

Southwest Exchange Inc., Sells \$234,114.82 Worth of Cabbage, Etc., for Season

The Southwest Virginia Co-operative Exchange, Inc., of Rural Retreat, sold \$234,114.82 worth of domestic cabbage, Danish cabbage, potatoes and rutabagas this year, all raised in Smyth, Wythe and Washington counties by local people.

This and other figures on the year's business were made public on Saturday the 7th, when one thousand and forty stockholders in the organization gathered at Rural Retreat for the ninth annual meeting and the first annual turkey dinner.

At the meeting Mr. E. K. Coyner was re-elected president, Mr. Tom Kegley was re-elected vice-president and the following were re-elected directors:

Mr. T. B. Rector, Mr. Carl Umbarger, Mr. Oden Neff, Mr. T. B. Kegley, Mr. June A. Eller, Mr. E. H. Phillippi and Mr. E. K. Coyner.

The stockholders, highly pleased with the year's sales, voted unanimously to sell 100 per cent through the exchange next year. The sale was not 100 per cent this year, but came pretty close.

Everyone in this section will be gratified at the total figure the member's sold their crops for. The sum means that \$234,114.82 in ready money has come into this country in the short cabbage season. It isn't a sum to be sneezed at, either.

The turkey dinner the stockholders ate was served by the girls of the home economics class of the Rural Retreat high school in the Community building. It was a swell dinner.

During the meeting the stockholders heard Dr. Burns, dean of Milliken college, Tennessee, speak on "Co-operative Marketing and Its Advantages."

The balance sheet of the Exchange, as of November 20, 1929, showed assets of \$17,838.58 in cash and accounts receivable and, with the inventory, total assets of \$23,936.18.

Total operating expenses of the Exchange were \$17,992.53, and the total operating income was \$23,547.40, showing a net profit for the year of \$5,554.87.

The statement of shipments from eight loading points in the three counties shows 317 car loads of domestic cabbage at an average of \$2.28 per 100 pounds; 104 carloads of Danish cabbage at an average price of \$1.47 per 100 lbs.; 29 carloads of potatoes at an average price of \$2.40 per 100 lbs., and 17 car loads of rutabagas at an average price of \$1.73 per 100 pounds. This makes a total of 467 car loads of all products.

The average price was the second highest in the nine year history of the exchange and marked the return of the cabbage industry in this section to the position it held until several years ago.

Mrs. Margaret Allison Buchanan

Mrs. Margaret Allison Buchanan, widow of the late Ed H. Buchanan, died at her home in Marion on Thursday, December 5th, after a brief illness. She was born July 22, 1863.

Mrs. Buchanan is survived by four step-sons, Jim, Frank, Hyter and Joe Ed Buchanan, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at noon on Friday, the 6th, at the Presbyterian church in Marion, with the Rev. John W. Allison of Wytheville conducting. He was assisted by the Rev. Goodridge A. Wilson. Members of her circle of the Presbyterian church were flower bearers and the pall bearers were her nephews.

Burial was in the Brick Church cemetery, Long Hollow, following the services at the church.

The pall bearers were nephews: F. H. Jordan, Wilter Wood, Mack Alexander, Will Allison, Price Pratt and F. S. Oglesby.

Honorary Pall Bearers: W. F. Culbert, Frank Copenhaver, B. F. Buchanan, Dr. J. D. Buchanan, Dr. Phipps, E. K. Coyner, Luther Greenwood, M. C. Morris, Dr. E. M. Copenhaver, Jack Sheffey, Gus Boney and Max Weiler.

Free Chest Clinic

We are asked to announce that there will be a free chest clinic at the Marion courthouse on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, from 9:30 A. M. to noon and from 2 to 4 P. M.

ROAD ALLOCATIONS

Unquestionably, State Road funds belong to the entire State. Each County is equally interested. Each County has the right to be considered in expenditures of road funds. The State Highway Commission determines where available funds are to be spent. They make their allocations yearly, and no fair minded person will deny the proposition that the allocations should be fair and just and that no one locality or several localities should be favored in the construction of roads over any other locality or localities. It is apparent to even a layman that it would be impossible for the Commission to build all the roads in any one year, or to allocate funds equally in any one season. But, over a period of several years, when a large part of the road mileage has been built, certainly sufficient time has elapsed for the Commission to consider impartially the claims of every section of the State, and through allocations and expenditures in some of those several years, deal fairly and justly with all the Counties.

It is also beyond controversy that so far as Smyth County is concerned, there is and has been every consideration which should appeal to the Commission in the allocation of funds. The object of building roads is to make travel easier for the greatest number of persons. The actual count shows that there are more automobiles daily passing the Lee Highway from Roanoke to Bristol than any other road of equal length in the State: more than from Richmond to Washington: four times as many as from Petersburg to the North Carolina line, and in the same proportion on the road from Richmond down the peninsula and to the west. Smyth County, from the standpoint of population, wealth, taxes, situation, and every other standpoint certainly has as much right to be considered in the expenditure of public road funds as any of her sister Counties. In addition, she, donated to the State a highway already constructed from County line to County line, for which she is paying. Other States in the establishment of a Highway System, recognized the fairness and justice of reimbursing counties which had already built portions of the State System. And this is but right. Virginia counties outside of Smyth are not pauper counties, and there is and can be adduced no logical reason why in the construction of State roads, one county should contribute more than another, and it is unfair to spend the States money to construct new highways in counties which had not been progressive enough to build their own roads, and appropriate without payment that portion of the same Highway already paid for in another County. To do so would be the rankest kind of discrimination, and a failure to observe that principle of equality which has always been the pride of Virginians.

Smyth built her own roads: she donated them to the State. Progressive, desirous of keeping pace with the times, recognizing that prosperity and good roads go hand in hand, Smyth issued her bonds and constructed her Highways. This one thing, not only in Smyth but in every County likewise situated, should appeal most favorably to any body having in charge the allocation of funds, and such communities should be favored at the expense of other counties whose citizens were either unwilling to pay for roads, or contented to remain in the mud until they could have highways constructed at the States expense. No person, no Commission, can give any logical reason for ignoring Smyth County in the Highway program. The Commission should represent the whole State and have regard for every section.

Regardless of the fact that her progressive citizens paid for that portion of the Lee Highway through her boundaries, regardless of her geographical situation which demands roads in equal degree with any other county, regardless of her standing and her desires and petitions often presented to the Commission, Smyth County stands last in her district and we believe in the State so far as any consideration has been given to her.

If the difference in allocations between Smyth and her sister counties was relatively small—if the Commission had not spent and had available hundreds of thousands of dollars for every county whose boundaries touch Smyth—if in adjoining counties there had not been

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The Time To Fight.

On next Tuesday, the 17th, the State Highway Commission will sit all day at Wytheville to hear county pleas for the allocation of state road funds to Southwest Virginia Counties for work on the Lee Highway.

That day is Smyth County's day to Fight!

For many years in Virginia the bulk of state road funds have gone to build roads in the eastern part of the state. Those roads have been built, and splendid roads they are.

During this time the great Southwest has bumped along over our present narrow, dangerous roads. During this time the Lee Highway, a national artery, has gradually been abandoned by tourists in favor of eastern roads. They have abandoned this highway cause it hasn't been fit to run over.

And during this time the great Southwest of Virginia has said nothing, or very little. Year after year

MEET IN MARION!

Smyth county's delegation to the Wytheville road meeting next Tuesday will gather in Marion to start in a body.

The committee which will head the delegation has set the starting time at 7:45 A. M. from in front of Hotel Lincoln. An early start is necessary because the meeting opens at 9 A. M. and only two hours have been set by the Highway Commission for the hearing of counties in the Bristol district.

Smyth county's delegation must get there on time to make themselves heard.

The committee which will head the delegation is composed of Charles Lincoln and George Collins of Marion and Colonel Jim Tate of Chilhowie.

we have made only spasmodic, feeble attempts to get the funds which are properly our due.

Here in Smyth county we many years ago bonded ourselves many thousands of dollars to build our own road in the days the state could do nothing. We gave that road to the state. Today we still have the weakest link in the Lee Highway.

Almost a year ago it was announced that some \$90,000 had been appropriated for work on the Lee Highway in Smyth county during 1929. A week of December, 1929 and not one shovelfull of dirt has been moved, not one yard of stone put down.

This year the state took over 16 miles of the north and south road through Marion. It was to improve and maintain it. A crew came here, worked, and left. Measurement of the road has shown that the work is a mile and one half short north of Marion—that mile and a half being on the side of Walker's mountain and one of the roads most needing improvement.

This year the state has work underway on No. 12 in our adjoining Grayson and Washington counties. In Smyth county this road remains as bad as ever—always difficult, sometimes very nearly impassible.

The time has come to fight. The time has come for every Smyth county citizen to make known our wants in no uncertain terms. The time has come to launch a movement which will bring to Smyth county, which will bring to all Southwest Virginia, the roads we need.

Only by voicing our wants can we make them heard. Only by sending a delegation, and a mighty large delegation, to the road meeting at Wytheville can we convince the State Highway Commission that we here in Smyth County are in earnest.

On next Tuesday we sincerely hope that every Smyth County citizen, man or woman, who possibly can will go to Wytheville. Marion is sending a strong delegation. The Board of Supervisors and the County government will be represented.

Will the rest of the county be represented
Will Chilhowie, Saltville, Sugar Grove, the Rich, Rye and Holston valleys be represented?
We hope so.
We hope so.
We hope so.

For next Tuesday, at Wytheville, is going to be Smyth county's day to Fight!

LETTER FROM MR. SHIRLEY

December 10, 1929.

Smyth County News,
Marion, Virginia.
My dear Mr. Editor:

I read your editorial in the Smyth County News of December 5th, in regard to the road situation in Smyth County. Evidently you are not familiar with the laws of Virginia controlling the establishment of the State Highway System.

The road leading from Radford to Pulaski was designated by an act of the Legislature passed in 1918 which called for it to pass through Dublin and Pulaski. The State Highway Commission has no authority or jurisdiction to change this road and the only body that has such power is the legislature and so far they have not seen fit to make such a change. We are trying to straighten the alignment and make it as good as possible with the funds in hand.

The section from Pulaski over the Mountain was added under an act of the Legislature giving Pulaski County 12.4 miles of road to be distributed, under what is known as the Vaughan Act, and the Commission was requested by a large number of citizens of Pulaski County to add this section.

Funds being expended in Pulaski County in no way effect the funds to be expended in Smyth County or the Bristol District for Pulaski County is in the Salem District and funds are divided to the various Districts in the proportion the population, area and road mileage of each District bears to the total population, area and road mileage of the State. Smyth County is located in the Bristol District, whereas Pulaski

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Council Celebrates Civic Progress Night

It was the regular monthly meeting, held in the council chambers on last Friday night.

First came Mr. R. A. Anderson who, as postmaster, had a matter of aerial markings to take up for the Guggenheim Foundation.

Mr. Anderson explained that the Guggenheim Foundation is conducting a campaign to put every town in America on the "aerial map." He said each town has to put itself on it. He also mentioned that old local sore spot, that Wytheville is on most maps in larger letters than Marion although it's a smaller town.

Mr. Anderson also said that the Foundation promised that if Marion put itself on the aerial map the Council would get a signed letter from Col. Lindenbergh to hang on the wall.

So, later, the Chairman Beattie Gwyn appointed Walter Johnston, Bill Todd and Glenn Groseclose as an aerial marker committee. It was suggested they get together with Tom Greer, who has already offered, at the Kiwanis club, the old pants factory roof for such a sign.

Next came Mr. E. K. Coyner, who spoke of the necessity for some sort of an agency to boost the town and take care of all enquiries. He talked about a Chamber of Commerce and then introduced Mr. Walter Jackson. Walter really went into the need for a Chamber of Commerce and said that Mr. Coyner had offered his services as secretary and office room free. It is a mighty generous offer. Walter said that all that was wanted was a hundred dollars to get the Chamber started with stamps and stationary for the first year. After that, if it works, he said it would be taken before all the people of the town and made a permanent and self supporting organization. He also said the Chamber needed some directors and suggested the council.

So, later, the Council unanimously agreed that a Chamber of Commerce is badly needed and that Mr. Coyner should be appointed secretary and treasurer. They appropriated one hundred and took up the offer. Further, with a genteel bow, the council agreed to let its names be used as a board of directors until a permanent organization is formed. Bill Todd said of course the names would not do much good but they might not do much harm, either.

So, gentle readers, Marion now has a Chamber of Commerce with one of our liveliest citizens as secretary and won't we be heard from now.

Then came Dr. R. H. Phipps, who with Dr. Zeb Sherrill and Prof. B. E. Copenhaver was present as a committee from the Kiwanis club.

Dr. Phipps said the committee thought there ought to be a light or two down at the lower end of the White Way. Prof. Copenhaver spoke strongly and eloquently in suggestion that the council might find it possible to light up the globe at the Rialto entrance of Marion college. The matter was turned over to the light committee.

Mr. J. R. Horne had some more civic progress to suggest. He said he and his neighbors on Lincoln's hill need another light or two also and need them badly. This matter also went to the light committee.

Mayor Maxwell again brought up the problem of indigents. It seems the cold weather brought quite a swarm of indigents and they had to be cared for some way. The Mayor wanted some way to get a mattress and springs for indigents and said he would dig up an indigent bedstead to go with them.

The Appalachian Power Company it seems is finding that street paving is no cinch. They made an offer to pay the town in full for doing the work of repaving where the light conduits were put down. The proposition was accepted.

Then came some more civic progress. H. Frank Peery moved that the town investigate the costs, advantages, etc., of joining the Virginia Association of Municipalities. The motion was carried.

The councilmen present at the meeting were Beattie Gwyn, Walter Johnston, H. Frank Peery, Bill Todd, Glenn Groseclose and George Prater.

W. H. STEVENS

Dr. Z. V. Sherrill New Kiwanis President

Dr. Z. V. Sherrill was on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10th, elected president of the Marion Kiwanis Club for 1930. He defeated Mr. L. E. Gordon and Mr. Tom Greer in the election and succeeds Mr. W. L. Lincoln in the office.

Mr. Charley Blackwell was elected vice-president; and the following were re-elected: Mr. Bill Allen, district trustee; Mr. Tom King, treasurer, and Mr. H. Frank Peery, secretary. The board of directors for 1930 will consist of Mr. Beattie Gwyn, Dr. E. A. Holmes, Mr. Bill Johnson, Mr. J. D. Lincoln, Mr. Geo. McDonald, Mr. Mert Seaver and Mr. J. Fleet Wolfe.

The meeting was a hot one. Mr. George Collins reported on plans for the highway commission road allocation meeting at Wytheville and started a flow of oratory directed at the past actions of the commission which did not cease until Boots Walker rushed in with a fire extinguisher. Then ninety per cent of those present announced their plans to be present with the rest of Smyth county's delegation at the Wytheville hearing.

Two Young Men Held

Paul Freeman, of down Chilhowie way, is held for the grand jury on a charge of seduction of a young girl and E. L. Phipps, of the same neighborhood, is held on charges of being drunk and of driving an automobile while drunk as the result of an affair which took place on Saturday night, the 7th.

The father of the girl brought the charges on which the two were arrested by Sheriff Dillard and SI Price. On Wednesday, the 11th, a hearing was held in the court house in Marion before Squires Farris and Beattie at which George Cook, representing the defendants, waived preliminary hearing.

The story is that Freeman came to a house in Chilhowie where the girl was working and got her to get into an automobile. Then, it is charged, he took her off to a deserted house and later to the home of friends. She didn't get back to Chilhowie until the next morning.

No testimony of any kind was given at the hearing Wednesday.

Barrack Faculty Play To Be Given At Riverside

Climbing Roses, a Farceical Mirth-quake in three acts, will be presented in the Riverside auditorium Wednesday evening, December 18th at 7:30 P. M. by the Barrack High School Faculty.

The Barrack faculty plays have always been thoroughly enjoyed. However, we believe this play, which depicts the efforts of the Rose family, warmhearted Maggie, her crude husband Jim, and their niece Peggy—to effect an entrance into high society, is probably the most uproariously funny and intensely interesting they have ever given. Don't fail to see and hear it. You'll be delighted.

Cast of Characters:

Peggy Rose, a common little rose-bud—Anna Dinkins.
Maggie Rose, her aunt—Pearl Edmiston.
Hazel Somers, who has a fondness for orange blossoms—Mae Duncan.
Priscilla Prentice, an unpicked dandelion—Eloise Craig.
Mrs. Warren, a leader in society—Nannie St. John.
Joyce Belmont, a hothouse orchid—Anna James McSpadden.
Winnie Clarke, a little neighborhood pest—Amelia Patton.
Jack Archer, alias Watson, who cultivates the Roses—C. B. Snodgrass.
Ferdie Wimbledon, not a candidate for orange blossoms—Grant Widener.
Jim Rose, Maggie's husband, a common garden variety—E. W. Hurt.
Dryden Poonis, not a shrinking violet—Byrd Dinkins.
Percy Southworth, a very dominant young man—Ansel Rosenbaum.

Southwestern Va. Inc., Directors to Meet In Marion

The directors of Southwestern Virginia Inc., will meet in Marion at 12:30 P. M. on next Monday, December 16th. The meeting will be held in the banquet room of Hotel Lincoln. It will begin with a luncheon, to which the directors, their wives and friends have been invited.

At 2:30 P. M., in the same room, the business session will start. Reports will be made by committee chairman and the program for 1930.

The decision to hold the meeting in Marion was the result of an invitation from the Smyth county members the board, who are Sen. B. F. Buchanan of Marion and Col. Jim Tate of Chilhowie. Mr. Boots Walker also extended an invitation, as did Mr. C. C. Lincoln Jr., now National Councilor representing Southwestern Virginia, Inc., in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

DEATHS

MR. GEORGE L. D. KELLER

Mr. George L. D. Keller, brother of the late J. F. and J. W. Keller of Marion, died last week at his home in Los Angeles, Cal., according to word received here by Mrs. E. P. Ellis, his niece.

Mr. George Keller was born in Washington county and moved to California about fifty years ago. He was the last member of his generation in his family, and is survived by a number of nieces and nephews in Virginia.

MRS. RACHEL SHUMATE

Mrs. Rachel Shumate died at her home near Attaway on December 3rd at the age of sixty-four years. Her death was sudden. Mrs. Shumate came to Smyth County about 25 years ago.

Surviving her are her husband, six sons, Steve, Sawyers, Slater and William of Pageton, W. Va.; Robert of Lancaster, Pa., and D. E. of Marion, and one daughter, Mrs. Julia Parsons of Lancaster. Another son, John, died in May, 1921, at the age of thirty-two years.

Funeral services were held at the family home on December 5th at 2:30 P. M. with the Rev. J. R. Shumate of Sugar Grove conducting, assisted by Mr. W. S. Eller. Burial was in the Kale cemetery.

HOWARD E. PRUITT

Howard E. Pruitt died in Abingdon hospital on December 2nd at the age of 20 years, eleven months and five days. His death was a sudden shock to his many friends in Marion. Though ill for more than a year he was able to get about and was on the streets only a few days before death took him.

Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Jennie G. Pruitt, three brothers and five sisters, all of Marion.

Funeral services were held on December 4th at 2 p. m. at the family home, with the Rev. Goodridge Wilson conducting. Burial was in Round Hill cemetery.

JOSEPH PLEASANT YOUNG

Joseph Pleasant Young was born June 3, 1851, died November 30, 1929, age 78 years five months and twenty-seven days. In 1873 he was married to Mary Elizabeth Lowder. To this union were born five sons and three daughters. Three sons and two daughters survive. He was born, raised, married, lived, and died on the same farm on Lick creek, Smyth County. In his younger days he was a famous hunter of big game. He was a kind, loving, father and husband, a good generous kindhearted neighbor and friend. Stronger and friend were alike welcome to his board and even the loneliest was never turned away.

He is survived by the following sons and daughters: B. C. Young, Jenkin Jones, W. Va.; J. D. Young, Berwind, W. Va.; J. E. Young, Mrs. Sue Hubble and Mrs. Georgia Harner of Nebo, Va. He is also survived by thirty-two grand-children.

Sugar Grove Item

MISS INENE GILLS Correspondent

Everything has been frozen up this week and the layer of ice that covered everything seemed to be there to stay until Thursday, when the sun came out and began to melt it. The first part of the week

brought the coldest weather since the winter of 1917. The thermometer dropped to 10 degrees below zero on Saturday, November 30th, and for three days it went but a few degrees above zero.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrees Bonham of Eggleston, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Sugar Grove visiting Mrs. Banhams parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Slemp. Mr. and Mrs. Bonham returned to Eggleston Sunday, December 1st.

Mr. Lloyd Currin who is employed at the Marion National Bank spent Thanksgiving in Sugar Grove with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Currin.

Mrs. John Currin who has been visiting in Radford, returned to her home in Sugar Grove, Wednesday night, November 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. "Happy" Roland of Marion, Miss Lettie Nelson of Seven Mile Ford and Mr. Glenn Nelson of Bluefield were here for Thanksgiving visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nelson.

Misses Mamie Roberts and Maxine Davis who attended the State Teachers meeting in Richmond last week returned to their work in the Sugar Grove school Monday December 2. They report a delightful time in Richmond and many benefits derived from the meeting.

Misses Trula Roberts and Evelyn Griffiths were substitutes while Miss Roberts and Miss Davis were absent from the school.

Mr. and Mrs. armen and Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Baxter Springs, Kansas were visitors at the home of Mr. R. N. Ward last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are planning to spend the winter here because of the lead mining operations and they have moved in the McKimmon house.

Misses Evelyn Brooks and Goldie Bounne spent Thanksgiving in Marion, visiting friends.

Misses Josie Sproles and Margaret Paisley spent the Thanksgiving holidays visiting Miss Sproles' relatives in Bristol, Tenn., Bluntville, Tenn., and Benham, Va. They were met in Bristol by Dr. J. E. Sproles and accompanied him home on Sunday, December 2.

Jimmie Crockett who has been confined to his home for the past two months on account of rheumatism, which followed a tonsil operation, is slowly improving. We hope he will soon be out again.

Mrs. Mae Steffy has been very ill at her home for the past week with an attack of flu.

Mrs. Glenn Hutton who has been critically ill, the past week was taken to Marion Tuesday, December 3. On account of the crowded conditions at the hospital she was taken to Hotel Lincoln where she remained until Thursday when she was moved to the Jefferson Hospital, for further treatment. It is hoped that she will quickly improve.

Mrs. Rufe Slemp is ill with influenza at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hutton, Miss Pearl Hutton and Mr. J. R. Jones of Welsh, W. Va., spent the latter part of the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hutton of Teas. They returned to their home in Welsh Sunday, December 8.

Miss Alma Hamm who was hurt by a car as she was going to the Phipps funeral at Burtons Chapel last Monday is able to be out.

Mr. R. N. Ward was called to Richmond Friday, December 6 on account of the illness of his brother-in-law, Mr. D. C. James.

Mr. Jim Whisman of Marion was in Sugar Grove Friday, December 6, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hi Whisman. He returned to his work in Marion Friday night.

Mr. Raymond Barker who is employed at the Southwestern State

Hospital, Marion, spent the week-end of November 29th at Sugar Grove with his family.

Mr. Wiley Robert of Flat Ridge, Va., was in Sugar Grove Thanksgiving visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Roberts.

Mr. Wade Cline of Parryman, Md., is in Sugar Grove visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barks. Mr. Cline expects to remain here until after the Xmas holidays.

Chilhowie Trims Rural Retreat

Chilhowie's high school basketball team trimmed Rural Retreat in the Marion college gym last Friday by a 21 to 19 score. It was a hot fight all the way.

The teams were: Chilhowie, Capt. Bonham, Carter, Williams, Moore, Taylor and Booth; Rural Retreat, Capt. Wyrick, Copenhaver and Sledd. Bon-

ham was Chilhowie's star and Lindsay and Sledd were best for Rural Retreat. The referee was Ned Davis and the score and timekeeper Jimmy Shugart.

Fred Killinger's Car Hit

Fred Killinger drove down to Johnson City on Sunday. There he was driving along the street. According to Fred all was quite and peaceful.

In Johnson City were two drunks in a roadster. They were getting gas at a filling station raised somewhat above the street.

One of them released the emergency brake and the roadster slid down and into the side of Fred's car, bunting it up. Fred says he got an adjustment.

Mr. Tom Legard, who was hurt recently in an automobile accident, is reported to be improving pretty steadily.

Gladstone Bags are the newest in Luggage. They make excellent Christmas presents. McDonald's, Inc., has them.

Save Money for Christmas by Shopping at Weiler's Department Store where greatly reduced prices will save you on all merchandise.

COMMANDER BYRD

has flown over the only other Pole, and Virginia takes special pride in his brilliant achievement.

Byrd and his comrades supplied the brains and daring; wealthy backers supplied capital. And capital was necessary, as it is for most discoveries, inventions and enterprises. Columbus crossed the ocean; Isabella supplied the capital.

However, for our lesser enterprises, most of us have to supply our own capital. "Capital is what you and I have saved out of yesterday's wages." Our sure way to get it is to save it. Remember, too, that the man who has shown he can save is usually considered a good credit risk. This is a good place for savings.

Marion National Bank Marion, Va.

Christmas for The Men.

It doesn't matter whether it is a young or old man, or one of the boys—they like men and boy things for Christmas.

Here are some Ideas :

- New Neckties, A New Suit, Sox, Pajamas, New Shoes, Shirts, A New Bag, An Overcoat, Men's Handkerchiefs, A New Hat, Bedroom Slippers, A Raincoat.

Come to the men and boys store when you want Christmas ideas for the men and boys. Look around. Take your time. Get something that will give the men and boys happiness and satisfaction, not only for the day but for many long months of 1930.

Marion Clothing Co. Marion, Virginia. S. L. ALEXANDER, Mgr.

Advertisement for Edison Light-O-Matic Radio. Includes an illustration of the radio and text describing its features and price.

Large advertisement for The Bank of Marion, Virginia, promoting a Christmas Savings Club for 1930. Includes the text 'NOW OPEN!' and 'Our Christmas Savings Club for 1930'.

Dr. Chas. B. Baughman

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 Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.
 will be in his Marion office every Saturday until further notice.

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 W. A. WOLFE,
 Mar 18 1926 Secretary

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 Order of Oaks meets every Second and fourth Friday night in Odd Fellows Hall at 7:30 P. M.
 H. L. KENT, President.
 A. R. QUESINBERRY, Sec'y.

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 At the Shanklin Dairy Farm's everything is sanitary and clean. Tested, highly-bred cows. Safe for children, invalids and well people. Why take chances. Phone for service or call on—Piggly Wiggly, Clarence Saunders Store, Jamison, E. N. York.
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Help With a Sock

The philanthropic committee of the Woman's Club, Mrs. W. E. Hodges chairman, is asking that all Marion citizens who can do so contribute a Christmas stocking or box for those Marion kids who otherwise won't get a visit from Santa Claus this year.
 The socks or boxes should be left at Mr. M. C. Morris's before Monday evening, the 23rd.
 Every stocking or box will make some kid happy on Christmas morning.

Sweaters of all descriptions at great reductions.
 Weiler Department Store, Inc.

Rich Valley Churches

1st Sunday:—
 Rich Valley, 11 A. M.
 Locust Cove, 7 P. M.
 2nd Sunday:—
 North Holston, 11 A. M.
 Chatham Hill, 3 P. M.
 Rich Valley, 7:30 P. M.
 3rd Sunday:—
 Rich Valley, 11 A. M.
 Locust Cove, 7 P. M.
 4th Sunday:—
 Chatham Hill, 11 A. M.
 North Holston, 3 P. M.
 Rich Valley, 7:30 P. M.
 REV. M. C. PULLIN.

Christmas Trees for Old

Rialto
 The old Rialto is lined with Christmas trees this week and will be until after Christmas. It is all due to the Marion Women's Club and the co-operation they have got from the merchants of the town.
 The trees are being decorated by the Woman's Club after having been furnished by each merchant. They make a fine, Christmassy appearance. The lighted one in front of the Appalachian Electric Power company is an especial beauty.

The Young Peoples Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet at 7:30 Monday evening the 16th at the home of Miss Virginia Brockman. All members are urged present.

Correction

It was recently stated in these papers that Monroe Jones had been fined 50 and sentenced to six months in jail. The report was incorrect. Mr. Jones was fined, but was not sentenced to jail, and we hasten to make the point clear.

Wanted Clean white rags at this office. No starched rags accepted.
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\$25 and Costs

Marion's Sunday evening peace was briefly disturbed by a pistol shot. It was Gord Snavelly halting Ralph Heldreth, of Rural Retreat. Ralph, it seems, got into some disturbance in Mrs. Repass' boarding house. Gord was there and started to eject him. Ralph got quarrelsome but after Gord took a whack or two at him with his stick Ralph started running. Gord fired over his head.
 Ralph fell down and Gord claims he wouldn't get up until he was convinced he wasn't shot. Then he made another break, but Gord had him.
 On Monday afternoon Mayor Maxwell fined Ralph \$25 and cost. Ralph is the unfortunate victim of a very serious disease and the Mayor said he would not send him to jail.

More Chicago Stuff

Mr. Shuler McClellan heard someone in his chicken yard last week. He cut loose with both barrels of his shotgun and got a young man in the leg. He didn't have the young man arrested, figuring that a leg full of shot would probably spoil his appetite for chicken, so we won't give his name.

Chicago Observation:—Signs pasted in the rear window of automobile out there which say: "Don't Shoot, No Liquor in This Car."

Marion Baptist Church

REV. W. H. CARTER, Pastor
 Sunday 10th, 1929
 Sunday school 9:30 a. m. The attendance last Sunday showed a most gratifying increase over the Sunday before.
 Morning service 11 o'clock; evening service 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will preach at both hours.
 B. Y. P. U. meetings at 6:30 o'clock. Both Unions will have interesting programs.
 Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock
 The record of attendance, which is being kept for each service, is revealing some interesting facts. Watch this service grow!

Social Events

CROWDER-DEAN
 Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dean announce the marriage of their daughter, Virginia Beile, to Mr. Ray Crowder of Reidsville, N. C., Saturday, November 30, at Danville, Va.

Announcement Party
 On last Wednesday night, December 4, Mrs. R. F. Prater and Mrs. C. F. Prater delightfully entertained quite a number of young people at the home of the former near Ataway a various number of games, contests, and music were enjoyed until a late hour. A contest "Broken Hearts" proved real amusing. Miss Ollie Mae Robinson and Mr. Cecil Hutton were winners of the prize in this contest. Another contest, "Dan has a secret guess what it is," was passed to each one present with the request to write what you think the correct answer to be. Naturally no one answered correctly so after the contest Miss Reba Prater entered the room with the correct answer. Edith and Gilmer will be married on December 21st, the guests were then invited to the dining room where delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses consisting of salad, chicken, dressing, sandwiches, punch and cake.
 The following announcements are being issued, Mrs. R. F. Prater announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Edith to Mr. Gilmer Helton, the wedding will take place on Saturday afternoon December 21st at the home of the bride elect near Ataway. Quite a number of parties are being planned for Miss Prater.

BUCHANAN-PRITCHETT

Cards have been received in Marion announcing the marriage of Lieutenant David Buchanan, son of Senator and Mrs. B. F. Buchanan, to Miss Katherine Pritchett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pritchett of Gary, W. Va. The marriage took place at Chevy Chase, Maryland, on August the twenty-fourth at the residence of Major Denit, David's brother-in-law. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Tyler of the Methodist Church, of which Major Denit is a member. The marriage was quite a surprise to David's relatives and friends in Marion. His immediate family knew nothing about it until a few days prior to announcing announcement cards. The young couple desired to keep their marriage a secret until David could secure quarters for himself and his wife at his army post on Governor's Island. They will be at home there after January 1st.
 David has a host of friends in Marion and Southwest Virginia who wish him and his bride every happiness.

Big Benefit Bridge Party

There will be a benefit bridge party at Hotel Lincoln on, Thursday, December 19th, to be given by the Monday Afternoon Music Club of Marion to raise funds for the pay of a part time instructor in music for the Marion public schools. Every bridge player in Marion, Smyth county and Southwest Virginia is invited to take part. The admission charge will be small, fifty cents, and the prizes will be valuable. The starting time will be at 2:30 P. M. on Thursday, the 19th.

Chilhowie Items

Mrs. J. F. Ward
 Phone 74

Mr. John Snavelly returned Sunday, December 8th from Abingdon Hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. Fred Greever returned from Richmond Wednesday, December 4, after an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. James Tate left Tuesday, December 10, for Roanoke to visit her sister, Mrs. Mary Lee Jeffrey. Mr. James Tate left Tuesday, December 10, for Bluefield to attend a director's meeting.

Mr. M. D. Fuller, in charge of Virginia Rural Sanitation, was in the county three days of last week on a tour of inspection. He was accompanied by the County Health Officer, J. F. Ward.

Miss Marion Eller spent the week end, December 7-8, at the Marion Hotel with her aunt, Mrs. Jose Colon. Mr. Q. A. Eller has been ill several days with an infected finger.

Mrs. James Tate, Mrs. M. C. Fields, Mrs. James Edgar Greever, Mrs. Nelson Greever, Miss Ada Sanders, and Mrs. J. F. Ward were shopping in Bristol Thursday, Dec. 5.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. McCarmack were in Bristol, Thursday Dec. 5. Misses Mabel and Emily Smith returned Wednesday, December 4, from a visit to Johnson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Eller spent Sunday, December 8th in Marion, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Keller and their daughter, Miss Jane Keller, were in Galax Sunday, Dec. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bonham had as guests three days last week, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Draper and Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Draper, of Roanoke, and Mr. John Draper of Wyoming.

Mrs. Sam Bonham, Mrs. Mal Pierce, Mrs. W. H. Copenhaver and family, Mrs. A. L. Jones and family, Mrs. Legard Keller, Mrs. Christian, and Mrs. L. C. Ross were shopping in Bristol Saturday, December 7.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bundy and children spent Saturday in Bristol. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Copenhaver were dinner guests of Miss Susie Copenhaver in Marion on Sunday, December 8th.

Mrs. James Tate was a guest Monday, December 9th, at a luncheon given by Mrs. E. M. Copenhaver, of Marion.

Keesling spent the week-end, December 10, with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Copenhaver were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Hall Thursday, December 5.

The Chilhowie Sewing Club met with Mrs. Jake Keller Thursday afternoon. Fifteen members were present.

Misses Pauline and Josephine Hull spent Saturday, December 7, in Marion, shopping.

Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Hall had as guests for the week-end, December 7-8, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, of Marion.

Mrs. R. B. Greever has been ill at her home for several days with flu.

Mr. Tom Henninger left Monday morning, December 9th for Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henninger and Mrs. E. J. Rutland spent Friday, December 7, in Bristol.

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Accident to School Bus

The school bus had a couple of fenders smashed last week when it was hit by a West Virginia car in the turn by the river at Mt. Carmel. The accident happened just at the Scott bridge.

The bus was coming to Marion and no children were in it. Mr. Powell was driving and Miss White, who teaches at Atkins, was riding back to town. Either were injured.

The West Virginia driver took the blame for the accident. He was trying some fancy cutting through and misjudged.

Mrs. Joe Moss of Burke's Garden, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lincoln.

arouses in the minds of the people here a very sincere doubt as to the fairness of the distribution in the absence of any sort of explanation, and a total disregard of the arguments presented each succeeding year when some ten minutes are allotted to representatives to present the deplorable condition of the roads.

We have no data before 1927, but according to available figures, from that year until now, there has been allocated by the State Highway Commission to the twelve comprising the Bristol District the sum of \$5,730,542.00, of which there has been allotted to Smyth the municipal sum of \$95,000, of which the greater part will be spent under present plans in correcting a mistake when the Commission changed the Lee Highway near Chilhowie and in placing the road back on the original location. The small amount allotted to Smyth is to be spent on account of an error of the Commission, now recognized, and to be corrected with the only funds ever allocated to the Lee Highway in this county.

In closing, let us point out to every Smyth county citizen who daily suffers from bad roads, that Commissioner Shirley, in his reply to our editorial, been very careful to make no mention of his commission's failure to give unto Smyth county those funds which by all rights are Smyth County's.

For his and his commission's neglect of Smyth county Commissioner Shirley offers no defense. This is a singular omission and one from which we can deduce nothing but that Commissioner Shirley HAS NO DEFENSE.

Smyth County—Step Child Of The Commonwealth

Contributed
By
A Subscriber

The article entitled "Straight or Crooked" in the Marion Papers, and which deals with the unfair allocation of road funds by the Highway Commission, is not only well written but timely treats of a subject of vital interest to every citizen of Smyth County. For, without doubt, Smyth County has been shamefully neglected by the Highway Commission until every Loyal Citizen should feel indignant. Its treatment has reached the proportions, not only of neglect but of wonton and willful discrimination. The Pulaski road jockeying, so vividly and truthfully described in the aforesaid article is enough to shock the sense of justice of all the tax payers and cause them to lose not only their confidence in the ability of the Highway Commission to do the sensible thing but also to doubt their desire to do it. This piece of folly now in progress at Pulaski should properly be called, "The Rape of the Tax Payers."

Mr. Shirley, chairman of the commission, according to the papers, says that he rejoices in the completion of the new concrete road from Washington to North Carolina. Much of which runs through a country long since abandoned on account of its poverty, by all those desirous of earning an honest living from the soil. It is a very rich man of the North going south for the winter. If the same Mr. Shirley would only make a trip through Smyth County on her one Narrow State Highway, (paid for by Smyth County Tax payers and given to the state) and through the many death traps there along, we will guarantee that he will cease his rejoicing and begin praying to God for deliverance from immediate death.

It is a well known fact, that the one strip of highway in Smyth County was built by Smyth County People, that it is old and out of date, that it is traveled by as many vehicles as most any in the state; that it is narrow and dangerous, that its shoulders are rough and soft in winter, that more people have been maimed, disfigured, disabled and killed at three of the Rail Road crossings, in Smyth County than any other fifty places in the state. Life, limb, property and the safety of the people seem to have no value, so far as the Highway Commission is concerned, to the motorist of this county.

A few years ago they started to widen the road near Seven Mile Ford. They surveyed a lot and worked a little, then quiet, saying it was too expensive; from year to year they have promised to change the road and eliminate two overhead and two grade crossings, the most dangerous in the state. They have not done so, saying it was too expensive. Why haven't they used some of the money they so freely throw away at Pulaski? We would not do a thing to hinder Pulaski's progress but even the citizens of Pulaski are shocked at such inefficiency.

Nor is this all. We have been informed that not long since some representative of the Federal Road Commission was here, and though he did not say so in so many words, he intimated that some Federal Aid Money, which should have been spent in this county, was spent in Wise County. We do not vouch for the truth of this. However, it is a rumor that should be investigated.

When the State Highway System was adopted Smyth County had several miles of what was then called good road, which she had constructed at the expense of her tax payers and for which they are still taxed. The county turned these over to the state in an effort to cooperate and make the state highway system a success. Confident, of course, that those officials in charge of the State road building would give her

her just share of finished road mileage. Year in and year out, since then, Smyth County has adopted the policy of Hopeful-Waiting, hoping that in the next allocation of funds she would be recognized as a county in the Commonwealth. But with each allocation her hope grew less, until now, finding herself abandoned by the powers-that-be the time has come to change this policy.

Forsake Hopeful Waiting, cease supplicating for justice; and resolve into a unit of united effort and demand right and justice. For rights are such things that may be courtously asked for and if refused, vigorously and relentlessly demanded and acquired. Smyth County should cease being the stepchild of the Commonwealth, and as an heir, fight for her right of distribution.

During these disappointing years our citizens have advanced one cause and another as excuses for the aforesaid treatment by the Highway Commission. Many from all walks, political parties and creeds have seen fit to criticize our senator, Hon. B. F. Buchanan, for not securing Smyth County her share of finished road. From some quarters this criticism has reached the proportions of condemnation, by charging him with no effort. However, we would join issue on these charges, and claim for Mr. Buchanan the right to the course of action that Hopeful Waiting. No one should prematurely criticize him or condemn him for this.

Mr. Buchanan as senator, cer-

tainly had the right to assume the attitude of hope for fair play. He, no doubt like the rest of us reasoned that justice would be done without the asking or demanding; that the highway commission would be fair and not discriminate against us. Perhaps he has felt the same keen disappointment, from year to year, that we have felt, and no doubt he too has become indignant at their acts of unjust discrimination and, like the rest of us realize that the time is come to cease our waiting and demand our rights and if necessary fight to the last ditch with the Highway Commission for justice and fair play.

However, with the Commission holding the attitude against us that from it acts it evidently does, it would be next to impossible for any one person to change them. It, therefore, behoves all the citizens of Smyth County, regardless of politics, religion or walk of life, to unite in a common cause, forming a solid front, with Senator Buchanan as our General and Spokesman, and demand from the Highway Commission Smyth County's just and fair share of finished roads. And in this cause should any citizen or official shirk his or her duty, then he should be condemned as one not having the interest of Smyth County at heart. Now is the time to act, forget self, forget politics, forget local quarrels and difference, unite in one great body, not with a view of doing any one or any other county an injustice, but with a view to receive and secure to have and to hold our own RIGHTS which thus far we have been denied.

Community Christmas Sing

A community Christmas sing for all Marionettes will be held on the court house lawn on Monday night, December 23rd. The sing is a revival of the old time Christmas singings.

If the weather is good the tree and singing will be outside. If the weather is bad, the tree and singers will move inside.

There will be Christmas carols by the high school and grade school singers and other selections by a special quartet. The Marion band will play. Everyone in town is asked to practice up on the following Christmas hymns, which will be sung:

"O Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night," "O Love, Love of Bethlehem," and "Joy To The World."

Mrs. Frank Dulcan and daughter, of Saltville, spent last week with Mrs. Kenneth Killinger.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holmes and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Emory, spent last Monday in Marion shopping. Mr. Holmes called at the print shop and had the Democrat sent to his address for one year.

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ON DECEMBER 7, 1929 AT 11 A. M. This property is being sold for partition and settlement of an estate. It is well located, and will make someone a nice home.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash in hand sufficient to pay cost of suit and sale; and the balance on terms of 6 and 12 months, with interest from date of sale, notes of the purchaser accepted with approved personal security.

R. G. GOOLSBY, Special Commissioner. This is to certify that the foregoing Special Commissioner has executed bond in this cause in the Clerk's Office of Smyth County, Virginia, as required by law.

H. L. KENT, Clerk. n 3t Nov 21

LETTER FROM MR. SHIRLEY.

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County is located in the Salem District and in no way would the amount of money being expended in Pulaski County interfere with the amount of funds in the Bristol District for Smyth County.

I am writing you this because your editorial indicated that apparently you are not familiar with the allocation of funds by Districts or the basis on which these funds are distributed.

The road leading from near Draper over to near Radford, known as the Old Rock Road, was not incorporated in the State Highway System by the Legislature, they deeming that the road around by Pulaski was more important and only a portion of this road has been added to the State System from near Draper towards Newbern by the State Highway Commission.

If this road had been the most important road the Legislature would have incorporated it into the State Highway system, but they decided that the other road was more important and should be included.

The criticism of the Commission for not constructing the Old Rock Road is unjust when all facts are taken into consideration, and that is the only basis on which opinions should be rendered.

Very sincerely yours,
H. G. SHIRLEY, Commissioner.

THE REPLY

Commissioner Shirley in the above letter takes exception to that portion of an editorial appearing laest week which criticized the Commission on account of the indefensible location of the Lee Highway through Pulaski County. The Commissioner says what is true, that the Legislature in adopting the State Highways, provided that it should pass by Pulaski and Dublin. The original location was not made by the Commission, and so far as the editorial can be construed as criticizing the Commission on account of the original location, it was unjust and we are glad to see state.

The Commissioner also writes that the allocation of funds in Pulaski County can have no bearing upon the expenditures in Smyth for the reason that Pulaski is in another construction District.

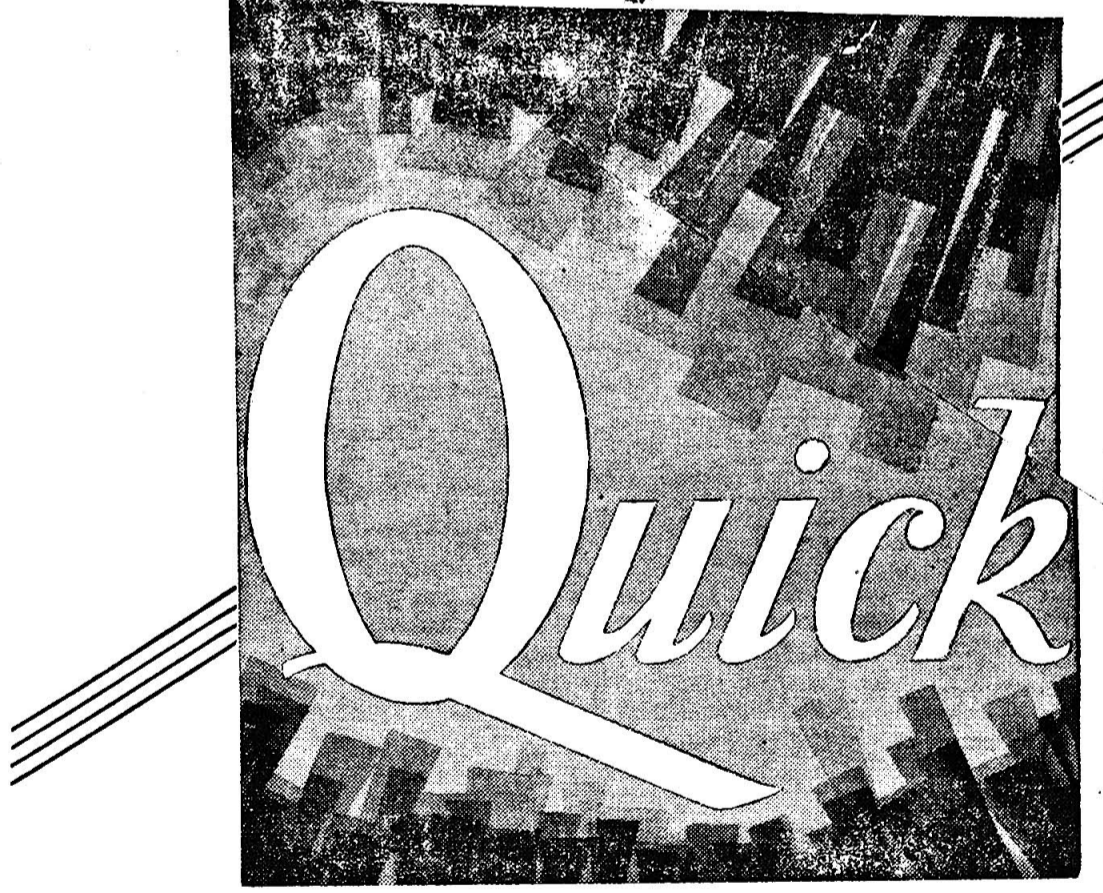
It would consume too much time and space to go into the details of the many changes in the location of the State Highway System made since the original act was passed. The old route from Washington to Richmond was to a great extent abandoned. In Tazewell County changes were made maintained.

It is true that there was a controversy surveyed and report thereon and on the probable expenditures on each route. Ever since the location through Pulaski County, the abandonment of the old road has been a matter of controversy and hearings. The Chamber of Commerce of Roanoke passed a resolution in regard thereto. The writer has been present when the matter was argued before the Commission. All of these facts but show that which every well informed person already knows to be true, and that is if the adopted route is not the feasible location: if it is dangerous: if it is longer and more hazardous and more difficult and expensive as to construction, the State Highway Commissioner, Hon. Henry G. Shirley, and the Commission over which he presides, could, had they so desired, since the passage of the original act many years ago, have constructed the short gap between the turn off to Pulaski and Ingles Ferry. Between Dublin and Radford a large part of the route has been changed. The same has been done in numberless instances. While it is true the original route was adopted by the Legislature, if it was wrong: if it was burdensome upon the traveler: if it was dangerous and steep, the excuse given by the Commissioner that he had nothing to do with it originally is not one that appeals with a great deal of force to any sensible man, because there is not the shadow of a doubt that when subsequently the matter was directly before the Commission for decision by it, the road could have been constructed upon the old and only logical route and the dangers abated and the consumption of time eliminated. The Commission listened to arguments for and against the construction of the Ingles Ferry route, and it was not constructed, and the failure to do so cannot be laid at the doors of the Legislature.

Expenditure of funds in Pulaski was not referred to for the reason suggested by the Commissioner. The Commission has allocated in 1927 and since in Pulaski County alone since 1927 (to say nothing of what was spent in the years before) over \$500,000 while it has spent not one cent in Smyth. When the State Highway Act was passed, the old road ran through Pulaski as it does through Smyth. Smyth has about the same population. Its location is approximately the same in the Southwest, and its terrain is of the same general character. Pulaski has lands assessed in 1927 at \$176,000 and Smyth at \$174,000: Both contributed in that year in State taxes about the same—some \$65,000. There was not then and cannot be now any logical reason on any defensible ground why these two counties, possibly more alike in every respect than any other two counties in the State, should not have, over the period of years from the passage of the State Highway Act in 1918 to 1929, approximately the same treatment at the hands of the Commission and its head, the Honorable Henry G. Shirley, State Highway Commissioner, who takes us to task because we cite expenditures in Pulaski. That county was chosen among others for the reasons that its location is practically the same: its road problems the same, and its right to expect allocations from a Statewide funds for roads the same. It is true that it is in the Salem District, but that gives it no preference over Smyth. And yet the State Highway Commission, since 1927 has allocated over \$500,000 in Pulaski, and how much more before we do not know, although there was never a year when construction was not under way, while not one cent was spent in Smyth for permanent roads. It is immaterial in what District it is, or how its roads are located, what we complain of is that every County in the Southwest—every county in the State—has been preferred to Smyth wherein not one mile of permanent roads have bn built as such roads are classified.

Grayson County is in this District. For every vehicle that passes over the State Highway in that County fifty pass over the Lee Highway through Smyth. To Grayson in four years has been allocated approximately \$400,000 or more. Smyth received nothing.

The truth of Mr. Shirley's letter is admitted. Pulaski is not in this District, but if he or anyone else can justify on any reasonable ground the elimination of Smyth County from participation in State Highway Funds he would gratify the entire citizenship of this County. Over ten years has elapsed since the original act was passed, and year after year adjoining and near by counties have received their just proportion of funds to the exclusion of anything to this County, a situation which naturally



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constructed many miles of permanent roads she would not complain and if there had been any reason of any kind for Smyth to stand aside for the benefit of other communities, there is no doubt but that she would have willingly done so. Smyth has never sought to benefit at the expense of any other community. She is proud of her splendid record and has so far stood aside and permitted her sister counties to benefit at her expense, believing in the fairness of the State Highway Commission, and that her claims would eventually be recognized to some small extent. Such

hope has proven futile. No attention has been paid to her requests, and year after year, roads are constructed and allocations made all around her on projects and routes that every reasonable man with an atom of intelligence knows are not as important as the highway system through Smyth. To give an idea of the discrimination of which she has been the subject, the following are some figures for the years since and including 1927, showing allocations in this District and adjoining counties. Before 1927 it was the same story, but the record since that time is sufficient to demonstrate beyond any doubt that Smyth has not received even an infinitesimal part of that to which in right and justice, in all fairness

and equality, she, as one of the Counties of the State, is entitled to receive. Since 1927, in Tazewell County, there has been allocated, \$825,000. In Wythe more than \$276,000. In Pulaski more than \$516,000. In Montgomery County, which left the Lee Highway for years in such a deplorable condition that it was a subject of unfavorable comment on the part of every traveler, and whose citizens were so indifferent to progress as to refuse to issue bonds or even keep roads in repair, since 1927, the State Highway Commission, as a reward has allocated the sum of \$783,000 including allocations on roads to Floyd. Carroll County has been given over \$300,000, Russell over \$250,000. In Tazewell, just to the north of Smyth, and on the West Virginia line, there has been awarded \$825,000. Just to the West, Washington has been favored with nearly \$600,000. Scott, which certainly has no better claim than Smyth, has profited to the extent of some \$500,000. From Bristol west to Kentucky, through Scott and Lee, over half a million

has been spent. Buchanan County, which, within the memory of men forty years old, had no wagon road, and which, until recently, had very few roads that were at all passable, receives some \$250,000. And Wise, the banner county, has been so fortunate in securing the ear of the Commission that since 1927, some \$883,000 nearly a million has been authorized. Little Dickinson, bounding on Kentucky, and another county whose roads until a short time ago were all but impassible, has had some \$300,000.

Grayson, on the South of Smyth, never built an improved road, as such are considered, with her own funds. Why the claims of this county should be preferred to that of Smyth, no one but the Commission knows. And Smyth would have been pleased to be even on a parity with Grayson, for Grayson has received the very considerable sum of over \$500,000.

Little Bland, adjoining Smyth on the northeast, one of the smallest counties in the State, has had \$420,000, and so on down the list. In addition, out of Highway funds since 1927 allocated to this District, there has been expended \$416,000 to repay counties who built roads under the Robertson Act, of which Smyth received not one penny. And Smyth received nothing until last year, when some \$90,000 was allocated to improve the road west of Chilhowie, and of this magnificent sum, practically all will be expended in returning to the old location at the Washington County line, and abandoning the change idiotically made through the Greever farm by the Road authorities some years ago. The mite thrown to Smyth will be expended mostly in Washington, and to correct an indefensible error of the Commission

some years ago. And this has not been spent nor the work begun.

The above is the record, and one of which neither Smyth nor those responsible for it should be very proud. Smyth, because she has permitted the discrimination to take place, and the authorities who were in charge because any such unreasonably excessive and disproportionate allocation of funds in any one district cannot be justified by any reasoning that would appeal to a moron, much less an ordinary man. Perhaps she is to be the most blamed because she permitted it. The Highway Commission is like other political boards. Its ear is open to the public. Members like money expended in their own communities. Other sections have through organized effort, secured funds at the expense of Smyth, where once or twice a year a few men have appeared before the commission for some five or ten minutes after everyone knows the allocations have been made.

On account of the number of vehicles which pass over it and the importance of the traffic, the Lee Highway is the most important road in the State. As such, it demands the most permanent construction and continual maintenance. Through Smyth it remains as it was when first built with county funds. It is narrow, with many bad curves, and especially two overhead bridges that are proven death traps. Every consideration demands now, as in the past, that this road be widened and these dangerous sections eliminated. If a small amount of money had been used for this purpose instead of constructing new highways at enormous cost elsewhere, there is not one fifth the traffic there is on the Lee Highway, it would have saved many accidents. Traffic gets heavier. Rarely a day passes there is not an accident between Atkins and Chilhowie, and it is but the mercy of an Almighty Providence that more lives have not been lost, for to travel this Highway at night, with the multitude of cars continually using it is about as dangerous an occupation as can be found. The worst section of the road from New York to Knoxville is through Smyth County.

The Commission will meet at Wytheville in a short time to consider allocations for this District. They will sit only two hours to listen to recommendations from every County in this District, twelve in all, thus giving ten minutes to each county—ten minutes to the citizens of a county to present hundreds of thousands of arguments for the allocation of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The fact that the Commission will only allow ten minutes to each county is enough in itself to practically demonstrate that the allocations have been made and will not be changed on account of this meeting. If any time was allowed for a serious discussion, it must of necessity be longer than ten minutes. It appears to the average man that such an allowance of time to discuss a serious question savors more of a sop to make the people believe they are to save some consideration granted them, than a real desire for intelligent information. The Commission, if they desire to consult the people of a district, could well afford to give them at least a sufficient time to intelligently present their case.

When the people of Smyth realize that in order to receive that to which from every standpoint they are entitled they will have to organize for the purpose of presenting their claims, and be willing to do like other sections, continue that organization throughout the year, and devote to it time and perseverance enough to secure their rights. Until this is done, Smyth will receive the same treatment as heretofore, and a meeting or so a year will not remedy it.

Teacher's Meeting

A Smyth County Teacher's meeting will be held in the Court House in Marion on next Saturday, December 14th, at 10 o'clock a. m., it is announced by Superintendent B. E. Copeniaver.

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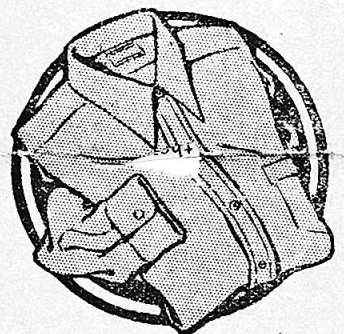
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Wilburn Waters

CHAPTER V.

Adventure With A Wounded Buck

About the time of Wilburn's first experience with wolves, as related in the preceding chapter, he had his first adventure with a wounded and exasperated buck, which he regards as the most dangerous animal to approach in our forests, when wounded or at bay.

He had gone out to a "lick" a little before night to watch for deer. These licks, or low marshy places, where there are deposits of sulphur, salt, etc., and which deer love to frequent, are very numerous in all this mountain region. He had gone to one of these, which he knew deer were in the habit of visiting almost every night. He had just climbed a tree to be out of sight, and just about dusk up marched two bucks, one of them very large, with a magnificent head of horns. After cautiously sniffing the air as if apprehensive of a hidden enemy, and failing to wind him, they walked boldly into the lick. Failing to get them in range so as to kill both at the same fire, he selected the larger of the two, brought his rifle to bear and fired. Both sprang off at the crack of the gun, but he saw from the motions of the one that he shot at, that it was badly if not fatally wounded. He came down from the tree, followed the trail a few yards, and there lay his buck apparently lifeless. As he approached it, it sprang to its feet in a moment and came at him with the ferocity of a tiger. There was no escape from a terrible struggle for life, and he knew that his only chance was in his extraordinary strength and activity, as well as coolness and presence of mind. He had scarcely had time to think even this much, when the buck rushed upon and attempted to impale him. He grabbed him by the horns and threw him several times, but the active animal was on his feet again in an instant, and so the struggle continued several minutes—to Wilburn it seemed hours—sometimes one on top and then the other, but Wilburn's great strength enabled him to keep his hold, although his clothes were badly torn and his person considerably lacerated by the sharp hoofs of the animal, which cut with the keenness of a knife. Whilst thus struggling, he at length found time to get his knife out of his pocket and open it with his teeth. He made a desperate lunge and supposed he had entirely severed its windpipe, but it made another effort for freedom, kicked him loose and plunged into the undergrowth. He followed it a short distance and found it dead with its head nearly severed from its body.

Although Wilburn has many times since been in very close places, and had many hand-to-hand fights with both bears and wolves, he thinks he never has been as near whipped out and in as much danger of losing his life, as he was in that encounter with a maddened four-pronged buck.

Being now about nineteen, and having but very little learning, he determined to return to the neighborhood of Thomas Bryant, where he had lived the year before, and go to school. He continued in the school about ten months, and had learned to read, write and cypher a little. The wolves becoming very destructive about this time, it was proclaimed in the neighborhood that the counties of Ashe, North Carolina, and Grayson, Virginia, had offered handsome premiums for wolf-scalps, he at once determined to embark in the business, for the sake of both pleasure and profit. He was boarding at this time with a man by the name of Wyatt, whose daughter was the wife of Andrew Blevins, and they lived at White Top. Blevins and his wife being then on a visit at Wyatt's, and White Top being within the prescribed limits of the premium for scalps, Wilburn asked Blevins if his was was a good region for wolves. On being informed that any number "used in those parts," as well as bears and all sorts of wild animals, he at once determined to go there and try his luck, and accordingly gathered up his gun and traps, and was soon at his future home.

But here we must go back a little, and bring up the history of Wilburn's religious convictions, experience and conversion, which will doubtless be dry and uninteresting to some, who can, if they choose to do so, skip the balance of this chapter. His religious convictions commenced while at school, under the preaching of Rev. George Douglas, a Baptist minister. As he expressed it, he felt very wretched but could not tell why, and tried all manner of ways to suppress his feelings. He then returned to Morgan Bryant's, where there was regular circuit preaching by the Rev. George Baker. He determined to attend preaching regularly, give way to his feelings and see what it

would result in. On one occasion he felt as if he were suffocating, that the house was too small for him, that he was too near the preacher, a cold chill ran through his system, and he thought he was about to die. As soon as preaching was over, he started to a very dense thicket he knew of in the woods, where no one could see him, for the purpose of praying. When he reached it, it was not half as dense as he had supposed, and he was very much afraid somebody would see him. However, after peering all around and satisfying himself that no one saw him, he knelt down and prayed. He arose with his mind still unsatisfied and desponding, and again tried to stifle his convictions, but the more he tried the more wretched he felt. On Sundays he would take his Bible and go out into some obscure and dark hollow in the forest to read and pray, but the doctrine of decrees that he had sometimes heard confused and perplexed him, and then again he would seem to hear as if in an audible voice the words "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

He continued in this frame of mind several months, often exhorting others to forsake their sins, although still unconverted himself. It was at this time that he met with Andrew Blevins, and the impression that White Top would be a favorable place, on account of its solitude, to find religion as well as game, induced him to determine to make its fastnesses his future home. Although after getting there he lived in a family who had no regard for the Sabbath and sacred things, he continued to read his Bible and pray, and had an idea that religion would be revealed to him in an audible voice or some other equally miraculous way. Finding his own efforts of no avail, he at last made a full surrender, and came to the conclusion that he would cast himself unreservedly and helplessly upon the great and abounding mercy of the Lord, who had promised to save all who called upon Him in sincerity, truth and faith. This he determined to do, if he died and perished in the attempt. He then retired to his garret and prayed the living night, and early in the morning he felt as if he had dropped a heavy weight, and was inexpressibly happy. The skies looked brighter, the trees greener, the sun shone with a glory he had never seen before, the birds sang more sweetly, the flowers were surpassingly fragrant, and beautiful, everybody he saw looked as if they had ever looked before, the very woods and mountains seemed to clap their hands with joy, and everything appeared to be praising the Lord. A great burden had been lifted from his heart, and he felt as if he could fly away as on the wings of an eagle and enjoy the full fruition of the saints in light. He then for the first time comprehended, with inexpressible delight, that Scripture which says "The wind bloweth where it listeth thou hearest the sound thereof, but can not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth," &c.

From that day to this—more than forty-four years—he has never faltered or doubted, though, like all others, he has had his seasons of depression and refreshing. He found peace in the fall of the year, though he made no public profession during the following winter, nor unite himself with a church; he did not suppress or try to conceal his feelings, but rebuked sin wherever he saw it, and exhorted sinners to forsake their evil ways. As he was among Baptists principally, they had some influence with him, but his feelings revolted at close communion and the doctrine of no falling from grace. In the spring he put up a rude shelter where he has ever since resided, and although entirely alone, he held what he called family prayer every morning and night. Soon after this a family came to stay with him awhile, and it was a great cross to him to pray in their presence, but he determined to pick up the cross and carry it, which was far better than to drag it along, and continued to keep the flame alive on the altar.

During the summer he heard of a two days' meeting that was to be held at the house of Isaac Widner, in Widner Valley, twelve miles from his cabin, and determined to attend. He did so when the time arrived, where he met for the first time Mr. John Wesley Price, a very pious gentleman, who talked to him a great deal, and seemed to take unusual interest in his spiritual welfare. There was to be a love-feast meeting during the day, and Mr. Price insisted that he should attend it and relate his experience. He at first refused, believing that he could not possibly speak before so many people, but finally determined to try as a matter of duty. When the time came, he felt as if a great weight held him down to his seat. Several had spoken, and, thinking

that his turn had come he made a desperate effort to rise, sprang clear from the floor, spoke the best he could, in a very stammering way, and became exceedingly happy. There was to be a secret prayer-meeting that evening, and fearing that he might be called on to pray, he tried to make an excuse to be absent; but Mr. Price prevented him, and he was the first one called upon. He complied in a very feeble manner, but he thought of the Publican's petition and took encouragement, remarking to a friend that it was no wonder Jonah was willing to be swallowed by a whale rather than go to Nineveh and preach.

Liking the Methodist doctrine and manner of worship best, he united with that church, and from that day to this, "through evil as well as good report," he has maintained his religious integrity, performing his Christian duties and obligations with an earnestness and zeal manifested by few, and even since he has been an old man he will walk miles

through the mountains to attend religious worship. A few years ago he was appointed Superintendent of a Sabbath school in a neighborhood eight miles from his residence, and he never failed to be present, no matter how inclement the weather. While on the subject of Wilburn's religious characteristics and experiences, the next chapter will narrate some of his peculiarities of thought and action at a camp-meeting not many years ago.

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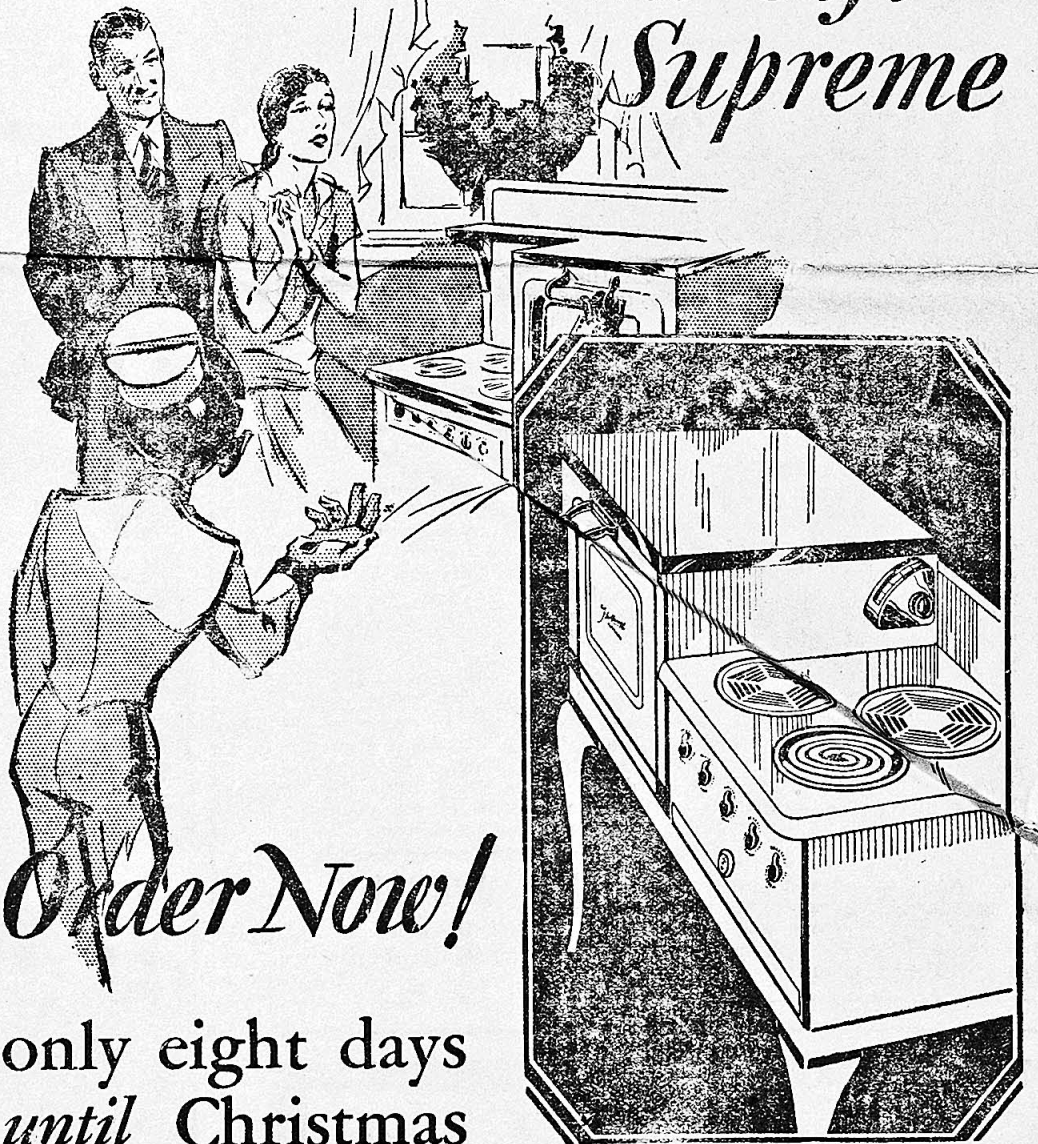
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Valley View Items

Winter with a vengeance seems to be the weather program this week, for Smyth County and southwest Virginia. Three inches of wet heavy snow was on the ground to greet early risers Monday morning, with moderating weather following four days of intensely cold weather when thermometer flirted below zero two nights.

Before noon Monday the snow falling since daylight turned to a light sleet, road conditions are treacherous, but no serious accidents have been reported.

Valley View school is getting along nicely, with Miss Grace Ross as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Denrey Kirk were visiting the later parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hutton Sunday.
 Miss Anna Barton spent the week-

end with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McCarter were business visitors in Marion last Friday.

Misses Lela and Pearl Sapp, who are teaching in Grayson county spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sapp.

Miss Grace Ross was a guest in the home of Mrs. J. M. Barton, Tuesday night, November 26th.

Mr. Ed Rotenberry will move to the Hubble place near South Fork, about December 9th.

Misses Maggie and Elizabeth Kirk were calling on Miss Ennis Barton Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ada Rutherford of Radford and Mrs. J. C. Angle and Miss Elizabeth Angle of Christiansburg were visiting friends in Rye Valley last week-end.
 Mrs. Alton Sapp of Ashland, Ken-

tucky is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leedy of Teas.

Mrs. R. F. McCarter and Miss Anna Barton were in Marion last Friday.

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Ridgedale Items

MISS ETHEL OAKES
 Correspondent

Our school gave a Thanksgiving program Saturday evening the 30th, several were present the zero weather kept many away.

Mr. J. W. Carter's youngest son Fred aged 12 and several other boys were hunting Saturday the 30th, while the boys were getting a rabbit out of a brush pile a gun went off accidentally and two of the shots entered Fred's cheek just below the eye. He was rushed to Saltville Hospital, but they were unable to remove the shot. We hope he isn't hurt seriously.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Burgess and children and John Oakes of Saltville spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Geo. Oakes.

Mrs. Mayo McIntyre of Saltville spent Thanksgiving with Mr. J. A. Stephenson.

Mr. J. T. DeBord spent several days last week with his family here he is employed at Falls Mills, Va.

Mr. H. H. Cook was visiting Mr. G. W. Oakes Tuesday the 26th.

Misses Louise and Ethel DeBord, were visiting Mildred DeBord, Monday night the 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Starritt Osborne of Broadford, were visiting Mr. A. J. Wilson's Sunday.

Miss Nannie DeBord spent the holidays at home.

Mrs. J. A. Clear and children of Elizabethton, Tenn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. A. Oakes.

Rev. Lee Stephenson leaves Wednesday December 4 in company with Rev. Wolfe and wife of Atkins for N. C., where they will conduct a revival.

Mr. C. E. Pratt Jr., was visiting his sister, Mrs. W. J. Orr in Elizabethton, Tenn., last week-end.

Mrs. R. B. DeBord, Mrs. Nannie Buchanan, Mrs. A. J. Wilson, Misses Ethel DeBord and Virginia Oakes, Byron Hall and Claude Stephenson were visiting Mr. J. W. Carter's Sunday afternoon, Dec 1st.

Miss Mary Virginia Carter was visiting Hazel Oakes Sunday night December 1st.

Rev. Lee Stephenson preached and inspiring sermon to the young people Sunday evening December 1st.

Mr. H. H. Carter was calling on his grandmother Mrs. M. S. Carter Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Maloyed was visiting friends in Marion, Sunday, December 1st.

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Final Report on Red Cross Roll Call

The final report on the Roll Call for Smyth County shows a total membership of 428. While this is not nearly commensurate with the population of the county, yet it is not so bad at that.

In checking up the results it is found that Mrs. Sallie Scott and Mrs. Roy Groseclose who worked in the Mt. Carmel section did particularly well. All of the workers were very faithful, and did a good job on a bad day. We all remember November 22 and its snowstorm.

Blows in Rich Valley

Constable R. E. Lamie of Locust Cove had a warrant for the arrest of Red Grogg of Broadford. Red was charged with being full of spirits and making whoopee around a church with consequent disturbance of public worship.

When Mr. Lamie went after him, Red resisted but calmed down after being hit over the head three or four times with a pistol butt. He was thoroughly groggy.

Dr. McKee repaired the head, which was quite damaged, and then Red was brought to Marion to recover until his trial in Saltville next Saturday. He faces four charges and will be tried by Squires Hughes, Buchanan and Lamie.

Mrs. Glenn Hutton of Sugar Grove was brought over to Marion on Thursday, December 5th, by the Morris Ambulance. From Marion she went to Roanoke on the 6th to take treatment there.

Lutheran Church

REV. HUGH J. RHYNE, Pastor
 Wednesday, Dec. 11.

3:00 Women's Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. Marvin Copenhaver.

3:45 Catechetical Class.

7:30 Mid Week Service Talk: "Jesus, A Teacher of Power."

Sunday December 15th.

9:45 Sunday School.

11:00 Morning Service Sermon: "Foresadowing of Christ."

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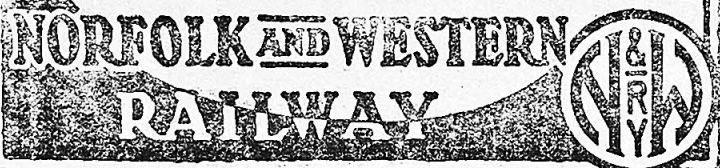
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ON OUR HYDRAULIC
 GREASING RACK

It lifts your car over our mechanics heads. Every part is instantly visible—no part can possibly be missed. In thirty minutes the job is done, perfectly, every part well greased.

**450 Pounds
 Water Pressure!**

On our new washing machine. Marion's water pressure is only 100 pounds, our electrically driven washer delivers a stream of water at 450 pounds pressure.

Sweeps The Dirt Away!

Smoothly, easily, with no damage to the finish, this stream of water sweeps the dirt away. No other washing can equal it. Bring your car in for a trial today.

Sprinkle Motor Company

MARION, VIRGINIA.

Saltville Items

Guy Amsler of Little Rock, Ark., is visiting at the home of Mrs. R. K. Sanders. Mr. Amsler with Mrs. Amsler and little son Guy Jr., motored from Little Rock to Nashville, Tenn., where Mrs. Amsler stopped with Mrs. Ralph Atkins whose home is at Old Hickory. The DuPont plant near Nashville.

Rufus Sanders of the State Highway spent last week-end with his mother Mrs. R. K. Sanders.

M. R. Edwards left last week for New York where he will engage in journalism.

Rev. W. M. Bunts with Misses Dorothy and Ruth Bunts of Galax are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bunts.

Miss Helen Coverston and Mrs. Bandy Bogges of Roanoke visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Coverston.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Conrad have returned from a two weeks visit to friends in Christiansburg, Salem and Roanoke. Mrs. G. E. Koontz of Salem returned with Mrs. Conrad stopping for a short visit while enroute to Elizabethton, Tenn.

F. C. Fewell has been confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. J. F. Watson spent a few days in Bristol last week.

Miss Queenie Vickers who is attending Kingsport Business College was a recent visitor with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James H. Vickers.

Mrs. Gass of Rich Valley is a patient at Mathieson Hospital having broken her hip in a fall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davenport and Mrs. A. D. Cox left last week by motor for a visit to Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. L. N. Watson was called to Johnson City last week by the death of her Uncle, E. H. Goode of that city.

Mrs. A. W. Ristine of North Holston with her mother, Mrs. Cookerly of Des Moines, Iowa arrived at North Holston last week after attending the funeral of Mr. Cookerly at Des Moines. Mrs. Cookerly will remain for a visit at North Holston.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Irving have returned from a trip to Richmond and Charlottesville.

Dr. B. H. Conner has been confined to his home by illness.

Dr. R. E. Hughes of North Holston underwent an operation last week for appendicitis at Mathieson Hospital. Dr. Hughes is reported as improving.

The Delphian Chapter met on Tuesday with Mrs. H. M. Lamb.

The Bridge Club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. G. T. Lee.

Furniture will endure after lesser gifts have been forgotten. Make the family happy by giving them presents from BOGGS-RICE.

Splendid Selection of Bags, Suit Cases and Trunks. Weiler Department Store, Inc.

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Big Pay, Advancement, Congenial work and a connection with one of America's fastest growing organizations, is offered to the right man here in Marion and Vicinity.

If you are ambitious to succeed and have the right stuff in you write giving details of past experience to

WM. D. BIEN, 502 Mt. Trust Bank Building, Roanoke, Va.

McDonald's Inc., has the gift HE will appreciate most. Give him a suite or overcoat this Christmas.

Miss Reba Prater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Prater, who is at school at Oak Hill Academy, spent Thanksgiving with her folks at home.

Biggest Selection of Childrens, Misses and Ladies Slippers and Shoes at great sacrifice prices. Weiler Department Store, Inc.

There will be a basket ball game in the college gym this Friday night, December 13th, between the teams of the Junior and Senior classes. The public is invited to attend, and there will be no admission charge.

Mrs. R. B. Peery, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Cox, at Belton, S. C., returned to Marion Sunday.

Special reductions on Childrens and Boys Suits and Overcoats. Weiler Department Store, Inc.

Members of the faculty of Emory & Henry college and their guests, to the number of fifty, will banquet this Friday night at 7 P. M. in the ball room of Hotel Lincoln.

Word has been received from the publicity department of the National Canning Contest at Chicago that Mrs. B. W. Powell, of Broadford, had an entry in the recent contest.

NOTICE Sale of Land

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Smyth County entered on October 29, 1929, in the chancery cause of Tate, Eller and Company, Inc., et als, vs H. C. Blevins et als, I will as Special Commissioner of said Court, on Saturday, December 28, 1929, at 11 A. M., at the front door of the Smyth County Court House at Marion, Virginia, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following real estate: First, a tract of about eight acres lying on Dry Fork in St. Clair District, Smyth County, Virginia, described by metes and bounds in a deed of trust from H. C. and Rachel Blevins to C. W. Chambers, Trustee, dated May 26, 1925, and recorded in Clerk's Office of Smyth County in Deed Book 53, page 389;

Second, a tract of about two acres in St. Clair District, Smyth County, Virginia, described by metes and bounds in deed from H. C. and Rachel Blevins to S. J. McClure and Lucy McClure, dated April 18, 1927, and recorded in Deed Book 53, page 363. Said two tracts to be sold separately and upon the following terms: for cash on day of sale as to one-third of purchase price, and as to the remainder, upon credit of six and twelve months, with notes for the deferred payments bearing interest from date of sale, executed by purchaser and secured by retention of title of the property sold; with the privilege to the purchaser of anticipating payment of said notes.

B. L. DICKINSON, Special Commissioner. I hereby certify that B. L. Dickinson, Special Commissioner, has executed bond as required by decree in above cause. H. L. KENT, Clerk. n 4t Nov 28

Classified Advertisements

LOST STEERS

\$10 reward for information leading to recovery of two 2-year-old white faced Texas steers, brand L upside down on left hip, strayed from Staley's boundary near Marion between October 20 and November 20th.

R. L. COLE, Chilhowie, Va., Phone 3902 n d 4te Dec 10 *

See McDonald's, Inc., line of fine Christmas Gifts for Men. Ties, Scarfs, Belt Sets, Suspenders.

SPECIAL PRICES

on all VICTROLAS in stock until December 25th. City Drug Store Marion, Va.

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NOTICE

Of Stockholders Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Chilhowie, Chilhowie, Va., will be held in its directors room January 14th, 1930, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the election of directors and any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

G. P. COX, n d 4t Dec 10

STOCK CATTLE!

We have on hand one car of nice seven hundred and fifty pound Tennessee stock cattle. We keep from one to two cars most all the time two miles north of Limestone, Tenn., Washington county, on gravel road.

REMINÉ BROTHERS, Limestone, Tennessee. n d 3t * Dec 10.

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PINNER & HUTCHINS BONDED COMMISSION MERCHANTS NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Solicits your consignments of live and dressed poultry, eggs, rabbits, dressed hogs and other farm products. Write or wire what you have to ship and we will quote you market prices. n d 8te * Jan 23

Notice

Having been appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Margaret A. Buchanan. All parties owing the above estate will please settle same at once and all parties having accounts against the estate will present same to me for settlement.

H. FRANK PEERY, Administrator. Estate Mrs. Margaret A. Buchanan, Decd. d 4t Dec 10.

TOYLAND advertisement featuring illustrations of children playing and a list of toys including dolls, games, and clothing. Text includes 'Bring the happiness of this happy season of Christmas to your children' and 'YOU MUST VISIT OUR STORE TO FULLY SEE AND APPRECIATE THE BIGGEST ASSORTMENT OF GIFTS EVER BROUGHT TO MARION AND MOST MODERATELY PRICED'.

COLLINS' STORE advertisement for coats. Text includes 'COLLINS' STORE NEWS', 'THE READY-TO-WEAR DEPT.', 'Coats! Coats! Coats!', 'Big Christmas Coat Sale!', and 'COLLINS' BROTHERS DEPARTMENT STORE Marion, Virginia.' Includes an illustration of a woman in a coat.