

Classified Advertisements.

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MASONIC NOTICE
A regular stated communication of Marion Lodge No. 31 A. F. & A. M. will be held on Thursday Dec. 27, 1923 at 7:30 o'clock P. M. The annual election and installation of Officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting.
REFRESHMENTS.
All Master Masons are invited to attend.
By order of the W. M.
H. FRANK PEERY,
Secretary.

A Special Conclave of Lynn Commandery No. 9, K. T. will be held in their Asylum Marion, Va., Dec. 25, 1923 at 12:00 o'clock M. for the purpose of the Annual Christmas observance.
All Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.
By order of the Commander.
H. FRANK PEERY, Recorder.

FOR SALE—A new Brick 7 room Bungalow, bath, lights, hard-wood floor. All up to date in every respect. See
EARNEST LEGARD,
Marion, Va.

Popular copy-right books at 75 cents and all of the late 2.00 fiction
MARION DRUG CO.

Mens and Boys Four-in-hand Ties, 50c and up at
MAX WEILER CO.

NOTICE

Bethlehem, a Christmas Arators rendered at the colored Methodist church Friday, December 28, benefit of church. Admission 15c.
L. M. JAMES, Directress.
MRS. S. E. HENDERSON, Pianist.

Big money saved by calling on us for your Suits and Over Coats. We are determined to reduce stock.
MAX WEILER CO.

Big Assortment of Trunks, Bags, etc., at the
MARION CLOTHING CO.

SEWING AND DRESS-MAKING WANTED, by Mrs. F. H. Lane, over Rouse and Greenwood's store, Marion, Va. Orders promptly filled and prices reasonable.
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A SAFE TEST

For those who are in need of a remedy for kidney troubles and backache, it is a good plan to try Doan's Pills. They are strongly recommended by Marion people. Ask your neighbor.

A. C. Ford, carpenter, W. Railroad Ave., Marion, says: "I have worked at the carpenter trade all my life and the constant strain of heavy lifting and hard work caused my kidneys to become disordered. I just felt miserable. When I stooped, I couldn't breathe without a lot of trouble. My kidneys were in dreadful shape. I had heard how much Doan's Pills had helped other people. I got a box at Slaughter's Drug Store. After using this medicine, I was helped. My back was relieved of the pain and I felt better in every way. A couple boxes of Doan's drove away every symptom of the trouble."
Slaughter's, Buffalo, N. Y.

EGGS!! EGGS!! EGGS!!!

119 Eggs instead of 6
Never got so many eggs, says Mr. Hornier. I used two boxes of Beauchamp Egg Producer and it increased my egg supply from 6 a day to 119.
W. L. H.

1596 Eggs in 20 days

I fed two boxes of your egg producer to my hens and in just 20 days I got exactly 133 dozen eggs. I have 155 hens.
C. R. B.

FREE \$1 PACKAGE

For a limited time I will send prepaid \$1.00 of my large size \$1 packages for \$1.00 P. O. money order, or personal check accepted. Try Beauchamp Egg Producer on a separate set of hens. Try it on your pullets and moulting hens. Try it on old hens that refuse to lay. You will be delighted with results. Start every hen in your flock to laying. Remember you take no risk. If Beauchamp Egg Producer fails to accomplish what you think it should in 30 days, return box and unused contents and I will cheerfully refund money.
W. M. BEAUCHAMP,
2238 E. Baltimore St.
Baltimore, Md.

Personals.

Mr. Robert McCready of Radford was a visitor in Marion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shanklin returned Sunday from a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. C. C. Whitworth, left Sunday, for a short trip to Abingdon to see her daughter.

Prof. Joyner of the Seven Mile Ford school is a patient at the Abingdon hospital.

The U. D. C. Chapter will meet in the Ladies Rest Room in the Court House at 3 P. M., Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Pendleton has issued invitations to a bridge party for Monday Dec. 24, at 3 P. M.

Miss Virginia Seaver, who has been visiting in Ohio and Pa., for several weeks, is expected home Tuesday.

Mrs. Glenn P. Anderson and children of West Point, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Anderson's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lincoln.

Mr. W. E. Johnson is in Richmond this week assisting the State purchasing agent in buying the quarters supplies for the State institutions.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Robertson of Madison, N. C., were the week-end guests of their sister Mrs. Boatwright Britton.

Mrs. Beattie Gwyn returned to Marion Wednesday, from Richmond, where she has been spending some time as the guest of her parents.

Mr. Frank Copenhaver was removed to Abingdon hospital Thursday where he will remain sometime under the care of the physicians of the hospital.

Misses Marion Rhodes and Josephine Anderson, students of Beachwood Institute, of Jenkintown, Penn., arrived home Monday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. George Richardson left for New York, last Thursday, she will be gone all winter visiting her children, Mrs. John B. Hufford, and George Allen Richardson.

Miss Margaret Wassum is expected home Friday from Cincinnati, where she has been studying violin. Miss Elaine Hotze will accompany her home and spend the holidays here.

Dr. B. P. Sanders has gone to New Orleans for the winter and will take the Polyclinic Course in refraction and diseases of the eye at Tulane University, he will be back to fill his engagements in March.

Entertained.

Mrs. C. C. Lincoln, Sr., and Mrs. C. C. Lincoln, Jr., entertained with a luncheon on Wednesday in honor of Miss Mabel Smith, bride elect. The dining room was tastefully decorated with baskets of pink roses. While in the center of the table stood a large basket full of white chrysanthemums and smilax. Dainty hand painted miniature brides served as place cards. Each course represented a flower and with each course Miss Smith was presented with a cup paper flower in which was hidden a cocktail favor. The ice course was especially attractive in yellow rose petals baskets with sweet heart roses in the ice to represent flower pots.

After luncheon the guests were led to the music room, where a lovely sight met their eyes. Little Miss Alice Claudia Culbert dressed in yellow crepe gorgette trimmed in rosebuds was hiding behind a parasol which represented an enormous yellow rose. As she arose and lifted the parasol a shower of dainty hand-made hankerchief fill from the parasol on ribbons.

In Memory of John Dishner.

John V. Dishner was born December 6, 1885 and departed this life November 11, 1923. He professed faith in Christ about three years before his death and lived a faithful christian life until the end. During his afflictions he never murmured or complained and often spoke of the happy home waiting for him. He was fatally injured in an accident in the Boisvevan Mines August 14, 1923. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and two daughters, Mrs. C. M. Whitehead and little Mabel 2 years old, an aged mother and father, three sisters and three brothers.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The First National Bank of Saltville will be held at the Banking Offices at Saltville, Virginia, on January 8th 1924, at four o'clock P. M., for the election of Directors and for the consideration of any other business which may properly be brought before said meeting.
R. K. SANDERS, President
Saltville, Va., December 19th, 1923
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Country Store a History Virginia Table Company Grand Success.

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND THE SALES—PRIZES GOES EVERYWHERE—EVERYBODY HAPPY "WELL I SHOULD SAY."

The holding of the Country Store by the Marion Kiwanis Club was a new and unique venture for Marion, and there were not a few "doubting Thomases" who predicted failure and loss as a result of the undertaking. But they have had a new idea coming to them when they witnessed the success that has attended the efforts of the Club. The goods just went like hot cakes, everybody was in good humor, everyone had a good time, and everybody was satisfied. It was a new thing, and the idea took. That's all.

The Prizes winner were widely distributed, and the fairness which characterized all the proceedings has never been questioned. The following are the winners of the Grand Prizes:

Dining Room Suite (donated by the Virginia Table Works) Mrs. H. Frank Peery. Awarded to the most popular girl, Vanity Dresser (donated by the Look & Lincoln) Miss Helen Wolfe. Vanity Dresser (this prize was given to the person whose key would unlock the lock, and was donated by the Inman Furniture Company, of Louisville, Ky.) and was won by Mrs. T. J. Robertson, of N. C.

There were also Special Prizes awarded each night, and the winner were as follows:

A \$25.00 Heating Stove, won by Mr. E. P. Ellis.

A \$30.00 Mattress this won by Mr. Charles Oliver.

A beautiful Brooch, which was won by Mrs. W. E. Francis.

A Registered Bird Dog, which was won by Mr. George F. Cook.

There were also other Prizes awarded in the ten cent sales—among the numbers being a \$10.00 Hat, which was won by Dr. Henderson. A \$10.00 Gage Ladies Hat which was won by little Miss Helen Phipps, the daughter of our popular dentist, Dr. R. H. Phipps.

A handsome Suit of Clothes, which was won by Mr. F. E. Rector, of Chilhowie.

Another Suit of Clothes was won by Mr. Earnest Legard. A set of Bed Springs was won by Mrs. C. C. Whitworth.

These are just the largest and most valuable of the Prizes that were awarded, but there were many other valuable articles that were on sale whose value ran from fifty cents to one and two dollars. Of course there were a multitude of smaller articles that went to make up the filling of the shelves. But there were but few who went away unsatisfied.

Taking it all in all the Marion Kiwanis Store was a big pull for the Club; it was jolly crowd that assembled at the store each night, everyone seem to enter into the spirit of the occasion and have a good time. It required a great deal of work to engineer and manage the scheme as successfully as was done, and while all the members of the Club was behind the effort the committees that had the arrangements in charge deserve great credit for such a successful result. We do not care to mention any in particular where all did so well. The donors of the Prizes showed great liberality of spirit and progressiveness, and Marion is to be congratulated that it possesses among its citizens such wide-awake and progressive men. They are men who do things, and are the builders of today.

At the close of the Store Saturday night Mr. A. T. Lincoln in a few appropriate words returned thanks to the members of the Club for the hearty support that they had given the Store, and the energetic work done which had contributed so essentially to the success that had been attained. He also returned thanks to Miss Helen Wolfe the winner of the Vanity dresser, and Miss Nancy Neikirk, the second in the race, for their enthusiastic work; also to the public generally for the hearty patronage extended and support given; for those who went to the store expecting to get something for nothing and then went away dissatisfied, all he had to say were they were not good sports.

The Episcopal Church will celebrate its Christmas program Sunday night at the regularly appointed hour, 7:30 for the services. At this time the Rector the Rev. E. C. Buñz, will conduct the services. There will be special Xmas music and an interesting program. The public is invited.

Mr. A. H. Campbell, a former Marion boy who is now living at Christiansburg, was in town Wednesday for a short time. It has been about fifteen years since Mr. Campbell has seen our town, and he was very enthusiastic in regard to its growth and progress, and says that it is the finest town in the Southwest.

History Virginia Table Company Reads Like Romance.

STORY OF HOW PARENT CORPORATION OF LINCOLN FURNITURE COMPANY LEAPED TO FRONT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF DINING ROOM SUITS.

(The Bristol Herald-Courier, of Sunday last, carried with it a 3-page writeup of the Lincoln Furniture plant of that city, and in connection with the story gave the following in regard to the Virginia Table Works, of Marion, which is the parent of the Bristol plant. In the same issue the paper carried the portraits of Messrs C. C. Lincoln, President, C. C. Lincoln, Jr., Vice-President, W. H. Curran, Secretary and Treasurer, L. E. Gordon, Superintendent, and the Sales Organization.)

The officers of the Virginia Table Company are:
President and Treasurer, C. C. Lincoln, Sr.
Vice President, C. C. Lincoln, Jr., secretary, W. H. Curran.
Superintendent, L. E. Gordon.

The present Virginia Table Company was organized about 1912 and at the same time a bankrupt plant was purchased by C. C. Lincoln, Sr. At first there were only forty employees and the volume of business done totalled only \$100,000 per year. From this modest beginning the Virginia Table Company has shown steady and healthful growth, expanding until today it is the largest manufacturer of dining room suites in the United States or the world. About five hundred men are employed in the company's modern plant at Marion, Virginia and the present value of the manufactured product of this company is between two and three millions of dollars per year. Due the modern manufacturing methods this company has demonstrated to the furniture world that real quality furniture can be manufactured in large quantities and presented to the furniture trade at reasonable prices. During the past year the company manufactured and shipped 15,000 dining room suites of a single pattern, this no doubt being a production record. This product has been distributed all over the United States, from coast to coast and into every state. At present the export business is rather small but it is only a question of a few years until this product will be shipped to various foreign countries.

The plant at Marion is one of the largest furniture plants in the South, covering about six acres of ground. The entire force of five hundred men is drawn from local sources as practically every man employed in the plant is a native of Smyth county. A large number of men living on farms in Smyth county have found it profitable to work at the plant at Marion and continue to live on the farm. The company has erected a garage for use of employees and the garage now houses fifty or more cars of employees every day.

The Virginia Table Company is the parent concern of the Lincoln Furniture Manufacturing Company.

The marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. James Webb. The living room was beautifully decorated with white and yellow chrysanthemums banded in ferns.

A turkey dinner followed the ceremony, with covers laid for twenty-four. The bride's table was decorated with a Thanksgiving center-piece, a pumpkin filled with choice fruits in a bed of ferns.

The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for an Eastern trip after which they will make their home at Pikeville, where Mr. Tilson is having a lovely bungalow constructed which will soon be ready for the happy couple.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, in the dispensation of his providence, God has saw best to remove from this world, the little girl from brother W. W. Marshall.

Therefore be it resolved:
1st. That we members of Sugar Grove Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 215 desire to extend to brother Marshall and family, our sincere sympathy in the loss of their darling little girl, and while they cannot see now why she was taken so early, that they will be able to understand it better by and by, for Christ said suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of heaven.

2nd. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded brother Marshall and family, that they be published in our county papers.
E. M. STEFFEY,
R. C. SLEMP,
J. A. CURRIN,
Committee.

Scatter Sunshine with Xmas cards. We have a large assortment to pick from.
CITY DRUG STORE.

Suspenders, Belts, Cuff and Collar Buttons.
MAX WEILER CO.

Met At Greer's Restaurant.

KIWANIS CLUB HOLD A FULL AND PLEASANT MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT.

The regular weekly meeting of the Marion Kiwanis Club was held Tuesday night at F. M. Greer's new restaurant, and was one of the entertaining occasions of the Club. The feature of the evening was an address by Hon. John Preston Buchanan, and those who have heard addresses by this eloquent and forceful talker know that it was well worth listening to.

The supper was fine and served in up to date style. The beautiful appointments of the banqueting room of Greer's restaurant render this a delightful place for occasions of this kind, and the large room and elegant decorations give plenty of room and artistic trimmings for such an occasion.

The President of the Club, Mr. C. C. Lincoln, was out of town, and the chairman of the evening was also absent, but their places was very creditably filled by Mr. W. R. D. Moncre.

The silent boost was presented by W. L. and L. P. Allen, fire and life insurance, and consisted of a sharpening disk and on the reverse side an attractive advertisement of the firm's business.

Mr. M. M. Brown gave the Attendance Prize, which was won by Mr. Britton Peery, and was a very neat drinking cup in an artistic leather case. The attendance prize for the next meeting will be given by Mr. C. H. Funk.

Mr. T. E. King, the treasurer of the Country Store, made a financial report of the operations of the Store which was most satisfactory and showed that after paying all the expenses of the Store there was a neat net balance to the credit of the Club, to be used for such benevolence purposes as the Club may desire.

The meeting was a fine one, and the Club is in better shape than ever to be of benefit to the Town.

Allen-Tilson.

At high noon on Tuesday, November 29th, Elizabeth Ann, attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Allen and John J. Tilson, Jr., were united in marriage by Rev. Davis, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, of Pikeville, Ky.

The bride comes of one of the foremost families of Eastern Kentucky, now residing in Pikeville.

The groom comes from one of the best old Virginia families, and is a successful electrical contractor, being connected with the Electrical Service Co., of Pikeville, Ky.

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Senter-Rhodes.

Miss Filma Mac Rhodes of Marion, Va., and Mr. J. B. Senter, of Norfolk, Va., were quietly married Thursday afternoon at the home of Rev. J. F. Reed, of Bristol, Tenn. They were met at the station by Mrs. Dishman and Mr. Gilmer Dishman, aunt and cousin of the bride and Mrs. Wright, sister of the groom, who accompanied them to the parsonage and were witnesses to the ceremony. Arrangements had been made and the home was beautifully decorated with ferns and roses. The bride wore a lovely suit of blue carrying a beautiful corsage of roses. The expressive ring ceremony was carried out and immediately after, they motored to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dishman where a beautiful dinner was served with several invited guests; namely, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Feathers, Gilmer Dishman, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Sheffield and family. Mrs. Rhodes mother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Dishman and Mrs. Wright, sister of the groom, Mrs. Senter was a student of Marion College till recently she accepted a position as stenographer for the Southwest, Va. Cooperation Exchange at Rural Retreat, Va., and Mr. Senter holds a high position in Norfolk, Va.

After a few days visit at Marion and Rural Retreat, the happy couple will leave for Norfolk, Va., where they will make their future home.

No Paper Next Week.

Notice is given that there will be no issue of the Marion News the coming week. The mechanical force have worked hard the past year and deserve a holiday, and for the coming week will lay off. So the News will not appear again until the 3d of January, 1924. And we wish to each and every one of our readers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Everything Found Correct.

State Accountant T. J. Todd has been in Marion the past week checking up the books of County Clerk H. L. Kent, and County Treasurer, J. L. C. Anderson, with the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Accountant reported the accounts of both these officers to be in perfect condition and correct, and congratulated these officers on the clear and efficient manner in which their offices are managed.

In conversation recently with Treasurer Anderson he informed us that his collections up to December 1st had amounted to \$160,000 or about 80 percent of the total assessment. This speaks finely for the people of Smyth County, and places our County near the head, if not at the head of the list of counties of the State in meeting the tax obligations. Smyth County is a fine old county and is in the best financial shape of almost any county not only in the Southwest but of the whole State.

Smyth County Fair for 1924.

Dates are set August 26, 27, 28, 29. In announcing these dates to the public we wish to assure them that the amusements of the next Fair will be of high class and refined. They will come from the very best Theaters. Some now engaged at the Hippodrome for the entire year.

The public is indeed fortunate to have brought to their doors such amusement as Smyth County Fair engages. There will also be several new rides making 7 in all. You will recall the Catpillar last year. We will have two additional new rides this year.

The fence is now being extended, taking in the new addition to the Fair widening the space for shows and rides which will add very much to the entertainment of the public.

The farmers attention is called to planting for the next Agriculture exhibit. It is one of the biggest features that we have and we want the farmers to continue and fill the agriculture building to an overflow this coming year. The entire building will be turned over to agriculture exhibits.—Fair Association.

Gillespie-Hammer.

Miss Evelyn Rives Hammer, oldest daughter of Mrs. John P. Hammer of this city, was married to Mr. Denton Staley Gillespie, formerly of Marion, Va., at the bride's home at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, in the presence of relatives and intimate friends of the family. Rev. J. Stewart French performed the ceremony of the Methodist Church using the ring. The bride's only attendant was her sister, Miss Mildred Hammer, who preceded her down the stairway to the living room where the ceremony took place. Her dress was reseda green crepe with spring hat of reseda green taffeta, and corsage of pink rose buds.

The lower floor of the home was thrown on suite and profusely decorated with southern smilax, ferns and palms. The bride entered the living room with her brother, Mr. Fred M. Hammer, who gave her in marriage. The groom, with his best man, Dr. W. M. Sexton, entered from an adjoining room, and here before an improvised altar, the solemn marriage vows were taken.

The bride was becomingly attired in a going away suit of rose taupe suedette with trimmings of viatka fur and harmonizing accessories. She wore a corsage of orchids and valley lillies. Mrs. Jno. P. Hammer, mother of the bride, wore a modish black satin gray fur. Before the ceremony Miss Kathleen Kelly sang "At Day's End" with Miss Edith Kelly accompanist. As the processional Miss Kelly played Lohengrin's wedding march, and Schuman's Traumer was softly played during the ceremony.

Many lovely presents were received. After congratulations and good wishes were said Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie left for their bridal tour, which will include New Orleans, Birmingham and Chattanooga. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie will be at home upon their return in the White House apartments on Sixth Street—Bristol Herald-Courier.



Santa Claus Is Here



The Xmas Store

Gifts To Gladden Every Heart
—AT THE—
'New Store.'

BRINGING CHRISTMAS TO EVERY HOME—GIFTS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY—FROM GRANDMA DOWN TO THE BABY.

For Her.

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Pillows and Scarfs to match, covered in Silk velour.

Wool Scarfs and Hats.

Plain Pillows to cover.

Bankets.

Bed Spreads.

Pillow Cases stamped, plain, hemstitched.

All Linen Pillow Cases.

Towels of every description and color

Turkish Towels (all colors)

All Linen Kitchen Towels.

Cotton Towels in same patterns.

Table linen and Napkins of every quality.

Umbrellas, most attractive, plain, and also with handles and ferils to match color of cover.

Hand Bags.

Dress Suit Cases.

Luggage Bags.

Beaded Bags.

Handkerchiefs.

Box Handkerchiefs.

All Silk Kayser Garments in suits

Bloomers, Panteletts and Petticoats.

Hosiery in many styles and colors.

Gloves, Kid, long, medium, short in all the winter shades.

All Charmesette, Wool, Leatherette.

Dorries and Vanities.

Powder Puff in a number of styles

Boudoir Caps.

Komonois in Crepe, Germine, Beacon, Flannel.

Corduroys in every shade of color you can think of.

Maderia Dresses, Bibs, Petticoats.

For The Baby.

Brush and Comb.

Booties.

Knitted sack sets.

Teddy Bear Suits.

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For Little Folks.

Shoes and Slippers of every leather and color.

Rubber to fit every pair of them.

Bed Room Slippers, a really wonderful line.

Flannel and Cotton Middies, red, navy green.

Rain Coats and Hats to match.

Rain Capes.

Rubber Boots, red tops and others.

Bed Spreads.

All of them Gifts you love to Give.

Further Reduction in all Ready-to-Wear

HATS, COATS, SUITS, DRESSES.

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The Weiler-Wolfe Company.

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Smyth County Boys Honored.

VIRGINIA JUDGING TEAM MAKES EXCELLENT SHOWING AT IN- TERNATIONAL

The stock judging team which represented Virginia in the National Contest held at Chicago, during the International Livestock Exposition, has returned and the boys report a fine trip.

The team left Blacksburg Tuesday Nov. 27th, arriving in Chicago Wednesday 28th which allowed them time to rest up for the strenuous contest to be held on Friday 30th.

When the roll was called by Capt. Thornbery early Friday morning, the boys there represented this country from coast to coast, a total of eighteen teams were present and they were immediately advised as to the details of the contest.

First, the boys were divided into groups, so that there would not be two boys from any one State in the same group. It was then announced that the contest would consist of two classes each of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep. Each class consisted of four animals and on four of the classes, oral reasons were to be given.

This Virginia Team, which came from Smyth County consisted of Robert Anderson, Laxton Eller, Cayl Eller with M. M. Duncan substituting, having been coached for some days by State Animal Husbandman, J. P. Keen, went into the contest with the same determination, but a far more polished team than won the trip in the State Contest in Richmond this fall. Nor did these boys fail to do themselves proud. While the Virginia Team did not win first, as was the case last year, much credit is reflected upon the County from which the boys came, upon the State as a whole and more especially upon Mr. J. P. Keen, coach, who has twice succeeded in equaling the best in the same number of contests.

A perfect score in the contests held this year was 600 points for each boy. This represents fifty points each for the placing on eight classes and fifty points each for reasons on four classes. The total score basis, then was eighteen hundred points. That Virginia was merely tossing "heads and tails" with the best of them for first honors may be seen from the following:

1st Nebraska 1535 points.
2nd Oklahoma 1531 points.
3d California 1528 points.
4th Virginia 1527 points.

In judging hogs, Virginia placed first and in judging sheep second.

Individual highest score was a tie with 534 points while Robert Anderson of Virginia was third with a score of 528. With the team score so close, it is not, as was remarked by the coach from California, a matter of speculation as to which of the four teams is best.

So much for the contest. The boys from Virginia worked hard, lost as good sports to lose and now look upon this wonderful trip with the valuable experience, incident thereto as "never to be forgotten" history. The livestock show at Chicago is a complete revelation to the average person and the Virginia boys did not fail to take advantage of the wonders to be seen.

The trip was highly enjoyed from start to finish and in this must not be overlooked, the day spent at the Cincinnati Zoo on the return home.

May Virginia and Smyth County not well be proud of these boys and the class of work done by them thru Agricultural Extension Service, as they are proud of this grand old State.

A BOX SUPPER

There will be a Box Supper held at Cleghorn School on Friday night, December 21st for benefit of School League beginning at 7:30. Come and buy a box and have a good time.

THE CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

The Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sales in Marion are good, but they have not yet come up to the mark set by the Committee in charge of the work. At least \$200.00 worth should be sold in Marion. Let every body buy seals and help to save a life, and help to stamp out Tuberculosis in Smyth County. The Virginia Tuberculosis Association is aiding with the sales in the County of Smyth but the County will get credit for all seals sold by the State Association.

Order of Oaks Give Supper.

THE ORDER OF OAKS GIVE A SPLENDID SUPPER AT THEIR ANNUAL REUNION. MANY FINE ADDRESSES.

Thursday night, December 13th, the Marion Lodge Order of Oaks, No. 6, held their Annual Banquet at the Hall in Marion, and it was one of the most enjoyable that the Lodge has yet held. We do not say this on account of having been one of the invited guests of the occasion, but it was the consensus of opinion of those who have attended former reunions of the Lodge.

The Lodge room as well as the dining rooms on the lower floor had been decorated very pretty with holly, evergreens and Christmas bells, and the tables arranged in perfect taste. The supper was served in most excellent manner, and the menu was varied and the viands, cooked to the queen's taste, and consisted of oysters fried and stewed, with celery and cranberry sauce, old Virginia ham, potato chips, rolls, pickles, and coffee with ice cream and cake for desert. All of the table arrangements were in good taste, and the cooking and serving was done by the wives and daughters of the members. Many of the members of the Order were accompanied by their wives and daughters, and there were quite a large number of invited guests.

After the supper was served the members and guests repaired to the Lodge room where the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. W. D. Vines, the President of the Lodge, called upon different ones for short addresses. Rev. E. H. Copenhaver, the pastor of the Marion Lutheran Church, responded in a very fine talk on 'Fellowship'. He was followed by Mr. W. R. D. Moncre, of Marion bar, who as usual gave an interesting and appropriate address. Mr. James White Sheffey, our Commonwealth's Attorney, was then called on, and responded very pleasantly. He was followed by Rev. J. R. Edwards, pastor of the Marion Baptist Church, in very appropriate address, his subject being the sturdiness and reliability of the "Oak". After him followed Mr. M. Quisenberry, the pastor of the Marion Methodist Circuit, who had for his subject "Brotherhood" and its effect on the individual. He was followed by Alex Hutchins, of the firm of Collins Bros., who gave a brief outline of what the "Oaks" stand for. Mr. J. R. Greenwood then made some very appropriate remarks, though he first had to apologize for his inability to make more extended remarks owing to the bounteous supper he had partaken of. The last to be called on was Mr. W. H. Bennett.

About ten o'clock the members dispersed for their homes, each one carrying with them the recollection of a most enjoyable evening and the satisfaction of having enjoyed one of the best suppers that has been served on a like occasion.

Marion Lodge of Oaks is one of the largest fraternal organizations of our city, and embraces in its membership a sturdy lot of men that well exemplify the character of the king of the forest from whom the Order take its name. The Lodge is doing a good work in our city, and while it is one of the youngest Orders we have here, it is growing very fast.

The editor returns thanks for the courtesy of an invitation to be present on this festive occasion, which was one of the pleasant occasions he has participated in since coming to Marion.

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Some of us may be betraying our Lord for thirty pieces of silver.
ONLOOKER.

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Smyth, on the 12th day of December 1923.

C. S. Wassum Plaintiff.
A. C. Brown, et al Defendants

ATTACHMENT
The object of this suit is to recover an account of \$175.00 with interest from November 1, 1923, for grazing cattle.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendants J. Crockett and F. B. Chapeze is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they do appear here within ten days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the Marion News a newspaper published in the County of Smyth, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this County, on the 17th day of December 1923, that being the next succeeding rule day after this order was entered.

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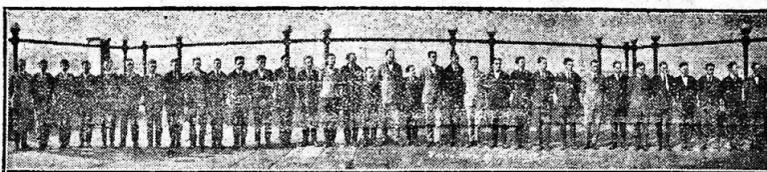
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MARION, VIRGINIA.

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Smyth County, the 6th day of December, 1923:—

Commonwealth.
vs.
One Ford Automobile Car, Va. License tag No. 127914, model 1920, motor No. 48973.

Whereas, James White Sheffey, Attorney for the Commonwealth of Smyth County, Virginia, has filed an information, under oath against one Ford Automobile Car, Va. License tag No. 127914, Model 1920, Motor No. 48973, the property of one John Terry for the purpose of having the same condemned and sold and the proceeds disposed of according to law, and alleges that the same was seized by the Sheriff of Smyth County, on the day of ——— 1923, while being illegally used for transporting ardent spirits in said County.

Now, therefore, all persons concerned in interest are hereby notified to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Smyth County, on the first day of January term, 1924, term thereof, that being the 7th day of

January, 1924, to show cause, if any they can, why the prayer of the information for condemnation and sale of said automobile should not be granted.

Teste:
H. L. KENT, Clerk.

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VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Smyth, on the 13th day of December 1923.

Robt. W. Neal, Plaintiff.
Fannie Neal, Defendant.

IN CHANCERY:

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a mensa et thoro on the ground of desertion.

And an affidavit been made and filed that the defendant Fannie Neal is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that she do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the Marion News a newspaper published in the County of Smyth, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this County, on the 17th day of December, 1923, that being the next succeeding rule day after this order was entered.

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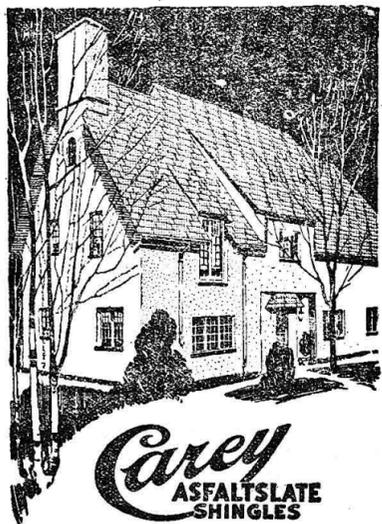
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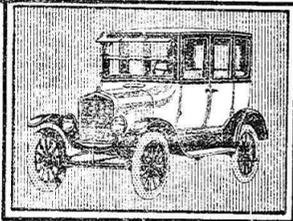
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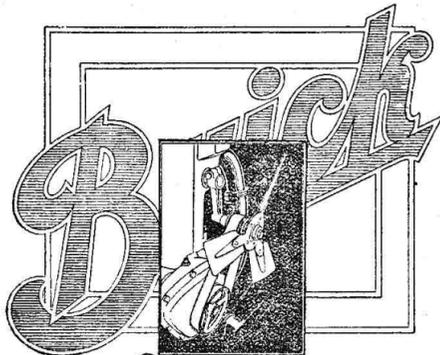


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When Honesty Pays

By CHARLES E. BAXTER

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SKINNER, the pal of Larry the Blood, had fallen on evil days after his friend's reformation. He, too, had tried running straight, for his experiences in the pen had disgusted him with crime. But Skinner had no trade, and it is a hard, cold world.

Too proud to ask help from Larry, who was himself hard up, Skinner resorted to a low boarding house where thieves and fakers gathered nightly to compare notes and discuss the events of the day. As a result, Skinner tried a new lay.

Armed with a pair of blue glasses, and a card on his breast marked "Pity the Blind," he took up his post in the shopping district, cap in hand, hair neatly smoothed over his forehead, and awaited events.

Unfortunately Skinner did not look his part. Although the cops did not molest him, his daily earnings brought him in only the barest means of subsistence. And the worst part of it was that Skinner really had some trouble with his eyes—a temporary inflammation, which made him feel in this role an honest man.

And there was Bill the Bootleg, temporarily out of business as a result of police activities, with his wooden leg, and his real leg strapped up inside his trousers, and doing a roaring trade of \$20 and \$30 a day as an ex-soldier in distress.

"Say, bo, this ain't your lay!" sneered Bill the Bootleg, when Skinner had recounted his ill success. "You better git off the job and go back to the sneak-thief line. You gotta have brains for this kinda work!"

Skinner retorted hotly, and one word led to another, till at last Skinner brought forward his final argument in the shape of a bluff on Bill's nose. Then the landlord separated them, and Bill retired, nursing his nose and vowing vengeance.

Next morning Skinner had forgotten, but Bill hadn't—nor had the other inmates, who were in the joke. Skinner got up, groped him way through his dressing in his half-blind way, ate a good breakfast of hash, put on his spectacles and his placard, and groped his way into the street.

Ah, yes, that placard! Planting himself down in the shopping district, Skinner found himself in receipt of custom almost immediately. A crowd gathered about him. All through the day, peering dimly out into the blue haze that constituted his world, he was aware of the interested scrutiny of little knots of people who kept gathering about him, apparently in high good humor.

Skinner, who was of a philosophical bent of mind, failed to understand why he should be the object of so much interest that day, but he smoothed back his hair, sat erect upon the sidewalk, cap in hand, occasionally uttering his whining lament: "Pity the blind. Pity the poor blind!"

He soon discovered that each appeal of his was the signal for the gathering of another crowd and renewed merriment. An awful thought came to him. Did they suspect that he was faking? Was there anything about him that had given him away? He was glad when at last the time came to wend his way homeward. Arriving late at the boarding house, Skinner, without troubling to take off his placard, thrust up his blue spectacles over his forehead, and took his seat at the table among the miscellaneous hoboos.

His advent was greeted with roars of laughter. Skinner glared about him indignantly, trying to discover who was the leader in this clique.

"Hey, can it!" he growled. "Can't a guy eat his cats without a lot of bums cackling at him?"

"Haw, haw!" laughed Bill the Bootleg. "How did things go today, Skinner?"

"Pretty good," answered Skinner. "Haw, haw! It sure does pay to advertise," said Bill.

"Whatcher mean?" growled Skinner. "Why, you jest look at that there placard," answered Bill.

Skinner took off his placard and tried to read it. And gradually the words stood out before his gaze:

"FAKING BLIND DON'T HELP ME UNLESS YOU WANT TO."

"Haw, haw!" roared the crowd of hoboos.

Skinner dipped into his pockets and pulled up handful after handful of coin.

"Much obliged, Bill," he said, caustically. "It sure does pay to advertise. I took in \$58.50 today."

Was Well On His Way.

It was Bill's first experience as a hotel porter and his initial night had been successful up to 5 o'clock in the morning. At that time he was instructed to call 16 and 3 by the night clerk as he looked over his call sheet. Bill responded quickly to the command and after some time the clerk went up to see if he had called the rooms designated.

"Well," responded the new porter with a dejected air, whom he found on the fifth floor, "I've got 16 of 'em up, but I haven't started on the other three yet."

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The old fashioned girl did not put on as much paint as the modern one does, but we sometimes think she put on more agony—especially in the days of the wasp waist.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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NOTICE.

The Postmaster General has approved an amendment of the Postal Laws and Regulations, as the result of which rural carriers will be granted Christmas Day as a holiday.

Since there is to be no delivery by rural carriers on Christmas day we trust that parcels will be mailed in time to be delivered before Christmas.

We expect to put forth the fullest effort to effect the delivery of every piece of mail, parcels included, reaching our office before Christmas so that there will be no disappointment to those who have mailed early.

G H Wheeler, P. M.

Marion College Notes.

Miss Thela Kegley, who was on the invalid list for several days with a mild attack of chicken-pox, left on Saturday for her home at Ceres, Va. In accordance with the College custom Miss Kegley's parents were informed of her indisposition, and they came to visit her. As they found her quite well enough to undertake the trip across the country, they took her home with them in their motor-car, it being her intention to go a few days later, anyway, for the Christmas holidays. She suffered no ill-effects from the long and tedious drive, and Dr. Cox has received a message from her family stating that Dr. Woolwine, her family physician, pronounced her malady chicken-pox.

As there are other cases of chicken-pox in Marion, Dr. Cox gave the students permission to go home a few days earlier for the holidays, on condition that they would make up the extra time later on in the session. This they agreed to do, and left the institution on Sunday in high spirits and with happy hearts.

Saturday night the Y. W. C. A. Christmas Party, which is one of the pleasantest features in the year's program, was held as usual, gifts of varied types being distributed amid much holiday merry-making.

On Sunday morning the members of the Senior Class sang Christmas carols in the corridors, this being another of the pretty customs of the institution.

M. C. Naill, furniture manufacturer of Pennsylvania, is in Marion, a guest of the College and of C. C. Lincoln, Sr. Mr. Naill's daughter is a student at the College this year.

Dr. Cox left for Knoxville on Monday evening, having been summoned there by a message announcing the death of his niece, Miss Rosalie McCall, a former student at the College.

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Dickinson-Smith Wedding.

One of the most beautiful weddings ever witnessed in Marion took place at 9:30 Saturday morning, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Mildred Matson, when her niece, Miss Mable Smith, became the bride of Mr. Nathan Dickinson.

Mrs. Matson's new home was charmingly decorated. At one end of the large living room an improvised altar was banked with evergreens, ferns and white chrysanthemums; tall white candles burned above the altar.

The short musical program was given before the ceremony. A violin number, *Souvenir*, by Drda, was effectively rendered by Miss Ellouise Kerrick, accompanied by Mrs. Roy Repass at the piano. Mrs. C. C. Lincoln, sang with much feeling "All For You, and Until." Then the music softly modulated to the *Bridal Chorus* from *Lohengrin*, and the matron of honor, Mrs. Hiter Robinson, came down the stairway attired in blue velvet and carrying *Sunburst* roses. Following her came the little flower girls, Misses Ellen Meade Wilson and Mary Campbell Cook, in lacy frocks of lavender and yellow crepe de chine, scattering rose petals. The ring bearer, little Miss Mary Jane Copenhaver, came next in dainty white lace and tulle, carrying the ring in an old-fashioned nosegay. The groom entered with his best man, Mr. Sydney Sprinkle. They were met at the altar by the Rev. Goodridge Wilson.

Then, while the wedding group waited at the altar, the bride appeared on the arm of her aunt, Mrs. Matson, the muted violin stole into the strains of MacDowell's "To a Wild Rose, and the beautiful Episcopal ring ceremony began.

The bride was a picture in her exquisite wedding gown of white brocade metal cloth trimmed with rhinestones and pearls, with a coronet veil of white tulle. Her bouquet was of *Bride* roses. Mrs. Matson was beautifully gowned in black chiffon velvet with silver lace.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for New York. They will be at home after Jan 1st in Norfolk, Va.

Among the out-of-town guests present at the wedding were Mrs. Lee Amsler of Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Ellouise Kerrick of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Glenn P. Anderson of West Point, N. Y., Mrs. Hiter Robinson of Norton, Va., Mr. W. H. Teas, of Annapolis, Md., Mrs. George Urquhart of Lynchburg, Va., Miss Sallie Barksdale of Roanoke, Va., Mrs. W. R. Moorfield of Beckley, West Va.

Mr. Dickinson is the son of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Dickinson of Marion. He is in business in Norfolk, Va. The bride is one of Marion's most charming and popular girls. Her gracious personality has endeared her to her many friends, and the social life of Marion will suffer a real loss at her departure.

RECEPTION FOR BRIDE.

Mrs. Mildred Matson's handsome new home on Church Street was the scene of a large and brilliant reception Friday afternoon and evening, Dec. 14, in honor of Mrs. Matson's niece, Miss Mabel Smith, the bride of the month.

The lower floor was tastefully decorated with pink roses and smilax; the dining room being especially lovely with masses of roses, lighted pink candles, and garlands of smilax caught to the chandelier with white tulle.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Dickinson, Miss Smith, Mrs. E. H. Robinson of Norton, Va., Miss Ellouise Kerrick of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Roy Repass, Mrs. Lee

Amsler of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. C. C. Lincoln, Jr. The bride was exquisitely attired in a gown of sapphire blue and silver cut velvet over chiffon with trimmings of silver lace.

The musical numbers rendered during the reception by Miss Kerrick, violin, and Mrs. Jno. Preston Buchanan, at piano, added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

A delicious salad course was served followed by ice cream in the form of wedding bells, with cake, coffee and mints.

Mrs. E. M. Copenhaver poured coffee. Among others who assisted with the reception were Mrs. Jas. D. Tate, Mrs. H. B. Staley, Mrs. C. C. Lincoln, Mrs. W. L. Lincoln, Mrs. Robt. Richardson, Mrs. Jno. P. Sheffey, Mrs. Geo. F. Cook, Mrs. Frank Copenhaver.

Anderson & Hutton

REAL ESTATE

No. 1. 150 acres of fine land in a high state of cultivation, fine Blue-grass land, has a clay subsoil, no better land in Smyth County, located on the State Highway, in good neighborhood close to School and Churches just nine miles East of Marion. Price \$200.00 per acre. 1-3 cash balance terms.

No. 2. 255 acres of fine land with a good six room house, good large barn and other outbuildings, this land is in a high state of cultivation and is one of the best trucking and grazing farms in Smyth County, located eight miles East of Marion, in a good neighborhood. Price \$30,500.00. We will sell this farm in parcels or as a whole, can give usual terms.

No. 3. 62 acres of very fine land with a fine large dwelling and all necessary outbuildings, this is a fine trucking farm located within a stone throw of Seven Mile Fork. Price \$15,000.00 one fourth cash balance terms.

No. 4. 175 acres of land located within 1 mile of the Station of Marion, 30 acres of this land is bottom land 50 acres fine table land balance suitable for grazing, this land has a rich deposit of Limestone analyzing 94-80 carbonate of Lime, see us for price, can give good terms.

No. 5. 140 acres of land with a 5 room house and good outbuildings located one mile South of Atkins, this is a good trucking, grain and grass proposition, we consider this farm a bargain at \$70.00 per acre usual terms.

No. 6. 32 acres of land with good five room house and necessary outbuildings, good young orchard, located in good neighborhood on public road, one and 3-4 miles North West of Marion. Price \$4500.00. One third cash balance 1, 2 and 3 years.

No. 7. 51 acres of land located near Nemo, in Rich Valley, a good grazing proposition. Price \$5000.00 good terms.

No. 8. 52 acres of land, located near North Holston, in Rich Valley, a New Quarry is being opened near this place making it very valuable, we will sell at a bargain, \$4000.00. Terms as above.

No. 9. A four room house and 14 acres of land located about 2 miles East of Atkins. Price \$1300.00. One third cash balance terms.

No. 10. A four room house and outbuildings 17 acres of land located on the State Highway 1 1/2 miles East of Atkins. Price \$3100.00. Terms as above.

No. 11. 52 acres of land, located near Groseclose, we will sell a bargain in this land. Price \$1600.00. Terms as above.

No. 12. 50 acres of good land with a good six room house and outbuildings, located within 1/2 mile of the Station at Groseclose. Price \$6000.00. Terms as above.

No. 13. 50 acres of land with a 6 room house and outbuildings, good orchard, near Thomas Bridge. Price \$2600.00. Terms as above.

No. 14. A good 8 room house with good basement, bath, electric lights, city water, good large lot fronts on Main and Cherry Sts. in the Town of Marion, a nice home. Price \$6,700.00. Terms as above.

No. 15. A five room house and 3 nice lots, located in the Town of Marion, a bargain at \$2,800.00. Terms as above.

If you want to sell your property list it with us, if you want to buy a home see us we have several attractive propositions to offer, come in and let us talk with you and tell you why you should buy a home in Smyth County.

ANDERSON & HUTTON
Office in the Court House First Floor

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were admitted to record during week ending December 15th, 1923.

J. B. Rhea and Ellen W. his wife, to D. F. Carrier, one lot in Marion containing 8-16 acre, \$230.00.

D. F. Carrier to Emma C. Carrier, one lot in Marion, containing 3-16 acres, \$200.00.

Ida and John D. Porterfield to J. W. Shinault, one house and lot on Staley's Creek \$935.00.

Frank and Ruth C. Copenhaver to Mrs. E. B. Sprinkle, one lot of John S. Copenhaver Home place, \$2100.00.

Mrs. John H. Hunt to Geo. W. Hunt a parcel of land situated Buckeye Hollow, \$100.00.

Geo. F. Cook, Attorney in fact for W. M. Jones and Lillie Jones to D. A. Blevins and W. M. Blevins a tract of land in St. Clair District \$2400.00.

J. N. Widener and Minerva, his wife, and Walter and Minerva Warren to W. B. Sturgill and C. V. Johnson, 42 acres situated on Gross Creek, \$3000.00.

L. N. and Luella Dowell to Trustees St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Preston Parish, Saltville, Virginia, one lot in Henrytown Addition, \$1375.00.

S. W. and Sarah B. Dickinson to H. Clay Wolfe and Lonnie Wolfe, one lot on Cemetery Street in Marion, \$1100.00.

T. B. and Lizzie R. Ward to G. W. Debord, 39 acres lying on Chatham Hill, \$2750.00.

D. E. Catron and Julia A., his wife to H. C. Hubble and E. H. Hubble, 40 acres lying on North Fork of Holston River, \$3,300.00.

A Victrola for Xmas. We have them from \$25.00 to \$300.00. Call in and let us show them to you.
CITY DRUG STORE.

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Peoples National Bank, Marion, will be held in its office at Marion, Virginia, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., January 8, 1924 being the second Tuesday, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

A full attendance is desired.
H. FRANK PEERY, Cashier.
d until Jan 8, 1924.

The Baptist Church.

Next Sunday is Christmas Sunday and all the services at the Baptist church will be appropriate to the day. At 11:00 A. M. the subject of the pastor's sermon will be "The Christmas Angel; and at 7:30 P. M. "The Most Wonderful Visit Men Ever Made." The Sunday School will meet at 9:30 A. M. and the Young People's Societies at 6:30 P. M. A hearty welcome awaits you at all these services. You are cordially invited to be present.

Wardrobe and other Trunks and Suit Cases and Bags. Full assortment.
MAX WEILER CO.

Miss Mattie Preston Wassum and Miss Margaret Wassum have issued invitations for a bridge party for Saturday December 22 at 3 P. M. complimentary to Miss Elaine Hotze of Cincinnati, Ohio.

STATEMENT of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of Marion News published weekly at Marion, Virginia for October 1923.

State of Va., County of Smyth ss. Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Arthur L. Cox, who, having been duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the Marion News and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business managers are: Publisher Arthur L. Cox, Marion, Va. Editor Arthur L. Cox, Marion, Va. Managing Editor Arthur L. Cox, Marion, Va. Business Manager, Arthur L. Cox, Marion, Va.
2. That the owner is: Arthur L. Cox.
3. That the known bondholders, mortgages and other security holders owing or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none, so state.) None.

ARTHUR L. COX,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of Dec. 1923.
GEO. F. COOK, N. P.
My commission expires May 9, 1926.

ONE FACT:—More fires occur during Christmas Holidays than any other season of this year.

TWO SUGGESTIONS:—1. Use care to prevent fires starting.
2. Have ample insurance protection.

You comply with the first suggestion; Let us supply the insurance in strong, reliable companies, as that is our business.

GILLS & MILES
General Insurance:
Phone No. 92.

Office over Bank of Marion, Marion, Va.



Time To Buy!

Your Wife or Daughter will appreciate a gift in Ready-To-Wear, from Roberts Store Co. If you get it there she will know its the best Quality, and latest style. We are running a clean up sale and you can't beat our prices.

AS A SUGGESTION:

Special this week.
150-Hats at

\$1.00 Each.

50-Hats at

\$3.75.

Buy from us and save money, as we have lots of other good items, not listed above.

Roberts Store Co.

The newest Ladies-Ready-To-Wear Store in Marion, Va.

Christmas Greetings!

A present for everyone visiting our store from now until Christmas by saving from

20 to 25 Per Cent.

from original selling price on Clothing.

We are determined to reduce our immense stock of Clothing. All Suits and Over Coats and Makinaws must be closed out to realize Cash, and have low inventory by

January 1st, 1924.

Our Clothes most all fresh and new and stylish and well made. Im-mense stock of

Underwear,
Flannel Shirts,
Dress Shirts,
Hats, Caps, Gloves,
Ties and Clothing.

HIGH AND REGULAR TOP SHOES, FELT AND LEATHER SLIPPERS, RUBBERS, TRUNKS, BAGS Etc.

Take advantage of this Reduction Sale and come early to

MAX WEILER COMPANY

OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS!



Manicure Sets
Towels
Towel Sets
Art Goods
Handkerchiefs
Dorines
Perfume
Baskets
Tie Racks
Coat Racks
Beads
Ties

Fancy Combs.
Dolls & Toys
Hair Nets in Boxes
Camisoles
Silk Hose
Boudoir Caps, etc.

Fur Chokers
Lingeries
Blankets
Bed Room Slippers
Stationery
Bags
Kimonas
Baby Blankets
Bath Robes
Umbrellas
Sweaters
Gloves
Napkins
Table Linen
Laundry Bags
Military Sets
Comb & Brush Sets
Powder, etc.

This Store wishes you are Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Sale in Our MILLINERY and READY-TO-WEAR Department, mentioned in last week's Issue, is still going on.

Collins Brothers

Department Store.

Send the Absent Friend a Present
the Marion News each week—Only \$1.50.

Max Weiler Co's Great Sacrifice Reduction Sale FOR 20 DAYS

\$25,000

Worth of GOOD RELIABLE Merchandise must be Greatly Reduced between now and first of the year We are contemplating making a change in our business which requires our stock to be reduced to a certain amount.

1000 Men's, Boy's and Children's Suits; also Overcoats, Odd Coats and Pants have to be SACRIFICED. If you wish to buy CLOTHING between now and January 1st at

Unheard of Prices,

is the time to purchase all you need. Our stock is too large to quote prices, but you will save 25 to 40 Per Cent. from former prices, by taking advantage of this offer. Also reductions in high and low SHOES, FURNISHINGS, Etc.

MAX WEILER COMPANY,

Opposite Court House,

MARION, VIRGINIA.



Nice Things for Gifts

CHRISTMAS---

Shop Early---

Buy Hardware.

You can shop comfortably now. In a couple of weeks you'll have to contend with cross-clerks in a rush, and depleted stocks.

Something from the hardware line will make an ideal gift—one that will call up pleasant memories of the giver for years to come. We can furnish you with gifts for everyone. Following are a few suggestions from many that might be given:

FOR HER

Casserole
Percolator
Vacuum Cleaner
Electric Toaster
Sweeper
Silverware
Electric Grill
Electric Iron
Roaster

FOR HIM

Pocket Knife
Fishing Equipment
Hunting Equipment
Shaving Outfit
Repair Tools
Lunch Kit
Flashlight
Ammunition

FOR KIDS

Ice Skates
Roller Skates
Watch
Coaster Wagon
Doll Carts
Sleds
Blackboard
Kiddie Cars
Knife

Staley Hardware Company

MARION, VIRGINIA.

Trustee's Sale

OF

VALUABLE PROPERTY.

Pursuant to the terms of that certain Deed of Trust executed on August 1, 1921, by the Kyva Ferro Manganese Corporation to the undersigned Trustee, default having been made in the payment of certain notes, for which the said deed of trust was executed to secure payment of the same, and having been required so to do by the holders thereof, I will, therefore, sell at public auction at the front door of the Court House for Smyth County on

JANUARY 3, 1925, SATURDAY,
11:00 o'clock A. M., all of that certain property described as follows:
The line of the railroad in Smyth County, Virginia, beginning at needle point of switch east of Frog, at the eastern end of rail running on said corporation's railroad at long tie with switch ratchet, located on bank upon the South Fork of Holston River, about 300 yards north-east of old store at Quebec, and ending near the mines of the said Corporation, all of said railroad being in Smyth County, Virginia, and which said line of railroad includes all rails, ties, bolts, siding, switches, timbers and all other fastenings connected with the railroad track, and which line of railroad includes 7 1-3 miles.

Also the following real estate:
Located in Smyth County, on the waters of Jerry's Creek, known as "The Spore Property," containing 310 acres, more or less.

All of the above property is fully described in the aforesaid deed of trust of record in Clerk's Office of Smyth County in Deed Book No. 47, page 561.

The above described rail-road is standard gauge, and the real estate contains very fine manganese deposits in an abundant quantity, and is in the process of mining.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale.

Given under my hand this December 10, 1924.
GEORGE F. COOK, Trustee.
n dec 11 4t

NOTICE

VALUABLE FARM TO BE RENTED FOR FIVE YEARS

That in execution of decree entered in the chancery cause pending in the Circuit Court of Smyth County, Virginia, entered the 11th day of March, 1924, styled C. H. Repass vs. D. W. Blevins, I will, on the

12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1925,
at 10:30 o'clock A. M., in front of the Court House at Marion, Virginia, rent at public outcry to the highest bidder a certain tract of land containing 8 1/2 acres, more or less, with the dwelling house, improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging included, located on St. Clair's Creek, Smyth County, Virginia, and being the same tract of land conveyed to D. W. Blevins by D. A. Hart by deed bearing date of April 18, 1918, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Smyth County in Deed Book 42, page 552, said property now being owned and occupied by D. W. Blevins.

TERMS OF RENTAL: For enough cash on day of rental to pay all the costs and expenses of this suit and the balance to be paid by the year in equal installments, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years from date. This property is to be rented for a period of five years. Complete possession to be given on confirmation of the rental.

W. R. D. MONCURE,
Special Commissioner.
I hereby certify that W. R. D. Moncure, Special Commissioner, has executed bond before me in the above mentioned cause for rental according to the terms of the decree entered therein for the rental thereof.

H. L. KENT, Clerk.
dec 4 n 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT, McCREADY, VIRGINIA.

Take notice that I shall, as Special Commissioner in the cause of C. L. Hopkins against Bradley Call and others, now pending in the Circuit Court for Smyth County, Virginia, on Monday the

12TH DAY OF JANUARY 1925,
at 11 o'clock A. M. at the front door of the Court House, Marion, Virginia, proceed to sell that certain House and Lot, lying and being at McCreedy, Smyth County, Virginia, formerly owned by Ralph Surber and by him conveyed to J. E. Coe originally and now recorded in the name of Rena Coe, and more particularly described in the papers of the said cause and the said deeds, upon the following terms, to-wit:—

For cash sufficient to pay off the costs of the said suit and the costs and expenses of sale, and as to the residue upon a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, the purchaser being required to execute bonds payable to the said Special Commissioner, dated on and bearing interest from the day of sale, due in equal installments at six, twelve and eighteen months and with approved security.

JAMES WHITE SHEFFEY,
Special Commissioner.
I, H. L. Kent, clerk of the Circuit Court for Smyth County, Virginia, do hereby certify that Jas. White Sheffey, Special Commissioner, has executed the bond required of him in the above named cause.
H. L. KENT, Clerk.
n 4t dec 18

Trustee's Sale.

Pursuant to the terms of that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned Trustee by Peter Kale and Elizabeth Kale, of date January 30, 1922, and of record in the Clerk's Office of Smyth County, default having been made in the payment of a certain note for which the said deed of trust was executed to secure the payment thereof, and having been required so to do by the holder of the said note, I will, therefore, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House for Smyth County, on

JANUARY 3, 1925, SATURDAY,
11:15 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate.

Situated near Groseclose, in Smyth County, on the head waters of the Middle Fork of Holston River, containing 28 1/2 acres and fully described in the said deed of trust.

This property lies a short distance from the depot at Groseclose, has a dwelling house thereon, and is in a good state of cultivation.

TERMS OF SALE: \$400.00 cash in hand on day of sale and the balance upon a credit of six and twelve months.

Given under my hand this December 10, 1924.

GEORGE F. COOK, Trustee.
n dec 11 4t

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Pursuant to the terms of the Circuit Court of Smyth, in vacation, on November 22, 1924, I will sell at public auction at the front door of the Court House for Smyth County on

DECEMBER 27, 1924, SATURDAY,
11 o'clock A. M., the land fully described in that certain chancery cause of D. E. Ernest et als vs. Clabe Blevins et als.

This property consists of about 12 acres of land, with a dwelling house and outbuildings thereon, together with a splendid orchard. It is located in the St. Clair District, near Thomas Bridge, on the public highway.

Terms of Sale: One-third cash in hand on day of sale and the balance upon a credit of six and twelve months, bearing interest, with approved security.

Given under my hand this December 5, 1924.

GEO. F. COOK,
Special Commissioner.
I hereby certify that the above named Special Commissioner, has given bond as required by the decree under which he sells.

Given under my hand this December 5, 1924.
H. L. KENT, Clerk.
dec 4 n 4t

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Pursuant to the terms of that certain decree entered by the Circuit Court of Smyth County on November 3, 1924, in that certain chancery cause of Mrs. Duffman vs. Alex. Moffat, I will sell at public auction at the front door of the Court House for Smyth County on

DECEMBER 27, 1924, SATURDAY,
11 o'clock A. M. all of that certain house and lot fully described in the bill and exhibits of said cause.

This property is located at Saltville, and consists of a splendid dwelling with all modern improvements, a large lot, and an ideal location for a first class home.

Terms of sale: \$1400.00 cash in hand on day of sale, and the balance upon a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, bearing interest with approved security.

Given under my hand this December 5, 1924.

GEO. F. COOK,
Special Commissioner.
I hereby certify that the above named Special Commissioner has given bond as required by the decree under which he sells.

Given under my hand this December 5, 1924.
H. L. KENT, Clerk.
dec 4 n 4t

Guaranteed Hosiery, samples you size free to agents. Write for proposition paying \$75.00 weekly full time, \$1.50 an hour spare time, selling guaranteed hosiery to wearers; must wear or replaced free. Quick sales, repeat orders.

International Stocking Mills,
Norristown, Pa.
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Stop that pain!

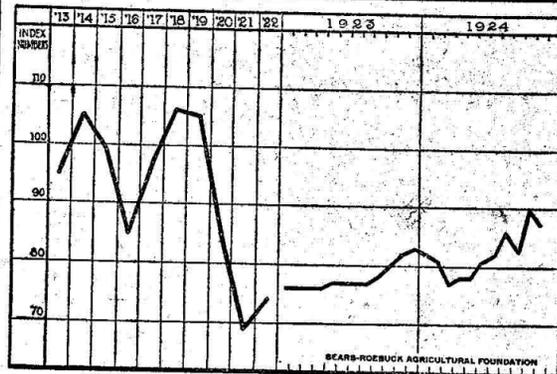
It's spoiling your enjoyment and ruining your health.

When you're suffering from headache, neuralgia, sciatica, carache, toothache, rheumatism or any other pain

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills
Bring relief without unpleasant after effects.

Your druggist sells them at pre-war prices—25 doses 25 cents. Economy package, 125 doses \$1.00.

Buying Power of the Farmer



The purchasing power of farm commodities continues to rise. Latest estimates show an average of 4.3 points higher for the first eleven months of this year than during the corresponding months of 1923, according to a report of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, based on the new index numbers of farm prices prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Farm prices show a combined value of 134 on November 1, 1924, as compared with 100 in 1913. This combined index number includes 30 farm commodities which represent more than 90 per cent of the value of products sold by farms, the Foundation points out. Using August, 1908, to July, 1914, as 100, the purchasing power of these products stood at 87 on November 1 of this year. In 1913 the purchasing power was 100, decreasing to 69 in 1921. In 1922 it rose to 74 and by 1923 the average stood at 78. During the first eleven months of this year the purchasing power of farm commodities averaged 82.3 as compared with 77.5 in the same period a year ago.

Advances in grain, which averages about 22 per cent of the total value of farm products sold, and in price of meat animals, which averages 27 per cent, have been the largest factors in the increase of the farmer's purchasing power since 1921. The grain farmer received during the early part of this year prices about 10 per cent above the pre-war five-year average. This had risen to 30 per cent increase by July. At the same time the general price level of commodities the farmer has to buy ranges 80 to 80 per cent above the 1913 level.

Don't Forget Our Advertisers.

The Marion merchants are remarkably well prepared this year to supply every one with all the good things that can be asked for to make a Merry Christmas. The stores are chuck-full of good things, to eat, drink and wear, and plenty of toys and playthings for the little ones. Call on
The City Drug Store for all kind of pretty presents for old and young.
The Marion Clothing Company for all kinds of Men and Boys Dress Furnishings and Clothing.

Collins Brothers Department Store for Ladies Dresses, Coats and Furnishings, and Childrens Toys.
Marion Cash Market (F. F. Gullen) for all the Goods things to eat, Oysters and Fruits and Candies.
J. K. Fisher for Jewelry, Rings and Watches, and Presents that will last.

Weiler-Wolfe Company for Dresses, Coats, and Ladies Dress Furnishings and Novelties.
Jamison's for Everything that goes to make a good Christmas Dinner (except meats,) nice Candies, Fruits and Nuts.

The Staley Hardware Company for Toys and Presents for Old and Young, Beautiful Dishes and Aluminum Ware.
Graham's 5, 10 and 25c Store for the Toys that the Children love and that makes their Christmas so bright and happy; they have got them in loads.

R. R. Aker for the Watches you want and very handsome Jewelry Presents.
Go and see them and you will be sure of a fine assortment to choose from, polite and courteous treatment, and prices as low as can be found at any place.
Merry Christmas to all.

CHICHESTERS PILLS

DIAMOND BRAND
Beware of Counterfeits.
Refuse all Substitutes.
LADIES!
Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTERS DIAMOND BRAND PILLS in Red and Gold Metallic Boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. TAKE NO OTHER. Buy of your Druggist and ask for CHICHESTERS DIAMOND BRAND PILLS for twenty-five years regarded as Best, Safest, Always Reliable.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS
TRIED EVERYWHERE TESTED



Toys for the Kiddies

THE CHRISTMAS STORE

is filled to over-flowing with Gifts for every member of the family.

A Treasure-house

of distinctive merchandise: the kind of goods you will be glad to give, and to receive.

COME IN AND SEE OUR DISPLAY.
We are headquarters for Santa Clause again this year; he has told us that he intended to distribute all the Dolls and Toys among his little friends he possibly can this Christmas.

He said that he would like to have a letter from all his children friends and any others that have moved in from a distance. As he does not want to miss a single good little boy or girl when he makes his rounds this Christmas. And he has placed a post office right inside our store door for this very purpose.

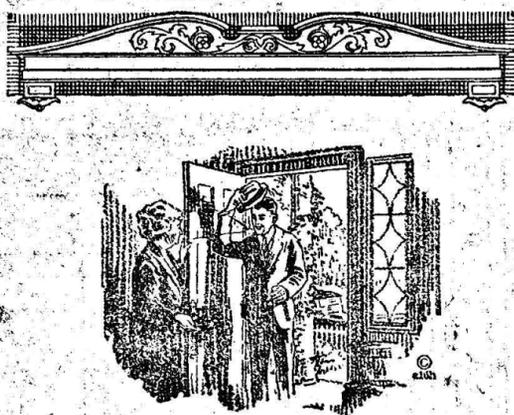
Old Santa expects to visit our store several times between now and Christmas to read the letters from his post office and select your presents as near to what you want as he can.

And listen children don't look for Santa in our store in the day time as he does his traveling when you are sound asleep.

So be good and write Santa a letter.

GRAHAM'S

5, 10 and 25c. Store
MARION, VIRGINIA



THE WILDCAT'S PURR

The affable stranger who calls upon you offering easy roads to great wealth is not all he seems to be.

Beneath his easy manners and smooth ways, he is determined to get "easy money."

Don't give him yours. When you have money to invest, seek competent counsel. You can find it here.

Bank of Marion
Marion, Virginia.

MERCURY FALLS BELOW ZERO ON ATLANTIC COAST.

St. Lawrence River Frozen Over—Thirty Below In Adirondacks

Boston, Dec. 31.—The cold wave which for days has been moving eastward enveloped New England today, bringing with it a long chain of below zero temperatures. The coldest spots appear to be Rutland, Vt., and Manchester, N. H., with reports of 12 to 20 below; Colebrook, N. H., with 26 below, and Walterville, Me., 20 to 30 below. In Boston the lowest was one below zero at 9:30 a. m.

Along the New England coast shipping remained largely tied up as a result of a gale which swept off shore.

Provincetown, at the tip of Cape Cod, experienced one of the worst "vapor storms" seen there in years. The cold wind blowing across the comparatively warm water caused clouds of vapor of fog-like density.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The temperature here tonight descended to 22 degrees below zero, freezing the St. Lawrence River entirely across for the first time this year. Ferry boats were forced to break their own channels most of the way.

Old Forge, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Winter officially made its bow in the Adirondack Mountains today. In this little settlement the thermometer today registered 31 degrees below zero. Saranac Lake, farther north, reported 28 below. There was a heavy snow fall.

Mr. Max Weiler returned from Baltimore Wednesday night, and is looking fine, ready to extend a jovial Christmas Greeting with his many friends.

ALLOCATION OF ROAD BONDS 1925

Funds allotted to Projects in the Eight Construction Districts on the State Highway System and Confirmed by the Commission at their meeting on December 17th, for 1925, in accordance with Chapter 448, Section 7, Acts of the General Assembly 1924.

No. 1, Bristol District.
Amount to be Allocated to Projects, \$378,000.00.

11—Camp No. 9, End of Project 131, Appalachia, (Grading, Drainage and Surfacing) \$100,000.00.

26—Camp No. 14, Top Big Walker Mountain—Eland C. H. (Grading and Drainage) \$25,000.00.

10—Camp No. 16, End of Project 122—Rose Hill, \$96,000.00.

11—Camp No. 5, Ring Chapel—St. Paul, (Grading, Drainage and Bit. Macadam), \$32,000.00.

105—Camp No. 1, Old Glade—Saltville (Complete Surfacing), \$85,000.00.

1141—Project 287, Dickenson County Line—Donkey, \$10,000.00.

10—Project S305, 6.55 Miles E. Scott Co. Line—4.85 Mi. E. Scott Line \$10,000.00.

10—Speers Ferry Bridge Approaches, \$20,000.00.

Total—\$378,000.00.

THE TIME IS NOW! THE OPPORTUNITY IS HERE!

The Winter Session of the National Business College begins December 29th to January 5. This is the time for Decision for Action. Reservations limited to 100 new students.

BIG BUSINESS IN SIGHT.

Good salaries for beginners R. L. Brickey, T. J. Coffey and R. J. Lefler, graduates of Bookkeeping Department, placed by our Employment Department at \$140 a month—many others placed last week. Positions now open for women stenographers as high as \$135 a month.

GET YOUR SHARE OF THE COMING PROSPERITY!

Write or wire for Reservations week of DECEMBER 29.

NATIONAL BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Roanoke, Virginia.

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APPOINTMENT

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CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF VA. COAL FIELDS

Richmond, Va.—A conference of peculiar interest to the Counties of Montgomery, Pulaski and Wythe, as well as to the state and nation, was recently held in Christiansburg, Va., before which was discussed the development of the Virginia anthracite coal fields. The conference, to which coal operators and others interested were invited, was called by Governor Trinkle at the request of the State Bureau of Labor and Industry. The meeting was opened by Commissioner of Labor John Hopkins Hall, Jr.

Singular interest attaches to the conference in question for the reason that the leading development of the anthracite fields in Virginia is expected to more than offset and supply the growing deficit in output from the Pennsylvania anthracite fields. In addition to a consideration of development of the mines the conference went into a serious discussion of the installation of safety and life-saving devices. It is understood that a spirit of good will and co-operation characterized the meeting, before which quite a number of operators were for the first time thrown together.

Among fundamental and vital subjects discussed were those of developing the coal deposits along efficient lines; safeguarding lives of miners; development of the properties so that every pound of available coal could be taken from the ground with profit to the operator, as well as to the owner of the land. The necessity of the proper preparation and marketing of output was freely considered. That there is a market for the entire output is proven by the fact that not only have orders for the domestic market been refused because production was not equal to demand, but likewise orders for cargo shipments.

There are thousands of acres of coal lands in the three Counties named, some sections running as many as five seams, although all of these have not as yet proven workable. There are millions of tons of high grade anthracite, however, in seams that can be readily worked, and this coal is said to meet every requirement for which Pennsylvania anthracite coal is used. Vast improvements are said to have been made in some of the operations in the past eighteen months, and an extended development of the rich fields is regarded as assured.

The conference resulted in the formation of a tentative organization of operators and the naming of a committee to formulate plans for the perfection of a permanent organization at a subsequent meeting in order that unity of action may be had in the systematic and proper development of the whole field.

The successful culmination of the work started by Governor Trinkle at Christiansburg will mean the stabilizing and development of the anthracite coal industry in Virginia. It may also mean, in the considered judgment of coal experts, that the gap in the coal market created by the waning anthracite output in Pennsylvania will be more than filled by the anthracite mines in Southwestern Va.

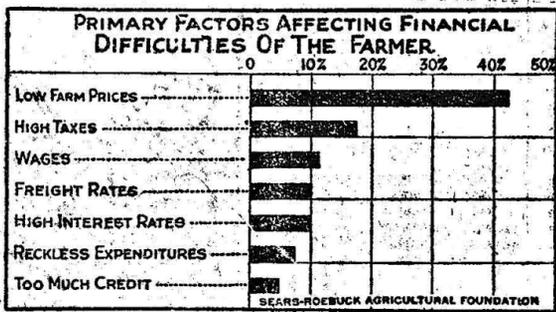
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V. M. COX,
Marion, Va.

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Forty-two per cent of the farmers in the United States blame their financial difficulties on the low prices of farm products, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, which has completed a study of the primary factors affecting the financial difficulties of the farmer based on a survey made by the United States Department of Agriculture. Seventeen per cent of the farmers feel that high taxes are the direct cause of the farm depression, eleven per cent blame the high costs for farm labor, ten per cent feel that high freight rates are responsible, ten per cent blame the high interest six per cent credit the depression to reckless expenditures during boom period, and four per cent think it was too much credit.

An inquiry made by the Department of Agriculture through both bankers and farmers shows that on an average 5 per cent of the farm owners in 15 corn and wheat-producing states lost their farms through foreclosure or bankruptcy during the late depression. Four and a half per cent more had turned over their farms to creditors without legal process, making a total of about 9.5 per cent who had lost their farms with or without legal proceedings. An additional 15 per cent were really bankrupt, but were holding on through the leniency of their creditors. By groups of states the percentage of owner-farmers who lost their farms since 1920 were as follows: Five East North Central states, nearly 6 per cent; seven North Central states, over 9 per cent; and for the three Mountain states nearly 20 per cent. The percentage of tenants who lost their property ran materially higher.

Records of the Department of Justice indicate that in the pre-war years, 5 per cent of all the bankruptcy cases were farmers. During the deflation 14 per cent of all bankruptcy cases were farmers. In some of these states where in pre-war years the farmer bankruptcy cases represented about 7 per cent of all such cases, this percentage in 1922 had risen to nearly 80 per cent.

These losses have not been due to inefficiency on the part of the farmers, points out the Agricultural Foundation, as practically all of them were incurred by men who had been doing fairly well until they entered the period of drastic deflation.



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