

Saltville Has Court Day

It was like a circuit court day and happened on Thursday, the 19. Squire Hughes sat in Mayor Chapman's office. Andy Funk was there and the Sheriff and Saltville officers. Also a raft of prisoners, witnesses, innocent by standers, etc.

Up before the bar of justice came Rush Prater. Rush was charged with having mash in possession and with being drunk in a public place. Rush pleaded guilty to the first charge and got a 30 day sentence to the county carcel publico with a \$50 fine. On the second charge he was found guilty and Squire Hughes slapped on a fine of \$5 plus costs.

Next in order were Lula Price, the Saltville sunflower, Ewell Sullins and Dave Hurlley. It seems the officers got Lula at Dave's home and the circumstances were such that Sheriff Dillard had to carry both of them about a half mile. Ewell was nailed in the road, where he was chanting the Confusion maxims of life.

On a charge of possession they were all passed on to the grand jury. On a charge of being drunk in a public place Lula and Dave got off, because they weren't able to get to the road, but Ewell got fined \$20 and costs.

Then they had up Frank Callahan, charged with selling ten gallons of extract of field corn. He was sent on to the grand jury.

Next in line were Charles Routh and Charles Henderson. Charles and Charles were charged with having and holding, till death do us part, etc., five gals of the extract. They too now await the action of the grand jury.

A big court day for the Rich Valley.

Social Events

VAN DEN HEUVEL—ROSS

Mrs. R. L. Sult of Newart, Del., announces the recent marriage of her sister, Miss Mary Belle Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross of Grant, Va., to Mr. Harry Andrew Van Den Heuvel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Van Den Heuvel of Elk Creek, Va.

M. Johns, pastor of Grace M. E. church at Wilmington, Del. We wish this couple a long and happy life.

County Couples Plight Troth

Mr. Stephen W. Farmer, of Chatham Hill, and Miss Elizabeth Virginia Cruey, of the same section, were united in marriage at the Baptist Parsonage on Church street, Tuesday, December 17, by Rev. W. H. Carter. The ceremony was witnessed by members of the immediate families of the contracting parties. The newly weds will make their home in Rich Valley.

On Wednesday, December 18th, Mr. James Albert Roark, of Saltville, and Mrs. Orrie Belle Smith, of North Holston, were also united in marriage at the Parsonage by Rev. Mr. Carter. Immediately after the ceremony, they left for Saltville, where they will make their future home.

HUTTON-KIRK

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Marion Methodist parsonage, November 16th, 1929, when Miss Gertrude S. Hutton, became the bride of Mr. Chas. D. Kirk. They were united in marriage by Rev. E. A. Shugart. The groom is the son of Mr. A. L. Kirk, Sugar Grove, Va., and the bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Hutton also of Sugar Grove, Va. The bride was very lovely in a brown dress with accessories to match. Their many friends wish the young couple happiness and success.

Another Still

Hi Whisman got one this week on George's Branch, in the Rye Valley. It was a fifty gallon gas barrel contraption, and along with it was the mash, all set up to help out with the Christmas supply.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method to thank my neighbors and friends for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of our mother, also for the use of cars and floral tributes.
MRS. HARRY HASSEL.

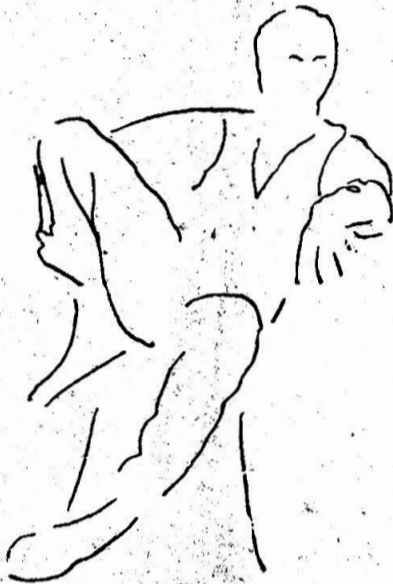
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Christmas Program at Marion Lutheran Church

The Christmas program of the Marion Lutheran Sunday School will be presented on Sunday night, December 22. The program this year will vary from the hard and fast rule of songs and recitations. A pageant will be presented, "The Star and the Angel." An interesting feature of this will be that the pageant was written by one of the members of the congregation, Mrs. Laura Scherer Copenhaver. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Hotel Lincoln is planning a great Christmas night celebration. Boots Walker announces that in the evening a dinner will be served to the music of an imported orchestra and later there will be dancing, with a buffet supper at midnight, until 3 A. M.

BUCK FEVER SAYS:



THE FIRE PLUGS.

They started to paint the town fire plugs this week. But before they got started there was a big argument between various leading citizens about what color they should be.

Bill Todd says they should be vermilion. "Vermilion would be mighty nice," says George Collins.

"I vote for purple," says Andy Funk between his mustaches.

Curtis Ham came along just then. "I've always heard ochre was a mighty nice color," says Curtis.

Down at the Dude Club Sam Ray held out strong for lavender. Mayor Maxwell put in a claim for yellow. George Cook voted for white, representing the prity of the town he says.

Mr. Wheeler finally painted them orange, but he didn't say nothing about purity.

Doc Weindell was coming along the street. He was dressed in hunting clothes. There was a strange light in his eyes. He kept thrashing his arms around his head and calling his dogs. He went for several blocks along the street that way, and I followed him.

"Doc," I says, "what's eating you?"

He went over by the Bank of Marion building.

"Stand in front of me, Buck, he says.

So I stood in front of him.

"There," says the Doc, "that's better, stand there a minute, will you?"

By and by he got quieted down.

"Buck," he says, "I been hunting today."

"I see you have," says I.

"Buck," he says, "I went back over the mountains a long way. I was looking for quail. Finally I got into that little valley Bill Hopkins was talking about."

"What he said is true, all right, Buck.

"I never see so many birds. They was so thick, Buck, that the dogs would start to point one way and then scent three coveys and turn around the other way."

"Buck, both of them dogs kept turning and turning and smelling new coveys till they both got dizzy. Then they kept turning and turning some more and finally both fell down dead from exhaustion. Buck, I lost the two best dogs you ever seen."

"And Buck, when I turned around and tried to get out of that valley the birds come up so thick they formed a solid wall."

"Buck, I had to shoot my way through to get out of there."

"And Buck, pretty soon I got out of ammunition and they started to attack me. They kept trying to

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SMYTH COUNTY PRESENTS CASE TO COMMISSION

Senator Buchanan Declares Road Needs Before Wytheville Meeting

BIG DELEGATION BACKS SPEAKERS AS COUNTY'S CLAIMS ARE MADE KNOWN

Backed by a delegation of more than forty citizens, Senator B. F. Buchanan and Colonel James D. Tate declared Smyth county's highway needs and claims in strong terms before the meeting of the State Highway Commission at Wytheville on Monday.

Smyth county, neglected for years in the state's road building program, was up in arms for the meeting. For the first time the county sent a numerically strong body of representative citizens to help make known our county's position on road matters.

Smyth county followed a number of the counties in the Bristol district. Every county delegation had, with considerable scraping and bowing, thanked the commission profusely for roads built in the past and for road fund allocated in the past.

"I am sorry that I cannot, as the other speakers have done, thank you for roads built and road allocations made in the past," said Senator Buchanan in opening his address to the commission.

"Unfortunately, you have not made it possible for us to bring you much thanks," the Senator continued. "While our five adjoining counties have received allocations amounting to two and one-half million dollars, an average of five hundred thousand dollars each, Smyth county has received nothing. According to figures furnished by the commission itself, been allocated only \$95,000—that \$95,000 for work two-thirds of which, as I understand it, must be done in Washington county in straightening the road through the Greever farm west of Chilhowie."

Here Chairman Shirley shook his head and indicated there was a misunderstanding in the Smyth county delegation on this bit of work and that the funds would be expended all in Smyth county.

Going into details of the work badly needed on the Lee highway in Smyth county, Senator Buchanan described conditions on the road from Atkins to the Washington county line.

He told of the dangerous overhead bridges and crossings, the high crown, the sharp curves, the many other daily menaces to the life and limbs of every citizen.

The talk was kept strictly to the highway conditions as the commission had previously in the meeting ruled that it would hear no side road claims.

In closing, Senator Buchanan said that he hoped that next year, at this time, the Smyth county would be able to open its talk to the highway commission for appropriations made and work done during the past year.

"Our claims are just," he said. "We need, badly need, the things we ask. And I am sure the commission will see the justness of our claims and give us the relief we ask for."

He then presented Col. Jim Tate and explained that the Colonel could give some first hand description of road conditions between Marion and Chilhowie because he has to travel the road every day on business.

Colonel Tate certainly did give some first hand road evidence. On Monday, he said, it took him an hour to drive the ten miles from Chilhowie for the Southwestern Virginia, Inc., meeting because of four bridge wrecks which were in the way.

He spoke of the overhead bridge west of town.

"It takes all the maintenance man's time nailing back the guard rails where automobiles have smashed through," said the Colonel.

"However, the commission has made one improvement. There is a wire fence there now and when a car hits it, it bounces right back toward the road. That is fine."

Dr. T. K. McKee of Saltville ap-

peared and said that, since the commission was not to hear the claims of other roads at the meeting, he would as a citizen of the Rich Valley like to say that he was all for fixing up the Lee Highway as a benefit to the entire county.

Those Smyth county citizens who were noted at the meeting when Senator Buchanan asked the Smyth county delegation to stand up and give the commission a look at their numbers, included:

The speakers, George Collins, B. E. Copenhaver, George McDonald, Boots Walker, Dr. Zeb Sherrill, Geo. Cook, J. A. Eller, Rev. H. C. Carter, Dr. Dick Hutton, Dr. Dave Buchanan, Boyd Staley, Rev. A. W. Taylor, Bob Goolsby, Andy Funk, J. L. C. Anderson, J. Fleet Wolfe, W. F. Culbert, Beattie Gwyn, Frank Copenhaver, J. C. Campbell, Tom King, Rev. Hugh J. Rhyne, Walter Johnson, H. P. Gills, Rev. G. A. Wilson, Marvin Copenhaver, Ed Copenhaver, Charley Wassum, Ike Huff, Tom Greer, Lynn Copenhaver, Jim White Sheffey, Jack Sheffey, Frank Lemmon, Walter Jackson, W. E. Francis and Game Warden Miles Newman.

The meeting is over; Smyth county now awaits word of the commission's allocations.

New Golf Club Treasurer

President A. B. Graybeal of the Marion golf club announces that, because of the resignation of W. T. Lawford, treasurer, Mr. W. B. Jackson has been appointed to fill the job.

Members are asked in the future to make all checks payable to Mr. Jackson.

Fire in Iron Street

The fire department made a run at 11:00 p.m. when the flames of a fire in Iron street.

The place caught from a stove and went like a tinder box. The company could do nothing but confine the fire and throw water until it was out. The furnishings were destroyed and the house, owned by the Harris heirs, practically destroyed.

The alarm sounded while Southwestern Virginia, Inc., was holding its director meeting at the Lincoln and the directors had a good chance to see Marion's volunteers go into action.

Lutheran Church

REV. HUGH J. RHYNE, Pastor
Wednesday December 18.

3:45 Confirmation Class.

7:30 Mid Week Service. Talk "Teaching of Jesus."

Sunday, December 22.

11:00 Morning Service at Ebenezer. Sermon "The Spirit of Christmas."

3:00 Worship at Attoaway. Sermon "The Birth of Christ."

7:30 Sunday School Christmas program. Short talk by pastor.

Christmas Day, early morning service at 6:30 at Marion Lutheran Church. All of our friends are cordially invited to attend the service.

Big Time in Saltville

It happened Sunday and Clyde Moore, H. L. Weidner, Clyde Grogg and Jim Roberts landed in jail. The sentences by Squire Hughes tell the story.

Clyde Moore and H. L. Weidner, \$20 and costs.

Clyde Grogg, held for grand jury on charge of transporting.

Jim Roberts, held for grand jury on charge of being drunk and driving while drunk.

The four, according to reports coming over the mountain, very nearly wrecked the small Saltville calaboose when they were all put in together.

There was also another case at Saltville. Mayor Chapman fined a young man named Mabe \$2.50 for shooting fire crackers on the street.

A man and woman were caught here Sunday and charged before Mayor Maxwell, with immoral practices. The Mayor fined them most of what they had, \$68, but left them enough to obey his order to get out of town. They got.

Local Young Man Honored

Emory, Va., Dec. 14.—James Tyler Frazier, III, of Chilhowie, Va., and R. A. Bennington, of Cedar Springs, Va., have been elected presidents of the Calliopean and Hermesian literary societies, respectively, of Emory and Henry College. Both of the new officers are seniors, and since entering the school three years ago each has affiliated himself with literary society work. During his freshman year, Frazier was awarded the Calliopean improvement medal for the greatest advancement among the freshmen.

The remaining personal of the Calliopean society follows: E. E. "Ned" Wiley, of Morristown, vice-president; P. P. Pierce, of Marion, secretary and treasurer; and R. Wiley Scott, also of Marion, critic. Other new officers of the Hermesian society are these: John William Ashworth, Jr., of Coeburn, Va., secretary; Raymond Alley, of Chattanooga, Tenn., treasurer; and N. C. Peterson, of Greenville, Tenn., critic.

R. P. Reynolds, of Newport, Va., is the retiring Calliopean president, while J. A. Hardin, of Greenville, Tenn., is the outgoing Hermesian president.

Lanier Harris Dies

Lanier Harris, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest M. Harris, formerly of Marion and now living at Bennettsville, S. C., died on Sunday afternoon at the family home. The news was received here by Mr. W. F. Culbert, by telegram.

Funeral services for Lanier, who was 14 years old and the second son of the family, were held at Norwood, N. C., on Monday, the 16th.

The Rev. Harris was pastor of the Baptist church in Marion and Lanier will be remembered by many friends here.

PERSONAL NOTES

Miss Ella Richardson of Saltville is the guest of Miss G. G. G. G.

Mrs. Waddie Starcher is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Senator and Mrs. E. F. Buchanan.

Mr. Robert Edwin Goolsby returned Tuesday, the 17th, from the University of Virginia to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Goolsby.

Mr. James Birchfield got home from V. P. I. on Wednesday, the 18th, to spend part of the holidays at his home in Marion and part on a trip west through Ohio to Chicago.

Pianoforte Music club made up of piano pupils of Mrs. Marvin Copenhaver, will hold a candy sale in Marion on Saturday, the 21st, for the benefit of the McDowell log cabin school of music.

Mr. Dick Ritsch has returned to Hotel Lincoln from Cleveland, Ohio, where he went several months ago to get some more hotel experience. Dick is looking fine and we are glad to have him back with us.

Mr. D. R. Newman of Rural Retreat was in Thursday to subscribe for the paper for his uncle, Mr. Ivan Brown, who is in Jefferson hospital, Roanoke. Mr. Newman, like a number of others, is sending the paper as a Christmas gift.

The Marion High School girls' basketball team trimmed Christiansburg High School 33 to 7 in a recent game played at the College gym. The Marion players are: M. Shugart, Snider, Copenhaver, Wassum, Lincoln, Miles, Boney, Umbarger, Copenhaver, Sheffey, and N. Shugart. Ned Davis is coaching the team.

Mr. J. S. Farnsworth, who lives five miles southwest of Chilhowie, was in calling on Wednesday to renew his subscription. We were talking about the life of Wilburn Waters and Mr. Farnsworth told us that he has in his possession Wilburn's own bear rifle, an ancient flint lock. He bought the gun from Garrett Overbay, who in turn got it from his father, Henry Overbay. Henry Overbay was a gunsmith in the old days on Mill Creek, and Wilburn Waters brought the gun to him to have it changed from a flint lock to cap lock. Shortly afterwards the old bear hunter died and no one ever claimed the gun. It has a barrel more than four feet long, Mr. Farnsworth tells us, and shot a ball about the size of a 44 calibre bullet.

Southwestern Virginia Inc., Directors Meet in Marion

Colonel James D. Tate and Senator B. F. Buchanan were the hosts on Monday of this week to the directors of Southwestern Virginia, Inc., in a luncheon and business meeting at Hotel Lincoln. Mr. C. C. Lincoln, who was to have been another of the hosts and the presiding officer, was unavoidably called out of town.

About fifty of the directors and their friends gathered for the meeting. At the luncheon they were entertained by Bud's Baby Band, a recital of his own poems by Mr. James McChesney Prickett, of Rural Retreat, and several fine piano selections by Miss M. L. Harrison, of Wytheville.

At the luncheon Mr. Homer Bowen, secretary, made the introductions and Dr. John Preston McConnell presided. He presented Col. Tate and Senator Buchanan, who welcomed the guests.

Mr. Bill M. McAnge, of Bristol, president of the Intermountain Telephone Company, was the speaker of the luncheon and he was a dandy. He spoke of public utilities and the new position they are assuming in the public mind. He also discussed business conditions in Southwest Virginia, and described the section as one of the banner business spots of the country.

Following the luncheon the directors held a business meeting.

The annual meeting, annual goodwill tour, state highway problems, darning, freight rates and publicity were items considered by the meeting.

Membership was renewed in the Virginia State and United States Chambers of Commerce. Reports of dairying by Chairman Roberts, Palski, were encouraging, as were those on the status of the membership drive.

An executive committee of twelve directors was named from the meeting. Reports by the section chairman of leading counties were optimistic.

Directors present were J. P. McConnell, P. D. Woods, J. H. Hoge, A. A. Slusher, A. T. M. Rust, Lee Long, Herbert Markle, Powell Chapman, W. I. Baldwin, H. E. Jones, Frank Goodpasture, M. L. Harrison, J. L. Kiser, J. N. Hillman, John L. Crist, G. A. Tynes, B. F. Buchanan, J. D. Tate, E. H. McConnell, C. W. Kels, J. Tom Smith, Henry A. Oakley, Harry Roberts, C. R. Adair, Brown Howard, W. S. Dunn, V. M. Pence, and A. L. Newberry.

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Car Mix Up

Willard Copenhaver was coming into the Rialto from Park street on Thursday afternoon, the 19th, when his car mixed it with a tourist car from Savannah, Ga., driven by Mr. J. A. Spillman. Neither car was badly wrecked, but both were damaged in front.

MRS. JOSEPH F. DELP

Mrs. Joseph F. Delp, of Elk Creek, died on Sunday, December 16th, at Independence, Va., her old home, where she was visiting her sister, Mrs. Reeves.

She was a sister of Mrs. C. C. Lincoln Sr., of Marion, who was quickly called to Independence. Mrs. Delp is survived by another sister, Mrs. Minnie Dickinson of Jacksonville, Fla., and her children. She was the daughter of the late Hon. and Mrs. John M. Dickey of Independence.

Funeral services were held at Elk Creek on Monday, December 16th, at 11 A. M. from the home and burial was in the Elk Creek cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends for their help and kindness shown us during the death and burial of our brother.

Mrs. JANE PETTY,
Mrs. N. M. REEVES,
Mrs. ALICE ERNEST.

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Smyth and Washington County Farmers Battle It Out In Corn Show

Smyth and Washington county farmers battled it out for inter-county corn growing honors at Chilhowie on Tuesday, the 10th, with both counties making fine showings in the annual Corn Show. Mr. Roscoe Bowers of Wallace, in Washington county, won the best ten ears of white corn class and his entry was also judged best in the show and took the sweepstakes ribbon. That gave him individual honors for the day.

About 300 people attended the show, which was held in the Rose-land theatre. The program started at 10 A. M., with County Agent P. E. Bird in charge.

The address of welcome was made by Mr. A. C. Beattie, farmer and Mayor of Chilhowie. Then Mr. Moore, the famous Chilhowie orator, made some spicy comments on Mayor Beattie's speech and invited the Washington county folks to come to Smyth when they tire of home.

Mr. G. W. Patterson of Washington, D. C., next spoke. His subject was Soil Improvement and Fertilization as Factors in Increasing Yields. Then two motion pictures, "Gather Seed Corn Early," and "Test Every Ear of Seed Corn," were shown.

Mr. R. E. Bass, agriculture teacher at Chilhowie, put on a demonstration of testing seed corn for germination. He was followed by Mr. S. B. Fenne, Washington county agent, who demonstrated the results of the test and how it shows root, stalk and ear diseases.

The last thing on the morning program was the corn judging contest. Then lunch was served by the Chilhowie Community League.

For the afternoon program Mr. Fenne was in charge. There was a motion picture, "Growing the Corn Crop. After that a talk on Corn Breeding, by Mr. W. P. Wood, Jr., of Richmond. Mr. W. P. Billy Byrne, extension agronomist, V. P. I., talked on varieties of corn and discussed the exhibits.

They were, he said, of a general much higher quality over the shows of the two preceding years. He said he thought the improvement

in the quality and the selection of the corn show ears.

Mr. W. P. Buchanan of Glade Springs, one the most alert and progressive men in that section, spoke on Growing Alfalfa successfully. Then Mr. Q. A. Eller of Chilhowie awarded the premiums.

Contributors to the Corn Show were:

- Bristol Chamber of Commerce \$20.00.
- The Vance Company \$10.00.
- Chilhowie Drug Company, Theatre Building \$5.00.
- Chilhowie Milling Co., \$5.00.
- Chilhowie Furniture Co., \$5.00.
- Greever and Rector \$5.00.
- Bank of Chilhowie \$5.00.
- Bank of Marion \$5.00.
- Marion National Bank \$5.00.
- Saltville Savings Bank \$5.00.
- Fist National Bank of Saltville \$5.00.

Corn Judging Contest.

- 47 took part.
- 1st. T. Harry Buchanan, Rich Valley. Mr. Buchanan made a perfect score.
- 2nd. Lucky Frye, Rich Valley High School.
- 3rd. Woodrow Pruitt, Chilhowie High School.
- Eugene Patrick and Earnest McCready of Rich Valley tied for 4 and 5 places.

Premiums

- Yellow Corn—Best 10 ears.
- 1st. J. F. Rector, 7 Mile Ford.
- 2nd. Roscoe Bowers, Wallace.
- 3rd. Paul McKee, Chilhowie.
- 4th. Joe McGreer, Lodi.
- 5th. John Morgan, 7 Mile Ford.

White Corn—Best 10 Ears.

- 1st. Roscoe Bowers, Wallace.
- 2nd. J. F. Rector, 7 Mile Ford.
- 3rd. Jack Sams, Wallace.
- 4th. J. H. Rector, 7 Mile Ford.
- 5th. Graham Kelley, Chilhowie.
- Pure Bred Corn—Best 10 Ears.
- 1st. Paul McKee, Chilhowie.
- 2nd. J. H. Rector, 7 Mile Ford.
- 3rd. W. P. Buchanan, Glade Spring.

Best Single Ear.

- 1st. J. F. Rector, 7 Mile Ford.
- 2nd. R. J. Beattie, Chilhowie.
- 3rd. Paul McKee.
- 4th. W. P. Buchanan, Glade Spring.

Sweepstakes.

Roscoe Bowers, Wallace, Va. W. P. Wood Jr., of the seed firm of T. W. Woods and Sons of Richmond, has offered a silver cup to the winner of Sweepstakes prize at the inter County Corn Show, beginning with 1930.

65 exhibits were made this year. They showed marked improvement over exhibits of last year.

TWO WOMEN AND MAN ARE SERIOUSLY HURT

Miss Nora Inscore and Mrs. J. W. Binkley Near Death After Crash

MR. BOB INSCORE ALSO BADLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR WYTHEVILLE

Miss Nora Inscore and her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Binkley, are near death in Abingdon hospital and Mr. Bob Inscore, father of Miss Nora and brother to Mrs. Binkley, is in the same hospital seriously injured.

They were hurt when the Inscore automobile, a seven passenger closed car, got out of control near Wytheville on Tuesday, the 17th, at noon. The car hit a bridge and then smashed into a telephone pole. Young Bradley Inscore, son of Mr. Bob Inscore, was at the wheel. He escaped with minor injuries as did Wash Sanford, colored, who was also riding in the car.

The Inscores live near Riverside school, where Mr. Inscore has a blacksmithing business. They were off on a trip up the highway.

Miss Inscore has a fractured skull and other serious injuries. Mrs. Binkley, whose home is at Dodsonville, Texas, also had a fractured skull. Mr. Inscore has a broken hip, fractured jaw and possibly a fracture of the skull.

All of the injured were hurried to the Abingdon hospital in an ambulance from Wytheville.

DAIRY FACTS

FEED COWS GRAIN WHEN ON PASTURE

Flow for Fall

The better dairyman knows that it pays to feed his cows in the summer as well as in winter, says G. W. Tailby, Jr., of the New York State College of Agriculture. For the past ten years dairymen in all parts of New York state have been feeding their cows better in the summer.

As an example of results from record-keeping and better feeding, Mr. Tailby spoke of a dairyman in Oswego county who, five years ago had 18 cows which produced 5,335 pounds of milk with 174 pounds of butterfat; the next year 17 cows produced 6,843 pounds of milk with 233.5 pounds butterfat; the third year 13 cows produced 5,777 pounds of milk with 197.4 pounds of butterfat, and the fourth year 14 cows produced 9,579 pounds of milk with 318 pounds of butterfat.

During the first summer the cows were fed no grain during June or July, and only four pounds a cow a day during August. During the fourth summer, the cows received an average of four pounds a day, and were fed somewhat according to production, although they were still underfed. The 9,579 pounds average for the fourth year was at least partly due to better summer feeding.

One dairy herd improvement association member said recently, "I find that it pays to keep the cows in the barn until June 1. Then the grass has a good start and has some substance in it. My cows have good pasture for June, but I continue to give them a little grain, about four pounds a day. Soon after July 1, I begin to cut green alfalfa for them and also increase the grain. This holds up the milk flow and keeps the cows in condition for next fall."

Cows Require Liberal Amount of Water Always

Unless cows are given a constant supply of pure, fresh water, the milk supply will be seriously impaired. Cows' milk is about 87 per cent water; unless she gets plenty of water, milk formation will not be carried on. A cow will drink anywhere from 10 to 15 gallons of water per day and more during warm weather.

In summer time the dairy water supply should be protected so that it does not become stagnant or sour. Disease germs taken in through that water may be carried into the milk. In winter time see that the water is slightly warmed before it is given to the cows. Ice cold water is not productive to the heavy drinking which helps milk production.

Individual drinking cups for cows seems to be the ideal solution of the dairy water supply problem. Dairymen have found that the installation of individual drinking cups pays for itself in a comparatively short time in increased milk flow. When a cow has water at hand all the time, she will constantly drink it.

Christmas Singers

On Christmas morning a group of young ladies of the town will sing carols underneath the windows of those of our citizens who want them to.

It is a fine and graceful thing these young ladies propose to do. If you want them to sing under your window, put a light in it, and keep it lighted. They will be there with their music.

The firm of Todd & Ray will in the future be known as W. B. Todd & Co., Bill having bought out Sam's share. Sam is going to stick with the company for a while though.

MR. GEORGE W. WOLFE

Mr. George W. Wolfe, Jr., son of George W. S. and Sarah C. Wolfe, was born February 24, 1886, and died November 29th, 1929, at the age of 43 years, 8 months and 2 days.

He was born and raised in Smyth county but left here about 18 years ago and went to West Virginia. He had residence at Ashville, W. Va., at the time of his death, which took place in a Bluefield hospital.

He was a good honest hardworking man and was loved by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and five children, and one brother and three sisters, Harrison Wolfe of Louisville, Mrs. Alice Earnest, Mrs. N. M. Reeves and Mrs. Jane Petty, all of Marion. He will be missed by all who knew him but we feel that our loss will be his eternal gain. We loved him but God loved him best. His body was laid to rest at Greenwood cemetery.

One who loved him, J. P.

Mr. Paul Bird is at Blacksburg this week for the annual state meeting of all county agents.

Saltville Civic League Meeting

The Saltville Civic League held its regular monthly meeting in the school auditorium Friday, December 13. After the invocation by Rev. Steele a short business session ensued. The League voted to contribute one hundred dollars to the school library fund.

Mrs. J. H. Moore, president, presented a very interesting report of the State League meeting held in Richmond Thanksgiving.

The feature of the program which followed was an operetta "Mr. Moon" given by the pupils of the second and third grades.

The crowd was the largest of the year, there being over three hundred people present.

Chilhowie Items

Mrs. J. F. Ward Phone 74

Mr. Floyd Rector went to Roanoke Sunday, December 8th to visit Mr. Thomas Rector who is in the hospital there.

Mrs. Floyd Rector, Miss Floy Rector and Mr. Bass spent Sunday, December 8th, in Johnson City, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Francis.

The Chilhowie W. C. T. U. and the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society are to hold a bazaar, December 20th in Mr. Christian's building. Contributions are needed.

Miss Mary Virginia Burch returned Monday, December 9th from Knoxville, to recuperate after an attack of appendicitis.

Mr. James Tate returned Wednesday, December 11, from a business trip to Bluefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Cole arrived Saturday, December 14, to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Frazier, Jr.

Mr. W. H. Copenhaver has been ill at his home for several days.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Greever, Misses Lola, Altha and Wilma McCormack, and Mr. Fred Greever were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sechler Saturday, December

14th. Mrs. Joseph Sechler and Mrs. Joseph Sechler, Jr., spent Friday, December 13, in Bristol shopping.

Miss Elizabeth Fields returned Tuesday, December 17th, from Mary Baldwin College to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Fields.

Miss Marion Eller spent the weekend December 14, 15, in Bristol, the guest of Miss Ruth Kearfott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Keller and Miss Jane Keller were in Marion Saturday, December 14, shopping.

Miss Cordie Copenhaver and Miss Edna Bonham left Monday, December 9th, for a visit to Richmond.

Mr. Bass spent Friday, December 13th, in Abingdon, attending the Pet Milk meeting.

Master Gordon Smith, Jr., returned Monday, December 16th, to his home from Abingdon Hospital, after an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Ernest Walker and son, of Washington, D. C., are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Copenhaver and son spent Sunday, December 15, in Black Lick, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Miller.

Mr. Bob Beattie, who has been in Kansas City in the Air Mail Service, has been transferred to Aberdeen, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. James McSpadden have returned from a visit to Richmond.

Mrs. Lon Beattie spent Friday, December 13th, in Marion, the guest of Mrs. Rush Gwyn.

V. P. I. To Give Short Poultry Course

Announcement of a short course in Poultry Husbandry to be held at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute January 20-24 has just been made by the Department of Poultry Husbandry of the institution. The course will be given free of charge, the only expenses to those taking it being for room and board.

The course, which is entirely practical in nature, will be given by the poultry husbandry staff of the school of agriculture and is designed for the general farmer with the small flock of chickens, the commercial poultryman, and any others who may be interested in the newer knowledge of poultry production. Anyone over 16 years of age is invited to register for the course.

Some of the subjects which will be covered in lectures and laboratory demonstrations are: "Some of the fundamentals in selecting breeders"; "Natural and artificial incubation"; "Care and management of baby chicks"; "Fumigation and disinfection to control chick diseases"; "Trap-nesting and pedigreesing."

Dr. Reece L. Bryant, assistant professor of Poultry Husbandry and one of the staff who will conduct the course, will attend the annual meeting of the Virginia State Poultry Federation at Richmond December 5 and 6 and will appear on the program of the Virginia Baby Chick Association which meets at the same time.

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BIG REVIVAL AT MACEDOINA BAPTIST CHURCH

Chilhowie, Va., Dec. 16, 29.
Editor Smyth County papers:
We beg leave to inform your readers of the God given revival which closed at Macedoina Sunday the 15. Rev. O. C. Sturgill, who was pastor here some years ago but at present pastor at Damascus, Va., came here same 18 days ago and, in spite of the fact that we had several days of extremely bad weather, held a most successful revival of religion.

There were 37 conversions, 24 additions to Macedoina and 1 to Grosses Creek Baptist church. Nine were baptized Sunday at 10 A. M. The church was greatly revived and the spiritual pulse is running high.

The singing which was led largely by Mr. James Starlin, was fine. The Gospel in song as well as sermon was uplifting. We know of no words that can fully describe to you our appreciations for Mr. Sturgill and his work here. However, let us say he has studied his Bible. "Go and do thou likewise."
J. R. D.

Miss Bess C. Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Mitchell of Marion who is studying Interior Architecture and Decoration at the Parson's New York School of Fine and Applied Art, New York City, is planning to sail for Paris early in the new year to enter the Paris Ateliers of the school February 17, for a year and a half of advanced work before taking up professional work in the field of art for which she is prepared. While abroad, Miss Mitchell hopes to go to Italy with the research class.

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Football Banquet

Members of the Marion High School football team were entertained at a banquet Saturday night at Hotel Lincoln through the generosity of citizens and through arrangements by Mrs. George A. Wright and other ladies. Captain Warren Wright, who led the team this year in its successful ten game schedule, presided and introduced the speakers.

They were Superintendent B. E. Copenhaver, Principal Bill Allen, Mr. W. W. Scott, Mr. W. M. Sclater, and your editor, the outside guests, and Coach Ned Davis, Captains-elect Joe Ellis and Louis Sprinkle and almost every member of the squad, including Joe Gills, the only player lost by graduation.

All united in praising the work and personality of Coach Ned Davis and every speaker expressed the hope that Mr. Davis will return next year to lead the Marion team of football veterans through a campaign which, it is hoped, will wind up with or somewhere near a state championship.

The Christmas Spirit

The Christmas spirit, at least in decorations, has hit Marion hard this week. Perhaps the civic committee of the Womens Club started it with their Christmas trees all along the Rialto.

There are many beautifully decorated store windows. Walk along the street and look into them. Seaver's, the Marion Drug Company's two stores, Marion Clothing Co., the City Drug, Collins Brothers, Weiler's, McDonald's Inc., these are only a few.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Staley, and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Staley, motored to Roanoke and spent last Friday.

Paul Rouse and Mr. and Mrs. Love Rouse have returned to Bristol, after visiting Mrs. J. H. Rouse. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Howard Rouse.

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

Dr. B. P. SANDERS, Eye Specialist

Dr. B. P. Sanders, Eye Specialist will be at Marion (Dr. E. M. Saturday; Rural Retreat, 1st Sunday; and Saltville 1st Tuesday each month.

Wilburn Waters

CHAPTER VI.

Experience At A Camp-Meeting With A New Hat

In 1858 or 9 the Holston Conference held its annual session in Abingdon, and the writer of these pages knowing that Wilburn had never attended the deliberations of such a body, and believing he would enjoy both the proceedings and the ministrations of the occasion, prevailed upon him to come out of his retreat, although he was averse to visiting towns and had not been in Abingdon for many years. He came, attended the sessions regularly and punctually, was at preaching every day and night, but failed to manifest as much interest as it was supposed he would. Bishop Early, who presided over the deliberations of the body, became acquainted with and very much interested in him, and talked a great deal with him about his wild and solitary life, as well as about his religious joys and sorrows. One evening near the close of the term of conference, during the entire session of which the devotional exercises had been of that dignified and quiet character not always suited to the tastes of persons of impulsive and excitable temperament, and to Wilburn rather lifeless and formal, the Bishop asked him what he thought of the ministrations and other exercises of the occasion.

"Well, Bishop," said he, "I will answer your question by giving you a bit of history in my own religious experience. About three years ago I heard of a camp-meeting in Ashe county, North Carolina, some twenty five or thirty miles from my cabin, and on Friday night I made up my mind to go, fixed up my plunder, greased my boots, and started in that direction very early on Saturday morning. On the way I had to pass a store, and as the hat I had on was rather shabby, I concluded to stop in and buy a new one, as much to honor the Lord as to look more respectable myself. I bought one that suited me, paid pretty high for it, put it on, left the old one and my gun at the store till I should return, and arrived at the camp-ground early in the afternoon. When I arrived, a minister was in the stand preaching a cold and inanimate sermon—one, as I thought, without unction or spirituality in it—and I quietly took a seat as near the altar as I could get, putting my new hat under about to raise my heart at prayer, I heard some one's feet shuffling under my seat, and I knew my hat was in danger. This cut my prayer short, and I moved the hat and sat it on the ground beside me and went to praying again, but just then a man behind me spitted a mouthful of ambur all around it, and I began to think it would be ruined in spite of all I could do if I didn't keep it on my head, which I couldn't well do in the congregation. I moved it to the other side, where another man seemed to have a like grudge at it, and I took it into my lap. The fear that I would mash it drove prayer out of my mind, and I looked all around for a limb or something to hang it on out of the way of feet and tobacco-juice, but could see nothing. The minister preached on, and I again tried to pray, but that hat was in my way and filled my mind, and my prayers seemed to stick fast in my throat. The sermon seemed to me as cold as a snow-drift, and the meeting as lifeless and formal as a Quaker funeral. When I tried to be devotional, something would whisper in my ear, 'You had better take care of that hat, or you will get it mashed as flat as a battercake.' At length the long, dry sermon closed, sunset came, and some one proposed, as the Lord had not poured out His spirit upon us, perhaps he would, if we would all, with one heart and one mind, go out into the silence of the forest and supplicate Him. We went, I with my new hat in my hand, fearful all the time it would get mashed in the crowd or injured in some way. We prayed and sung, and sung and prayed, but our prayers didn't seem to rise higher than our heads, and our songs higher than the tree-tops. At last a good old father in Israel said: 'Well brethren, there must be an Achan in the camp, the Lord refuses to bless us, and we might as well return to our tents.'

"I stood musing a few minutes, not knowing what to do, with my hat still in my hand for fear it would get injured, when I heard a man utter a deep and bitter groan. Looking around, I saw that all had left except that man and myself, and he seemed to be in great agony. I asked him what was the matter, when he replied that he was a great sinner, and he didn't believe the Lord would pardon him. 'Yes He will,' said I, 'if you call upon Him as you should with your whole heart and soul, without depending upon anything you can do yourself.' He said he had prayed, but it didn't seem to do any good, and asked me if I wouldn't pray for him. I told him yes, bless God I would, laid my hat carefully away in a clump of bushes where I thought nothing could get at it, and to praying I went with all my might, soul and spirit. How, long I prayed I don't know, but when I came to myself the stars were all out; the whole congregation had returned, the despairing man was shouting and praising the Lord, all the believers were happy and clapping their hands with joy, and for the first time after the man asked me to pray for him I thought of my new hat, and it was gone. I looked for the clump of bushes, but they had been trodden down by the great crowd, but finally seeing something black in the dust where the congregation had been shouting and shaking hands, I picked it up and shook it into some sort of shape, and it was that new hat of which I had been so careful, and which had occupied all my thoughts. Forgetting it, my heart went out to the Lord. He heard my supplications, the unhappy man was converted, the son of Jesse came into the great congregation, the cry of 'what shall I do to be saved?' rang out on the night air like the noise of many waters, and there was joy and gladness in the encampment.

"And now, Bishop," said he, "there is a moral to this story, and it is this—there are too many new hats in this conference."

CHAPTER VII.

In A Close Place With A Large Wounded Bear.

As stated in a preceding chapter, Wilburn made his first appearance at White Top in the fall of 1832, when he was about 20 years of age. Being but little mast that season, there was of course but little game, and he did but little successful hunting, not being yet prepared for wolf-trapping. While roaming through the mountains, however, he came across the place where he subsequently pitched his tent. As related in the first chapter, he selected it because it was in a rich, obscure cove, some distance from the nearest settlement, and was the common refuge of wild animals in cold and stormy weather. In addition to this, it was central among the surrounding mountains, and a few springs of clear, cold water gushed from the rocks within a few feet of the side of his future cabin. The land being vacant, he entered 640 acres in the spring, and pitched his tent. This was a rude concern, such as we sometimes see at a coal-pit, with one end open. This was his habitation for four years, where he lay at night with his feet to the fire on the outside, often lulled to rest after a hard day's hunt, by the howls of wolves and the screams of catamounts, which would prowl around but were too much afraid of the fire to approach very closely.

Dulring the first summer and fall after going to housekeeping in this way, he killed a large number of wild turkeys and deer, six bears and several wolves and catamounts, though he had had no daring or dangerous adventures. The first wild bear he ever saw was during the fall, while out stalking deer, but a mile or two from his cabin. It was standing on a log about sixty yards from and looking straight at him. Having heard that a bear was a very hard animal to kill, and unless struck in a vital place was a very dangerous adversary, he determined to shoot it in the mouth or eye. As the former was the largest target, he concluded to aim at that, and if he should fail to inflict a fatal wound, and it should make fight, he would meet it fair and square with his tomahawk. He drew a bead and fired, when the bear sprang from the log to the ground and died in a few minutes. On examining it, he found the ball had split his nose, passed through the lower part of his mouth, through the heat, and traversing the whole length of the body from end to end.

Sometime after this, having killed a number in the meantime, he had his first dangerous encounter with a very large wounded and ferocious bear. He had been following the trail on Pond mountain all day through a deep snow, and as the snow was still falling at nightfall, he determined to remain where he was till morning, instead of returning to his cabin several miles off, as the track might be filled up before he could return. Thus deciding he scraped away the snow at the root of a large tree, started up a fire with the driest sticks he could find, and laid down supperless to rest.

As soon as the snow on the surrounding peaks began to glisten in the rays of the rising sun, he arose

shook the flakes from his locks, and started out with his rifle to find the tracks of the bear. The snow that had fallen through the night had entirely obliterated the trail, but he had gone but a short distance till he saw the tracks of a 'coon that had passed along so short a time before that the trail was still plain. Feeling that a little fresh meat—and especially 'coon meat, second only to that of bear with a hunter—would be very acceptable for the breakfast of a man who had no supper the night before, he followed on a hundred paces or more, when his attention was arrested by what seemed to be a bear-skin rolled up and lying on the snow, some thirty or forty paces in front of him. While standing and looking at it intently, and wondering how it had gotten there, or who could have killed and skinned a bear so near his habitation without his knowledge, he noticed it gently rising and falling like an animal breathing. Scrutinizing it closely, and being satisfied that it had life in it, the difficulty with him was, whether it was a full-grown bear partially covered by the snow or a cub lying on the surface. If it should be the former, it would be a dangerous experiment to shoot at it without a vital part visible for a mark, and if the latter, a ball would kill it, hit where it might. He revolved the matter in his mind some minutes, watching it closely all the time, and finally concluded that it was nothing but a cub, and to use his own language, he "shot at the pile." At the crack of the rifle, the identical bear he had followed all the day before rose from his bed, the snow surging and whirling as if it had been stirred by a hurricane into a column of fog, and fixing his glaring eyes upon his assailant, gave unmistakable evidence of a furious attack. Wilburn was well enough acquainted with the disposition of a wounded bear to comprehend the situation in an instant, and as the animal started towards him he knew there was but slight hope of escape from a square fist-and-skull fight with a very large, wounded and exasperated bear. He had but a moment to think, but in that moment he remembered that his gun was empty and that he had left his tomahawk at the place where he had slept. There was, therefore, but one possible chance of escape, and that was to spring as high as he could at a single bound up a beech sapling by which he was standing, and remain as motionless as he could, and this must be done while the bear was close sight of him for a second in passing round a large tree between them. Wilburn made the spring at the very instant the tree was between them, holding to a limb above him with one hand, holding his gun with the other, and his feet meantime drawn as high up as he could get them, some three or four feet above the ground. Before the sapling had done shaking, and while thus perilously suspended, the bear, in a terrible rage from his wound, with his nose to the snow and his ears projecting forward, passed immediately under and almost touching him. The situation was a fearful one, for the bear, scenting but not seeing him, tore up roots and twisted down saplings as if they had been straws; circling round and round, and occasionally springing upon and fighting a log or a rock in his eagerness to grapple with his adversary. Failing to see his mortal foe, who had been suspended above him for several minutes by one arm, he took Wilburn's back track and disappeared in the undergrowth about fifty yards off. Knowing that he would not give up the effort to find him while the track was visible, but would return in a few minutes, Wilburn dropped from his perch, ran down powder and ball in his gun without patching, and followed on as fast as he could. When he arrived at the edge of the undergrowth he heard the bear making a furious attack upon a rock that protruded out of the snow, and parting the bushes he saw him struggling as if with a living enemy, and only about fifteen paces off. Wilburn made a noise to attract his attention, and as the bear raised his head, and before he had time to spring to the attack, the report of the rifle rang along the mountain-side, and the bear rolled over dead in his tracks with a ball in his eyes. He weighed near four hundred pounds, and yielded eighteen gallons of oil.

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Complaint Of A Mistreated Stockholder

The Commonwealth is a political entity. It is not political theoretically, for the sake of politics. The politics is incidental, and is a means to an end. The end desired and sought is public welfare, which incidentally includes roads.

Aside from the politics, the state is very like any business corporation. The stockholders are presumed to receive dividends. I take it, that in theory at any rate, Smyth County is a stockholder of the Virginia Corporation. I am told that Smyth County pays tax into the state Treasury. A large proportion of this tax, which arises from one form or another, goes back to the people theoretically. People have thought for a long while, that roads mean much to the progress of a people. Naturally, good roads induce travel, tourist travel; and children may go to their schools easier; and the farmers may get to the markets easier; and outsiders will stop and spend money with our merchants, hotels and what not. Now the point is, just what kind of a corporation is it, that diverts the dividend from some of the stockholders in the corporation, and pays it to some of the other stockholders. Were a private corporation to do such, you would hear the cry of the law.

It is not perfectly clear, why Smyth County is failing to get some small return from its investment. Way back yonder, when most every living man was a child, Smyth County built a road, along what is now called the Lee Highway. The citizens paid for that road, or are still paying for it. Then the state very generously came along, and filled up the gap between Groseclose and the East line of the County, and probably filled in a short gap in the Western portion of the County. Smyth County saw fit to turn over to the state, without return, the Lee Highway, thus constructed. This item is now carried on the books of the State Highway Commission as: "Account Payable." We were then swimming through Montgomery County to Roanoke. Today we have the same old road in Smyth County, very much as it was in the days of old. Then the State Highway Commission decided to really do something for this county. So they tied Saltville up with Broadford, and decided to let us remain in status quo, whatever that means. But that isn't a fair statement, for the Highway Commission did decide to take over a few miles of North and South road. It is understood that the map of the Highway Commission shows this to have been done. We are wondering what it means to take roads over. They are just like they were then. Try to go across the mountain to the South of Marion. But there is dear old Highway No. 12. We are told it is the state system. We are wondering if, so far as Smyth County is concerned, Mr. Hoover isn't really including this road in his internal waterways project. It would seem that he is looking after Smyth County's part of Highway No. 12. Now down in Washington County, and to the East, this canal becomes a road. Looks like lightning would finally strike even in Smyth County.

Then it is understood that the State of Virginia is divided into Districts by the law governing the State Highway System. Someone should see to a special Act of the Legislature, looking to a classification of Smyth County. There seems from a recent letter of Mr. Shirley to be some question as to whether Smyth County is in the Bristol District, or the Salem District. It seems to the writer that Smyth County is the District that the State Highway Commission has forgotten entirely. What is the economy of belonging to something, and paying for something that you do not get? Smyth County seems to be classified in such manner as to

have incurred substantial tax duties, without any correlative road rights.

It is a pretty poor system that doesn't work both ways. If the law requires one to take a scenic railway method of winding around and falling into Pulaski, looks like the same law, would permit Smyth County to have some kind of a road. This must be in the desecration of somebody, and there must be a little of what is called: "Class Legislation." Why should people have to twist and turn for miles out of direction to go through Pulaski, when through Newbern, that little village long since isolated by change of County seat, and forgotten means of travel affords a shorter, and better route. Whatever the Act of Assembly is, give us a road that is worthy of this great section, we believe that the State Highway Commission could do this.

But we are interested in Smyth County. Mr. Shirley, we do not wish to take any money from the Salem District, particularly Pulaski City, as it is called. We do not care to take any of the money which belongs to the other counties of the Bristol District. We do ask, and are going to demand, whether anything is availed or not, that this state consider Smyth County, a portion of the State. We have a right to do this, so long as we pay. Why are we not entitled to some road construction in this county? Why can the State road force not come into Smyth County, we are not afflicted with any infectious disease, we are tax payers. Why must we sit supinely by and see roads built all over this state, a net work of them, without being included? It is true that there are two or three men who set death traps on these roads by trying to mix mud with rocks. Why pile mud up along the edges of these roads, they do not even look better: they are dangerous? Why do our people have to have their lives jeopardized by these right angle bridges, East and West of Marion? There has been enough talk about changing these death traps already. People are constantly being injured at these points, and property is being constantly destroyed. This can be worked out and should be worked out by whatever official body is being paid to supervise Highway construction and maintenance in this state.

Smyth County is not trying to coerce through the press, but at whatever cost, Smyth County is going to be heard from Washington to Bristol, in its cry for simple justice. Where are the comparative figures, showing what Smyth County has received as compared with other counties in this state? What has Smyth County received? She has received comparatively nothing. Please somebody explain.

This letter from Mr. Shirley, published in the Smyth County News of December 12th is large in measure but superficial in texture. We disagree with the statement that funds expended in Pulaski County do not affect Smyth County. As far as Smyth County is concerned, the funds expended in every County in this state have affected her; for apparently the money is gone, regardless of where, and Smyth County has received practically none of it. We hope for some kind of consideration from somebody, and believe that in justice and honesty the other counties of the state would be willing were it left to them, to divide with us. We are helping to pay, and we are just about the size of Pulaski and Wythe, and have just about as many people, and just about as pretty country, and just about as productive country. So let's see if the Highway Commission cannot straighten this matter of Districts out, so that Smyth County will be considered a portion of some District, that pays a little return. Why allocate hundreds of thousands of dollars to our sisters of the District and forget that we are a member of the Bristol District family. If this matter cannot be taken care of by an equitable exercise of discretion, let's try to get someone to propose some legislation at this next session of the Legislature, which will place us in the same category as Pulaski City. There seems to be too much desecration in this matter of roads. There should be more well defined laws, not more laws, but more well defined laws, to protect all of the citizenship of the state. You may place it on any basis you like, it is not just, it is not morally right, it is discrimination, and the facts prove it beyond any question. The facts constitute an indictment which cannot be justified on any basis. It is time that the people themselves, ask all of the citizens of Virginia, to cooperate with their fellow citizens of this county, in receiving that to which they are so justly entitled. There has been too much salving, and soft talk. There is no excuse. Give us real work, and not so much taking over of roads. It is really a sectional question,

not a County question. Travelers into the South would like this section. It is really very beautiful. Would you direct traffic over this Lee Highway from Roanoke? I am sure you would not. The fact is, it is not being done.

"Take The Route To Winston-Salem."

By A TAXPAYER.

Ridgedale Items

MISS ETHEL OAKES
Correspondent

Miss Agnes Pratt came home Saturday, December 14th from Elizabethton, Tenn., her sister Mrs. W. J. Orr has recovered from a serious illness.

Misses Hazel Oakes and Mary Virginia Carter were visiting Mr. E. G. Oakes in Saltville last week-end.

Miss Gay Anderson was visiting Miss Ella Gillespie, Saturday night December 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Anderson are the proud parents of a baby girl born December 10th, named Virginia Pauline.

Mr. W. G. Webb, Mr. J. A. Stephenson and daughter Kate and Ethel Oakes were business visitors in Marion Saturday December 14th. Virgil Crabtree, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Crabtree of Locust Cove was buried at the cemetery here Wednesday, December 11th. He was an epileptic having been afflicted for the past 11 years. He was 19 years of age at death. He was a very industrious boy when he was able to work. He worked hard the day he died. He leaves thirteen brothers and sisters and his parents to mourn his loss. They have the sympathy of everyone, but their loss is his gain for he bore untold suffering.

Kate Stephenson was visiting her uncle J. W. Carter Sunday.

J. A. Stephenson and J. H. Anderson were calling on their mother-in-law Mrs. M. S. Carter Sunday afternoon.

Ellen and Jas. Webb have been visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clear were visiting Mrs. L. A. Oakes, Saturday December 14th.

Mr. Claude Stephenson of Saltville spent Saturday night, December 14, with Mr. Charles Pratt Jr.

Rev. Lee Stephenson has returned from Vale, N. C., where he has been engaged in evangelistic work.

Mr. I. T. Burkett is very ill with high blood pressure.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sanders spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carter.

Mr. W. P. Rose left Monday, December 16th for Eastern Virginia, to spend the holidays with his two sisters.

We are glad to see the sun shining again after two weeks of real winter weather, the attendance at school was good the very worst days. Every morning the children came in discussing their many falls on the ice but no one was seriously hurt.

The Honor Roll for November is as follows: First Grade, Edward DeBord, John Anderson, Jim Harris, Gillespie. Second Grade, Ollivine Pratt, Edna and Evelyn Burkett, Mildred Carter, Garland Lamie and Gladys Gillespie. Third Grade, Robt. and Byron Hall, James Webb, Robt. and Cosby Moore. Fourth Grade, Ovella DeBord, Mary Ruth Hoover and Mildred DeBord. Fifth Grade, Charles and John Webb, Carl Carter, Ruth Moore. Sixth Grade, John and Edith Pratt, Ellen Webb and Leon Carter.

Misses Kate Stephenson, Grace Hall and Ethel Oakes spent the week-end with Mr. J. H. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clear and children of Elizabethton, Tenn., were visiting Mrs. Lillie Oakes last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cole and children and John Oakes of Saltville were visiting Mr. G. W. Oakes Sunday the 8th.

Mr. H. H. Cook was the auctioneer at a land sale in Bland county last Saturday, December 7th.

Mr. H. H. DeBord has been on the sick list for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Pratt and the latter's mother Mrs. Brown were calling on him Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Troutman, Mrs. Bessie Hodge of Long Hollow, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Troutman of Glade Springs and Mr. Hallie Wilson of Marion were visiting Mr. R. B. DeBord's Sunday, December 8th.

Mr. William Gillespie and Mr. Claude Stephenson of Saltville spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Maloyed spent the week-end with Mr. J. W. Carter.

Mr. H. O. Pratt of Clifton, Va., was visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pratt last week.

Mr. Roby Levitt of Burkes Gar-

den is visiting his aunt Mrs. H. H. Cook.

Mr. Clarence and George Gillespie were calling on Misses Minnie Ferguson Sunday afternoon.

Miss Hazel Oakes was visiting Mary Virginia Carter Monday night the 2nd.

Mr. Edward Stephenson is better at this writing.

The school bus which conveys the high school pupils to R. V. High did not run last week on account of the icy roads.

Mrs. J. A. Stephenson has been very sick, but is some better at this writing.

Mr. Steve Moore spent the week-end with his brother-in-law Mr. Marsh Armstrong at Olympia.

Mr. Tom Mitchell was visiting Miss Mary Gillespie Sunday, December 8th.

Mrs. Mary Bowling was visiting her daughter Laura, Sunday.

Give A SUBSCRIPTION TO YOUR COUNTY PAPER AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT. IT IS A GIFT WHICH IS DELIVERED 52 TIMES A YEAR.

Alfalfa or Clover Hay For Brood Sows

The practice of feeding alfalfa or clover hay to brood sows during the winter has so much to recommend it that a special effort should be made to have some on hand for this purpose. The brood sow ration should be bulky and supply an adequate amount of minerals and protein. Legume hays help to supply all of these requirements and in addition they cheapen the ration and may be used to enforce sows to take more exercise. While alfalfa is preferable for this purpose fine leafy clover, cobybean or other legume hay produces good results.

The simplest method of feeding hay to brood sows is to supply it in a rack where they can eat as much as they want of it. They will eat sufficient if the hay is of good quality and palatable. Whenever sows fail to eat enough of the hay, it may be ground or chopped and mixed with the concentrates. When this is done it is usually fed as a slop. The hay should make up at least 10 per cent of the ration.

Brood sows will do very well on alfalfa or clover hay during the part of the gestation period but during the last 60 days they should receive some protein supplement of animal source. Milk of any kind or about one third of a pound of tankage per head per day will supply this need. The amount of corn to feed will depend on the condition of the sow. They should have sufficient so that they are neither too fat nor too thin. Much of the loss at farrowing time can be traced directly to the feeding of the sow during the gestation period. The feeding of legume hay will help to correct much of this trouble.

NOTICE

Sale of Land

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

Second, a tract of about two acres in St. Clair District, Smyth County, Virginia, described by metes and bounds in deed from H. C. and Rachel Blevins to S. J. McClure and Lucy McClure, dated April 18, 1927, and recorded in Deed Book 58, page 363. Said two tracts to be sold separately and upon the following terms: for cash on day of sale as to one-third of purchase price, and as to the remainder, upon credit of six and twelve months, with notes for the deferred payments bearing interest from date of sale, executed by purchaser and secured by retention of title of the property sold; with the privilege to the purchaser of anticipating payment of said notes.

B. L. DICKINSON, Special Commissioner. I hereby certify that B. L. Dickinson, Special Commissioner, has executed bond as required by decree in above cause.

H. L. KENT, Clerk.

n 4t Nov 28

DEEDS

Deeds admitted to the Clerk's Office for the week ending December 14th, 1929.

E. C. and Sarah E. Akers to L. R. Johnson, 2 lots, consideration \$65 situated in Saltville.

Ernest M. Leedy and wife to M. T. Leedy, 1 lot, consideration \$3,500.00, situated near Groseclose.

C. D. Oaks and wife to E. T. C. Oaks, interest in a tract of land, consideration \$300.00, situated on Old Chilhowie Road.

W. H. Bishop and wife to C. P. Hill, 2 tracts, consideration \$1600.00, situated in St. Clair District.

Walter Vernon and wife to Alice E. Johnson, 1 lot, consideration \$325.00, situated in Fairview Addition.

Mrs. S. Anna Dungan to E. L. Mustain, 32 acres, consideration \$2450.00, situated in Marion District.

N. A. and Elizabeth P. Cullop to S. Anna Dungan, 1-2 interest in tract of land, consideration \$2450.00, situated near Seven Mile Ford.

Speedy Relief

for Sore Throat

THIS DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION REQUIRES NO GARGLING

No longer is it necessary to gargle and choke with nasty tasting medicines to relieve sore throat. Now you can get almost instant relief with one swallow of a doctor's prescription. This prescription was refilled so often and became so popular that the druggist who originally filled it decided to put it up under the name Thoxine and make it available to everyone.

The remarkable thing about Thoxine is that it relieves almost instantly, yet contains nothing harmful. It is pleasant tasting, and safe for the whole family, and is guaranteed to relieve sore throats or coughs in 15 minutes or money back. Just ask for Thoxine, 35c, 60c, and \$1.00. Sold by Marion Drug Co., and all leading druggist.

PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENT

at Hotel Lincoln For CHRISTMAS EVENING

Christmas Dinner will be served in both the Main Dining Room and Coffee Shoppe from 6 to 9 in the evening, at one dollar per cover.

Music will be furnished during the entire evening by Duonges Fairyland Orchestra (11 pieces) on tour from Memphis, Tenn.

DANCING, with music by the above orchestra, will begin at ten in the evening, and at midnight an Oyster Buffet will be served after which the dance will continue on until three A. M. \$3.00 Per couple.

Table reservations will be made for Dinner in the Main Dining Room only.

Hotel Lincoln

Operated by



G. C. WALKER, Jr.
Managing Director

NOTICE!

Public Sale!

As Administrator of the estate of Mrs. Margaret A. Buchanan, Dec'd. I will offer for sale at

Public Auction,

Friday, Dec. 27,

2:00 o'clock P. M.,

at her late residence, the following household furniture: Beds, bed springs, mattresses, rugs, tables, oil stove, refrigerator, dressers and other articles to numerous to mention.

TERMS:—Cash.

H. FRANK PEERY,

Dec. 26th, 1929

ADMINISTRATOR

Saltville Items

On Thursday afternoon the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. W. T. Kelley with fourteen members present. A business session was held deciding upon Christmas donations to several causes, among them a Thanksgiving box was sent to the Foster Falls Industrial School for girls. An hour was devoted to special Bible study and the Home and Foreign Mission Program, afterments. Following are those attending: Mrs. J. W. Horner, Mrs. Arthur Killenwater, Miss Blevins, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. G. T. Lee, Mrs.

which the hostess served refreshments. T. B. Portergeld, Mrs. W. B. Porterfield, Mrs. E. J. Conrad, Mrs. C. N. Sanders, Mrs. Rosenbaum, Mrs. R. K. Sanders, Mrs. W. S. Miller, Mrs. K. T. Woolwine, and Miss Maggie Shannon. On Friday evening the Saltville Civic League held their regular monthly meeting. A report was made by Mds. J. H. Moore, on the work of the Civic Leagues of Virginia and on plans for educational advancement in the future. After a piano solo, "Romance," played by Virginia Coe, the operetta, Mr. Moon was given by the third grade pupils from rooms of Miss Lula Shannon, and Miss Bernice Atkins. The children showed careful training, the songs and dances in costume, with stage effects presenting a very

pretty picture. Quite a large audience attended. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rogers, who for the past several months have made their home in Lynchburg, have returned to Saltville. Mrs. W. A. Rorer of Christiansburg is visiting with Mrs. E. S. Bennett. Mr. Barnes Sanders of Norton spent last week end with Mrs. R. K. Sanders. Mrs. Lloyd Watson spent last week with relatives in Johnson City. A few fires have occurred during the recent cold weather, but have been extinguished by the quick intervention of the fire department. William Kinser of Cedar Branch died on Wednesday morning, his death the result of burns received when his clothing became ignited while kindling a fire. Mr. Kinser was an expert pattern maker. He leaves a wife and two small children. Burial on Thursday afternoon at Saltville. Mrs. A. R. Sohmerda, who has been ill, is improving. Dr. Hooks of Bristol performed several operations at Mathieson Hospital on Thursday. The sale of tubercular stamps for the town of Saltville at this Season is under the charge of Mrs. J. H. Homer. One hundred dollars worth is allotted to the town. At the present date the receipts have been very gratifying. Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Steele spent several days last week with friends and relatives in Tennessee. Mrs. Edith Arnett Plonk of N. C., who underwent a tonsil operation

in Abingdon last week, has returned to her former home in Saltville to recuperate. Mr. F. C. Fewell suffered a stroke of paralysis recently. Mr. E. G. Rogers is a patient in Abingdon Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hall left Saturday for Springfield, Missouri, where they will visit with relatives. Mrs. James Harrison with baby daughter, of Johnson City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henegar. Mrs. Hope Hildreth is a patient at Abingdon Hospital. Mrs. Ralph Bunts of Winston Salem, N. C., is visiting at the home of Mrs. M. L. Bunts.

BUCK FEVER SAYS

(Continued From Page One) get me in the eyes. "They scared me so bad I was still fighting them, Buck, until you came and stood in front of me." Si Was There Fred Greever, down at Chilhowie, had some fine big firecrackers. He was showing them to some of the others of Chilhowie's leading citizens. "Let's see you shoot one," they said. "O. K.," says Fred. They went out into the street. "Where's Old Si?" says Fred. "Then he shot the firecracker. "Here's Old Si," says Si himself, stepping out from a dark doorway. "I'll see you at nine o'clock in the morning." And the next morning Mayor Beattie fined Fred \$5 for shooting firecrackers in the Town of Chilhowie.

Broadford Items

The fields and hills here have for the past few days been the scene of a very beautiful snow. Miss Elsie Grogg left her home last Wednesday for Catawba Sanatorium where she will take treatment. Although it seems quite early, but rumors of Christmas time have already begun, as plans are now being made for a very delightful program to be given by the Broadford Sunday School. Mrs. James Lawrence has returned to her home after visiting a few days with her daughter, Mrs. George Bise. Mrs. Stewart Harris called on her mother-in-law, Mrs. C. C. Harris, Sr., Tuesday, December 3rd. A number of youngsters enjoyed a good time skating on the mill dam, Monday and Tuesday nights, December 3rd and 4th. Mrs. Starrite Osborne has returned to her home after a weeks visit with relatives in Bluefield. Mrs. Ira Wyatt and daughter, Ruth were the guests of Mrs. A. C. Catron and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Sunday afternoon, December 1st. Messrs. Theodore and Flave Buchanan of Pageton, W. Va., visited their parents on Thanksgiving Day.

Letters to Santa

BANNER CLASS OF CHATHAM HILL SCHOOL
The second grade of this school has the honor of having made the highest grade for the month of November and are forging ahead with the determination of reaching the highest score, also for December. The live little members of this class are as follows:
Goldie Mae Gates.
Ida Mae Cregger.
Nettie Cahill.
Rush Jackson.
Sanders Burkett.
Do you not think that these busy little Americans deserve a generous visit from Santa Claus? At any rate they are going to write him some letters.

DEW BLOSSOM MOSER

Dew Blossom Moser, aged seven months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moser, died December 11th, at the family home on Staley's Creek. Funeral services for this little baby were held on December 12th at 2 p. m., with the Rev. G. A. Wilson conducting. Burial was in Round Hill cemetery.

Chatham Hill, Va.,
December 13, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl nine years old. I hope you wont forget me. I am going to school every day. We are going to have tests next week, and I hope I will pass.
I want you to bring me a new dress, a big doll, a new coat, and some candy and oranges. Please.
Your little friend,
Emma Gates.
Chatham Hill, Va.,
December 13, 1929.

GIVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO YOUR COUNTY PAPER AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT. IT IS A GIFT WHICH IS DELIVERED 52 TIMES A YEAR.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our dear neice and cousin, Vada Sayers Goodpasture, who departed this life two years ago December 24, 1927. Just two years ago you went away, No more with us on earth to stay. We miss you more than we can tell, Since you have gone with Jesus to dwell.
A place is vacant dear Vada, That can never be filled by another, Yet in Heaven's Home of Eternal rest, May you forever dwell among the blest.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good little girl, and go to school every day, I am nine years old. Please bring me a big doll and a box of candy, some nuts and a doll bed. Yes, and I would so much like to have a new dress. I would thank you very much to bring little sister and brother some toys too.
Sincerely yours,
Nettie Cahill.
Chatham Hill, Va.,
December 13, 1929.

We often sit and think of you, When with others and alone, For memory is the only thing, That grief can call its own.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am going to have tests next week. And I want you to bring me a big doll and a little bed for her to sleep in. Please also bring me some candy, oranges and nuts.
Your little friend,
Mae Cregger.
Chatham Hill, Va.,
December 13, 1929.

Never shall we close to
Never shall we cease to love you,
Never shall your memory fade;
Sweetest love forever lingers,
Around your sweet and peaceful grave.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am going to school and we are going to have tests next week. I sure have got to study hard, for I am trying to pass on my studies. Won't you please bring me a doll and bed. Wishing you and all your friends a merry christmas and a happy new year.
Your friend,
Mattie Anderson.
Chatham Hill, Va.,
December 13, 1929.

No one knows how we miss you;
No one knows the tears we shed,
But in Heaven we hope to meet you,
Where no farewell words be said,
Her devoted aunt and cousin,
Mrs. Minnie E. Rhoades,
Mrs. J. B. Senter.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl that goes to school. I am nine years old. I am going to have test next week, and am going to study hard to pass. I want you to come to see me and bring me a doll, a set of dishes and some oranges, nuts and candy.
Yours lovingly,
Ruth Buchanan.
Chatham Hill, Va.,
December 13, 1929.

There is a "Death Chamber" in the FLY-TOX factory. This chamber is about the room size. It is used to test the equality of FLY-TOX as a spray to kill flies, mosquitoes, bedbugs, roaches, etc. During a test a large number of young, healthy insects are placed inside the cabinet. These insects are raised in incubators for testing purposes. While insects are flying and crawling around in the "Chamber of Death," FLY-TOX is sprayed inside. Less than a teaspoonful is used. Instantly there is a change. Within five minutes not a buzz is heard. All insects are dead. To make sure they are really dead, the insects are carefully removed from the "Chamber of Death" and placed in incubators in an effort to revive them. If a wing flutters, the FLY-TOX tested never leaves the factory. This test is your guarantee of FLY-TOX quality. It does what you want it to do—kill insects in and about your home. Yet, FLY-TOX is positively harmless to people. FLY-TOX was developed at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research by Rex Research fellowship. It will not stain. Has a delightful perfume-like fragrance. There is only one FLY-TOX—insist upon the genuine in bottles with blue labels. —Adv.

WILLIAMS-ATKINS
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Atkins announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Charlotte Irma, to Mr. Robert Floyd Williams. The wedding will take place on Friday, December 27th, at the home of the bride's parents.

WANTED:—Locust timber cut 4 1-2 feet long for which we can pay good price loaded on cars. For particulars address Stephens Hardwood Co., Montvale, Va.
n 2t Dec 19

FOR CHRISTMAS!

HALL BROTHERS CHRISTMAS CARDS
The finest line of Christmas Cards Available—
beautiful cards from
1c TO 25c

HOLLINGSWORTH'S
Unusual Candies
"FOR THOSE WHO LOVE FINE THINGS!"
GET THEM AT
THE COMMUNITY SHOP
Marion, Virginia.

THE TATTLER.

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Beautify your furniture by using transfers. We have some beautiful patterns and they are inexpensive—you can do a chair over for four or five cents.
Life insurance companies say that only three men out of every hundred are self-supporting at the age of 65. Apparently the other 97 get by selling things to each other.
Al Jolson, the world's greatest entertainer, sings two new selections which are sweeping the country. One is "Say It With Songs" from his new picture, and the other is "The Show Girl," a big hit from the Ziegfeld production.
Supt. of Schools, Copenhaver says "Drive slowly past the schools and look both ways for children." One life saved in front of a school house is far better than one child in an ambulance.
Varnishing a floor isn't a difficult task. It gives the room a richer appearance and sets off the rugs and furniture as nothing else can. We carry the Kyanize line of varnishes.
The pedestrian has the right of way everywhere as long as he doesn't get in the way of the automobiles.
Old John Trux and the Harris family lost all their furniture and household goods in the fire last week. If you can give any old piece or article, just leave it at Mac Marris's store or we will be glad to call for it if you notify us.
"Boy, you sure has got a big mouf."
"Huh, dat aint no keyhole in de front of your face."
M. C. MORRIS
Funeral Director.
AMBULANCE SERVICE
MARION, VA.

Riverside Items

The fact, that our school has not been represented in your paper, does not mean that we are not progressing beautifully. The faculty including Dr. Charles H. Shannon, principal; Miss Minnie Rouse, chairman of our entertainment committee; Miss Evelyn Buchanan, director of athletics, and Miss Stella Bishop, librarian, have put forth great effort with wonderful success in each phase of work. We have played seven interschool basket ball games; four with Adwolfe, two with Sugar Grove and one with Loves Mill, each time doing ourselves credit, having won several games since school began we have had three musical concerts, including "The Hill Billies" and Jack Reedy. Each number was splendid and well attended.

COMING!
MARION THEATRE,
Thursday and Friday, December 26th and 27th
BEAM & PLUMMER Presents
"TELL ME WHY?"
Dealing With An Important Question
IS IT RIGHT? CHILD BIRTH IS IT WRONG? DOES IGNORANCE MEAN VIRTUE?
"TELL ME WHY"—is a tremendous drama of Mother Love—and Life's Evolution—a true human story of a typical American family caught in the maelstrom of existing conditions.
—LEARN THE NAKED TRUTH—
The SUCCESS or FAILURE of MODERN MARRIAGE depends upon THE KNOWLEDGE of the LACK OF KNOWLEDGE of THE GREAT SEX LAWS.
SEE A VISION OF LIFE BEFORE BIRTH
What Every Father, Mother TELLS ALL Son & Daughter should SHOWS ALL Know.
Because of the Delicate Nature of the Subject—
SPECIAL SHOWS
LIFE'S EVOLUTION
For Women ONLY For Men ONLY
AT THURSDAY NIGHT At FRIDAY NIGHT
Children Under 16, Not Admitted Unless with Guardian

LINCOLN THEATRE
PROGRAM.
WESTERN ELECTRIC SOUND EQUIPMENT
MONDAY & TUESDAY
December 23rd and 24th.
"THE MIGHTY"
George Bancroft, star of Wall Street, and a great supporting picture in one of the most powerful dramas of the talking screen. Added comedy and news reels.
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
December 25th and 26th.
GLORIA SWANSON
in
"THE TRESPASSER"
This great actress of the silent screen is greater yet in this, her first talking picture. Never before has she shown so brightly. And it's a thrilling picture—one you won't want to miss.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
December 27th and 28th
"LIGHT FINGERS"
and
SPECIAL ATTRACTION
After the first show on Saturday night, December 28th, the management will give away to some fortunate member of the audience a DIAMOND RING. Be there, it may be YOU.
COMING
Will Rogers
in
"THEY HAD TO SEE PARIS."
Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30 and 31.

COLUMBIA
RECORDS
FREE!
Music makes the home merrier, and at no time is it more relished than at Christmas.
Wishing to make good music available at reduced prices, from now until Christmas we will give
ONE RECORD FREE
with every four purchases at one time from us!
You may make your own selection of records and choose them to suit your own taste.
This is, of course, a strictly cash proposition.
Tell all your friends about this very exceptional offer, which is made as an evidence of Boggs-Rice cordial wish that your Christmas may be Merry.
BOGGS-RICE CO., Inc.
MARION, VIRGINIA.

POULTRY

RIGHT FEEDS AND GOOD MANAGEMENT

Fowl That Consumes Most Rations Is Best Layer.

Have the early hatched pullets started to lay on the range? This is the question that leading poultrymen in New Jersey are asking themselves, as the method of handling these birds has everything to do with their production record this fall.

The men know that the expected molt can sometimes be avoided if the weight of the pullets after they come into production is maintained by feeding plenty of scratch grain. Just before the pullets begin to lay or when they are laying about 10 per cent on range, they are removed to their permanent laying quarters. Here the poultryman endeavors to get them in prime condition and, once he does so, tries to maintain it.

Proper feeds and a good system of management have been found essential if maximum feed consumption is to be secured. To lay eggs, feed is needed and the bird which consumes the largest quantity of a well-balanced ration, lays the most eggs.

Some poultrymen will be disappointed in the early-hatched pullets unless the birds have been carefully managed during the growing period, asserts L. M. Black, poultry specialist. It takes from five to six months to grow a Leghorn pullet properly. Longer than this is required for heavier breeds. According to Mr. Black, birds starting to lay at a younger age are often small and undersized and their eggs are likewise small. "Give the birds time to develop, furnish them with the necessities for proper development," he says, "and then have pullet eggs which can be sold as extras."

Deformed Baby Chicks

Caused by Incubation

Spraddle legs and deformity among baby chicks are usually a result of the eggs having been kept too long before incubation. Eggs are at their best when only four days old and depreciate at a rate of approximately 5 per cent daily after they are one week old.

Another condition often responsible traces back to the health and vitality of the hens in the breeding flock. If there had been some disease in the flock or if all of the birds were not in the best of physical condition the consequent lack of vitality often results in an unusually large number of deformed chicks.

Muscle-Building Food

of Greatest Importance

Many losses in raising chicks result from failure to furnish an adequate amount of the right kind of protein feed. If chicks are to make a profit for the poultryman, their growth must be rapid. This requires a large amount of muscle-building material. Therefore, the ration should consist of an adequate supply of either milk or meat scraps.

Milk is regarded as the most efficient form of protein that can be given to chicks. If it is available, it should be kept before the birds all the time. Semi-solid and dried buttermilk are good substitutes for liquid milk.

Poultry Hints

Feed table scraps and kitchen waste.

Also feed grain once or twice a day.

Purchase well-matured pullets rather than hens.

Eggs should be marketed at least twice a week.

Watch growing pullets for intestinal parasites.

Oats are not at all suitable feed for geese or ducks.

Keep hens free from lice and the house free from mites.

The oftener one can get the eggs to the market the better.

The requirements of incubation for turkey eggs are the same as for the incubation of chicken eggs.

Adopt a definite program of sanitation on your farm to reduce the loss of chicks. About half the losses of young chickens occur during the first four weeks.

A good market egg should be fresh, clean, have a good strong shell, and be a good size. Infertile eggs are better, as they keep longer at high temperatures than fertile eggs.

As soon as an egg becomes dirty it goes into the lowest fresh egg grade. To get clean eggs supply plenty of seats, at least one nest for every five hens. Construct your nests so the hens cannot roost on them. Keep plenty of litter on the floor. Clean the dropping boards daily or cover them with 2-inch mesh wire.

Horticultural NEWS

GROW FERTILIZER IN HOME ORCHARD

Growth of Trees Depends on Plant Food and Moisture.

Too many fruit growers depend entirely upon commercial fertilizers such as nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia to supply plant food to their orchards. According to H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at the North Carolina State college, these nitrates will maintain growth for a while but in the end some form of green manure must be turned under.

"The growth and fruitfulness of a tree depends largely upon the plant food and moisture content of the soil and this can be maintained by the use of cover crops," states Mr. Niswonger. During the past year 350 apple growers and 150 peach growers have planted sweet clover and vetch in their orchards for soil improvement purposes. The vetch was sown last August at the rate of 15 pounds to the acre and the sweet clover sown spring at the rate of 15 to 20 pounds per acre. The vetch was turned under early this spring with just enough plants left for reseeding.

Mr. Niswonger states that sweet clover in the apple orchard can be handled like a permanent sod mulch. During the seeding season, the growth should be cut twice. First, when the blossom heads begin to form and again after the seed is made. These cuttings should then be raked under the branches for a mulch. Due to the difficulty of working with farm machinery, sweet clover is recommended for apple orchards, but where it is possible to use such machinery, vetch could be used to advantage.

Since fruit trees respond readily to the use of inorganic nitrates, a few pounds of this material should be applied to each tree even where the cover crops are grown. The amount to be applied can be determined by the grower through a study of the annual twig growth and fruitfulness of the tree.

Grape Hoe for Narrowing Rows Better Than Plow

The use of a grape hoe for narrowing the rows seems to be a decided improvement over the plow. This method was developed and used at the Ohio experiment station for the first time in 1928. About half of each row, always the same side of each row, is sliced off with the grape hoe. The grape hoe lays up the plants between the rows in such a manner that they may be gathered up much more readily than when a plow is used to narrow the rows. Then, by running a cultivator between the rows, the soil can be put into excellent condition for rooting of runners. The plate of the grape hoe should be sharp so that it will penetrate to a depth of about one and one-half inches; if the plate is dull or the soil is not in the best of condition for working it may be necessary to tie a weight, such as a heavy stone, on it.

Pick Up Peach "Drops" to Destroy Parasites

As peach drops are heavily infested with curculio "worms," growers are strongly urged to pick up these drops. A heavy second brood of "worms" may ruin the fruit as it ripens if the infested drops are not destroyed.

Experiments conducted by the United States peach insect laboratory at Fort Valley, Ga., show that three collections of dropped peaches will eliminate about 90 per cent of all curculio "worms" that fall during the season in drops. A special effort should be made to collect all the smaller drops, as these are the ones most likely to contain curculio "worms." All drops should be destroyed as soon as collected, by burying in a trench at least 18 to 24 inches below the surface of the soil. A layer of quicklime should be placed over them before filling in with soil.

Horticultural Hints

Proper pruning of apple trees means higher yields.

When fruits are eaten raw none of the vitamin content is lost.

While there must be good drainage, there are times in the growth of the black raspberry that it needs plenty water, but this can be had if the soil is of a sandy or clay loam and well cultivated.

Apple trees need an abundance of nitrogen early in the spring when the leaves are expanding.

The Burbank variety is an early-ripening cherry of good size, characters which are highly appreciated in this fruit.

Wet seasons, as every apple grower knows, are much more serious for blight than are dry ones, but under even better than a normal season, blight will be bad enough to be injurious on the varieties mentioned.

DAIRY FACTS

FEEDING GRAIN TO DAIRY COWS

Wise Feeder Will Supply Balanced Ration.

(By J. W. LINN, Extension Dairyman, Kansas State Agricultural College.)

Balanced rations are just as important to the dairy cow in summer as in winter. To maintain the balance and keep up the high production record, grain must be fed.

Grain feeding is always more expensive than roughage or pasture feeding in Kansas. If grain feeding is more expensive than roughage or pastures, there can be only one reason for its use, and that is to supply nutrition that the heavy producing cow cannot get from the roughage or pasture.

Profit from dairy cows is linked so closely with high production that it is impossible to separate them. In other words the cow producing 400 pounds of fat is making two and a half times as much profit as the one making 200 pounds of fat.

The wise feeder will feed a balanced ration and do so according to production. He will feed such as to have the same ratio between protein and carbohydrate—about one to six.

The grain ration that will usually be found most profitable is two parts of corn to one part of oats or bran. This will be true until the grass begins to dry up or grow short. It is important to again increase the protein part of the grain ration at which time the 4-2-1 ration which consists of four parts corn, two parts bran or ground oats, and one part cottonseed or linseed meal should be used.

The second important thing in profitable grain feeding is to use the grain according to production because the cow producing 50 pounds of milk will need about three times as much grain as the cow producing 20 pounds.

Production Best Guide for Feeding in Summer

It's the high producing cow that needs grain while she is on pasture, according to I. W. Ruppel, of the animal husbandry staff at the Wisconsin State College of Agriculture.

Some have the idea that their cows do not require grain because they turn up their noses at it when they first go out on pasture. These men will find, according to Ruppel, that as soon as the cattle have been on the new grass about a week, grain will keep them from slumping in production.

The proper way to determine how much grain to give during the summer, Ruppel believes, is to feed according to production. A Holstein, producing over 30 pounds of milk per day, should receive grain at the rate of one pound for every four pounds of milk produced above 30 pounds. That is, a cow producing 50 pounds of milk should have five pounds of grain. Jerseys and Guernseys should have a little more grain than Holsteins, and when the pasture is poor, the grain ration should be increased.

Equal amounts of corn and oats make a good mixture for the summer grain ration. A little oil meal may be added to make the feed more palatable. Protein supplements are not usually necessary because sufficient protein is obtained from the average good pasture. When pastures become poor during the dry season, some protein feed is beneficial.

Dairy Facts

Heavy producing cows pay best.

To feed cows well is to feed them profitably.

In calf production, the influence of a good bull is of major importance.

Feeding dairy cows according to the amount of milk they produce is a profitable practice.

Milk can't be manufactured without salt and water. See to it, therefore, that the cow, the ewe, and the sow have plenty of both.

All kinds of young animals thrive best on green pastures. A green patch, enclosed with a temporary fence, often solves the grazing problem.

Creameries which buy whey cream should have no fear of ill effects from mixing it with the regular supply of cream, if the quality of the whey cream is equal to that of the regular supply.

To keep the average butterfat production on a steady increase, a herd owner must cull unprofitable cows.

Destroy all breeding places of flies by hauling away manure daily and preventing accumulation of any filth.

Since milk is one of the most easily contaminated foods, it is important that it be kept away from disagreeable odors and in a cool place. A brick or cement milkhouse furnishes the needed conditions in a most satisfactory manner.

Sugar Grove Item

MISS INENE GILLS

Correspondent

Work is progressing on the play "Fingerprints" which is to be presented at the school on Saturday night, December 21. This is an excellent play and is supported by a strong cast of characters. Mr. Garland Ross plays the leading role as the "Fingerprinting Fool." We hope to have a large crowd at the school for we feel that this play is one the people will especially enjoy.

Mrs. E. M. Steffey who has been very ill with influenza for the past week is greatly improved.

Mrs. J. A. Currin is confined to her home with influenza. We hope she will soon be able to be out again.

Mrs. R. C. Slemph who has been ill with flu is greatly improved.

The entire community regrets to lose the Ross family. They moved to Marion, Monday, December 9th. We feel that they will be an addition to the community life of Marion and we wish them great success. Dr. Ross has been in Marion for the past year and is well known there. Letcher Ross and Miss Grace Ross will remain in Sugar Grove where they will continue their work, Letcher as a student in S. G. H. S. and Miss Ross as teacher at Valley View.

Mrs. J. P. Crockett, Messrs Clarence Ward, Jim Ward, R. N. Ward, Worley Steffey, Steve Nelson of Sugar Grove and Messrs Edd Pugh and R. G. Eastridge of Teas attended the funeral of Mr. D. C. James which was held at Asbury, Thursday December 12. Mr. James died in Richmond Monday where he was taken for treatment. His body was brought back to Asbury, Tuesday, December 10th.

The Womens Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Worley Steffey. After an interesting program delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. N. N. Muncy, History professor of Sugar Grove High School spent Saturday, December 7th in Emory, Virginia. He returned to Sugar Grove early Sunday morning.

Mr. B. E. Copenhaver Supt. of schools visited the school Thursday December 12th. He spent the afternoon visiting the different high schools in the county.

Miss Virginia Currin, Marietta Crockett, Lenore Griffiths, Margaret Paisley, Josie Sproles and Mr. Garland Ross were in Marion Saturday.

Mrs. A. T. Slemph who fell last Thursday and hurt her knee is improving.

We hope that she can be out soon.

Mrs. Glenn Hutton who is in Roanoke at the Jefferson Hospital for treatment continues very ill. She has been in Roanoke for the past week.

Mr. Munsey Pafford was in Bristol Wednesday, December 11th on business.

Miss Zola Blankenbeckler spent the week end of Dec 13 with Miss Mamie Roberts at her home in Camp.

Crossbred Pigs Often Excel the Pure Breds

Crossbred pigs very often excel purebreds in vigor and ability to make rapid and economical gains. It is usually not advisable to use these crossbreds for breeding purposes, since their offspring frequently lack uniformity in type. One should certainly not mate crossbred sows with a crossbred boar.

If these sows are used for breeding purposes, better results should be expected if a good Poland China or Duroc is used than if a boar of some other breed is used. No doubt you will secure good results by mating them with a Poland China boar, although we are inclined to believe that pure bred sows will prove more satisfactory for breeding purposes than the crossbred sows.—H. J. Gramlich, University of Nebraska.

Satisfactory Breeders Product of Ton Litter

Some feeders are inclined to feel that feeding for ton litters in market production may be all right but that capacity feeding will not prove satisfactory for the production of breeding stock. The latter is not true of hogs if the growthy, stretchy type are used and the high kinds of feed are fed. Type of hog and kinds of feed rather than amounts will determine whether they will develop satisfactory or otherwise. Some of the best breeding hogs ever produced were products of ton litters and practically every purebred swine association in the country is co-operating in the development of plans for special registration for hogs which have made ton litters or very similar records.

Favor Vaccination

While the last serious outbreak of cholera occurred in 1926, proper precautions should not be neglected this summer. Plowing under old hog lots prevents the spread of the germs which might be lurking in the refuse around the lot. The ground should be plowed to some depth for a season before the new crop is planted. Hog houses should be cleaned out and thoroughly disinfected by spraying with a standard disinfectant solution at least twice each year.

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The Valley of the Mountain Empire, Are the Principal Depositories of Its Treasures.

By GOODRIDGE WILSON

From Roanoke Times

By somebody's happy inspiration, Southwestern Virginia, Inc., christened the territory through which it operates as The Mountain Empire. The Realm of Valleys would have been equally appropriate as a descriptive name, for the valleys of Southwest Virginia are practically co-extensive with its mountains and are for more important in their influence on its life and character. In fact, the valleys constitute the major portion of the Mountain Empire's populated area and are the principal depositories of its treasures. They are wonderful valleys. They

run for long distances between regular parallel ranges of mountains that split the sky for miles upon miles in southwest-northwest lines; others run in short and irregular lengths criss-crossing in every direction according to the tangled lines of jumbled-up mountains that are thrown haphazard into this section of the Appalachian system. Such arrangements are to be expected in so compact an area that possesses seven major drainage basins. The Holston Valley, the Powell Valley, the Clinch Valley, and the Roanoke Valley are the great valleys of the Mountain Empire, and each has numerous smaller valleys within itself. Craig and Catawba creeks, arms of the James, have many little valleys, high and picturesque. The Big Sandy drainage system has vary greatly both in general outline and in detailed characteristics. Some are rich and some are poor, though most of the latter suffer only by

annumerable tangle of troughs between its steep ridges. The New river, draining some of the finest lands in the world, can hardly be said to have a valley because it rips and smashes through and across the mountains in every direction, but it has valleys of almost every description even as the other great valleys of principal rivers have their smaller valleys within themselves.

There is Abb's Valley, beautiful vale of tragedy, immortalized by the Indian murders of the Moores and the stories of the captives, James Moore, who came back there to live and to become a devout Methodist leaving children who were Methodists in Tazewell county, and Mary Moore, who came back from the Indians to marry a Presbyterian preacher and become the mother of many children, the ancestress of preachers and doctors, lawyers and statesmen, teachers, merchants and farmers numerous and prominent in each succeeding generation, even to this day. There is Wright's Valley, named for an old pioneer hunter of the mountains, where the city of Bluefield has grown up, and Denton's Valley, named for one of three or four New York state brothers who came to Southwest Virginia and found it too good to leave, where they still cut wheat with cradles and where old ladies ride on side-saddles with little boys astride behind. There is Baptist Valley, named for the pioneer deep water Calvinists who first cut into its giant trees. There is Currin Valley, where Zeta Tau Alpha, a college girls Greek letter sorority, is making an experiment in philanthropic work, maintaining a community nurse who lives in a newly-built and nicely-equipped log cottage that may, if dreams come true, be the nucleus of a mountain community hospital. There is Rich Valley, long and broad and hilly, with its limestone soil and cattle-fattening blue grass, its splendid farming estate its rich mineral deposits of salt and plaster, its towns and villages. And across the ridge of Brushy mountain there is Poor Valley, long and narrow, with fruit trees, rye and buckwheat growing along its 17 miles of length and mile and a half of width. It is said that its name was not originally Poor, but Poe, from one of the early settlers between its steep sides. There is Draper's Valley, where John and Betty Draper lived after Betty's six years of enforced stay with the Shawnee Indians, with rolling lands and broad meadows and far-reaching, beautiful views, with its fine old homes, and its churches and schools. There are many other valleys, each with its distinctive name and features, its comparison with other sections of the land in which they lie. In some other parts of the state their soil would be considered fertile. Some

own story and community history.

If from the wild mountains and valleys of Southwest Virginia there came the first written record of the spirit of political independence from Old World domination, there also comes from the then wild and inaccessible recesses of the far Southwest one of the earliest recorded voices of the spirit of the modern woman's independence from masculine domination. Dr. Bickley, historian of Tazewell county, writing about 1850, says: "I would not be called an advocate of petticoat government, but I would make woman my equal and store to her her natural rights. I would have her share in common with man the business transactions of life, and thus afford her fields of labor in which to develop her god-like qualities. To see a feminine, soft-handed man measuring lace, while a rosy-cheeked girl is chopping wood to make him a fire induces me to think man has forgotten from whence he sprung."

Cogitating on the Southwest Virginia women whom I have known and of whom I have heard, such, for instance, as Mary Draper Inglis and Madame Elizabeth Henry Campbell Russell of former days and certain others of these days, I am led to wonder if they really have any need of a masculine champion for their restoration to "natural rights." But then I still eat occasionally in homes where the women stand around serving waiting for us men to feed before they will sit down at the table.

Dr. Bickley says that in his day the principal denominations in Tazewell county were the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Roman Catholics. The Catholics then were building a church at Jeffersonville, now known as Tazewell. What became of that church I do not know. It may be there yet, but I don't think it is. Edward Fox, a priest residing in Wytheville, started the Catholics over there by preaching a sermon in a union church in 1842. A little later a Catholic bishop came over there and by invitation preached in the Methodist church. But he made the Methodists angry before he got through.

Dr. Bickley says that he does not know much about the early history of religion in Tazewell, but to the best of his knowledge and belief the first sermon preached in Tazewell was in 1794, by Rev. Mr. Cobbler, of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist church. That the first Baptist sermon was preached in 1796 by the Rev. Simon Cotterel, of Russell county, the first Presbyterian sermon in 1798 by the Rev. Samuel Doak, father of education in Tennessee, who carried on a pack horse across the Alleghenies the first library that was ever known west of those

mountains.

Along the Lee highway in Wythe county there stands an old frame dwelling house known as Locust Hill. A half century ago a venerable Presbyterian minister, widely known and greatly beloved throughout Southwest Virginia lived there. The old gentleman had a great black dog. He also had a habit of preparing his sermons while walking up and down his arms behind his back, his head thrust forward and looking down. He was thus engaged one summer day, pacing thoughtfully up and down the length of his front porch and his big black dog was lying at the gate which opened on the road. A tramp came along and the dog refused to let him in the gate. The old preacher calmly paced up and down the porch. The tramp called: "Say, mister; call off your dog." "I don't want to call him off," answered the old preacher, and went calmly on, pacing up and down in deep thought.

"But I want to come in," said the tramp. "But I don't want you to come in," said the preacher without looking up, and without stopping his steady pacing. The tramp became furious. He raved and shook his fist and said words. The preacher paid him no mind at all but continued his thoughtful pacing up and down. The tramp yelled at him: "If you come out here I will give you one hell of a beating!" "I would not come out there for two hells of a beating," replied the old preacher, and calmly continued his thoughtful pacing. Finally the tramp gave it up and went on his way.

The first courthouse in Tazewell county, built in 1800, was made of buckeye logs and cost \$10.

Sweet Clover Big Help in Improvement of Soil

(E. B. WELLS—Extension Soils Specialist, Kansas Agricultural College.) Sweet clover as a soil builder "tops" all other legumes. Being a legume, it has the power of taking free nitrogen from the air and using it in the building of its own tissue and storing some in the soil for use by the crops which follow.

Plenty of lime and proper inoculation are the only requirements needed by sweet clover for a good stand. By growing sweet clover which draws upon the subsoil for a large amount of its mineral elements and then plowing the crop under for following crops in the rotation, the sweet clover enthusiast is able to utilize his soil to much greater depth than is ordinarily the case. Sweet clover has been found to be superior to most crops in its ability to utilize the phosphoric acid of raw rock phosphate. Such a fact suggests the combination of raw rock phosphate and sweet clover for green manure as a source of cheaper phosphoric acid, and at the same time offers a possible solution of our soil fertility problem.

Secure Better Results From Various Hay Crops

For best results timothy hay should be cut when in full bloom. Clover should be cut when it has reached full bloom. If allowed to stand too long, many clover leaves will turn brown and fall and the stems will become woody. Such hay has less feeding and market value than hay cut at the proper time. Mixtures of clover and timothy are best cut when the clover has reached full bloom. Red clover is usually ready to cut ten days to two weeks before timothy. Alfalfa should be cut when 10 to 25 per cent of the crop is in bloom. Alfalfa that is putting forth new shoots from the crown should be cut without regard to bloom.

Farm Notes

No fadders are better for growing bulls than alfalfa, clover and vetch hay. Spraying with the bordeaux or some other fungicide is practiced to prevent tomato blights. Sweet clover may be seeded in bluegrass pastures to supplement these at times when the blue grass is at its poorest supply. Unless they have two full-size hive bodies, bees in any colony, headed by a young and vigorous queen from good stock, are likely to swarm. Sweet clover is not as palatable as red clover or alfalfa, but it provides plenty of forage and will grow under conditions distinctly unfavorable to alfalfa. Most good clay soils are benefited from plowing occasionally at a depth of six or eight inches. Many other soils need not be plowed over four or five inches. Many farmers recognize birds as a valuable ally in the warfare against insect pests, but few know that when the birds cease their daylight activities the battle is taken up by another important ally—the toad.



HERD RECORDS OF MUCH IMPORTANCE

Improvement Associations' Growth Aid to Farmers.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Dairy farmers in the United States apparently are taking increasing interest in the bookkeeping end of their business, if the growth of the dairy-herd-improvement association movement is a fair indication. There are now 1,090 such associations in this country, according to Dr. J. C. McDowell, of the bureau of dairy industry, United States Department of Agriculture, an increase of nearly 50 per cent in the last four years. He predicts a continued growth of the movement and cites its past history to support his view. The idea of keeping production and cost records on the dairy herd started with one cow-testing association in 1908, Doctor McDowell recalls. By the end of 1924 there were 732 dairy-herd-improvement associations, as they are now called. During the next four years the annual growth of the movement was even greater. In 1925 there was a gain of 45 associations, or 6 per cent over the previous year; in 1926 there was a gain of 60, or 8 per cent; in 1927 a gain of 110, or 18 per cent; and in 1928 a gain of 143 associations, or 15 per cent. Thus there were 1,090 associations on January 1, 1929, in which the members were keeping books on 465,804 cows. This represents a remarkable growth in the use of business methods on the dairy farm, says Doctor McDowell, but there are still about 21,000,000 cows being kept for milk in the United States whose owners might also profit by entering them in a dairy-herd-improvement association.

Keep Milker Clean and Free of All Bacteria

The most effective method of keeping a milking machine clean and free from bacteria is to stop the development of bacteria on the parts of the machine over which the fluid milk passes, according to E. G. Hasting, University of Wisconsin. Bleaching powder is the most common germicide. It is harmless to the machine and also to the milk. By mixing 12 ounces of the powder with a gallon of water, a stock solution is obtained which is very effective in destroying bacteria. Good results are obtained by filling the tubes with the solution then plugging the openings with a cork and letting the solution remain there until milking time, when it can be drained and the parts used without further treatment. After the milking is over, a pail of cold water should be run through the machine. This should be followed with a pail of warm water containing a tablespoonful of washing soda. After this the parts should be placed in a rack and filled with a fresh supply of the solution.

Important Advantage of Taking Manure to Field

One important advantage of hauling manure to the field daily on the dairy farm is the fact that direct hauling robs flies of an excellent place to breed and multiply. Flies are a serious menace to milk sanitation, in fact, a prominent dairyman stated recently that he considered the control of flies sufficient reason in itself for hauling out farm manure daily. Besides controlling flies and keeping the barnyard cleaner and more sanitary, direct hauling of manure prevents losses from leaching, fermentation and other agencies.

Dairy Notes

Increasing the hay is equivalent to reducing the grain ration. If there's a green pasture in sight now, get a temporary fence around it and a milk cow on it. Make a little rope halter to fit the calf's head and neck and use it regularly in teaching the calf to lead. The cow's board bill is the largest item connected with her keeping. The first cost of good dairy stock or pure-bred foundation animals is high. Bull associations provide the service of a splendidly bred sire at a cost below that of an individually owned sire. Ask your county agent about the plan. With proper care, bulls may give satisfactory service until fourteen or sixteen years old. Alfalfa hay is the best to produce milk. Good clover hay comes next while timothy hay is of much less value. Many dairymen, in seeking to increase the milk production of their cows, have acquired the habit of feeding too much concentrated grain feed, without the necessary balancing roughage.



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F. F. V.'s Win National Judging Honors

(By Carter W. Wormeley)

Richmond, Virginia, December 12.—According to a statement made by Walter S. Newman, Supervisor of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, southwest Virginia has for years been producing good beef and good judges of beef cattle. Prime heaves and good judges are still being produced as evidenced by the fact that four students of vocational agriculture from this section surpassed all other teams in judging beef cattle at the National Contest held in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 18th and 19th.

The National Livestock Judging Contest for Future Farmers was held at Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the American Royal Livestock Show and the National Congress of Future Farmers of America. Approximately one hundred and twenty-five contestants, representing thirty states, participated in the contest.

The Future Farmers of Virginia are quite proud of the showing made by the team representing them in the contest. The Virginia team stood first in judging beef and fifth in judging sheep. In the entire contest which was composed of judging beef cattle, sheep, horses, hogs and meats, the Virginia team won third place among the teams representing southern states and tenth among all states competing.

The Virginia team was composed of Eugene Baer, White Gate, Giles County, Ernest and Ross Reynolds of Newport, Giles County, and Howard Wright of Liberty Hall, Washington County. These boys are students of vocational agriculture in their respective high schools and won the right to represent the State in this event by excelling other Future Farmers in judging at the Annual Rally held at Blacksburg in August. Mr. W. L. Hargis, Instructor in Vocational Agriculture, Pearisburg, Virginia, accompanied the team as coach.

Members of the Virginia team will receive certificates for the showing made in judging sheep and beef and their position in the entire contest. They will also receive a cash prize for winning first place among all teams in judging beef cattle.

Saltville Ties For State Championship

Saltville High School holds one corner of the three cornered class B championship pennant of Virginia. Big Stone Gap and the Washington and Lee High School, each hold another corner.

This unique triple tie for the state championship came about as follows. Suffolk, Blacksburg, Saltville, and Big Stone Gap were selected by state officials to play for state honors because of their high percentage of games won. Blacksburg with drew and Washington and Lee was selected to fill her place.

Washington and Lee defeated Suffolk twenty to nothing. Then Saltville and Big Stone tied, nothing to nothing. The officials were in a quandry. What to do with the Saltville Big Stone game. Finally after much discussion a coin was flipped between Saltville and Big Stone to determine who should play Washington and Lee High School. Coach Buchanan chose heads and tails were thrown three times in succession.

Last Saturday Big Stone and Washington and Lee High School tied 12 to 12. The state officials consequently agreed to declare a triple championship.

A handsome silver cup is the trophy. It will reside with each champion four months of next year. Though news dispatches coming out of Big Stone Gap, where the championship games were played, give her the edge over both of her opponents, official records are to the contrary. It appears as if the three teams are as evenly matched as the scores indicate.

Saltville was not scored on this reason. A very fine record for so small a school. Coach Buchanan and his boys are extended hearty congratulations for bringing for the first time a state football championship to Smyth county.

Not In Smyth County

We reprint below a clipping from the Washington Post of Friday, December 13th, sent us by a somewhat indignant Southwestern Virginia at Wytheville.

The clipping and headline follow: CHRISTMAS JUST HEARD OF BY TOWN IN VIRGINIA

Special to The Washington Post. Winchester, Va., Dec. 12.—Christmas joys will be experienced for the first time this year

at a settlement in Bear Creek Mountain, in Southwest Virginia thanks to the Rev. Kenneth Killinger, Lutheran clergyman of Marion, Va., who recently penetrated the region and found a settlement of a hundred or so souls.

They never had heard of the spirit of Christmas, none ever had seen a city or big town, and the children had never tasted a morsel of candy. Every one seemed frightened when the preacher drove up in his automobile—they had never heard of one.

The minister says they need many things worse than they do Christmas gifts, but this year Christmas will come first in their lives, and actual needs will be cared for later on. A committee of Grace Lutheran Church here has collected a truckload of gifts, including toys, clothing and dolls, which are going forward to the Rev. Mr. Killinger the first of the week.

Somehow or other the Washington newspaper's correspondent at Winchester has got things bawled up. There is, the Rev. Kenneth tell us, territory in this country pretty much like that described, but it isn't Bear Creek and it isn't in Smyth county.

It is the country over between Mt. Rogers and White Top. The Rev. Kenneth got in there three or four months ago. He didn't go in an automobile because there wasn't any road. He went in hoofing it and he has been hoofing it back there a good deal ever since.

In that territory, so rough and wild that it hasn't even been lumbered off, the Rev. Kenneth found people living back in the mountains who had never seen an automobile, a town, or a train and children who had never tasted candy.

They've heard of Christmas all right, the Rev. says, but they don't know much about it. He says he never discussed Santa Claus with them.

The report in the Washington paper he says is on the whole correct, except for the glaring mistake about the location. Mr. Killinger gave the facts which are true; the rest the newspaper evidently tacked on to make it a better story.

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

Letter From Senator Robert J. Noel of East Radford

12-12-29.

Dear Mr. Editor:—

On Mr. James Zoll's return from your town he showed me a copy of your paper of this week which contained two very interesting presentations of the road situations in Pulaski and your county.

It is simply fearful to think of the waste of funds over Draper mountain and from Radford to Pulaski, to the neglect of the bridge at Ingles ferry and old macaram road therefrom; when the money is so badly need at so many other places and Federal Aid can be used on latter, but not former.

Recently I gave out an interview at Christiansburg as to a bill to erect a bridge over Ongles Ferry and one at Peppers Ferry, the two having been destroyed during the Civil War, the one at Ingles by fire and the one at Peppers by flood. The interview was in the Roanoke Times and I thought it would help speed this needed road construction, etc.

Will you kindly mail me copies of your papers. I trust that Mr. Shirley, the Governor and the Governor-elect received copies.

Yours very sincerely, ROBERT J. NOELL.

Millet is not a difficult hay crop to cure. Usually the cut crop is allowed to cure in the swath for at least one day after which it is raked into windrows.

To plant soy beans from the same lot of seed in the same field during the same summer with the same amount of fertilizer and make one plot yield three times the weight of cured hay as another plot is an accomplishment worthy of mention.

Notice Of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The First National Bank of Saltville, Saltville, Virginia, will be held at the banking offices in Saltville, Virginia, on January 14th, 1930 at four o'clock P. M. for the election of Directors, and for the consideration of any other business which may properly be brought before the meeting.

JNO. R. GEORGE, President.

d 4t dec 17

PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA. CHARLES V. PRICE Special Agent EMORY, VA. n d June 17 * *

Classified Advertisements

LOST STEERS

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

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

STOCK CATTLE!

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

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

NOTICE

Of Stockholders Meeting

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

G. P. COX,

n d 4t Dec 10

Notice

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

H. FRANK PEERY, Administrator.

Estate Mrs. Margaret A. Buchanan, Decd. d 4t Dec 10.

Will Charles Preston Gullion please write home and get in touch with his wife. Or if anyone knows where he is located please notify, Mrs. Charles Preston, Gullion, n d lte * dec 17 Marion, Va.

NOTICE

If the party who took the brown striped scarf belonging to Mrs. Sechler, at the Lincoln Theatre on last Friday night will return same to Mrs. Sechler, at Chilhowie, no questions will be asked. n d lte dec 17

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A wide assortment, consisting of the newest ideas in crepes and silks, some hand-painted in beautiful color combinations and patterns. Priced from \$1.50 to \$5.00.

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Gift Ties, some hand tailored. Assortments which make choosing easy. Imported and domestic silks and colors to harmonizewith the shirt or suit. \$1 to \$2

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No man has too many nice pajamas. Plain and novelty effects, clever styles in broad-cloth and soisette materials. \$2 to \$3.50.

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Lounging and bath robes which are inexpensive gifts of luxurious comfort. They are

made with matching slippers and in a wide color range. \$6 to \$12.50

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When in doubt, give him a shirt. Collar attached and neck-band styles, some with collars to match. There is a place in every man's wardrobe for a nice shirt. \$1.50 to \$3.00

SWEATERS
Cold days make sweaters welcome gifts. There are plenty for easy choosing. Solid colors lead—golf sweaters with socks to match in pastel shades. \$3.50 to \$7.50.

SUITS & TOP COATS
Who will be prouder on Christmas morning than the man or young man with a new suit. If there is a doubt about the size, we will exchange. \$19.50 to \$37.50

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