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THE COUNTY ROAD.

The good country road must now be built to meet the requirements of both team and automobile travel. Our road engineers have not yet developed the really good road—to meet both requirements. The experience is duplicated in every State where high priced roads of the tar and macadam type are built. Maryland is now confronted with the problem of making its expensive State roads safe for horse travel. The slippery surface of its macadam roads has become so dangerous in the winter months that there is a general protest from farmers and teamsters. In the effort to provide good roads suitable for automobile travel we have swung to the extreme and have provided hard surfaced roads dressed with oil to resist the suction of rubber tires traveling at a high rate of speed. This dressing, which is necessary to preserve the road for automobiles renders the surface so smooth as to be positively dangerous for horse travel. This presents a problem of grave importance in formulating a road policy. Roads must be built for one or the other modes of travel, according to their relative importance, or else the roadway must be widened to permit two road beds, one for automobiles and one for teams. The first argument of good roads is their economic value; their influence is cheapening the cost of transportation of products from the farm to market, and their effect in increasing the value of farm lands. In later years we are learning the value of good roads as social factors, in facilitating travel in rural districts and making attendance at school, church and other community functions both easier and more pleasant. This is the rural road problem, and calls first for roads that shall be suitable for good horse travel and for heavy teaming. The automobile is a later factor, and while ease of automobile travel is fully as important in a few sections and must be provided for in the future, it does not as yet take the place with horse travel in all sections and as a general need. The business standpoint calls for first consideration. The high-priced automobile roads which are so beautifully pictured by some of our road enthusiasts, as Secretary Houston said of the proposed Lincoln Highway, "may excite our fancy and admiration but scarcely appeal as a feasible or practical undertaking."—Pennsylvania Farmer.

IMPROVE YOUR SUBSOIL

By Karl Langenbeck. Search all of our literature and you will find no hint that you can improve the character of the subsoil, except by plowing. This is very often objectionable, because of the danger of mixing with and covering up the surface soil, especially when this is not very fertile. An impervious subsoil hinders deep rooting and is very objectionable for alfalfa and orchards especially. It often brings the water table so close to the surface that all crops are forced to shallow rooting by it. It is found that subsoil clays of limestone origin are never sticky even when all lime is leaked out. It is because the clay through previous action of the lime is flocculated. The German farmer makes use of this fact. He used quicklime in winter, so that it will work down and be carried by the spring rains into the subsoil making it loose for root penetration.

The Wise Farmer.

By Vivian. There was a man in our town. And he was wondrous wise. He knew that if he wanted crops He'd have to fertilize. "Its nitrogen that makes things green," Said this man of active brain; And potash makes the good strong straw. And phosphate plumps the grain. But its clearly wrong to waste plant food. On a wet and soggy field; I'll surely have to put in drains If I'd increase the yield. And after I have drained the land, I must plow it deep all over; And even then I'll not succeed Unless I will grow clover. Now acid soils will not produce A clover soil that's prime So if I have a sour soil, I'll have to put on lime. And after doing all these things, To make success more sure, I'll try my very best to keep From wasting the manure. So I'll drain, and lime, and cultivate With all that that implies; And when I've done that thoroughly I'll manure and fertilize.

Couldn't Stump Father.

One night a man was reading a volume of highly colored fiction to his family. With his spectacles on his nose he droned along: "Gwendolen de Vere Hastings lowered her limped blue eyes, and Lord Algernon Manering took her slim white hands in his, and crushed her to him in a passionate embrace. At that moment five minutes past twelve sounded from the castle belfry, and—"

UNION BRIDGE.

48-horse power Pierce-Arrow automobile is in the railroad shop here for repairs and a new coat of paint. It is to be used by the superintendent of the road. The auto has flange wheels, sand box, four brakes and is used exclusively on the rails. They run down from Key-Mar, a distance of 4 miles in five minutes.

Mrs. Jarvis Biggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Haines, was successfully operated on for appendicitis in a hospital at Cumberland, Md., on Saturday last. She was doing very well at last accounts.

S. Raymond Senseney, cashier of the Trust Company, spent the last ten days at Atlantic City.

Miss Ruth Haines is at Cumberland visiting her sister, Mrs. Biggs. The Farmers Institute on Monday was poorly attended. Bad weather the excuse.

Mrs. Mary O. McCauley was in town several days this week.

C. E. Engle has purchased the three-story brick residence on Main street, belonging to the Richardson estate, and recently vacated by M. C. Keefer.

Main street was all excitement on Tuesday afternoon when a horse belonging to the commissary of the Tidewater ran away. The wagon upset leaving a number of cases of beer along the street. Several buggies and wagons were also put out of commission.

Oswald Baker and Earl Buckley, two of our young business men will open in about ten days an up-to-date moving picture parlor.

George W. Abbott, track inspector for the W. M. R. R., is in Raleigh, N. C., looking up timber for the company.

Harry Shank, compositor on The Pilot, will give up type setting and go to farming the first of April on a 120 acre farm. Success to him.

William Wood is spoken of for Magistrate. This district is entitled to two.

C. E. Easterday, O. E. Shiffer and Leon R. Youstee, of Hagerstown, have obtained a franchise from the Town Council, and purchased the Buckley Electric Light Plant, and work is now under way to have their plant in operation by April. A tract of ground has been purchased in town where a building 40x80 feet, will be erected as a power plant with a 75 horsepower gas engine. Electric current for lighting and commercial purposes will be furnished both day and night. The members of the company will incorporate under the name of the Union Bridge Electric Mfg. Co., and later propose installing an ice and cold storage plant.

Theodore Smith, Miss Henrietta Smith and Pearl Kaufman, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. B. Rakestraw and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stauffer spent the past ten days with friends in Baltimore.

R. K. Angel, who has been visiting in Cadoret, Maryland, has returned to his home, near Union Bridge.

Miss Lenora Stitely was given a surprise by a number of her friends, at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. W. S. Rinehart, on Wednesday evening.

A driving horse belonging to Urner Englar was paralyzed, near Taneytown, on Wednesday.

The receipt of the 7 barrels, 2 boxes and cash, shipped to the Belgians, has been acknowledged.

THE STORY OF THE ROSARY

Famous War Play Comes to Baltimore, Week of Monday, February 8.

Comstock and Gest will present "The Story of the Rosary", Walter Howard's romantic melodrama of love, war and the church, at Ford's Opera House, Baltimore, the week starting Monday, February 8. Mail orders new being received, and the reserved seat prices are 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 evenings, and 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

The entire cast and production are direct from the Prince's Theatre, London, and come to Baltimore after a brilliant and extraordinarily successful run at the Manhattan Opera House, New York.

The scene might be any country of continental Europe today. The accentuation of war are the most modern, and if one desires to see how modern armies look, they need glance no farther than to the stirring battle scene which is Act II in the Howard drama.

The staunch love of an impoverished Princess; the vindictive hatred of that young woman's father; the rivalry; the loss of the suitor in the wilderness of war; the plight of his bride of an hour, the persecutions she endures, her turn to the Church in final despair—these are some of the darker threads in a story of absorbing interest—a story which author Howard has made bright by an interweaving of many threads of vivid, keen comedy.

More than 100 actors—not supernumeraries—are seen in the scenes of this great war melodrama.

Stephan—Walsh.

Preston Stephan, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephan, near Snyderburg, and Mary L. Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Walsh, of Bachman's Valley, were married at the Salem Lutheran parsonage Saturday afternoon at 3.30 p. m. by Rev. W. F. Hersh. There were no attendants.

WANTED.

WANTED—A reliable white woman to cook. Apply B. F. Shriver Company's office Liberty Street. jan 22

WANTED—A good clerk in country store; one that has had experience; married or single; preferred married man. Good house to live in. Apply to Wm. L. Hammond, Hood's Mill, Md. jan 29-4c

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To The Gardener: Field and Garden Seeds of every description. We use the greatest care in selecting our Seeds—buying only from the most reliable Northern Growers, and they are tested for both purity and germination. Your first want will be Red Clover. We have both Western and Nearby, also Sapling and Alsike Clover. Your next want will be Seed Potatoes—we have bought direct from an Aroostock County (Maine) grower a car of Six Weeks, Snowflakes, Cobler and Green Mountain, which will be ready for delivery as soon as the ground will receive them. If your Field Corn is not yielding to suit you try our Improved Long's Prolific or Large Golden Dent—both large yielders and hardy.

To The Poultryman: Poultrymen's Headquarters --- Incubators and Brooders and Poultrymen's Supplies of all kinds. Chick Manna, Developer and Laying Feeds. Are your hens laying? If not, consult our chicken expert—JONES—he will overcome your troubles.

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MRS. KOONS DENIES ALLEGATION

In The Rev. Snyder Divorce Case. James A. Koons and wife, living at Good Intent, four miles from Union Bridge, were the first witnesses in the divorce of Rev. J. Edward Snyder and his wife, which is being tried in Baltimore, Tuesday. Both denied the allegations of Mrs. Snyder concerning Mrs. Koons, whom she has named as co-respondent.

Mr. Koons remembered the time referred to by Mrs. Koons when he found fault with Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Koons. It was in September, 1909, Mr. Koons said, and Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, with Mrs. Snyder's two sisters, the Misses Watts, were at the Koons home.

All had been eating watermelon, and Mr. Koons saw Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Koons whispering to each other. Mr. Koons admitted that the sight made him cross. The next day he wrote a note to Mr. Snyder about it, saying he did not consider it a proper thing for a minister to do.

Mrs. Koons said she hoped Mrs. Snyder would come to repent the day she had brought Mrs. Koons into such a mess. Mr. Snyder, she said, was good and kind to his wife, and she heard Mrs. Snyder tell her husband to stop preaching when she nodded her head. The whispering between her and Mr. Snyder, the witness said, was with reference to the sisters of Mrs. Snyder taking the Koons horses for a ride.

TANEYTOWN.

Jere J. Garner returned from Frederick City Hospital on Tuesday last, and Mrs. Allen Stull on Thursday, both very much improved in health. Miss Endora Burgoon, of Carrollton, spent Friday last with Miss Alice Harmon.

Miss Haines, of New Windsor, is visiting the home of J. Henry Lambert. Miss Bessie Roop, of New Windsor, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Bower.

Mrs. Lavina Fringer spent several days in Baltimore last week as the guest of Mrs. E. E. Reindollar. Miss Alice Miller was called home from school last week on account of the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Frank Long, of Beech Creek, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mrs. John H. Myers.

Miss Dora Jones left Tuesday evening for Baltimore to spend the month.

The K. of P. Lodge held a banquet on Tuesday evening. Walter Fringer, of Virginia, spent the week's end with his parents, Calvin T. Fringer and wife.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Witherow gave them a very pleasant surprise on Saturday evening. The occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

BARE BRANCH.

Mr. Horace Koontz, who is on the sick list, is no better at this writing. Mr. Aaron Leister, who was confined to the house for some time, is out again.

Mrs. Theodore Yingling, of Harover, Pa., is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Claud Myers.

Mrs. Jeremiah T. Koontz, who was suffering for the past six weeks with a very sore hand, is slowly improving.

Mrs. David Circle, who was paralyzed a few weeks ago, is not much improved.

The heavy rain on Tuesday night did some washing along our branch.

FATAL GLASS EYE LOST YEARS AGO IS NOW LOCATED

Setized with a violent fit of coughing at her home on Paint Creek, Mrs. Lena Strickler, 90, coughed up a glass eye which she had misplaced 69 years ago. The artificial optic was in a perfect state of preservation. In speaking of the incident, Mrs. Strickler told a story of her early life.

"I had the misfortune to lose one of my eyes when in my early teens," she said. "By way of offering encouragement, my mother promised that a glass eye should be my birthday present when I was 21. So we began saving chewing tobacco bags, and on the morning of my 21st birthday mother handed me the package containing the bulb.

"There was no eye doctor in the town then, but we had our choice of the jeweler and the blacksmith. Before the blacksmith reached the house with his implements I had opened the package and found to my mortification that the pupil of the glass eye was black, while that of nature's orb is light blue.

"The blacksmith was a single man and when I saw him coming I hurried to the looking glass to straighten up my hair preparatory to meeting him and advising that his services would not be needed, at least for the present.

"I had been holding the glass eye in my hand, and carelessly placed it in my mouth so as to be able to use both hands on my bangs. The eye was slippery and went down my throat as clean as a whistle. It didn't hurt me, but it caused the death of my father a few months later."

"May I ask in what manner your father's death was connected with your own misfortune, my poor woman?" queried the reporter.

"Well," replied the old lady, "I don't like to tell but I will. A few months after I swallowed the glass optic father took me and went on a carnival circuit. He skinned people all over the country by charging fifty cents to see the woman with one eye in her head and one in her stomach. He was arrested, convicted and hung."

MOUNT OLIVE.

We are still having plenty of rain. Mr. Upton Henry, of this place, killed a very fine beef this week.

Miss Mamie Mathias was the guest of Mrs. Amelia Davis and family, of Mountain View, from Saturday afternoon till Sunday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Mt. Olive held an oyster supper at the home of Mr. Clarence Baker. It was largely attended. Music was furnished by the Morgan Chapel Band.

Mrs. Samuel Mathias is visiting her son, James E. Mathias, and family, of Baltimore.

The ladies of this community turned out in full force Tuesday afternoon and helped Mrs. James W. Fleming quilt. They had a very pleasant evening, although, it was rainy.

Sunday school at Mt. Olive Methodist Episcopal church at 1 p. m. Preaching at 2.30 p. m.

UNION MILLS.

Our farmers are very much agitated about the price of wheat. It is not because they have the wheat, but it is because they don't have it. The majority having sold at from 85c to 90c per bushel, but there is quite a quantity of wheat yet in the neighborhood which is still being held for higher prices.

William Crowl has sold his property consisting of about 50 acres, lying between this place and Mt. Pleasant and has purchased the farm of Clem Reese, lying along the Pleasant Valley road, about 1 1/2 miles south of this place. The farm consists of about 100 acres and the price paid for it was about \$7,000.

There is much sickness in our community, principally pneumonia.