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A Century Ago in Pulaski County

Drought, Street Paving, and Community Debates

A century ago, residents of Pulaski County were dealing with an issue we are dealing with today: A lack of rain.

The drought — or “drouth,” as it was often spelled then — might have actually helped workers in the city accomplish a major improvement to the town, however, as some of the main roads in Somerset were being paved, drawing “much favorable comment from outsiders.” On the other hand, the county’s dry spell — and the rain that was bound to come eventually — was potentially leading to another issue: An outbreak of typhoid fever, which was already beginning to run rampant on the outskirts of the county.

Here’s what was newsworthy in Pulaski County this week in 1925, from the pages of The Commonwealth.

Drouth Broken Saturday; Water Supply Still Low

Showers of Saturday night broke the drouth in Pulaski county and with the showers came slightly cooler weather. While many crops were ruined by the extremely dry season, some were partially saved by the rains. The city water supply is still very low as the rains did not raise the water in the creek one inch. Manager Shotwell urges the consumers to continue to conserve the supply in order that pressure may be kept in the mains. In several Central Kentucky towns the supply is cut off at 5:30 o’clock every afternoon and remains off until 7:30 a.m.

MAN STRUCK BY CAR DIES OF INJURIES

W.J. Sanders, 60 years old,



Tricia Neal
PULASKI’S PAST

who lived at Parlor Grove, in Lincoln county, was killed about noon Monday on the Stanford Pike, four miles north of Science Hill, when he was struck by a truck driven by Charles Smith. The truck belonged to the Danville Ice Cream Co., and Smith was bringing some ice cream to Somerset. According to Smith, he passed a large truck on the road and he looked back after he had driven a few yards beyond it. Turning around he saw that his truck was about to strike Sanders, who was driving a cow along the road. He was unable to avoid him and the right front fender struck Sanders and threw him in the air. ... Sanders was ... placed in an automobile and was to have been brought to a hospital here. He died, however, before the car reached the city. Sanders’ neck was broken by the accident. Mr. Sanders is survived by his wife, two daughters, Miss Grace Sanders and Mrs. Bessie McMurray, and one son, Arthur Sanders. ... Smith surrendered to Pulaski county authorities as soon as he arrived in Somerset and was released under bond of \$500. ... Smith stated he had driven a car for nine years and this was his first accident.

KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Luther Lewis, aged 24, stepson of Wm. Childers, of Tateville, was killed by a train

near Sandy Cut, one mile south of Burnside, Saturday night. It is not known just how the accident occurred but it is presumed he fell asleep on the track and was struck by a south bound freight train. Funeral services and burial were held at Tateville Sunday afternoon.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OPPOSES FAIR CARNIVAL

The Pulaski County Association of Missionary Baptists in its annual meeting ... adopted a resolution voicing its opposition to immoral street fairs and carnivals held in connection with the annual county fair. The resolution was as follows: “Whereas, Pulaski County Fair leaders are holding in connection with the fair each year immoral street fairs and carnivals, be it resolved by the over 4,000 Baptists of this association that we raise a protest against the coming to our county seat these vulgar shows in connection with the fair. Also we condemn the gambling carried on in connection with the fair. — Pulaski County Association of Missionary Baptists.”

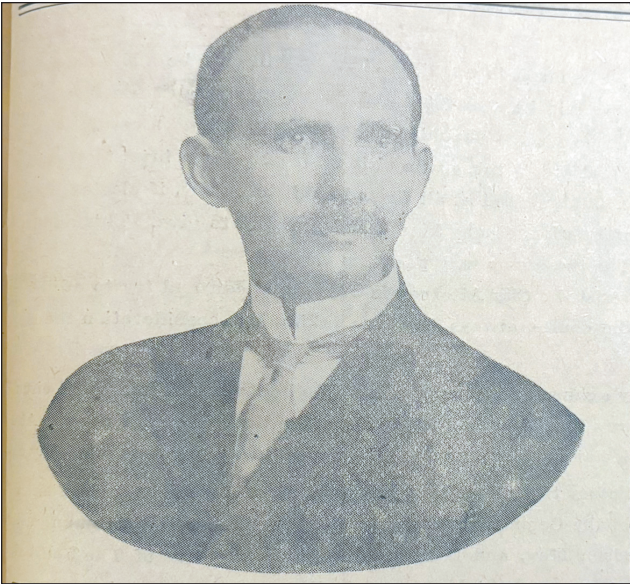
WEST COLUMBIA STREET IMPROVEMENT DESIRED

A petition requesting that West Columbia Street be permanently paved from the present permanent street to the intersection of Park Avenue was presented to the City Council Monday night by residents of West Columbia Street. ... Judge H.C. Kennedy, Messrs. George Orwin, Cliff Day, Judge W.B. Morrow, and Councilmen Godby and Green spoke in favor of the West Columbia Street improvement. Mayor Norfleet informed the committee that it was the general opinion of the Council

that if any other permanent improvement could be done under the bond issue that the money would be spent on West Columbia St. ... West Columbia Street is one of the city’s more important thoroughfares and travel is heavy over it during the entire year.

CONTRACTORS RUSHING WORK

The Wilmore Construction Co. is now at work on College Street and Central Avenue and expect to have these streets ready for public use in about two weeks. By using the steam roller at night the contractors were able to



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ALL HELL IS BREAKING LOOSE

Once again...Daniel 9:13...all this calamity has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our iniquity...!

Neighbors, it ain’t going to get better.

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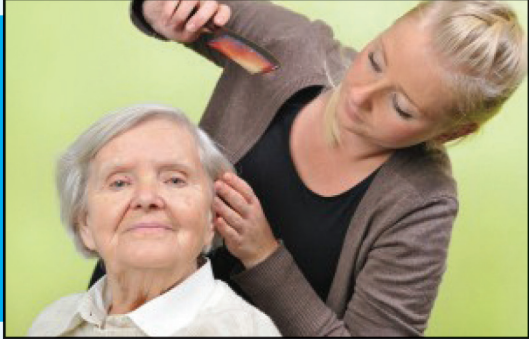
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