock Reached at Lexington Last Saturday.

At Lexington last Saturday the Normal School Commission on the fifth ballot selected Morehead as the site for the Eastern Normal School. The five appointees of Speaker Thompson, currently reported to have been kindly suggested by Judge Allie W. Young, of Morehead, stood solidly for the county seat of Rowan, as previously "doped out." W. S. Wallen, Big Sandy member of the commission, cast the deciding vote in favor of Morehead.

The final vote follows:
Morehead — O'Rear, Goodpaster, Senff, Combs, Wallen.
Paintsville—Peter, Barret and Harman.

Louisa received votes on some of the ballots at the previous meeting, and Mr. Harman proposed various compromises at the last meeting in an effort to land a Big Sandy city. Wallen never voted for Louisa, so far as we can learn.

Judge Young was in Lexington when the schedule went through. He said it was the first time he had been present at a meeting of the commission.

The property offered by Morehead contains no buildings fit for use by a school of this kind, except as a temporary makeshift. Morehead has no waterworks, no improved streets, no sewers, nothing to recommend it as a school town. The questionnaire sent out last May indicated that all these and other qualifications were necessary to remain in the race. The ineffectiveness of that document was demonstrated at the Lexington meeting, June 7th. Only two cities were able to meet the conditions set forth therein, and they were the first to be eliminated. But, of course, in the light of developments all this was simply "a delusion and a snare" anyway.

A-Protest Meeting

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce called a meeting Monday to discuss the situation. There were citizens present from other counties. After discussion it was decided to start a movement to petition Gov. Morrow to call the Legislature into extra session to repeal or amend the act that created the Normal School Commission. Resolutions were adopted to this effect.

A strong telegram was received from Prestonsburg expressing in strong terms their approval of the protest movement. It was signed by Judge Hill, Clerks Hatcher and Stephens, and others.

Prof. W. B. Ward and County Superintendent Mead of Johnson county were present. Mr. Ward read a very strong paper condemning Wallen and O'Rear.

Conflict With Education Board.

The Normal Site Commission also wants to name the faculty for the new schools, a function generally believed to rest with the State Board of Education. At the Lexington meeting R. P. Green was chosen as head of the Murray school. About the same hour the Education Board at Frankfort named John W. Carr for the same position. It now seems certain that this matter will be settled in the courts.

Gov. Morrow is considering the proposition of calling a special session of the Legislature.

Allie Young's Statement.

After the Lexington meeting Judge Allie Young gave out a lengthy statement which is a labored effort to defend the commission, Morehead and himself.

One of his statements is as follows:

"I have not been in Frankfort during a session of the legislature for the last four years. Last winter I was in the south during the entire winter and the bill was passed long before I came back to Kentucky."

Two members of a committee sent from Louisa to Frankfort while the Legislature was in session, and a short time before Thompson announced his famous quintette, state positively that Young was at the Lafayette Hotel in Lexington at that time being visited by emissaries very frequently. They say they were at that hotel themselves and know this to be a fact.

A BIT OF HISTORY

Going back to the beginning of this State Normal School proposition we find the recommendation for two schools first made by an educational survey commission provided for by an act of the 1920 Legislature, passed upon the suggestion of State Superintendent George Colvin. It said one of these two schools probably should be located in the Big Sandy valley. Following this lead, the Big Sandy members of the General Assembly prepared bills carrying out the suggestion, but soon found members from other districts who demanded that the bill allow more scope

for the selection of a site, making necessary the substitution of "Eastern Kentucky" for Big Sandy valley. After a hard fight the bill was passed, carrying an amendment taking the selection of a site out of the hands of the State Board of Education and providing for a special commission of eight men, five appointed by the Speaker of the House and three by the Lieutenant Governor. Rumors started immediately to the effect that the commission would be packed for Morehead and Murray, based upon facts that indicated the "fine Italian hand" of Allie Young in the mess.

A delegation from various counties had a conference with Speaker James H. Thompson, in which Hon. John E. Buckingham was chief spokesman. He told Mr. Thompson about the Morehead rumor and Mr. Thompson denied that there was any truth in the charge. Also, he said he would appoint no man from either eastern or western Kentucky and that his appointees would be Central Kentucky men having no interests and no connections whatever that could be linked up with the sections in which the new schools were to be located.

In a short time he announced the following appointments:

Judge E. C. O'Rear, chosen as associate counsel by Judge Allie Young for two large coal corporations, at a salary said to be \$10,000 per year, work or play. Native of Morgan county, but now of Frankfort.

W. S. Wallen, said to be a local attorney under Allie Young for the coal companies, appointed soon after his nomination for the Legislature, at salary reported at \$1500 or \$1800 per year.

Sherman Goodpaster, secretary of the State Racing Commission at \$10,000 or \$12,000 per year, said to have been appointed at the instance of Allie Young, a member of the commission. Native of Bath county, in Young's judicial district, now resides in Frankfort.

Earl Senff, politician of Mt. Sterling, in Judge Young's district, friend and supporter for many years.

Thos. A. Combs, of Lexington, close political friend of Judge Young.

It is generally charged these appointments were dictated by Allie Young, formerly Circuit Judge of Rowan, Bath and Montgomery counties, member of the State Racing commission, a native of Morehead, attorney for two coal companies at salary reported to be \$25,000 per year. James H. Thompson of Bourbon county was supported for Speaker of the House, it is said, by Allie Young, who was able to throw certain votes to him, it is alleged, which he needed to defeat Ira Smith, a high class man from Bowling Green.

The public is entitled to all facts that have any bearing on this or any other matter involving the manipulation of educational interests of the State.

ROAD OVERSEER IS KILLED IN PIKE

Pikeville, Ky., Nov. 25.—Ferrell Johnson is alleged to have shot and instantly killed James Charles at Zebulon, this county, early this morning. Charles was overseer of the public highway and had gathered a number of men for road work. It is said that Johnson was on his way to dig coal, and on meeting Charles was accused by him of stealing his dynamite. A dispute arose, according to witnesses, in which Charles struck Johnson through the hand with a pick and Johnson immediately shot him three times.

Johnson, who was otherwise injured, was met by the sheriff while on his way to Pikeville to surrender. Charles leaves a large family. Johnson is a former service man, having been in the A. E. F.

U. S. Allots \$40,000 For Work At Hickman

For work at Hickman, Ky., an allotment of \$40,000 has been made by the Mississippi River Commission for river improvements, the city agreeing to pay \$20,000 for the same purpose. It was made known today by Col. G. R. Lukesh, in charge of the United States Engineer's Office here, following his return from a river tour with the commission, of which he is a member.

This was the only allotment affecting Kentucky made by the commission, Col. Lukesh said. The party was accompanied on its tour, which lasted for several weeks, by Gen. Lansing Veach, Chief of Engineers of the United States Army.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AWARDED LAST MONDAY

The State Election Commission met in Frankfort Monday for the purpose of canvassing the November election returns and awarding certificates of nomination.

Tells President of Klan's Activities



This picture of Gov. John Parker of Louisiana was taken as he left the White House after telling President Harding of the Ku Klux Klan's amazing growth in his state and intentions to control through political power.

WEIGHT IS AUTO LICENSE FACTOR

Sale of '23 Tags to Start December 2; Colors Are Blue and Gray.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 25.—County Clerks of Kentucky will begin the sale of 1923 automobile licenses December 2, according to an announcement made today by N. O. Gray, chief clerk in the Automobile Department here. All motor vehicles must be equipped with new license tags before the first of the year, he said, and the law calls for the sale to begin one month before the "dead line," according to Mr. Gray.

The license plates issued by the State of Kentucky this year will be blue and gray. The background will be light gray and the figures and letters will be in bright blue enamel.

Under the law governing motor vehicles passed at the 1922 session of the General Assembly, passenger automobiles will be licensed according to horsepower and weight. Trucks will be licensed in 1923 under the same regulations as in 1922, according to Mr. Gray. The license plates and all printed matter for use in issuing the 1923 licenses have been distributed by the Automobile Department, and the County Clerks are ready to take care of all applicants, Mr. Gray said today.

The State Tax Commission is preparing a chart for distribution to the counties of Kentucky which will standardize the tax to be assessed against all models of automobiles. In many instances 1923 model automobiles will be taxed differently from previous models of the same brand of car. These charts will be in the hands of the County Clerks by December 1, according to Ben Marshall, secretary of the commission.

Numbers Are Assigned

The license numbers and the counties in Eastern Kentucky to which they have been assigned follow:

Bath, 6,201 to 7,950; Bell, 7,051 to 7,800; Boyd, 12,201 to 14,600; Breathitt, 18,101 to 18,200; Carter, 23,201 to 29,600; Elliott, 39,651 to 39,700; Payette, 40,051 to 47,500; Fleming, 47,501 to 49,000; Floyd, 49,001 to 49,050; Greenup, 59,651 to 60,400; Harlan, 62,501 to 63,150; Johnson, 100,901 to 101,550; Knott, 106,451 to 106,500; Lawrence, 107,951 to 108,150; Lee, 108,151 to 108,200; Leslie, 108,201 to 108,250; Letcher, 108,251 to 108,450; Lewis, 108,451 to 108,850; Magoffin, 120,051 to 120,100; Martin, 122,301 to 122,350; Morgan, 129,251 to 129,550; Owsley, 135,751 to 136,800; Perry, 138,001 to 138,050; Pike, 138,051 to 138,400; Rowan, 140,601 to 140,850; Wolfe, 160,101 to 160,300.

Thanksgiving Service on Thursday Evening

The Thanksgiving service will be a union one and will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 at the M. E. Church South. Rev. J. D. Brame, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the sermon, the other ministers of the town having part in the service.

The evening hour was selected for this service in order that a greater number might attend than if held in the morning, it being a more convenient time for housekeepers and many others. This is a service in which all the churches unite each year and they extend a cordial invitation to the stranger and every one to attend.

STATE COAL OUTPUT.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Kentucky's production of bituminous coal during 1921 totaled 31,588,270 tons, out of a total national production of 415,951,890 tons, according to statistics made public yesterday by the United States Geological Survey. Indiana produced 20,319,509 tons. The leading State is Pennsylvania with 116,013,942 tons.