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To Our Patrons!

THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE NEWS FOR 1919. WE HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST YEAR EVER. WE HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY ENLARGING AND GIVING YOU A BIGGER AND BETTER PAPER. WE ARE NOW SENDING OUT 1800 PAPERS EACH WEEK. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND ASK THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ALL OF OUR PATRONS. HELP US AND WE WILL GIVE YOU THE BEST COUNTY PAPER IN THE STATE. THANKING ALL OF OUR PATRONS FOR THE HEARTY CO-OPERATION GIVEN IN THE PAST AND WISHING FOR ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. WE SAY GOOD-BYE FOR 1919.

M. J. Anderson, Publisher.

Instead of a reduction in the cost of living as promised by the administration, prices continue to advance. It is high time that adequate steps be taken to bring about a desired change. We hardly know how the really poor people are going to get through the present winter months unless relief is provided by a curtailment of prices on the necessities of life.

Hon. Edwin P. Morrow has been inaugurated Governor of Kentucky. He is the first Republican to hold that office in the Blue Grass State in nearly two decades. Governor Morrow promised a thorough house cleaning in his campaign at Frankfort and no one need be surprised to see the fur fly when he gets on to the ropes. Not only is Mr. Morrow Governor of Kentucky but is regarded as the probable nominee of the Republican party for Vice President next year. It is said that the Republicans have made up their minds to break the solid South in 1920 and already they have their eyes on Tennessee.

A REVIEW OF ROAD WORK IN ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

For the benefit of those who have not had the opportunity of traveling over the road during the past six years I wish to give a narrative of the work done on the roads, beginning at the Washington County line and extending to the Smyth County line.

Viz: A road has been graded and McAdamized from H. C. Cole's to the Washington County line near L. M. Cole's. Distance about 1 mile, cost about \$2500.00, about \$1000.00 of this amount was private subscription.

A road has been graded and McAdamized from Robert Elswick's store to John Duncan, near the Marion District line at a cost of about \$7500.00, distance about 1/2 mile.

A good road has been graded and drained from the Marion District line by way of St. Clair Bottom to Konnareck, about 2 miles of this road has been McAdamized, the entire length of this road is about 12 miles. About 2 miles of road leading from St. Clair Bottom to Blue Springs road, near John A. McClure's should be McAdamized, the balance will be a good road with proper attention without McAdamizing. There has been spent on this road about \$32000.00, of this amount about \$21000.00 has been private subscription.

The Douglas Land Company and the Hessinger Lumber Company has graded the road across the mountain at their own expense, except the County furnishing the drain pipes and tools and the cost to them was about \$16000.00 from the foot of the mountain toward Chilhowie. The citizens living along the road have subscribed about \$5000.00. It will take seven or eight thousand dollars to complete and connect up this road which should be done as soon as possible.

A road has been graded and McAdamized from St. Clair Bottom Church up the river by way of Riverside School House to W. B. Wyatt's, distance about 1 1/2 mile, at a cost of about \$5000.00, of this amount about \$1000.00 was private subscription.

A road has been graded and McAdamized from the river at Adam Millers to the Marion District line near C. W. Gollehon, distance about 1 1/2 miles, cost about \$3500.00.

A road has been graded and drained from St. Clair Roller Mill up the river about 3/4 of a mile, cost about \$1200.00.

A road has been graded and partly McAdamized from River Bend School house to the Marion District line, distance about 1 1/2 miles cost about \$2500.

A road has been graded and partly McAdamized from Holstein Mills by way of H. C. Dutton to connect with road leading up the river from River Bend School house to Marion District line, cost about \$3000.00, about \$500.00

of this was private subscription.

A road has been graded and drained from Holstein Mills by way of South Fork Church to B. B. Britton's, distance about 1 1/2 miles, cost about \$1500.00. A road has been graded and McAdamized from Thomas Bridge to Marion District line, distance about 1 1/2 miles, cost about \$3500.00, of this amount about \$500.00 was private subscription. The road has been graded and drained practically all the way from Thomas Bridge to Valley View School House, distance about 3 miles, cost about \$4500. About \$1000.00 has been spent on the east end of the Stoney Battery road, near J. E. Sapps. In grading and draining the road about \$3500.00 has been spent on the road from the forks of the road west of A. L. Kirks to Teas, mostly in grading a road around the mountain thus cutting out 2 fords of the river. About \$1000.00 has been spent on the Slab town road, on the east end next to Teas. In grading and draining about \$750.00 has been spent on the road from Teas leading to the foot of the mountain. In grading and draining about \$12000.00 has been spent on the road from Teas to Mrs. Fannie Currin's. In grading, bridging draining distance about 4 miles.

About \$500.00 has been spent on the Dickey Creek road near Sugar Grove Church. About \$750.00 has been spent on the Slemp Creek road leading from Mrs. Currin's toward the foot of the mountain.

About \$500.00 has been spent on the Nelson road in grading and draining.

About \$6000.00 has been spent on the road leading from Camp Postoffice toward Cedar Springs grading and draining.

About \$6000.00 has been spent on the road from Wythe County line leading back toward the Porter place. In grading, bridging and draining distance about 1 mile this is to be McAdamized.

In addition to the above, improved and McAdamized roads, there has been several new pieces of road established and built. Viz: A road leading from Wythe County line through Dark Hollow to connect the road leading from Camp to Cedar Springs, distance about 2 miles, cost about \$1200.00. A road has been established and built from near Zion Hill Church across to the Stoney Battery road, about 1 mile distance and cost about \$1000.00. A road has been established and opened from near T. P. Currin's to connect with the Redstone road, distance about 1 mile cost about \$1000.00. A road has been established and opened from the South Fork Church road to connect with the Thomas Bridge road near W. H. Snider's, distance about 1 mile, cost about \$1000.00. A road has been established and opened from near C. B. Dousses' store, leading west to connect with the St. Clair Creek road, distance about 3 miles, cost about \$2000.00.

A road from J. N. Dinkin's leading to Gross' Creek Church has been relocated and opened, distance about 1/2 mile, cost \$500.00.

This completes the list of new roads and permanently improved roads in St. Clair District which have been built during the past six years.

This however, is only a start on the roads compared with the number of roads in the District which need to be built and improved in space and time will permit. I will mention a few of the most important, which I think should be built.

Viz: The road leading from Cedar Springs beginning at Wythe County line running west to Mrs. Fannie Currin's, connecting with the Valley road which has been graded and gravelled. Work has already begun on his road about 1 mile graded leaving about 7 miles to be graded. The entire length 8 miles. This should be graded and McAdamized. This will cost under present conditions about \$80,000.00. The road from J. M. Pugh's to Thomas Bridge should be connected up with the roads and which has been already graded and drained. It will require 4 bridges on this line of roads, including one at Teas, this road should be finished grading and draining and gravelled or McAdamized. This distance is about 8 miles. It will cost under present conditions not less than \$60,000.00 to do this work. The Stoney Battery road should be graded and drained, distance about 2 miles it might be done for about \$8,000.00.

The road from B. B. Britton's by way of South Fork Church to H. C. Dutton's has been graded and drained. It should be gravelled or McAdamized, cost about \$8,000.00. The road from St. Clair Roller Mill to the Marion District line near Adwolve should be finished grading and McAdamizing would cost about \$2,000.00.

The Link in the Konnareck road from St. Clair Bottom Church to John A. McClure's should be connected which cost about \$8000.00. This leaves many very important pieces of roads in the district not mentioned which should also be included in the improved roads but we have already mentioned almost enough to consume a quarter million dollars so it is useless to mention any more until we can imagine where the money is to come from. However, if it cannot all be had at once we use what we do have on the most important first and persevere until the task is accomplished.

I have written this narrative because many people in the district have not had the opportunity of traveling over the district and do not know anything of what has been or what should be done toward getting a system of good roads in the district. I have traveled over practically every foot of public road in the district. I have been especially interested in the public roads and schools of the district and

county for the past 8 years and have discharged my official duty as best I know how and while in building roads in different parts of the district, it will almost create an undue amount of dissatisfaction. I feel that I have not an enemy in the district and to those who have assisted me in my official duty during the 8 years I feel very grateful and those who have not I have no revenge whatever. And while retiring officially if there is any thing I can do personally for any piece of road in the district or in the county I am ever ready and glad to do so and now as some of you may get tired reading this I will close wishing

all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours respectfully,
GEO. F. PIERCE.

FOR SALE

At bargain, a fine \$450 piano for \$212. Inquire at News office.

Mrs. M. E. Beverly, of Atkins, was shopping in Marion Saturday and gave the News a pleasant call.

Miss Mattie Sherwood, of Seven Mile Ford, was in the city Saturday, and gave the News a business call.

Christmas Presents

We have the Largest and most complete Line in the History of our Business. Below is a list of a few of the many articles we have in stock.

Victor Talking Machines



AND RECORDS Sonoro Phonographs

PERUSIAN IVORY TOILET SETS. MANICURE SETS. COMBS, BRUSHES, MIRRORS, HAIR RECEIVERS, PUFF BOXES, NAIL FILES, SHOE HOOKS, CLOCKS, TOOTH BRUSHES, HOLDERS, ETC. LADIES VELVET HAND BAGS, CARDS CASES, POCKET BOOKS, MESH BAGS, KODAKS, ALBUMS, CUT GLASS, SHAVING SETS, CANDLE STICKS, SMOKING SETS, PIPES, THERMOS BOTTLES, BIBLES, PER FUME AND TOILET WATERS. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF CRANES FINE STATIONERY. PRICES FROM 25 CENTS TO \$5.00 A BOX. AGENT FOR THE FAMOUS.

Nunnally's and Martha Washington Candies.

City Drug Store Marion, Virginia



Style 620

For Christmas This Year Give Them an AEOLIAN-VOCALION

The Phonograph of Elegance

THE Aeolian-Vocalion has all the qualities that people of refinement desire for their home musical instrument.

It plays all records, giving you the broadening culture of hearing and comparing all voices and instruments ever recorded—not only the records made by one company, but those made by all.

Vocalion cases are distinctively beautiful. Tasteful, artistic designs are developed in the finest of case-woods and finished to the highest degree of lustre and smoothness.

But when you can actually play the phonograph; when by means of a wonderful invention, the Graduola, you can shade and accent the music just as you wish, you have the highest point yet reached in phonograph making. And this point is reached only by the Aeolian-Vocalion.

Come in and hear and play the Vocalion today

D. M. SMITH
Drug Company

NOTICE

By Virginia Southern Railroad of Suspension of Service to Fairwood, Virginia.

The public is hereby notified that on the 8th day of January, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m. this Company will

apply to the State Corporation Commission, at its court room in the City of Richmond, for authority to discontinue service on that part of its road between Troutdale and Fairwood (2.89 miles) both points being in Grayson County, Va.

fact that the business accruing between the said points does not justify a continuance of the service, and the Company is now operating that part of its line at a daily increasing loss. By B. S. CHARLTON, Supt. 3wks. 12-23-19.

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MAKES MORE BREAD
MAKES WHITER BREAD
MAKES BETTER BREAD
Than Any Other Flour

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Do you want the best Bread and Cakes for Christmas! You cannot make them out of the Straight Grade Flour that you find on the market.

SNOWFLAKE is the highest grade of flour made in this section. It is the very cream of wheat.

There is as much difference between SNOWFLAKE and the others flours that you find on the market, as there is between Jersey cream and milk.

Why not demand the best. The most successful cooks use SNOWFLAKE Flour. Ask your grocer for SNOWFLAKE Flour.

Up to January 1, return sixteen Premium Cards and we will send a Beautiful Waiter. A sack of SNOWFLAKE Flour would make a present to send your friends.

Spread Christmas Joy

Few can amass big fortunes like Frick. He left nearly all to the public. We can all play Santa Claus. Don't wait until you die. Seek out the needy but modest, the widows, orphans, invalids and business girls. Give individuals quietly, not publicly with a brass band. It is not what you give, but the spirit in which you bestow it. Better a smile from the heart than a gem with no heart behind it.

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S. D. Copenhagen, R. A. Salmon, York & Son, Look & Lincoln, Greenwood & Rouse, C. A. Pickle & Company, Scott Brothers, Purity Grocery Co., John W. Stephenson, Marion; G. L. Marshall, Sugar Grove; E. C. Rector, Teas, and Atkins Brothers, Attaway.



No difference!

The Jury Was Blindfolded AND

—when Hempel stood beside the New Edison and sang in direct comparison with its RE-CREATION of her voice, not a man could tell one voice from the other.

Do you realize that this is the most severe musical test ever attempted? Do you appreciate that blindfolding these musical experts greatly increased their acuteness of hearing?

But acuteness of hearing did not avail. Like in 2,000 previous tone-tests, New Edison proved that its RE-CREATION was not merely LIKE Hempel's voice. It was Hempel's voice—indistinguishable from her living voice.

If you own a phonograph, or know phonographs, you must realize how wonderful this is—how extraordinary these Edison RE-CREATIONS must be. You will still further realize this when you come into this store and hear them for yourself. Make Hempel the basis of this interesting discovery. Listen with your eyes closed, while we play one of her gems for you.

WE CARRY A COMPLETE LINE OF EDISON AMBEROLA PHONOGRAPHS AND BLUE AMBEROLA RECORDS.

J. K. FISHER
JEWELER
Marion, Va.

Personal Mention

W. H. Rosenbaum, Rt. No. 1. Seven Mile Ford, was a visitor to Marion Saturday and left his subscription to the News for 1920.

J. R. Hull, of Atkins, while transacting business in Marion Saturday left his subscription to the News.

Miss Pearl Heninger, of Kasas City, Mo., is spending the Xmas holiday with her parents.

Messrs N. J. Shupe and Felix Musser, were among the business visitors, in the city, Monday, from Atkins.

Messrs T. P. Curran and Frank Porter, of the South Fork community were transacting business in town Monday.

A. C. Cornett, of Attoaway, was a business caller at the News Office Monday.

Mr. T. W. Edmondson, came up from Chilhowie Monday and while in the city gave the News office a business call.

George Wingate, who was in town on business last week, left last Saturday for his home in Atkins.

C. H. Funk will leave Monday to spend Christmas with his parents in Shelbyville, Tenn.

T. J. Hawthorne, of Chilhowie, was a business visitor to Marion last week. Jasper Lyons, of Peoria County, Illinois, arrived in this section last month, and has been visiting friends near here. At present he is visiting Mr. Earnest Lundlay.

Mrs. J. R. Dolinger, of Sinkers Creek, was transacting business in Marion last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Holland, of Charleston, W. Va., passed through town last Saturday on their way to visit in Roanoke.

D. D. Moore, of St. Clair, was in town on business last Friday.

Miss Katherine Crawford, of Marion College, left last Saturday to spend her Christmas holiday with her sister in Lynchburg.

George P. Hicks, of Seven Mile Ford, was transacting business in the city Saturday.

Miss Lorena Hartman, who had been attending the Marion College, left Saturday to visit in Gallion, Ohio.

John Morgan, of Seven Mile Ford, was shopping in Marion Saturday.

W. F. Cook, left last Saturday to visit in Atkins.

Arthur Tilson, of Seven Mile Ford, left last Saturday to visit friends in Wytheville.

W. E. Reedy, returned to Seven Mile Ford, last Saturday, after paying a business visit to the city.

Roy Suiter, of Marion, spent the last week-end with friends in Atkins.

Foster Hale, was a business visitor to this town last Saturday.

J. C. P. Creger, who had been shopping in Marion, left last Saturday for Emory.

Miss Hattie Blankenbeckler, of South Fork, was visiting her sister, and shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Milton King, of Rural Retreat, was a business visitor to this place Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. W. Snider, were shopping in Marion Saturday.

W. H. Wheelwright, who is connected with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, was in town on business last Saturday.

Elmer Downum returned last week from a business trip to Washington County.

Mrs. W. E. Wassum, of Sugar Grove, was a shopping visitor to Marion Monday.

Dr. M. M. Brown, who was slightly injured last week, now returned to his office on Main street.

O. J. Burkett, of Groseclose, was in the city and gave the News a call.

W. W. Rector, of this place, left last Saturday in a business trip to Chilhowie.

LIBERAL COMPANY.

The Virginia Table Company employs about 200 people. The largest payroll in our town. We understand that each employee will receive as a Christmas gift a crisp new five dollar bill. This will amount to \$1000.00 and marks in a very emphatic way the liberality of the management of this big and prosperous firm.

PEPTO-MANGAN FOR PALE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Pepto-Mangan Gives the Help the Body Needs to Make Rich, Red Blood

Name "Gude's" on Every Package Sold by Druggists in Both Liquid and Tablet Form—Medicinal Virtues are the Same

The seasons are hard and the children are growing. Watch their health and if they become pale and listless and don't want to work or play, consult a good physician a tonic if you suspect and serious ailment. The splendid tonic, Pepto-Mangan, if given daily for a few weeks, will in most cases restore the strength and start young folks on the road to good health again. Youth responds quickly. You can buy Pepto-Mangan in tablet or liquid form of your druggist and can always be sure of the genuine by looking for the name "Gude's" on the package. Without the name "Gude's" it is not Pepto-Mangan. It is a fine tonic and blood-maker for the whole family. Physicians everywhere have used it for nearly thirty years.

Personal Mention

J. T. Crowe, of Atkins was in Marion Monday and gave the News a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Arnold, were shopping in the city Monday.

Mr. C. S. Tarter, was in the city Monday and gave the News office a call.

Clerk S. W. Kent has issued the following licenses since December 5th: Prees Poor and Emma Poston; Edagy G. Blessing and Nora Elam; Henry S. South and Laura G. Cahill; Thomas H. Freeman and Nellie Bobinett; John E. Harrison and Emma Ward; Jacob Eblevins and Ethel Anderson; Wm. J. Jones and Lucy A. Kegley; Thos. Keys and Annie Bell Burse; I. W. White and Susie W. Chambers; George Stout and Dora Ledbetter and Wm. M. Bise and Gussie Wampler.

The Jonas Groseclose farm, containing about 53 acres just north of town, was sold Monday at 2 o'clock by Special Commissioner, W. R. Kegley, the highest bidder being Judge Geo. W. Richardson \$10,875.00. This was considered a good price for the place.

Messrs George H. Tilden and Geo. Lee Harmon, were all here Monday from Nebo. They were interested in the sale of Groseclose farm.

Mr. R. R. Jones, of Quarry, was a visitor to the city Monday.

Mrs. Guy Etter, of Rural Retreat, was transacting business in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Elmer Downum was shopping in Bristol Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Buchanan, of North Holston, were shopping in Marion Monday.

H. S. Dungan returned to his home in Roanoke last Saturday, after paying a visit to this place.

J. B. Bryan, of Atkins, was in town on business Saturday.

Emmett Kirby, of this place, left Saturday to visit in Atkins.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Earnest, and son Dayton, who had been visiting Mr. Earnest's parents on South Fork, left last Saturday for their home in Clinchburg.

C. B. Scott, of Sugar Grove, left last Saturday to visit his wife in the Abingdon Hospital.

We are glad to note that Mrs. I. C. Paris, who was operated on in Abingdon last week is getting along very nicely.

Mr. J. W. Lantz, the Cedar Springs merchant, will leave in a few days on an extended trip to New York, Florida and Cuba after his return he expects to leave for a trip around the world and will be gone for about 12 months. His friends in Smyth County and the Southwest will wish for him a safe and pleasant journey.

Gordon Hull and family came out from Newport News, Monday to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. John S. Sherwood, of near Seven Mile Ford, came up Tuesday and left for Radford where he went to visit his sister Mrs. H. W. Bane.

We regret to announce that Mrs. Joseph Keller is quite sick at her home in east Marion.

Mr. Walter Umbarger, Agent of the Douglas Land Co., came out Monday and spent two days in Marion. While here he was the guest of his friend Mr. H. P. Gills.

Mr. F. M. Sutherland, of Crockett, came down Monday to look after some business matters.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE NOT INTERESTED IN THE ANTI-TOBACCO CRUSADE

Mr. Wayne B. Wheeler, Secretary of the Legislative Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America, issues the following statement:

The persistent propaganda by the National Tobacco League in the Pope Building, Washington, that the Anti Saloon League is backing an Anti-Tobacco Crusade against tobacco is entirely unfounded, said Wayne B. Wheeler, General Counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America. It was started in New York by the Anti-Prohibition Association, to confuse the issue on law enforcement and try to make people believe that nearly everything will be attacked by the Anti-Saloon and Prohibition forces.

The Anti-Saloon League never has made a fight against tobacco. There is a wide difference between tobacco and liquor. The liquor traffic is a public nuisance. The tobacco habit may be considered by some a personal or private habit, but it is not in the same class with liquor which is a public nuisance. The Supreme Court made clear that the liquor traffic is in a class by itself to the treatment of which there is no analogy in the law. Chief Justice White in writing an opinion on the Webb-Kenyon act said, "It was the exceptional nature of the commodity which justified the legislation in question."

In the more recent propaganda the Tobacco League quotes Clarence True Wilson as spokesman for the Anti-Saloon League favoring an anti-tobacco crusade. Dr. Wilson represents the Methodist Temperance Board and not the Anti-Saloon League. He has repeatedly denied this story circulated by the Anti-Tobacco League. This whole tobacco league propaganda is an effort to draw a herring across the trail to divert the chase from the beverage liquor traffic and law enforcement against the moonshiner and bootlegger.

The Anti-Saloon League will continue the fight without diversion until the manufacture and sale of beverage liquor is prohibited throughout the world.

Personal Mention

Percy Francis, who is attending school at the Medical College, Richmond, Va., came home last Saturday on a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Francis.

Mr. Bedford Russell arrived here last week with his bride. They will make their future home here.

Constable C. L. Surber, of Riverside, was a business visitor to Marion Monday.

W. R. Buchanan, of Chatham Hill, was in the city Monday and went out to Holstein Mills to spend the night with his brother P. G. Buchanan.

Mr. T. T. Taylor and son Robert L. Taylor and wife, of Broadford, were shopping and transacting business matters in Marion Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Loven, of Linville, N. C., and Miss Ruth Perkins who has been teaching at Allison Gap near Saltville, are spending the Xmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Perkins.

Mrs. W. F. Hawthorn, of Baltimore, is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. F. Keller.

Personal Mention

Mrs. B. E. Copenhaver and sister Miss May Scherer left Saturday for New York where they went to join Mrs. Copenhaver's daughters, Misses Eleanor, Gene and Katherine. They will all be at the home of their sister, Mrs. E. C. Cronk where they will be members of a house party after December 24th.

Hon. B. F. Buchanan, came down from Washington Sunday to spend the holidays with his family.

Mr. Will Franklin, of Illinois, arrived here Monday and is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. S. S. Paris. Mr. Franklin was formerly a native of Smyth County.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Rice, of Seven Mile Ford, were shopping in Marion Monday.

Miss Dixie Comer, of Centenary, was shopping in Marion Monday.

Mr. Carl Wolfe, of Gary W. Va., is spending the Xmas holidays with friends in Marion.

Mr. John W. Smith, of Plastero, was in town last Saturday and left his subscription to the News.

WHAT SHALL I GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS?

What would be more appropriate, valuable, and useful as a "Christmas Gift," to one's Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, or Wife than to present them on Christmas morning, with a

MODERN WOODMAN POLICY

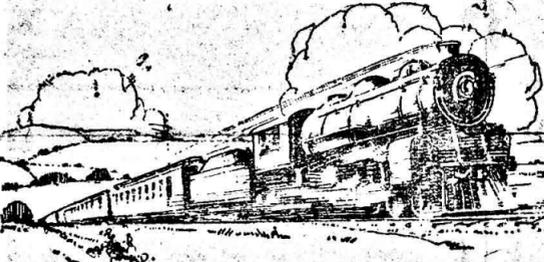
with their names inscribed therein as "beneficiary." The poorer the man is the more need is there that his faithful wife and family be protected with a thousand dollar Modern Woodmen Insurance Policy in event of the death of the "bread-winner" and "head" of the family.

== THINK IT OVER ==

The fraternal insurance society known as the "Modern Woodmen of America," has a grand membership of 1,082,255 in North America and has already paid out the magnificent sum of \$212,153,647,77 in death claims, and has at present the mighty sum of \$1,651,581,000.00 worth of insurance in force right this minute.

All men of good character and physical fitness between 17 and 45 are eligible to membership.

For particulars write P. O. Box 62. MARION, VA.



The railroads of the United States are more than one-third, nearly one-half, of all the railroads of the world. They carry a yearly traffic to much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any one nation may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of America borne upon American railroads.

—United States Senator Committee.

Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"

and he will tell you that American railroads are the best in the world.

He saw the foreign roads — in England and France, the best in Europe — and in other Continental countries — and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world — we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings — and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen — in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men — the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

WINNER IN "WHO'S WHO" CONTEST.

Mrs. J. D. Perkins of Marion is the winner of the \$10 Gold prize offered for the nearest correct answer to "Who's Who" in Marion, only five errors appearing in the entire set of 38 answers submitted by her. Mrs. Perkins had a close second in C. Lee Richardson Jr., who had six errors, and following him closely were: Mrs. Hugh Gwyn, Mrs. H. P. Copenhaver, Mrs. Jean Henegar La. Fon. A. D. Scott, and one other without a name on the margin, with seven errors each: Roxie L. Francis, Mrs. Trigg Scott, Hallie Pannill, and Nancy B. Neikirk each had eight errors to their credit, while Jim Bane Peery, and Mrs. T. M. Ewald, had nine; Albert Francis and one other with no name attached had ten, and Mrs. U. G. Jones followed with eleven mistakes.

All the above contestants had the answers correct in the main, that is, they had firms designated, but imperfectly, either as to being complete, or names were improperly spelled. The most common error was made was in the name of the flour, "Our Daisy" made by the Mt. Carmel Roller Mills.

All the above answers have been returned to the office of the Marion News, with the errors checked and any contestant if not satisfied with the award will be permitted to inspect his or her sheet, together with that of the winner.

The large number of answers received would indicate that the Marion News, has not only a large circulation, but a clientele of advertisement readers. There can be no doubt but that every advertiser on the "Who's Who" page has received the worth of his money in the publicity given.

GEORGE W. JACK, "Who's Who" Editor.

Mrs. Perkins will please call at the office of the Marion News and receive her award.

The will be a Sunday School entertainment and Christmas tree at Crosses Creek Baptist Church the 25th, at 10 a. m.

VIRGINIA FARM.

650 acres; part arable, highly cultivated; part timber, some merchantable; land level, easily tilled; fenced; well watered; comfortable dwelling; tenant house and barns; excellent orchard; thickly settled region; a right price \$50.00 per acre.

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COURT NOTES

License to sell soft drinks was granted to Rouse and Greenwood; E. W. Reedy and J. A. Myers and son.

The case of Sheffey Jones vs. Marion Feed and Grain Company after occupying the attention of the court for three days was on motion of the defendant continued, with leave to amend the grounds of defense.

James White Sheffey qualified as Commonwealth's Attorney his term of office to begin January 1st, 1920.

The case of W. E. Hodges vs. T. J. Cyrus et al. was continued at the cost of the defendants.

The case of Mrs. S. C. Duncan vs. S. J. Cullpep was heard and a verdict was found in favor of the plaintiff for \$50.00.

Court reconvenes today to hear the case of Commonwealth vs. Pat Jones. The present session will not adjourn until after the 29th of December.

Prescott Collins, came in on 25 Monday from Washington and Lee, to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Miss Leona Faris, left Tuesday to spend the Xmas holiday with relatives at Bluefield and other points.

DEATH OF J. A. GULLION.

Mr. J. A. Gullion died at his home near the Virginia Table Company, Monday morning after a lingering illness of nearly 12 months. The deceased was 53 years old, an industrious and upright citizen, and is survived by his wife and four children and one step daughter. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a consistent christian. Before his death he was an employee of the Virginia Table Company and in consequence of this employment his estate will receive \$1000.00 insurance as the company carries a policy for the benefit of its employees.

The funeral services will be conducted by his pastor Rev. C. W. McElroy from the home this, Tuesday afternoon, provided relatives from West Virginia reach here in time. The burial will be in Round Hill cemetery.

Mr. H. G. Fox and daughter, of Seven Mile Ford, were shopping in Marion Saturday.

Miss Viola Ellis, is visiting her brother, E. P. Ellis.

Christmas 1919

With the Yuletide comes the pleasure of extending to our many friends and fellow citizens the

Greetings of the Season.

May the holidays make happy the closing of 1919 and usher in a joyous New Year, brimful of opportunity for service, for happiness and for success.

Bank of Marion Marion, Virginia

HOGS & PRODUCE WANTED

We need several hundred hogs weighing from 75lb. to 150lb.

We are paying above the market for this size hogs.

We will also buy your surplus bones and ribs.

Call us when you want to kill your hogs and find out what days we want them.

Bring us your Poultry, Butter and Eggs. We will pay the highest cash prices for your produce.

The following is for sale:

HOG and COW feed. A very high grade salt in 25, 50 and 100lb. bags.

You can't afford to salt your meat down with a poor grade of salt.

Try a can of our own make of pure lard. There is nothing better on the market no matter what you pay for it.

Our lard is steam rendered and there is no chance of burnt lard.

Our price is less than you will pay for any other high grade lard, and we know ours is as good as the best.

You can get it in the following sizes, 5, 10 & 50lbs.

F. M. GREER & CO.

Marion, Va.

Christmas Greetings

THE OFFICERS OF

Marion National Bank

MARION, VIRGINIA

Greet You With All Good Wishes for Christmas and Happiness and Prosperity in the New Year.

Acknowledgement of the many courtesies shown us during the past year the

Smyth County Motor Co.

Extend their best wishes for

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

J. R. Mantz, Manager.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Marion Automobile & Supply Company, Inc.

Announce with pleasure to the general public that the

Garage and General Repair Shop

is now open for business and as soon as the new building is erected we will have on display

in our spacious show rooms: **Franklin, Buick, Dodge, Oakland Cars and Defiance Trucks,** for your inspection and approval.

THE PROGRESSIVE GROCERY FIRM OF

C. A. PICKLE & COMPANY

TENDER THEIR MANY THANKS FOR THE PATRONAGE GIVEN THEM DURING THE PAST YEAR AND IN TURN WE WISH EACH OF YOU

366 HAPPY DAYS

FOR THE COMING YEAR OF

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At this Holiday Season we wish to express our appreciation of the Goodwill extended us in the past and we trust the New Year may bring to you happiness and prosperity.

Staley Hardware Co..

Marion, Virginia

F. M. Greer & Co.,

the progressive packers wish to tender their best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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