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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of The Enterprise:

I do not believe there is a place in Marion County where you will find better citizenship or more fertile land than in this section, known as Jones' Fork and the North Rolling Fork territory. Also along these streams you will find beautiful and well kept homes and picturesque scenery.

Yet, there is no place in Marion or adjoining counties where the people have been punished more for the lack of good roads than in this section. A short distance above Bradfordsville, near the old Kennett School, this road forks, one branch leading up Jones' Creek, the other up North Rolling Fork River. They intersect again near Gravel Switch where a bridge is already built across the river. A short distance from this intersection is Riley's Station, where a W. P. A. bridge could be built, and be of great benefit to the people of Penick Station and Danyille Pike residents.

This road is essential in order that the people may be able to get out to take their children to school and church, as well as transact other lines of business. At certain times of the year it is impossible to travel up the North Fork, even with the obsolete horse and buggy. The people along this route are large taxpayers and deserve as good a road as their neighbors in other parts of Marion and adjoining counties.

We believe this is the opportune time for the people to get these much needed roads, and if they will get

together and cooperate with our Governor Chandler and the rural highway organization and also our Federal Government under W. P. A. programs, as well as Mr. Barkley, they would be glad to help. The citizens of this community should not let a little lack of understanding prevent them from having a modern rural highway, when so much money is being offered and spent by our State and Federal Government.

Of course, this is not a matter of politics, and you all know that the writer can not vote for either of these estimable gentlemen, but if we want to do honor to these great men, why not get together now and work out plans for the construction of both of these roads. We could name one "Chandler Highway" and the other "Barkley Highway."

I am sure our Fiscal Court and County Judge are ready and willing to lend their aid, and with these roads completed we would have a complete circle for the Bradfordsville School Bus to transport the children to and from school and the rural mail carrier would be able to serve the patrons full time and not be hampered by high waters, as he has been in the past.

Now is the opportune time. Don't wait. If you do, the G. O. P. will have to build it.

Your interested friend,  
DON V. DRYE

Plans to enable the Bradfordsville Graded School to offer a full nine months term instead of a seven months term, was discussed at the school building last Thursday evening by an interested group of Bradfordsville citizens. The graded school closed recently, although the high school will be in session through May.

Because residents of the Bradfordsville District have for several years paid a special tax of 15 cents for school purposes, some resentment was expressed in the action of the County Board of Education in closing the graded school when seven months of teaching had been completed. The special tax, however, has not applied on citizens of outlying territory taken into the district by consolidation after the erection of the new building at Bradfordsville, it was pointed out.

As decided at the meeting, a petition will be circulated and presented to the County Board requesting that the special 15-cent levy be imposed upon the entire district, as it now exists since the consolidation, in order to finance the two additional months of elementary education. The tax, it was said, will be submitted for vote if 40 per cent of the voters so request. The County Education group will be asked to meet with a delegation from Bradfordsville on April 21 at the Court House here to discuss the matter.

A. C. Glasscock, a member of the County Board of Education, spoke briefly at last week's meeting, expressing the opinion that the special 15-cent tax was intended to be used exclusively for lengthening the graded school term but suggested an investigation into the exact wording of the petition by which the levy was effected in 1923. He assured the group that he would use his influence to have the amount of the fund raised by the tax set aside exclusively for the Bradfordsville School.

Don V. Drye, Sr., presided at the meeting, and Mrs. C. O. Wilson was chosen as secretary and publicity chairman. Rev. B. W. Hardin opened the meeting with prayer, and included among those who talked, other than Mr. Glasscock, were Prof. B. H. Crowe, James Claypool and Elbert Shreve.

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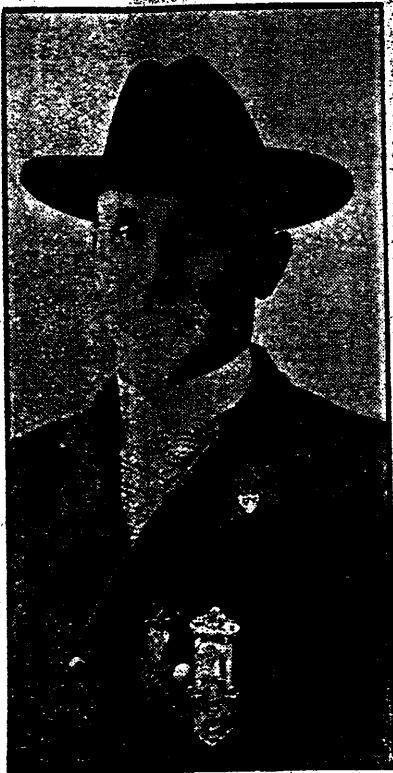
### A SOLDIER'S BIRTHDAY.

From September 14, 1843, to September 14, 1912, we count 69 years and Major Levin M. Drye having reached that point in his pilgrimage through life called together his old comrades in arms, his friends of the "lost cause" and his neighbors, to spend a day of social converse and recreation at his lovely home near Bradfordsville, on the South Rolling Fork, in commemoration of it.

It has become a passion for these old veterans of the late war to celebrate their birthdays in that way, and among similar events in Marion county that have occurred, this one will take no second place. The large and imposing home of Maj. Drye is situated on beau-

tiful rising ground surrounded by lofty hills towering even above the eminence on which the house stands, while the placid river rolls around and beyond making an ideal place for such a gathering. The front part of the house looking towards the river was beautifully decorated with small flags and bunting while a large silk specimen of "old glory" covered the center part over the entrance. The grounds were also decorated in like manner, as were the approaches to the house, while flags of the nation a half-mile away marked the turning-off point on the pike to reach the Drye home.

Chairs, rustic seats and improvised benches were arranged in the grove in front of the house, where the sun was almost shut out, for the accommodation of the guests, while across the whole ground a table was constructed on which refreshments were served. The dinner partook as much of the character of a soldier's camp dinner as it was practicable to make it. A feature that seemed to be more enjoyed than others, certainly more by the old soldiers, was the bacon placed on sticks and held over the fire to broil. Judge J. P. Thompson was so pleased with his "streak of lean and streak of fat" on his stick that he declared he would not give it for all of the crisped up fried chips called breakfast bacon that town people had to "put



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