

## McCloud Named Superintendent Of Water System

J. D. McCloud, previously collector of water rents, was named superintendent of the Sugar Grove water system at the June meeting of the Smyth county board of supervisors held Monday, the 3rd, at the courthouse with all present.

Hi Whisman had previously been managing the system.

The board voted to employ T. Coleman Andrews & Co. of Richmond to audit the county books.

The road from Elk Horn Branch to the home of G. W. DeBusk, deceased, was ordered discontinued.

The county treasurer was authorized to borrow \$12,000 to pay county claims and the school board was authorized to borrow \$13,000 to pay operating expenses for the last month of school. The board was also authorized to borrow \$2,500 for the purchase of house and large lot next the Sugar Grove high school which will be developed into an outstanding home economics department.

The county surveyor was instructed to get deeds for a right-of-way through the Killing estate.

The board approved a petition of land owners along Road 645 asking its improvement to intersection with No. 664 and the cooperation of the state highway department was requested.

T. Grat Maloyd and Harve Clear were summoned to appear at the July meeting of the board to show cause why gates on Road 621 should not be removed.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING

The newly organized American Legion Auxiliary held its second meeting in the home of its president, Mrs. W. S. Catron.

The meeting was opened with reading the Preamble, and allegiance to the flag was given. "The Flag Speaks" was the topic of the program presented by Mrs. Beattie Gwyn.

The following committees were appointed: child welfare, Mrs. W. G. Kiser, chairman, publicity, Mrs. W. C. Johnston, music, Mrs. O. M. Thomas, ch., community service, Mrs. Beattie Gwyn, ch., membership, Mrs. Frank Ford, ch. Other committees will be appointed later.

The Auxiliary pledged its support to other organizations in promoting Flag Day on Friday June 14th. All merchants will be asked to display sidewalk flags as well as display them in their windows. Residents will be asked also, to display flags in their yards, porches and on their automobiles.

Three new members were presented, Mrs. Q. A. Calhoun, Marion, Mrs. C. K. Jones, Chilhowie, and Mrs. Hubble Neikirk, Chilhowie. Anyone desiring to become a charter member, will please call or see the president, Mrs. W. S. Catron or any of the members, on or before June 20th.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. S. F. Gollehon on Monday July 1st at 7:30 P. M. Meeting was closed in regular form, after which a delightful social hour was enjoyed. Eighteen members were present.

## HUTTON GIVES CHICKEN TALK

Dr. Dick Hutton contributed the Rotary club's program at its meeting Tuesday night, June 4, with an informal talk on raising chickens. The members returned to their regular meeting place at Wyatt's cafe.

Dr. Hutton is experimenting with scientific methods of raising a chicken flock and to date has found the methods quite expensive. He advised the other members not to go into the chicken business.

Several matters were disposed of during the business session.

Forty-two percent of the farmers in the United States lease or rent all the land they cultivate.



"I THOUGHT THE GERMANS WERE bombing!" sputtered F. A. Archinal, manager of W. W. Mac Company store in Marion, as he viewed damage done his window and door Wednesday afternoon, the 5th, when brakes failed on a car driven by L. M. Barnes of Bristol and it shot across the rialto sidewalk as he headed it in to park. Mr. Barnes is to

right of Mr. Archinal, Patrolman Ralph Wolfe is on the left. Mr. Barnes stated his car had recently been inspected and brakes found okay; they hadn't failed before. Fortunately no pedestrian were on the sidewalk or in the doorway when the run-a-way car hit with a loud crash. (Staff Photo—Greear)

## Crimson Clover a Money-Saver Crop

Recommendations by VPI agronomists that farmers save crimson clover seed this year due to prospective increased demand at fall seeding time, fit nicely into the Agricultural Conservation program in the state, say AAA officials.

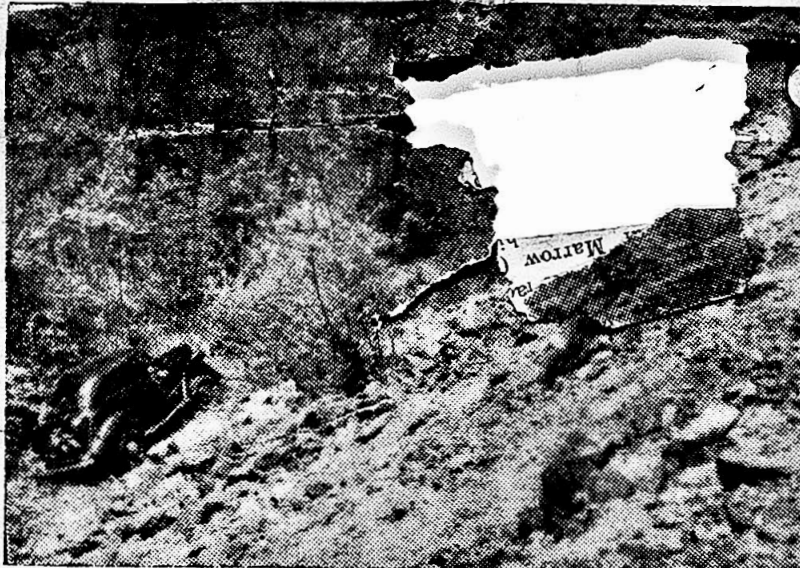
Agronomists recently pointed out that if farmers save crimson clover seed this season they will have them on hand when seeding time comes, and they will not have to go to the inconvenience and expense of buying them. Furthermore, home-grown seed are acclimated to the section where grown and farmers very probably may dispose of excess seed at a fair price.

AAA officials say that increased emphasis will be placed on the seeding of crimson clover and other winter cover crops this fall, and that it is a practice that may qualify for soil-building payments under the program. Consequently, they advise, there will likely be a considerable demand for crimson clover and other cover crop seed, and the grower who saves his own seed will have little to worry about from the standpoint of a possible scarcity and accompanying rise in price.

Under the AAA program farmers may use crimson clover to a distinct advantage, say officials. Credit is given in the fall as a seeding practice for planting the crop. The clover keeps green roots in the soil over the winter and serves as a cover crop to prevent erosion and leaching of plant food. In the spring the farmer may harvest seed to supply his own fall needs and probably have additional seed to sell as a cash crop.

Crimson clover therefore provides farmer an opportunity to earn soil-building payments, provide a winter cover crop, and a supply of home-grown seed and an additional cash income of seed without seriously interfering with the normal crop rotation.

Agronomists have also recommended that farmers save hairy vetch seed this season, in view of this legume this fall. Vetch is among the crops that will be stressed under the Agricultural Conservation program as winter cover, say AAA officials, and farmers may effect considerable savings in time and money by saving home-grown seed.



NO ONE WAS HURT when this car tumbled approximately 300 feet down the side of Iron Mt., off No. 58, near Trout Dale, Sunday, the 2nd. It was occupied by Elmer "Shorty" Ball, Volney, the driver, and another man. (Staff Photo—Greear)

## MARION GIRL TO RECEIVE DEGREE

It is announced by Emory University that Miss Margaret Sheffey of Marion will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Library Science at the University's 1940 commencement exercises Monday morning, June 10.

## BTU INSTITUTE IS THIS WEEK

The annual B. T. U. institute is being held this week. V. S. Crenshaw is teaching the adults and seniors; Mrs. O. S. Dillard, the intermediates; Mrs. W. H. Carter, the juniors, and Mrs. H. L. Hankla, the story hour. Classes meet at 7:45 p. m. each day.

## HARD THOUGHT AND QUICK ACTION

No more important meeting of the Marion town council has been held in many months than that which will be held this Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the town hall.

Our council is faced with what amounts to an ultimatum from the state highway department that a right-of-way for Route 88 from the south into the town must be secured or guaranteed by June 22, else the \$80,000 allocated to rebuilding about 4 miles of the route will be transferred elsewhere. At present it appears that the rights-of-way will run to about \$15,000.

It is unfortunate, we feel, that a plan originally advanced by the council — that the highway be split into two one-way streets, one entering town over Pendleton street and the other exiting over Water — was not found acceptable by the highway authorities. It would have provided for the improvement of two streets instead of one, and would have given two 30 foot right-of-ways.

The problem is serious, and something must be done. It is reasonable that the state highway department is unwilling to do the work outside of town unless the in-town right-of-way is guaranteed. We imagine there have been many instances in the past in which new highways were built to town limits and the in-town rights-of-way never were got, or were got slowly.

In working out this problem, council should have the assistance of the whole community. We hope that every citizen of Marion who has the community welfare at heart will turn out for this meeting. It is a time for hard thought and quick action.

## Allen Not To Run For Mayor

W. L. Allen, former Marion high school principal, on Tuesday, the 4th, flatly denied rumors that he would be a write-in candidate for Mayor of Marion in the election next Tuesday, June 11.

"There have been rumors that I would be a write-in candidate for Mayor of Marion in the election next Tuesday," Mr. Allen stated. "I appreciate the friendly feeling which many people have expressed, but I want to flatly state that I am not a candidate. I feel that the election should be settled between the regular candidates, who filed according to law at the proper time. I prefer to remain in private life for a year or so."

There are no contests at Saltville or Chilhowie.

In Marion B. L. Dickinson and Harold P. Greenwood are running for Mayor and H. P. Gills to succeed himself as recorder. Three councilmen seek re-election. They are Walter E. Johnston, W. M. Sclater, Jr., and Walter E. Francis. Opposing them for the three vacancies are Charles Holmes, Joseph G. Stephenson, Jake Andrews and Dr. R. H. Harrington.

## Allen Issues Own Statement

By W. L. Allen

It is not my intention to attempt the review of all papers since May 14, the date of the first publication of information concerning the subject of my removal from the position of principal. I do not expect any Editor or Owner of a paper to furnish an equal amount of space for replies.

I refused to make any comments during the controversy because my replies, established upon facts which will be found in this article, as well as a few others, would have possibly been responsible for a premature school closing because I had been instructed that drastic measures would be taken against those who failed to attend classes. Not only the children would have been seriously impaired but the homes from which they came and the money invested in the school for the year would not have been able to yield its full return.

Another reason is that many statements were made in the interest of my employers by apparently faithful and sincere sympathizers and some of these statements were lacking in the possibility of being definitely proven. A few of these remarks will be mentioned in view of the fact that they are personal to me.

The first incident developed May 9, at 5:45 P. M., when I was notified by Mr. Williams that it had been decided that another person would be principal next year. I was told that I might have a position as a teacher, with the salary of \$900.00 per year yet there are six teachers who get \$1000.00 per year or more. A larger salary could not be offered me because of the possible dislike to be created on the other teachers. I was given time to make the decision and I gave my reply before noon May 14, in the form of a letter sent to the office. The Marion Democrat then stated May 14, that I was weighing whether to accept the position or retire from the profession. This statement appeared even though Mr. Williams had been told, that I would not reconsider the offer, when he came to the school about 2:30 P. M., May 14, accompanied by Mr. Bonner.

Mr. Dickinson then presented his views on the school strike, May 16 in the News. In this

## Christ Church To Build New \$15,000 Edifice

Christ's Episcopal church, long a landmark on Marion's main street, has been sold and the congregation will soon build a new \$15,000 house of worship on the Look lot on West Main street.

The present church and lot, in the heart of the business district, was purchased by Beattie Gwyn at a reported price of \$15,000.

The deal has been made and only awaits action of Bishop Philips of Roanoke, bishop of the diocese of Southwestern Virginia, who must deconsecrate the present church.

The new church lot is 65 x 115 feet. The building, to be in the shape of a cross, will be 54 x 66 feet, with five rooms in the basement for Sunday School and other activities, and the main auditorium above. The auditorium will seat 120 persons. The building will be red brick with a stone trim.

The vestry of the church, which has handled the arrangements, is composed of Chester D. Palmer, chairman of the building committee, Harry Lee Hester, N. H. Hutcheson, Scott Pugh, Bill Birchfield, G. C. Walker, Jr., W. L. Allen, C. H. Jennings and G. W. T. Kearsley.

## BLUE SPRING WMS MEETS

The Blue Spring missionary auxiliary held its regular meeting at the church Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Okie Jennings as leader.

The following program was given: song; topic, "N. E. Holden, the Texas-Mexico Missionary," P. C. Foote; song; poem by P. C. Foote; prayer.

After the program a short business session was held. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. P. C. Foote who is conducting a Bible study on "The Radiant Heart."

## METHODIST WMS MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Methodist Missionary society will meet Wednesday June 12.

The following program will be given: subject, "Christian Brotherhood;" missionary topic, "Nannie Holding, the Texas-Mexico Missionary" by Mrs. Arthur Peery; meditation by Mrs. W. M. Sclater, solo selections by Misses Martha Scott and Helen Richardson.

The program will be given by circle No. 5.

## POLICE MOVE FAST AFTER CHECK MIX UP

A telephone call from Trout Dale Monday resulted in fast work by Marion Patrolman Ralph Wolfe, who within 10 minutes had detained Richard Plummer, a young man who was charged with taking a check belonging to his grandmother, Mrs. Hall, of Flatridge.

When the case got into Judge Bill Birchfield's court later in the day it developed that the check in question was a WPA check earned by Plummer and endorsed to his grandmother with which he had departed. It turned out he was on his way to Bristol to join the army.

The grandmother gave him \$5 of the \$17 check, plus bus fare, and Commonwealth's Attorney Ralph Lincoln nolle prossed the case. Plummer went into the army.

W. A. Wolfe and A. J. Slear were in Bristol Wednesday night attending the District meeting of the Grand Commandery of Tenn.

Miss Shirley Naff is spending this week with her grandmother, Mrs. Joe Heldreth, in Rural Retreat.

A colored marriage of considerable interest was that of Virginia Novelle Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Greene, to William Harry Goble. The marriage took place in Bristol, Tenn., Thursday, June 8, 1939.



FAWN, two or three days old, found sanctuary at Lee Memorial Hospital last week when Miles Newman, game warden, brought it in after dogs had run off its mother. Here Nurse Bernice Clark bottle feeds the fawn, held by Dr. Dick Potter and Dr. George A. Wright. (Staff Photo—Greear.)

## Personals

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Mrs. D. W. Conner and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conner spent Sunday in Coalwood, W. Va., with Ralph Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peavler and family spent last week in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Sherwood Anderson has returned from New York to spend the summer here. Mrs. Anderson will join him about the 15th., when they will open Ripshin farm for the summer.

Miss Betty Wyatt spent last week with friends in Coeburn.

N. C. Peterson spent Sunday in Greenville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Query spent the weekend in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lincoln have gone to New York on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hastings

and Bill Hastings spent the past weekend in Kannapolis, N. C.

Miss Nancy Gollehon of the University hospital, Charlottesville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gollehon.

Mrs. Morris Wechsler, Miss Madeline Copenhaver, Mrs. E. N. Karger, Mrs. H. R. Dunham, and Mrs. Chester Palmer attended a meeting of the Eastern Star chapter in Bristol Monday night, the 3rd.

W. B. Echols spent last week with his daughter, Mrs. Henry G. Thompson in Kingsport, Tenn.

Mrs. C. C. Whitworth is a patient in the Abingdon hospital. Lieutenant C. O. Stipes formerly of CCC Co. 2388 has been transferred to the CCC Co. at Cumberland Court House.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelburn Carnack are spending some time in Covington.

## Confederate Flag Sale Postponed

The Confederate Flag Sale scheduled to be held Thursday, May 30, Memorial Day, is postponed until Monday, June 1, because of a down pour of rain.

The decoration of Confederate graves in Round Hill, Mt. Carmel, Wassum, Ebenezer and Greenwood cemeteries was also delayed by the rain.

As Monday, June 3, is known as Confederate Memorial Day due to the fact that it is the birthday of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy, the flag sale was conducted that day.

Since the national Memorial Day, May 30, and the Confederate Memorial Day, June 3, come so close together, the Holston Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is in the habit of decorating the Confederate monument and the World War tree in the court house yard and Confederate graves in near-by cemeteries on May 30.

The chapter wishes to thank all adults and school children who bought flags and all others who helped in any way to make it a success. This money is to be used toward purchasing books for the Confederate book shelves in the Marion Public Library and the Marion high school library.

## MRS. MARGIE G. WILLIAMSON

Mrs. Margie Greenwood Williamson, of Norfolk, a sister of Mrs. Hattie Kelly of Chilhowie and of the late Mrs. J. G. Stephenson of Marion, died at the home of her brother, A. P. Greenwood, Cave Spring, near Roanoke on Thursday, May 30.

Funeral services were held at the Greenwood home on Saturday, June 1, by the Rev. Dr. R. A. Lapsley. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery.

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## \$160,000 Building Program at Hospital Board Okay

A building program at Southwestern State Hospital here of approximately \$160,000 was authorized at a recent meeting of the state hospital board at Richmond.

The local hospital was authorized to go ahead with the construction of a new building for criminal insane to cost \$110,000, and new sanitary facilities to cost \$28,000. Eurbank & Caldwell, Roanoke, will do the work.

Contract was awarded to E. Keeler Co., of Williamsport, Pa., for boilers to cost \$11,808, and to the Detroit Stoker Co., Detroit, for stoker equipment to cost \$10,244.

## 25 LADDER MATCHES PLAYER AT GOLF CLUB

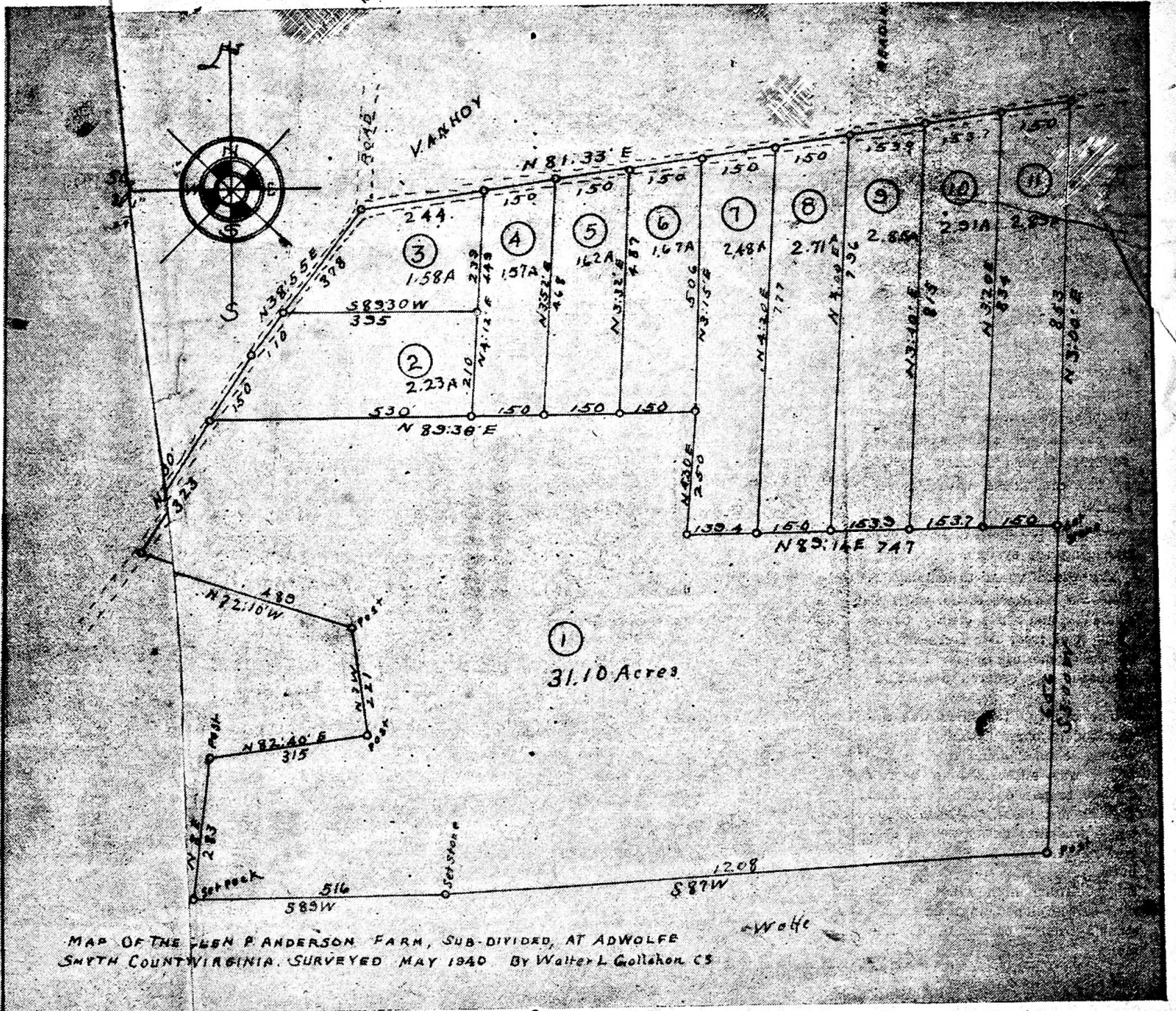
Action was heavy along the Marion Golf Country Club firing line in the summer-long ladder tournament this past week, with 25 matches being played.

Blitzkrieg Bill McCarty moved fastest and farthest, climbing up the ladder to 15th spot with a 5 and 3 victory over Cecil Greer followed with a 2 and 1 win over Jersey DeBord. In the first eight notches, the tournament team, Bob Anderson turned back challenges by Dr. A. B. Graybeal and Curtis Hamm, and nosed out Ned Davis in a match for No. 6 position. Frances Hoge got a step nearer the top group by holding Warren Hastings 5 and 4 and then defeating Lenroy Asbury 3 and 2 for the 12th notch. Asbury then advanced from No. 13 to No. 11 with a 2 up win over Leonard Ophoff. Hastings advanced from 15 to 14 by beating DeBord 6 and 4.

Hutton (16) beat Sclater (18) 3 and 2, but lost to Legarde Johnston (19) 1 up. Bill Seaver (24) beat Howard Britton (25) 2 up; Britton then jumped to spot No. 22 by winning from George Kirk 2 up; Seaver challenged again and took the 22 spot from Britton by 1 up.

Kirk went from No. 29 during the week, winning from Estep 4 and 3, and Seaver 1 up, and ended up at No. 24. On another match in the top 8, Jess Baughman (4) turned back Ned Davis (6) 2 and 1, and Oakley (7) held off Graybeal (9) by 4 and 3. Jim Funkhouser beat Lanson Estep (29) 2 and 1, and in turn lost to J. T. Neely 3 and 2.

Jersey DeBord took a match from Hutton 4 and 3. Doc Joe



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Blalock (28) by 1 up. Neely held on to his notch by defeating George Britton 1 up in 19 holes, and Blalock also held on by defeating Greason 1 up.

## Rich Valley Plans Celebration, July 4

The program for the Rich Valley Fourth of July Celebration will consist of the following track events in the morning with Guy Clear in charge:

1. High jump for small boys and for boys above twelve years of age.
2. Broad jump.
3. Hundred yard dash.
4. Fifty yard dash for girls under twelve years of age.
5. Rolling pin contest for women.
6. Nail driving contest for women.
7. Three legged race for men.
8. Tug-of-war with Saltville vs Rich Valley.
9. Horse shoe pitching contest Wyndon Roberts in charge.

The afternoon events will consist of a softball game between the winners of the Saltville League with Pete Sullins, John Hammond, Bob Patrick, Earl Anderson, Pete Routh, Red Harris, Frank Buchanan, Eldred Walker, in charge. These are managers of the softball team.

WOPI is putting on an amphitheatre program with sixteen of their selected musicians at three thirty with W. H. Wilson as the master of ceremonies.

- The horse show committee composed of Dr. C. C. Hatfield chairman, D. R. Henderson sub-chairman, E. L. Roberts, Guy Clear, W. W. Buchanan, Clarence Clear, G. S. Buchanan and John Gass, Jr. The following horse show classes are:
1. Figure eight riding contest for men.
  2. Figure eight riding contest for children.
  3. Chicken polo.
  4. Obstacle rides.
  5. Boys pony class.
  6. Girls pony class.
  7. Pairs pony class for girls

and boys.

8. Green three gaited class for four years and under.
9. Green five gaited four years and under.
10. Children's horsemanship classes fourteen years and under. May ride pony, or horse.
11. Egg and Spoon carrying contest.
12. Open three gaited class.
13. Open five gaited.

During the horse show a musical program will be given inside

of the school building by a group of entertainers.

The fourth of July program will end at 11 o'clock with an unique display of fireworks. The new lighting system installed last season will be an added attraction for this night show.

Miss Mary Winston McConnell has as her guest Miss Frances Garrett, of Hopkinsville, Ky.

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ATKINS HIGH school graduates of 1940 are Hazel Duncan, salutatorian, and Doris Atkins, valedictorian, flanked by Virginia Calhoun, left, and Martha McGhee, right. In the rear row are Roy Bennington, principal, Clifford Pickel, Charles Bear, Junior McGhee, and Frank Pennington. (Staff Photo—Greear.)

# FIRST OF MONTH SPECIALS

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## Rye Valley

Sugar Grove, Va., June 4—Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Gammon, Amnate, Va., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kyle.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hamm, Rising Sun, Maryland, are spending a few days with relatives here. They were called to Grassy Creek, N. C. on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Martha Taylor.

Mrs. Robena Phipps, Independence, is visiting relatives in the valley.

Mr. Look Pugh is ill at his home at Teas.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Ashlin and Mrs. Typhus Pafford, Detroit spent a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. Frank Venable and daughter, Sarah, and Mrs. Bill Cornett Damascus, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vester Stamer.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hartshell, Greenback, Tenn., have been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. M. B. Parks spent the weekend in Kingsport, Tenn.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Choate were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Choate and son Dan, Galax, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Choate and daughter, Mary Ellen, Pulaski, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Dutton, Blue Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamrick, Rural Retreat and Arline Keesling.

Mrs. Earnest Keys and Mrs. Clarice Porter have been visiting relatives in Wytheville.

Mr. Avery Ayers is spending some time in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Teas school will have its final exercises June 5, 1:30 p. m. Students that have had perfect attendance are: Joan Buchanan, Janice Buchanan, Loveita Earnest, Ethel Wood, Stella Rich, Stella Mae Ford, Dora Parks, Ruby Parks, Verna Mae Calhoun, Roxie Martin, Violet Ford, Leona Parks.

The five pointers are: Burtie Dunford, Elizabeth Halsey, Leona Parks, Fred Powell, Blain McCarter, Edith Rich, Lillie Martin, Loveita Earnest, Jean Henegar, Janice Buchanan, Jean Buchanan, Ruby Parks, Pauline Rich, Nelda Campbell, Dennis Adams.

## WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS FRIDAY

There will be a business meeting of the Marion Woman's club Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the municipal building.

## Saltville

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Hatfield are spending their vacation in eastern cities.

Mrs. C. C. Hatfield and her sister, Mrs. Herbert Horne, of Glade Spring entertained Thursday night with six tables of contract honoring Miss Leona Rogers, a bride elect of June. In the bridge game prizes went to Mrs. James McCreedy, Mrs. George Beattie and Miss Bernice Atkins.

Miss Sadie Ryburn won the cut prize. The hostesses gift to the honoree was a crystal salad plate. Mrs. Harry Horne of Ashland, Ohio, and Miss Martha Horne of La Rue, Ohio, received guest prizes.

The Blanket bridge club entertained their husbands and friends

with a picnic supper Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Webb. In the bridge game which followed supper, Miss Bernice Atkins and Miss Merita Davenport received club prizes. Miss Alice McKee received a guest prize and Millard Leonard and Oscar Porterfield won the men's prizes.

Mrs. H. L. Craft entertained Wednesday evening with a bridge dinner honoring Miss Mollie Craft of Bramwell, W. Va.

The seniors and faculty of Saltville high school enjoyed a picnic supper at Hungry Mother park Monday evening.

Mrs. R. T. Newton and daughters, Jane, Anne and Ruth are visiting Mrs. C. M. Shannon.

R. K. Sanders, who is with the State Highway department has been transferred to Danville. Mrs. Sanders left Tuesday to join him there.

Mrs. J. B. Sanders has returned from a visit with her son, Newell, in New York and her daughter, Isabel, in Richmond.

Robert Rogers, who is a member of the senior class at King college next year has been elected president of student council for next year.

Mrs. J. A. Soyars entertained Tuesday afternoon with contract honoring Mrs. John Brown of Fort Bennington, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wiley.



MARION COLLEGE GRADUATES of the class of 1940 shown above are front row 1 to r, Nancy Allerton Goode, Frances Thelma Wolfe, Dorothy May Borden, Lee Etta Buchanan, Clara Thornton Kilby, Wincie Elizabeth Osborne, Sarah Marie Atkins, Marie Lena Williams; second row 1 to r, John W. McGhee, Jr., Isabel Grayson Whitney, Sarah Emaline Rhea, Ruth Hazel Foglesong, Helen Reeves Pruitt, Martha Caroline Snidow, Opal Pauline Anderson, Edwina Evelyn Grubb, Edith Mae Pennington; third row 1 to r, Ralph Lambert Calhoun, Joseph Gordon Killinger, Martha Staley Brown, Caroline Anha Hagedorn, Eva Annabelle Wetzel, Hazel Vir-

ginia Hankla, Helen Percival Buchanan, Eleanor Jean Cale, William Sherrill Hoofnagle; fourth row 1 to r, Douglas Fuller Powers, Robert Lynn Meek (high school), Liane Salmon (high school), Dorothy W. Zirkle (high school), Geraldine Audrey Kirsch (high school), Virginia Alice Day (high school), Thelma Louise Greenwood, Martha Anne Tudor, Frances Elizabeth Prater; fifth row 1 to r, Dr. Ernest P. Pfatteigher, who delivered the baccalaureate address, and Rev. Hugh J. Rhyne, president of the College. Graduates not shown in the picture are: Rodeheaver Hicks, Virginia Kate Robinson, Beatrice Brown, Martha Lillian Scott and Billie Angeline Todd. (Staff Photo—Greear)

## Brush Away Gray Hair With This Home Recipe

You need not have faded streaked gray hair when you can restore original color to your hair with this simple home recipe. Easy to mix, does not cost much. Get from your druggist: 1 ounce Bay Bum 1/4 ounce Glycerine 1/2 ounce Kula Compound Mix with 1/2 pint water. This makes a big bottle of gray hair preparation. It will restore a rich natural looking color to gray or faded hair. It is not sticky or greasy. Will not wash out or run off. Does not effect permanents, but makes the hair soft and glossy. Try this home recipe today. For sale at Marion Drug Company, Marion, Va.

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## WAR! WAR! WAR!

On the street I am asked? What do you think of this war? My reply is — Hell! Mr. Roosevelt doesn't know what it is all about so why should I — I do know this — we should get ready for WAR in a hurry and HURRY about doing it.

Another questioner asked — why, are you and your brother so different on political questions. He thought that ROBERT LANE ANDERSON was my brother. My reply was — my father was named Robert Alexander Anderson. He once owned and published the Smyth County News — later my brother, Marvin J. (Monk) published this paper. Robert Lane is a publisher and should not be accused of being a REPUBLICAN. When he writes an article it is signed R. L. A. He has never published anything under my name. Charles Anderson contributes to the editorial column of the Marion Democrat. That is entirely different. He saw fit to submit an article signed, 'CONTRIBUTED.' It stated, "Those of us who engaged in that war, from President Wilson, as Commander-in-Chief, to the lowest private, were sincere and conscientious in their belief that the war was being fought to make the world safe for democracy." NUTS! I participated in that war. I associated with General Pershing. I associated with privates. I associated with officers and soldiers of all grades but I never associated with a LOW or 'Lowest' private. We were men together. I am willing and ready to sign this — Glenn P. Anderson.

Another thing — I am not BOTH BARRELS — I have never used this column for the purpose of boiling out petty political prejudices. I have endeavored always to be dignified and to present the thoughts of the day in the true light. I am merely a one barrel — single shooter. I chop my wood with my own ax and let the chips fly where they may.

## LOCAL INTEREST

The question of local interest is. Who shall be Mayor and who shall be members of our next Council? Judge Dickinson has presented his name. The Judge — Judge of the Juvenile Court — is an Ex-Mayor. He is an Ex-Senator. He slid into these jobs and was skiddled out. The Judge has been Chairman of the School Board for several years. He is willing to accept full responsibility for our wonderful high school building. As the building was planned we did not have an auditorium. We, The People, protested. Today we have an auditorium in spite of the Honorable Bertram. It is said that we have an Athletic Field. Look at it — why not name it — I suggest that it be called the 'BERTRAM LOOK' athletic field.

Recently the students of the Marion High School and their parents protested against the action of the School Board in dismissing Professor Allen. Chairman Dickinson puffed his pipe in peace. He said nothing — through the smoke we read his mind. It radiated — talk all you want to — I was appointed — you can't displace me. When we go to the polls on Tuesday we will select our choice for Mayor. Many will vote for the Honorable Judge Bertram. I will not. I will vote for Harold P. Greenwood.

(Signed) Glenn P. Anderson — Single Barrel.

## WHY GREENWOOD?

Nothing much in particular. He is just a young man who knows his fellow man. If my children are hungry and I need a loaf of bread I go to Harold and say, "I haven't got a dime but will you trust me for nine cents", Harold will say YES. Sometimes he makes mistakes but you may depend upon this — He is OF the People, By the People, FOR the People. I am voting for GREENWOOD.

(Signed) Glenn P. Anderson.

## JUST TO BE A BIT PERSONAL

Two years ago R. A. Anderson was elected to the council of the town of Marion. He unwillingly allowed his name to be placed on the ticket. He said, "No Son, I don't want to be defeated, and a Republican cannot be elected in Marion." He was wrong. He said, "Son, this sewage disposal thing is all right if you will build it and pay for it but as the thing is set up it means taxes and taxes for generations to come." He was right.

R. A. Anderson never served on the Council. He was killed. W. M. Slater, Jr., took his place. 'Young Bill' has served noticeably well. He has kept the busses on Main Street for two-years. 'Young Bill' is for 'Young Bill' NOT FOR US.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE — I am voting for:

Greenwood  
Gills  
Johnston  
Francis  
Andrews

(Signed) G. P. Anderson.

## back tracking through Smyth.....

with Clara Hill Carner

Five miles south of Chilhowie near the air-port, under the shade of an old gnarled oak tree — one that has protected thousands from the rays of a hot June sun, stands the ancient "meeting house" of the Sin Clair's Bottom Primitive Baptist church.

This church was organized in 1791 with forty-five members. The pastor's name was Baker. The acre plot of ground was given by

Joseph Cole II, whose grave is under a large pine tree at the rear of the church. The deed for the church was recorded in 1792. The graveyard which has many unmarked sunken graves, contains many different styles of tombstones, some dating as far back as 1775. Names of families most seen on tombstones are: Bishop, Bonham, Cole, Dungan, Edmiston, Gollehon, Hawthorne, Hill, Rouse,



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES at Sugar Grove high school graduated this group of boys and girls. From left to right they are, by rows: front row: Eva DeBord, Virginia Mize, Mozelle Rosenbaum, Winnie Gregger, Merbert Ashin, L. Jarvins, Ruby Slemp, Thelma Taylor, Thelma Stone, Hope Henegar, Clara Mae Baumgardner, Ruby Mae Osborne, June Ayers; second row: Edgar Frye, Paul Whisman, Neal Cline,

Junior Martin, Sybil Earnest, Roy Horne, Frances Johnson, Elizabeth Phipps, Virginia Wilkinson, Maynard Parks, Junior Hutton, Helen Baumgardner, Rex Baumgardner, Owen Cox, William Porterfield; rear row: Helen Grubb (valedictorian) Mr. J. E. Kyie, Principal Fred McDonald, Miss Anna James McSpadden, Mr. H. P. Jennings, and Thelma Russell (salutatorian). (Staff Photo—Greear)

Snavely and St. John. One of the elders of the church, H. B. Miller, 1845-1935, is buried here.

Due to the sad neglect of this "God's Acre," one that is seen each year by hundreds, the finger of shame is pointing towards many who no doubt could do a little in helping to make this conspicuous spot a place of pride rather than one of pathos.

It may be interesting to know how this church acquired its name. According to Wilson's Smyth County History, in regard to the early history of this section, Colonel James Patton of Augusta County, and his son-in-law, Colonel John Buchanan, came to this section to survey 120,000 acres of land that had been granted to Colonel Patton by King George II of England.

Quoting from the above mentioned book: "The surveys dated in March of 1746 are recorded in the name of James Patton and are the Crab Apple Orchard tract of seven hundred and seventy acres lying on waters of the South Fork of Indian River (Holston) near the present Thomas' Bridge, and the Kilmackronan tract of twenty-six hundred acres, now the Huff lands near the Smyth-Washington line, lying on the Middle Fork of Indian River. The surveyors were visited by a man of mystery whose name was Charles Sin Clair. Sin Clair it seems was an Englishman who had quite a while been living alone in the deep woods, attracted by the magnificent solitude, the abundant game, and the mystery of this undiscovered country. Sinclair may have been simply a hermit hunter or he may have been looking for land on which to found his fortunes. At any rate, he had hunted far and wide over all these mountains and valleys, knew the country well and was on friendly terms with the Indians. Sinclair agreed to act as a guide for the land hunters and in payment of his services they agreed to survey and enter in his name any one might choose. He chose a

he might choose. He chose a boundary on the South Fork of Indian River was duly surveyed and recorded in his name under date of March 14, 1748, and still bears the name under date of March 14, 1748, and still bears the name of Sinclair's Bottom."

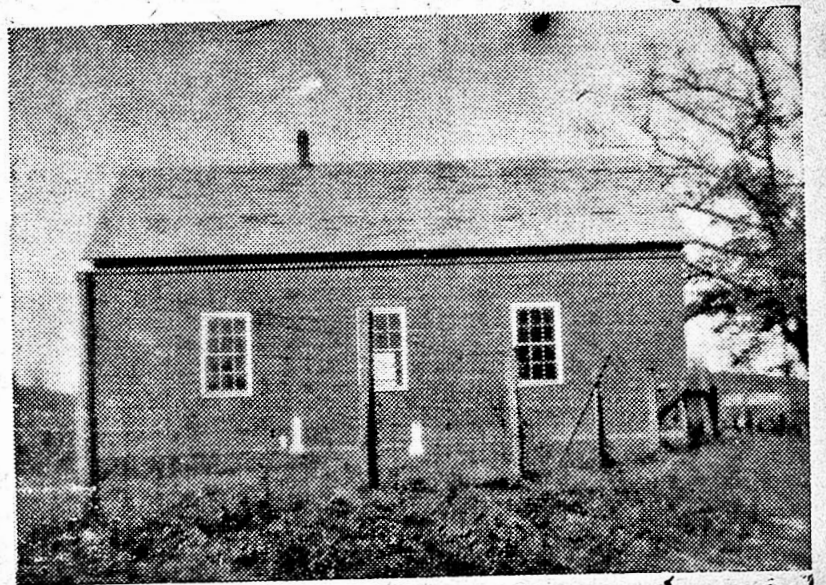
When the congregation was first organized, the meeting house was made of logs. These logs gave way to a more modern building in 1851. It is said some of these logs may be seen today on a nearby farm in the form of a barn. Tradition says the settlers stood guard around the log house while it was being built in order to protect it from the unfriendly Indians.

The present building of home-made brick on a firm rock foundation costing \$998.33, is rectangular in shape. Six 12 paned windows, three on a side, and two deep set doors in the east end, one on the men's side, the other on the women, give light and entrance to this historic house of God.

A very pronounced custom in olden times in country churches was for the men and boys to sit on the left side of the house, and the women and girls on the right. This custom to a certain degree, is still adhered to in some of our Smyth County country churches today.

One interesting architectural feature on the outside of this famous old landmark is the brick cornice. To give the proper lines from under the roof down to the walls, two rows of brick were used. The top row is made of brick molded convex, the lower row is of brick made concave. In all, a very pretty effect.

After entering the church through the deeply set doors, from a small concrete porch which contains a brass United States Geological Survey marker stating a fine of \$250 for disturbing, one beholds the very simple and rather severe looking interior. The walls are plain and whitewashed. (Continued On Page 5)



UNDER THE SPREADING gnarled oak tree stands the Sin Clair Bottom Primitive Baptist Church established nearly a century and a half ago. Many tombstones contain early dates. (Photo by Clara Hill Carner)



A VIEW in the old grave yard at the Sin Clair Bottom Primitive Baptist Church. Some of the graves have large slabs of rock containing no inscription as markers to graves as noted in the above picture. One of the oldest tombs contains the date of 1775. (Photo by Clara Hill Carner)



MISS CHARLOTTE HALL'S commercial students at Marion high school celebrated the end of the term with a picnic last week at Hungry Mother State Park. This is part of the group. (Staff Photo—Greear)

Mrs. Lee Murray—Marion

## FREE COOKING SCHOOL

Marion  
Methodist Church  
Basement

Friday, June 14  
2:15 P. M.

Miss Jane Osborne  
Home Economist

Prizes

Appalachian  
Electric

Power Company

**BACK TRACKING THROUGH SMYTH**

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The woodwork is painted a very dark red. A new floor has been laid in later years.

In the center is a wooden column extending to the ceiling. The pulpit, containing a wooden bench instead of the regulation chairs seen in the more modern churches, has been occupied by many elders of this county, adjoining counties and neighboring states.

An aisle extends down each side through solid black walnut hand-made benches which are put together with wooden nails. Up in each "amen corner" are three of these benches where the "pillars" of the church sit.

In the left hand corner as one enters is an enclosed stairway that leads up to the balcony where the slaves in the olden days sat. Here in the center of the balcony extending to the ceiling is a wooden column of beautiful proportions, while square columns support the balcony on either side.

For illumination, kerosene wall lamps are used. The heating plant is a large stove in the center of the church.

One of the most outstanding events that transpires in Smyth County, one that the old timers remember and the present generation looks forward to, is the "June Meeting" held here the second Sunday in each June. This meeting beginning on the Saturday previous, is a preaching, communion and foot-washing service.

According to the belief of the primitive or as sometimes the so called "Hard-shelled Baptist" they have no Sunday School; pay their pastors, or elders as they are called, no salary; observe the foot-washing as recorded in the New Testament which is only the wetting of one foot in a basin and dried by the fellow member sitting next with a towel; and not contributing anything towards missions. It was this difference in belief of the early members of this denomination that caused a split in the church and the beginning of the branch of the Baptist church called Missionary Baptist.

The old time elders preached in a sing-song harangue tone while walking back and forth in the pulpit and expectorating from side to side.

Today as in the days of yore, friends and relatives gather there from many miles to see and to be seen.

There is one very noticeable change of today with the advent of the gas buggy. Having a car, a person can drive there in a short time, remain for a couple of hours or so, long enough to see all their old friends, acquaintances and relatives, then step on the gas and get back home in time for dinner.

In the horse back riding and buggy days it was a regular journey to travel even from Marion west down the "rock road" (McAdanized) to either Goals-by's Crossing and then several miles through dust and mud, according to the weather, via Ad-

wolfe, or to drive from Marion down to Seven Mile Ford on the "rock road" and turn left at the Captain John M. Preston large brick home. From there one would jog and jolt along to the June Meeting.

A hitching place was at a premium. The fences for distances from the church were lined with hitched nags. Around the noon hour and under the heat of the afternoon sun, the hitched horses became restless. Then is when one heard much neighing and whinnying (an almost extinct sound today) and would see the holes pawed into the ground where the horses stood.

Many families came in wagons. Splint bottomed chairs afforded seats for the women folk, the old women and the grandmothers in their black dresses and black "split or slit" calico bonnets. There was as much style in these days for bonnets as today with some of the so-called contraptions we call hats. The splits (a deviation for splints) were made of hickory and inserted into stitched spaces in the headpiece which held the bonnets up from the face. Later on, the splits were made of pasteboard. Ruffles and hugh bows were used for the trimming. The young ones (younguns) dressed in breeches made of tow and flax and the girls with their hair in pigtailed down their backs plus large bows of ribbon and a bright ribbon sash around their waists, sat on a deep layer of hay or straw that covered the bottom of the wagon bed.

More thought was given to the riders and drivers than to the faithful steeds. One of the big drawing cards for a crowd was the generous dinner served on the ground by the church members and the neighborhood folk. Many a box, basket and small trunk containing fried chicken, boiled ham, mutton, breads, pickles, pies and cakes were brought in either the surry or the wagon.

During the first years it was not possible to buy roadside refreshments as of today. About the first thing to be sold were watermelons by the slice or whole. Regardless of the religious character of the occasion, in the olden times drunkenness was seen in the outer fringes of the crowd. Today the Chilhowie air-port which is not far distance from the church is in keen competition with the foot-washing ceremony to those who come for curiosity or amusement. Tin-lizzie airplanes keep the ether resounding with their wheezing and whirring on their "dollar-a-ride" circuit over that section from almost dawn to dusk.

**Chilhowie**

Chilhowie, Va., June 1 — Piano pupils of Miss Frances Eller presented a recital at the grade school auditorium Saturday night. It represented the years work, and was presented by the following children: Betty Jones, Betty Nell Poole, Betty Cole, Elizabeth Anne Jones, Shirley Cole, Leah



HERE'S THE CLASS OF '40 of Saltville high school which graduated with final exercises Tuesday night, June 4. By rows they are, left to right: first row: Margaret Lamie, Nila Grey Haynes, Dorothy Johnson, Virginia Clarke, Venida Johnson, Lucille Neighbors, (valedictorian); second row: Janie Hene-gar, Marie Smith, Marie Crusberry, Mildred Moore, Mae Thompson, Alice Smith, Ruth Farris (salutatorian); third row: Sarah Louise Craft, Attie Hyman, Alice L. Smith, Dorothy Allison, Edith Hatfield, Rosa Price, Margaret Sterling; fourth row: Ray DeBord, Paris Bailey, Irvin Rogers, Thomas Booth, Oleaina Waddell, Don McCready (class president); rear row: William Terry, Bobby Bar-brow, Joe Bob DeBusk, Miss Zephia Camp-bell, (class sponsor), Joe Coe, Harold Little, Malcolm Carter. Absent from picture were James Campbell, Ralph Nelson, Lola Price, James Cregger. Theme of the commencement panel discussion was "Youth and a Changing Social Order." (Staff Photo—Greear)

Bonham, Patsy Berry, Betty Echols, Florence Cole, Betty Ruth McCrary, Nancy Huff, Betty Anne St. John, Cordelia Jones, Peggy Madison, Nancy Lieu Pierce, Ruth Rhea Neff, Mildred Bonham, Annabel Tilson, Elizabeth Wilson, Bertha Lee Frye, Carolyn Bonham, Lucy Belle Myers, and Mar-jorie McCrary. The profusion of flowers and colorful dresses of the performers created a lovely scene. Frances Jones, Anne Draper Bonham, Edna Love Bonham, and Edith Martin were ushers.

The sixth grade of the chilhowie grammar school held a picnic on Wednesday, May 29, with their teacher, Miss Mary Payne Copenhaver accompanying the pupils. The first and second grades of the school held a picnic Wednesday, as did the room of Mrs. G. B. McCrary, sections of the third and fourth grades. Most of

the other grades held parties in their rooms.

Mrs. J. B. Bonham was hostess to the forget-me-not club at her home here last Thursday afternoon. Miss Cordie Copenhaver was a guest.

Miss Florence Meek, Mrs. F. H. Greever, and Mrs. A. B. Farmer spent this week in Richmond. E. C. Pettit, John Beggs, and W. H. Shurbert, of Spartanburg, S. C., and W. H. Lockman, of Malein, Arkansas, were weekend guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Pettit.

**KIWANIS TO WORK ON ROUTE 88 FUND**

The public affairs committee of the Marion Kiwanis Club was instructed by motion at the dinner meeting Tuesday, the 4th, at Hotel Lincoln, to get in touch with Frank Wysor of the high-

way commission if the town fails to secure rights-of-way for Route 88, and ask that the funds be re-allocated in Smyth.

Transfer of the funds elsewhere has been threatened if the town does not guarantee a right-of-way, estimated to cost \$15,000, by June 22.

The public affairs committee consists of John D. Lincoln, Col. James D. Tate, L. Preston Collins, Q. A. Calhoun and J. M. Flanagan.

**CUB PACK TO BE INSTALLED**

This Thursday, 8 p.m., at the Marion Lutheran church the Boy Scouts of America will install the new Cub Pack recently organized under the sponsorship of the Marion Lutheran church. Cub Officers, Cubs, Den Mothers, Den Dads and freinds will assemble

the church for an impressive ceremony in which the Cub Charter will be presented to the Cub Pack. Mr. Paul Bird, Organization and Extension Chairman, will make a few introductory remarks. Dr. Hugh J. Rhyne, Chairman of the Smyth-Wythe District, will also be present. Grant Lindsey, chairman of the Cub Committee, will present to the assembly the newly elected Cubmaster, Wayne Copenhaver, and the Assistant Cubmaster, Guy Garretson, Jr. W. H. Griffiths, a member of the Cub Committee, will present the Den Mothers and present to them their certificates. J. A. Carper of Wytheville will be here to give the proper persons Training Certificates. Scoutmaster Bill Killinger will present the Den Chiefs and Cubmaster Copenhaver will honor the Chiefs with shoulder cords. Joe Galbraith is coming from Roanoke to hand the Charter to the Cub Pack.

The public is invited to attend this impressive ceremony.

**Rich Valley**

Chatham Hill, Va., June 3— Mrs. E. W. Buchanan accompanied by her daughter, Rachel, and George Clear attended commencement at Madison college where her daughter, Elizabeth, was a member of the graduating class. Graham Jr., Sam and Robert M. Buchanan spent the weekend with their parents.

Miss Sally Hayes of the Abingdon hospital spent the weekend at her home.

Miss Olive Painter of Marion has been a recent guest in the home of W. B. Clark.

Mrs. Nancy Barns Languith, who has been teaching in New Zealand, is visiting her mother Mrs. J. D. Barns. Miss Susie Barns returned home from Pocahontas, where she taught the past session.

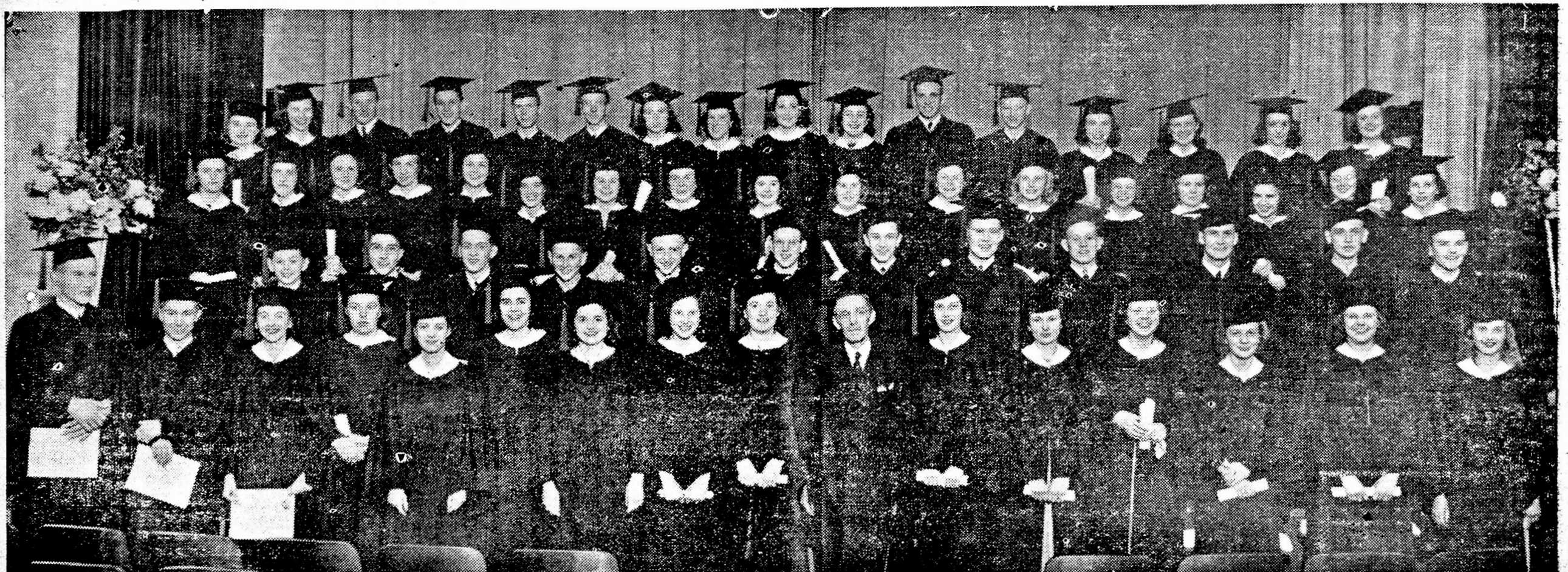
Mrs. Worth George accompanied Perry, and wife are visiting their sister, Mrs. John Cole, in Atlanta, Georgia.

**MRS. M. B. COLE HEADS CHILDREN'S HOME DRIVE IN CHILHOWIE**

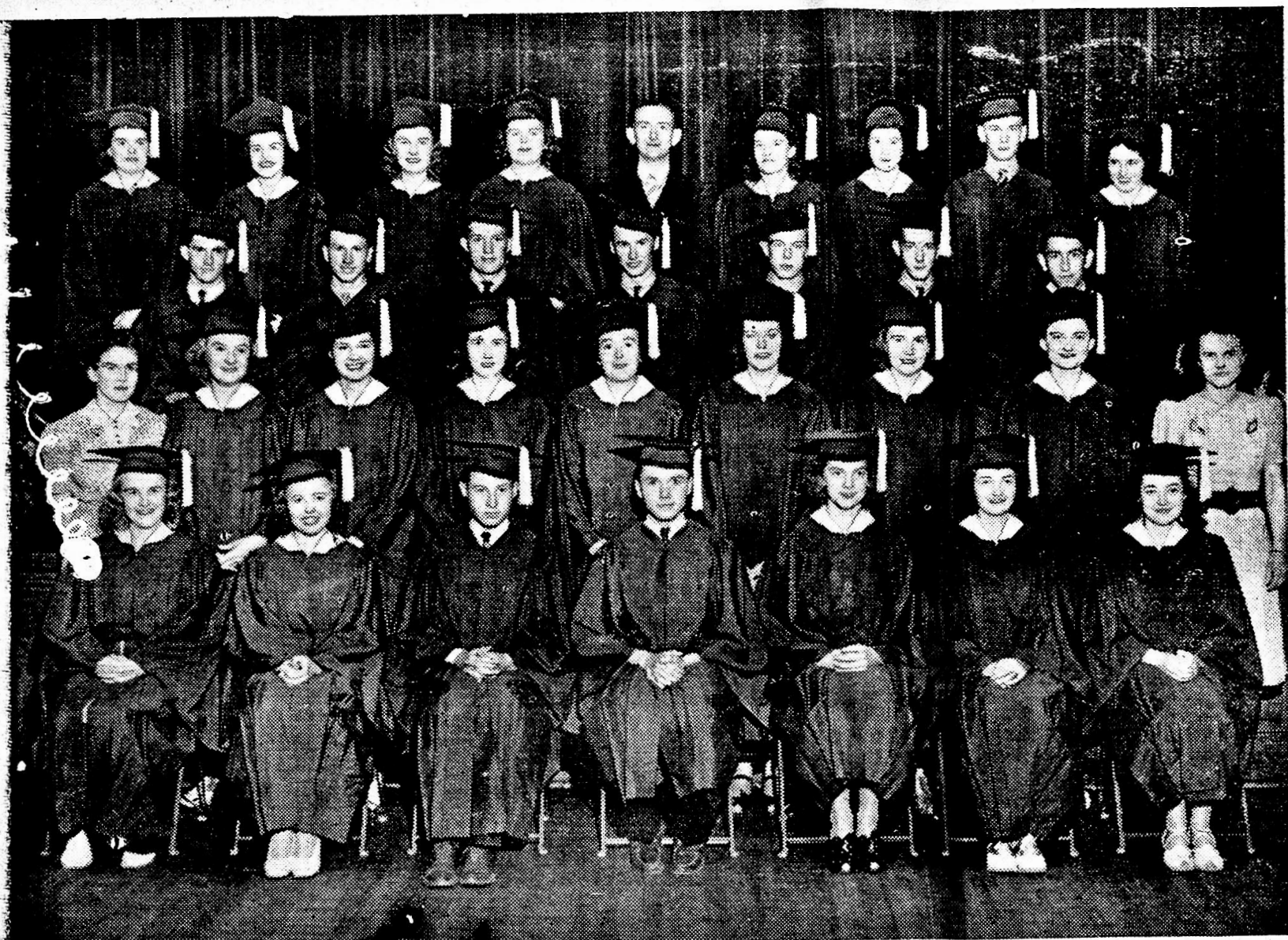
Mrs. M. B. Cole of Chilhowie has accepted the chairmanship for the Children's Home Society campaign for Chilhowie and Seven Mile Ford in Smyth County according to Mr. F. Strudwick, Jr. of Richmond, chairman of the State-Wide Campaign Committee. The campaign is scheduled to be held June 15 and 30.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Cole an effort is now being made to secure campaign workers, and a special effort will be made to solicit not only all former contributors but to secure many new supporters for the work of the Society.

The number of forced farm sales through foreclosure and other causes declined 70 per cent from 1933 to 1939.



MARION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1940 is shown above. Following is a list of the members of this class which are not listed as shown in the picture: Ina Maudena Baldwin, Syble Elizabeth Leedy, Catherine Annaflo Rotenberry, Sarah Viola Richardson, Agnes Irene Dinsmore, Corena Bernice Copenhaver, Caroline Parrish, Kitty Quinn, Betty Walker, Anna Virginia Sayers, Pauline Cecil Jones, Alice Ruth Tarter, Corley Copenhaver, Margaret June Parsons, Helen Sunday Ritchey, Bernedith Fern Faddis, Helen Dalene Moore, Mabel Severt, Hazel Severt, Mary Elouise Kimberling, Margaret Helen Blevins, Willie Mae Wymer, Clara Belle Wolfe, Juanita Mildred Hash, Carrie Belle Winebarger, Martha E. Todd, Stella Louise Hart, Muriel Elizabeth Slemp, Edna Earl Cregger, Martha Louise Rotenberry, Charles Byron Copenhaver, Samuel F. Dillard, Jr., Charles Thomas Johnson, Alton H. Weddle, Roger Donald Copenhaver, Thomas Eugene Anderson, Thomas A. Layne, Roy Hampton Burke, Jr., Lester Ralph Peacock, Kyle Vance Jones, Milton Otho Anderson, J. T. Snider, Jr., Joseph E. Bass Jr., Reece T. Heninger Jr., Henry Greene Hicks, Stuart Hiram Hutton, Graham Fisher, Charles Gwyn Thompson, Dallas Andrew Criner Jr., Paul Judson Lovelace, Velma Christine Haulsee, Alice Virginia Pafford, Mabel Naydene Sturgill, Ruth Gay Sturgill, Ruby Mae Eblen, Edith Aliene Sprinkle, Sarah Loomis McConnell, Elizabeth Ernestine Dolinger, Frances Ann Cregger, Evelyn Blanche Sturgill, Charles Keith Snider, David Hill Sprinkle. (Staff Photo—Greear)



RICH VALLEY high school graduated this class with final ceremonies Tuesday night, June 4, at which a general discussion panel on "Our high school and what it means to us" was put on by the students as the main feature. Left to right in the picture are: first row: Helen McCready, Charlotte Frye, Eugene Rolen, Oscar Routh, Eleanor Griffiths, Nanny Gillespie, Margaret Poston; second row: Mrs. M. M. Lewis, Mabel Kelly, Helen DeBusk, salutatorian, Ruth Buchanan,

valedictorian, Pearl Brickey, Margaret Hubble, Frances Taylor, Kathleen Taylor, Mrs. Rachel Littleton; third row: J. W. Nipper, Billy Brickey, Robert Whiteley, Roy Gillespie, John Myers, Robert Moore, Berkeley Call; fourth row: Elizabeth Hayes, Virginia Pratt, Bonnie Kelly, Mildred McCready, Mr. Evans King, principal, Lois Stillwell, Laura Cregger, Montie Catron, Annie Buchanan. John Gass Jr., another graduate, was absent from picture. (Staff Photo—Greear)

#### ALLEN ISSUES OWN STATEMENT

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he stated that the superintendent and board had decided that the best interests of the school required the employment of a principal who could take full charge. I could not do this for I have taught four subjects in three periods all of the year, on a three period schedule approved by Mr. Williams before school opened. Mr. Williams was cognizant of the fact that I had one period with two subjects within ten days after the opening of school. Mr. Williams stated that he knew that I could not attend to all the duties and teach and he assigned my work as that of selling textbooks, filing all reports from the teachers in his office, N. Y. A. workers' supervision, supervision of the building and the control of busses and the study hall. Mr. Robinson was assigned the work involved in class assignment, supervision of absences and tardies, supervision of hall duty of teachers before school and at noon and the receipt and disbursement of finances. Each of us aided the other and we worked in harmony but this answers the statement made by Mr. Dickinson regarding my work as a disciplinarian.

The charges made against me, officially, were that a younger man was wanted who had had more experience in larger schools. I was also told that no charge of lack of cooperation entered into my dismissal.

I will not review the letter published in the News, date May 16, 4:30 P. M., which presented instructions given by Superintendent

Williams to me. This is the same letter which was delivered to me 7:30 P. M., after it had appeared in the paper. This letter was read to the students Friday, May 17 and they returned to their classes before noon May 17. Mr. Robert Lane Anderson, the mediator, visited the school that same afternoon, after school had been dismissed at 3:00 P. M., and planned with them arrangements for the public meeting of the board which was held Thursday, May 23. Previous to this meeting I requested all students attending this meeting to refrain from any demonstration regardless of the outcome and they did as requested. The outcome of this meeting is known to all.

Here is a small amount of information concerning my past work and preparation and my interest in the new curriculum for there seems to be a reflection upon my education. I have an A. B. degree from one college and one from a university. I attended a high school, also one preparatory school. I have had work in the summer schools of two universities other than that of which I am an alumnus. I was a member of the Committee for Vocational Guidance and assembled the reference material for this committee. I have taken a course in one of the classes held locally under the direction of Dr. Thomas of Radford Teachers College, and I have attended two of the three group meetings held on curriculum work in V. P. I., within the past three years. I might have spent my time working on a Master's degree in engineering, science or English and literature, in fact innumerable types of work but I took courses which were interesting to me and which would help me materially in my background on the work I taught. In view of this fact I do not have that much sought after and highly coveted degree. I expect to continue studying by correspondence courses from Columbia and Chicago universities regardless of my position in life for I enjoy certain courses and will derive much pleasure in preparing for them.

It has been my good fortune to teach in some of the best preparatory schools as well as other high schools and have never before been requested to resign nor have I been removed from my position previous to this instance. It is also a fact that this is the second board which sought my removal and not the third as was reported in one of the papers. This time the board accomplished its aim which Mr. Dickinson stated had been planned for some time according to his letter in the paper of May 16.

Concerning my visit to Richmond to see Doctor Hall. This was not planned for I was in-

vised by a friend, May 10, to take a pleasure trip and we left here about 4:00 P. M., and arrived 10:30 P. M., that night, May 11, I decided to see Doctor Hall and ask him about the law on claim for a pension and he advised me solely on this point. This visit was not made two weeks before Mr. Williams notified me as has been reported and it is the only visit I have made to Richmond since November 1938. I did not apply for a pension at that time but simply sought information, and received blanks which I could fill out if I desired.

Some mention has been made concerning politics entering this affair. I want to state that I have never been approached by representatives of either party for the purpose of soliciting my aid for their candidates during an election. Any interests offered in my behalf during this affair has been based on personal feelings in the matter and not through suggestion or request by me. I appreciate, beyond comprehension, the faithfulness, loyalty and support of the students of Marion high school, their parents and friends and former graduates and all of those who have given their service in my behalf. In fact I appreciate all the courtesies ex-

tended to me by the citizens and students of Marion and Smyth County for I feel that even under existing circumstances my work has been appreciated by them and I will always hold dearly in mind the friendship of each.

This affair was not agitated by me for my family was unconscious of the action of the superintendent and the board until advised by the article appearing in the paper of May 14 though I was aware May 9. All of my friends knew nothing until May 14. The only aid I have solicited while this affair has been progressing is request that I made of some of my friends that they aid me in getting another position if I decided to attempt to try for another position in school work.

It has been reported that I have had a physical examination and I deny ever having said that I have had a complete physical examination, as yet, nor have I had one during the past three years.

Reference has been made to the standard of the school going into a state of decline. This may easily be refuted if those interested in making such statements will examine the records of the Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges of the South-

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ern States of which this school has been a regular member for the past twenty-one years. There is no school in which you find the graduates are 100 per cent perfect. In proof of this statement examine the records of other schools the same size as this school. I do want to say that I am very proud of the mental growth and moral attitude of the young people in the Marion schools. They stand second to none and rank with the best of them though some people would wander off into the heights of imagination and make statements derogatory to their mental preparation.

This is not written under the magic influences of malice nor in a spirit of argument, nor do I ask for leniency for I have done nothing harmful which would create a plea for leniency.

I have written this for the one purpose, namely of reviewing the events as they enveloped me; personally, also for the purpose of making corrections to only a few of the more important misleading statements concerning my personal affairs. I would like to ask some questions but school is over and I might not get a reply.

In the future I plan to sell hospitalization insurance, fire, auto and life insurance.

Mrs. L. P. Collins and son and Mrs. Willis Sprinkle spent Tuesday in Roanoke.

## Social Events

### Shower

Mrs. C. E. Keesling and Mrs. Herbert Hamric were joint hostesses at a miscellaneous shower Saturday night at the home of the former, honoring Mrs. Ralph Dutton, who before her marriage was Miss Lois Choate. About forty ladies were present.

Mrs. Dutton was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

### AMERICAN LEGION WILL SPONSOR DONKEY BASEBALL

Donkey baseball, the funny game, is returning to Marion on Friday night, June 14, at Wright Field when the Smyth County Post, American Legion, will sponsor a game between two teams of prominent local men. It will be played under lights.

The donkeys are being trucked in by the Bar-X-Ranch and will furnish their share of the fun.

Who the contending players will be will be announced next week.

### Barker Returned To Face Charge

Sergeant Harry H. Groseclose and Jailor John McGhee returned to Marion Saturday, the 1st, after a trip to New York City on which they brought back Hunter Barker, recently indicted in connection with an arson charge in the burning of an automobile. Barker was held at a point on Long Island, near New York.

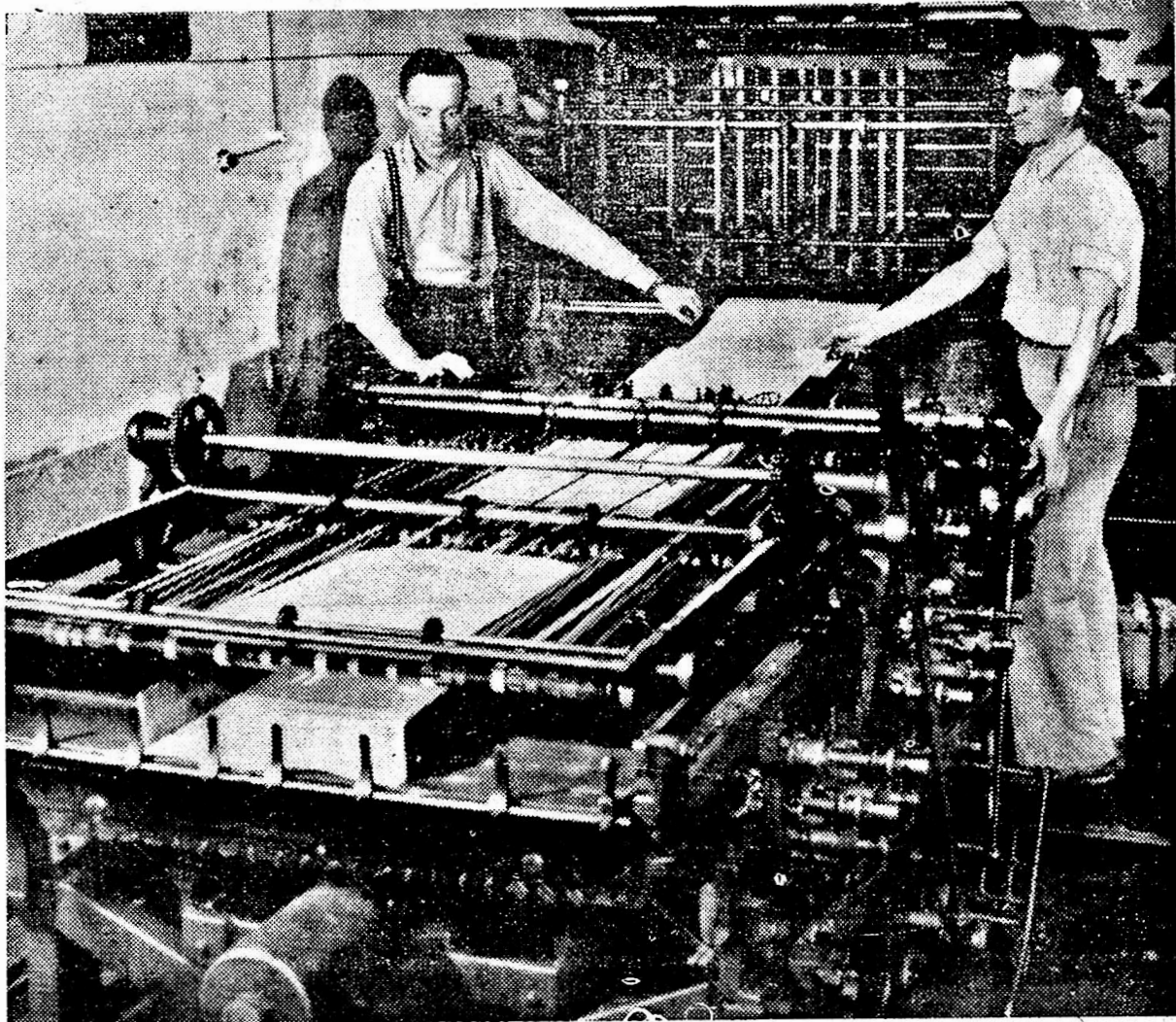
### Hugh Rhyne Given Honorary Degree

It's "Doctor" Hugh J. Rhyne now.

The Rev. Mr. Rhyne, president of Marion College, was one of the six outstanding men honored Monday, the 3rd, at Roanoke College when honorary degrees were presented as part of the commencement ceremonies.

To Hugh went a D. D., "doctor of divinity."

The circles of the Royal Oak Presbyterian church will meet on Wednesday, June 5th as follows: No. 1 Mrs. J. F. Ward, chairman, will meet with Miss Sallie Floyd Atkins and Mrs. Haynes Morgan as joint hostesses at 3 o'clock. No. 2, Mrs. James L. Tilson chairman will meet with Miss Blanche Sprinkle at 3 o'clock. No. 3, Miss Margaret Atkins chairman, will meet with Miss Margaret Atkins. No. 4, Mrs. R. H. Harrington, chairman, will meet with Mrs. Walter Naff at 3 o'clock. No. 5, Business Woman's Circle, Miss Margaret Buchanan chairman, will meet with Mrs. Mary A. Callan on Friday evening, June 7th at 8 o'clock.



NEW PRESS EQUIPMENT recently installed in the plant of the Marion Publishing Company, publishers of the Smyth county weeklies, is this Babcock No. 43 Optimus, a large job press for high grade work on ruled forms, booklets, catalogs, cut work, etc. Shown with the press are Cecil Umberger, job foreman, and Dwight Keesling, assistant. (Staff Photo—Greear)

#### List of patients at Lee Memorial Hospital:

- Miss Murrell McClellan, Marion, R. F. D.
- Mrs. Robert Hall, Jr., Erwin, Tenn.
- Mr. Robert Brooks, Sugar Grove.
- Master Lewis Stump, Grassy Creek, N. C.
- Mr. R. M. Young, Mouth of Wilson.
- Mr. John Rider, Marion.
- Mrs. J. D. Beamer, Galax.
- Mr. H. H. DeBord, Chatham Hill.
- Mr. Alex Bean, Chilhowie.
- Mr. Zeb Phipps, Sugar Grove.
- Mrs. Millard Combs, Marion.
- Mrs. Paul Aker, Wytheville.
- Mrs. F. P. Davis, Grant.
- Miss Maxine Breeding, Marion.
- Mrs. Vivian Wheeler, Marion.
- Mr. Deck Musser, Atkins.
- Mrs. Joseph H. Sechler, Chilhowie.
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NOTICE — All parties owing the Estate of I. W. Hutton, deceased, will please come forward and settle same and all parties having claims against the Estate will please present same properly proven. The Marion National Bank, Executor, Estate of, I. W. Hutton, Decd. K47 nd 2te 6-6-40

## Lime May be Used Throughout Year States Hutcheson

While early in the year is usually the best time to apply lime it is not the only season that farmers may profit by liming their land, says Dr. T. B. Hutcheson, head of the VPI agronomy department.

Under general conditions, agronomists recommend that lime be spread during the first two or three months of the year, principally because farmers are not so rushed with any particular farm task at that time, and because lime grinding plants are ahead of their orders and farmers get prompt delivery, Dr. Hutcheson says. Actually, lime may be used to advantage any time during the year by spreading it on the land to be plowed, disked, harrowed, or worked into the soil when crops are cultivated. Lime will have the same desirable soil conditioning reaction, regardless of the time of year it is applied.

For instance, lime may be easily spread on corn land this spring and early summer before the corn is up and even after it is up when the corn is very small, and it can be worked into the soil as the corn is cultivated, he said. The same is true of most any other clean culture crop. Likewise, the material may be applied directly to a sod of legumes and grasses any time during the year as the vegetation will prevent the lime being washed away. Just after a cutting of hay is harvested is an excellent time to lime the field, Dr. Hutcheson says.

Pointing to Dr. Hutcheson's suggestions, state AAA officials say that many farmers who have requested lime as a grant of aid, or otherwise, and who cannot receive it for several weeks yet due to the rush orders at this particular season, may profitably make use of the recommendations to apply lime later in the season if it cannot be obtained for early spring application.

Lime plants over the state are working at full capacity and still cannot keep abreast of grant of aid requests received during recent weeks, AAA officials say. The use of lime as a soil-building practice has increased tremendously over last year, they say, pointing out that in 1939 farmers requested approximately 63,000 tons as an AAA grant of aid, while through March 31 of this year requests for 105,000 tons have been received. These figures do not include tonnage purchased other than as a grant of aid, and with lime orders of the increase through the AAA program and otherwise, grinding plants do not have the facilities to promptly take care of all orders received in recent weeks. However, the plants are doing everything possible to fill orders promptly.

AAA officials believe that the considerable increase in the demand for lime this year is due to several things, but principally to the fact that farmers who have used lime readily observed its advantages and told other farmers about it, and that Virginia newspapers and magazines have used

their facilities to point out the recommendations of agronomists and the results of lime experiments.

## FARM ACCIDENTS ARE ECONOMIC "SINK HOLES"

Farming is work. The farmer must work hard for every dollar he earns—but every year with hardly a murmur, he regularly pours one-tenth of all he earns down a "sink hole".

In 1938, the last year for which figures are available, the American farmer poured more money down this hole than he received in government payments.

Gradually increasing each year, the American farmers' losses in this way reached the astounding total of an estimated billion dollars in 1938. The total of government payments that year was \$807,000,000.

This "sink hole", according to T. Carmel Brown, Smyth and Grayson county Non-Commercial Supervisor for Farm Security Administration, is the farm accident. In 1938, more than 4,400 farmers lost their lives in accidents, and several hundred thousand others on farms were injured. Farm fires, machinery accidents, falls, rural highway accidents and a thousand other types of mishaps have taken their toll.

Savings have been wiped out. Families have lost their homes, their farms, children have lost opportunities—in accidents which the U. S. Accident Prevention Conference considers 90 per cent preventable.

Mr. Brown said the Conference, composed of representatives of various branches of the government as well as educators and industrialists, is promoting a broad educational program to reduce farm accidents. The Conference deals with all types of accidents, including highway and industrial accidents.

Farm Security Administration is carrying out a safety program among families on the FSA rolls, realizing the threat of accidents to the farm and home plans of FSA families, said Mr. Brown.

In addition, FSA is co-operating with the school authorities in Virginia to teach school children the principles of farm and home safety. Arrangements for the teaching of accident prevention in the schools of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia, which comprise FSA Region IV, are being made by Fred H. Drayer of the FSA regional office at Raleigh, N. C.

Based on farm population, the estimated cost of accidents to the farmers in 1938 was \$28,000,000.

## RURAL RETREAT GIRL GRADUATES AT RADFORD

Miss Ethel Elizabeth Copenhaver of Rural Retreat was one of the students who received teaching certificates based on completion of the two-year professional course when graduation ceremonies were held at Radford State Teachers College this week.

## SMYTH COUNTY TRAVELER



Yellow Mayfly

We know a couple of Virginia general newspaper columnists who often dish out a fishing yarn about an exploit of some local boy. They are invited to tie this one. Unfortunately, the story came in as a newspaper confidence and the name of the chief actor can't be divulged. We checked it, though and it's true.

Our chief actor went trout fishing very early one recent morning, in fact he cast his first fly about 3:50 a. m. He is the kind of fishing fanatic who lays out in the bushes all night in order to start with first dawn.

At 4:05, he relates, he was fishing down a narrow gorge between two mountains. The waters were South Fork. He flipped a yellow mayfly about 30 feet ahead, just past a bush.

There was a plunge, a fluttering storm, and he reeled in a mature wild duck.

Paul Revere

Jim Spiller Buchanan says that his neighbor, Baxter Blevins, came galloping over to his house very early in the morning on Saturday, June 1st.

"I will bet you," said Baxter (who is not known as a careless man with money), "one dollar that the U. S. has declared war!"

Jim looked out. It certainly looked like it. An infantry regiment, returning north after the recent war games in Texas and Louisiana, was passing and Lee highway was packed with thundering olive green trucks, loaded with infantrymen.

"They're rushing to the coast to repel an invasion, I think" Baxter told him, or at least this is what Jim claims he said.

Battle Field

War never had any morality, but it once had a certain chivalry.

You see why the change when you come on a quiet Sunday morning to Gettysburg, as did the Traveler a week ago on that dog show expedition with the Little Woman and Lily-the-busted-matress.

Gettysburg was an afterthought. It was Sunday and we wanted to get home. Mainly we wanted to dodge the rotten road they call Lee Highway through Pennsylvania. So from Harrisburg we headed south.

You see why the change—chivalry gone now too, what little there was of it (and it never, surely, was as much in actuality as it has become in the long

slow birth of legend and tradition) — when you come, as I said, to Gettysburg on a quiet Sunday morning, especially with your head full of morning headlines from Flanders.

"We'll spend just a few minutes," we said to each other. We spent a couple of hours; we wanted to spend a couple of days.

We went first and looked at a circular painting called the Cyclorama. It is painted from the point of view of a man standing very near what is called the "High Water Mark," the final bloody few feet reached by Pickett's charge on the afternoon of the second day, the viewpoint of a man standing on a tower in the center of the battle and turning slowly around in a complete circle, seeing and remembering everything.

It was confusing at first. A nice old gentleman took us in and began to lecture. There were only two of us, at two bits a head plus one cent borough tax, but he talked for half an hour. He would have talked longer, but our time was fleeting.

The scene in the painting stretched away to the horizon in every direction. When we went away and drove into the battle field, past the shouting guides in khaki so anxious to be hired, we already had a sense of the field, of the way the land lay. By and by we began to pick up landmarks. "I'll bet that is Little Round Top over there . . . that Culp's Hill . . . that the woods from which the Confederate batteries opened." We drove around and sure enough, the landmarks were where we thought.

Gettysburg was one of the greatest battles in the history of the world, but you can sit in Ayour car, in one place, and see practically every inch that was fought over. War had a certain intimacy then. You could hit a baseball from the right out-post of the Confederate line into the facing left of the Union forces. You could holler over and cuss or kid a bit, too, if you had a mind to.

Always, from reading history, I visualized Pickett's men tearing up a long steep slope, as steep as Hospital Hill in Marion for example.

At Gettysburg you find different. They came on, from the woods and from the Confederate line three quarters of a mile away, across a gently rolling country, up a long slow slope, the peak — the stone wall — only a few feet above them.

Men died here by thousands. They lie in long rows. Monuments are thick, history turned to stone and brass. It was a great battle, yes, but war had a certain intimacy then. There's something personal in fighting a man you can hear coughing at night, whose courage you can see by day. Close going is a great battle fought on a dozen or so small farms.

Go then to Gettysburg and on a quiet, mist hung morning read the news from Flanders.

## Atkins School Finals Are Held

The final exercises of the Atkins High School were held during the past week in the school auditorium. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday, May 26, by the Rev. E. M. Louthan of Bluefield College, Bluefield, Va.

On Thursday night following, the grammar grade department gave an operetta entitled, "The Golden Whistle" to a large audience.

At that time twenty-five pupils of the seventh grade received their certificates of promotion to high school. Gloria Snider has the distinction of having the highest scholastic record in that grade. Other awards were certificates of perfect attendance in both the high school and grades. Besides the regular certificate, each one received an attractive bronze attendance button from their teachers. At this point it was announced that one member of the high school faculty has the distinction of being present every day during her school life, both as a pupil and as a teacher for twenty-five years, the honor being that of Miss Vera Copenhaver.

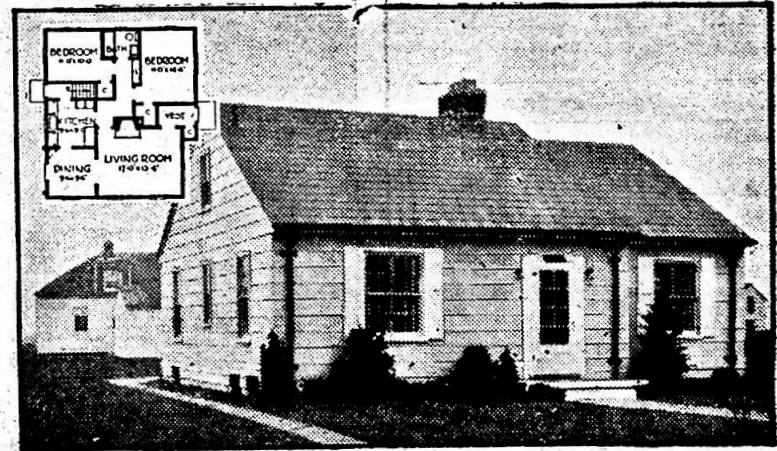
Many in all the grades received Locker writing buttons for improvement in penmanship. During the session forty-three pupils in

the school received the red star Five Point Health Certificates, while G. C. Musser, Jr., J. C. Anderson, Shirley Williams, Jean Williams and Ruth Anderson received gold star Five Point Certificates.

The graduating exercises were held Friday night, May 31, in the presence of a large audience. The literary address was delivered by Professor Roy E. Brown of Virginia Intermont, Bristol, Va. Diplomas were presented to Doris Atkins, Virginia Calhoun, Hazel Duncan, Martha McGhee, Charles Bear, Junior McGhee, Frank Pennington and Clifford Pickle.

The salutatory address was given by Hazel Duncan, the valedictorian being Doris Atkins. Seven gold medals were awarded to the following: for the best all-round student, Martha McGhee; the most outstanding girl in basket ball, Doris Atkins; the most outstanding boy in basket ball, Charles (Top) Bear; for extemporaneous speeches delivered at the county contest in April, Helen Musser and Allen Murray; for the best prepared speeches, Tharon Musser and Billy Henderlite.

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## Camp

Camp, Va., June 3— Mrs. Chas. Swayze and Mrs. W. E. Rhudy have been very ill at their home here.

Miss Edith Fulton is in the Lee Memorial hospital, Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cox and daughter, Betty Ann, Miss Pauline Zarfoss and Miss Ann Hess were visiting relatives and friends in North Carolina last week.

Mrs. Heien James, who is employed at the State hospital, Marion, spent her vacation at her home here.

Mr. Robert Keith, Rural Retreat, spent the weekend with relatives in the community.

Mrs. Green Brewer was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Doll Sage over the weekend at Rural Retreat.

Mrs. Walter Newman returned home Friday from the Bailey hospital, Rural Retreat.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin and family of Roanoke were visiting

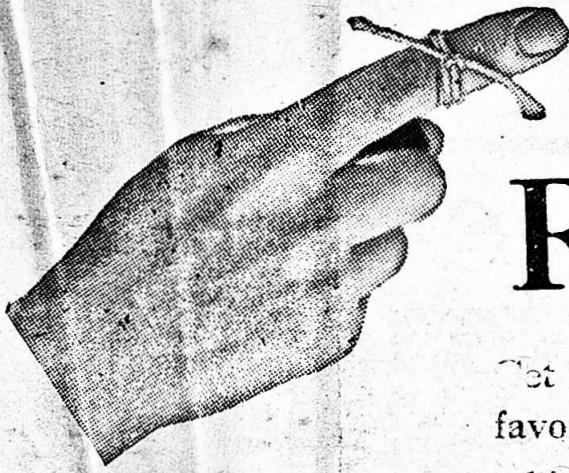
in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hawks Sunday, June 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gardella of Palm Beach, Florida, were called here on account of the illness of Mrs. W. E. Rhudy and Mrs. Charles Swayze.

One out of four farmers who insured their 1939 wheat production under the Federal "all risk" insurance program has received an indemnity to make up for unavoidable crop loss.



PICTURED ABOVE is the senior class of Chilhowie high school. They are, front row, left to right: Juanita Johnson, Everett Tilson, Elizabeth McCallister, salutatorian; Edith Martin, valedictorian; Gordon Echols, Jr., Margaret Doyle, and Helen Tucker. Second row: Edith Fudge, Edgar Tilson, Charles Martin, Clarence Stump, Jr., Marie Bland, and Katherine McCormick. Third row: Claibourne Beattie, Thelma Martin, Ruth Baumgardner, Gray Blevins, and Dorothy Ward. Fourth row: John Williams, Jr., Jack Osborne, Smith Tucker, Agnes Brown- ing, Belle Hawthorne, and Elizabeth Hicks. Fifth row: Bobby Colley, Joe Love Bonham, Roy Palmer and Walter Neal Blankenbeckler. (Photo by Eller)



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