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Ms. W. E. P. ... NUMBER 44

Winchester, Ky., March 5th, 1917. Mr. James I. Hollon, Hazel Green, Ky.

Dear Sir:— In response to the request made in the Herald, that its subscribers write something about themselves and send it to you. I am sending you a few facts about my life. Allow me to thank you for this privilege.

I now am finishing my seventh year as a student of Kentucky Wesleyan College and its Academy, I am expecting to take my A. B. degree from this institution on the 29th of next May. About June 15, I shall take up Missionary Sunday School work with the American Sunday School Union. I am at this present time intending to be in this work only about 15 months after which I hope to attend the theological department of some University for about two years. I am not certain as to where I shall be sent, but very likely to Texas, perhaps out of Dallas.

Owing to the fact I have been very busy trying to solve the problems of life, especially those encountered in connection with my college course. I have been unable to visit my home people in the past eight or nine years but once, and only for three or four days then. Now that I am finishing college and expect to be located at quite a distance from Kentucky, it is my purpose to make a ten days visit to my relatives and friends in the dear old mountains, during the interval between my graduation and the time at which I am to join the American Sunday School Union, namely May 29th, June 15.

I am, and shall always be, proud of the mountain people of Eastern Kentucky. I beg to congratulate you for the excellent paper you are publishing, and sincerely hope you may carry forward with increasing success the valuable work which you have so admirably begun.

Yours with best wishes, (Mr.) Roxie R. Rose.

Denver, Colorado, March 5, 1917. My dear Mr. Hollon:

Replying to your courteous request, I beg to say that time and multitudinous duties have not lessened my interest in and fond recollections of the land of my nativity. The place of ones birth should always be a sacred spot. As the needle turns to the pole, my heart turns to the mountainous section of Kentucky. Here I first saw the light of day; and I trust when the fulfilment of life is past, my body shall find a resting place hard by my forefathers and in the region I love so well.

For more than eleven years, I have lived in this great metropolitan city, and most of the time my activities have been directed along the lines of the legal profession. I have also given a part of my time to State and National political affairs. My legal work has grown into such proportions that I am associating with me two of the ablest civil and criminal lawyers in the West. The new firm name will be Stamper, Walker and Neville. If a modicum of success has come my way, it has been by dint of hard work and perseverance.

The activities of your paper are certainly for the betterment of conditions and the uplift of the people of the State. One of the most potent influences in the Nation to-day is the newspaper. I wish and predict large things for you and the Herald.

Your reprints from the old files of the Herald are like echoes from the past. I am personally acquainted with the names and many of the happenings mentioned. I wrote Floyd Williams' Confession, and had his picture taken for your paper. A new generation is taking the place of the older one, and I trust these young men and women will be wiser, better and more splendidly equipped to render that section of the State a real service.

I should be delighted to hear, personally, from many of my old friends back there. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit! Flowers on a casket cast no fragrance backward over the weary way.

Cordially and sincerely, W. L. Stamper, Suite 418 Commonwealth Bldg., Denver, Colorado.

Chanute Kansas, March 6th, 1917. Editor Hazel Green Herald, Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter, asking for a letter from one who has moved away.

I am glad to write a few lines to the Herald. I get the paper each week, and will say you deserve any favor asked for, as the paper you are turning out is a credit to most any weekly paper.

I left Kentucky November 1893, came to Chanute the oil fields in 1901, nicely situated. Have a city school, and churches. During my 15 years here there has only been one man shot in town. He was drunk. We seldom see a drunk man. We have a bone dry law that was enacted this winter, prohibits you from having intoxicating liquor in your possession in any form or manner, and prohibits R. R. from shipping it in.

I guess it will be a long time between drinks.

We have a great oil field here, being located in south-east part of Kansas running into Oklahoma, known as the Mid-continent field. The daily product

ion now is about (370,000) barrels for the entire field. This time a year ago, was about (450,000) barrels. Kansas is making about (80,000) barrels per day. This field covers about 8 counties in Kansas and about that many in Okla. The general trend being some 200 miles north and south, and 75 miles wide. In this scope of country there will be localities that have fine producing properties and localities that are unprofitable. There are a great many references here, some hundred or more in the two states, two pipelines to the gulf on the south, and two to the east, by way of Chicago, to New York, and N. J.

In addition to the oil, the large gas field has brought a great many factors, such as Cement plants, glass plants, ore splitters, tiling plants, etc.

Have good roads, has not been a day in six months but what you could have traveled over any section of the State in an Auto at the rate of a couple of hundred miles a day.

I often wonder if you will ever get a good road from Mt. Sterling through to Hazel Green, and on to Jackson and Salersville. If you had a good road through that part of the State hundreds of people would drive through there in their autos during the summer. It would mean a great deal to the springs near town. Get some boosters behind to push, and it can be done.

Very truly, C. R. Amyx

Editor Hazel Green Herald, As you have extended an invitation to your subscribers who have left their native hills to write a few lines for the Herald in order that their friends may hear from them. I hereby take the opportunity to write a few lines from North Middletown, Ky., my adopted home.

I was raised within four miles of Hazel Green, on Grassy creek, Morgan county, my father would send me to your town to buy goods for the family. At the age of 17 I met with an accident that lamed me for life. Thus crippled and without an education the outlook was gloomy for me. I started in school in Hazel Green under the instruction of Miss Mattie Burchell and finished under Prof. N. B. Hays. I then began teaching in the country schools. I taught nine country schools, and in the year 1888 I started in the goods business in a small store near Hazel Green. It was in the year 1892 that I was struck by lightning, then I was burned out by lightning striking the wire igniting the coal oil setting the house on fire and most of my life time earnings were gone. I then went into the goods business at Ezel for a short time, but owing to declining health I sold out the store at that place, I put most of my accounts in the hands of a collector for collection and he succeeded in collecting what was coming to me. I bought out a business in North Middletown, Ky., and moved my family here and I think it was a good move for we have had excellent health since we have been here and have been very successful in business.

Now a few words about North Middletown Ky. It is an old fashioned town on the Mt. Sterling and Paris pike, 12 miles from Mt. Sterling and 10 miles from Paris has about 600 inhabitants has a good college and a fine church and is said to be the nicest, cleanest town of any its size in the State. It is the birth-place of some of our noted men, Borton W. E. the founder of the christian church is buried 5 miles from here at old Cone Ridge church, Joel T. Hort, the great sculptor lived here when a boy and two chimneys he built when a boy are still standing. Thomas, the father of Abraham Lincoln helped build the old Thatchers Water Mill which is still in use. Ex. Governor John Brown was buried in Campbell here preached at the old christian church. Bryan Station is here where the women carried the water to the fort.

There are many other items of interest which I could mention but as my letter is getting long I will close.

J. M. Murphy, North Middletown, Ky.

Salt Lick, Ky., March 8, 1917. Editor Hazel Green Herald, Dear Sir:—After reading the dear old Herald each week as soon as it arrives and found that you were giving a Home Coming Week, I appreciated that very much, for I knew then I would be able to hear from some of my dear old school mates and friends, whom I have not heard from for the past fifteen years, so I am taking advantage of this opportunity to let some of them know that I am still living. I enjoy very much reading the Herald for in each issue there is news of many of my school friends and acquaintances.

I will begin to tell a little about myself. I was formerly Lillian Salyer (or Lillie as I was called) lived at Ezel, Morgan county, went to school at H. G. A. two years, when our dear teacher and Principal Prof. Cord was there, although now he like many others, are numbered with the dead. Then after teaching and doing stenographic work for a few years I decided to change my occupation to housekeeping, so on the 8th of July 1908 I married Geo. J. Kautz of Salt Lick, residing in the little town for seven years and now live in our new home on

To The Voters of Wolfe County

What about voting for a man for County Judge at the August primary 1917, that is interested in you and will look after your interests, a man who is interested in good roads and realizes the fact that the better the roads the closer we are to market, a man that stands out open, free and public to the world in business affairs and its business transactions, a man that knows no such word as fail when duty calls, a man that belongs to no political clique or machine, a man that has come from nothing to a reasonable success and has always been with and among you, a man that never forgets true friendship and past favors, a man that the night will not get too dark, the roads too bad nor business to pressing to perform his duties as an officer. If you want this kind of a man for your next County Judge, vote for E. T. Kash.

I hear of it being said that I will not make it's race, but you will find that I will be a candidate when the polls close on Saturday August 4th 1917. I am not in this race to defeat any other man but am in it to get the nomination, feeling when asking this that I am not asking too much of you, from the very fact that I am one of you, have never held an office and feel that I can take care of your interests and also the interests of your wives and children.

As soon as the winter is over and the roads get better I intend to see every voter in the county and will talk over with you as to what I think to be all of our interests.

Thanking you in advance for any favors shown me, I am Respectfully, E. T. Kash

a farm about two miles east of Salt Lick I must say there is no woman happier or has a better husband, he is a very busy man, running a farm, a good drug business and foreman machinist and filer of the Salt Lick Lumber Co.

We have three children, two boys and a girl. All are enjoying good health so why should I not be happy? I am anxious to read the issue of March 15 and thank the Editor for this rare opportunity. I enjoy reading Uncle Sam's poetry.

Wishing you great success, I am, Yours very truly, Mrs. Geo. J. Kautz

Drakesboro, Ky. March 3, 1917. Hazel Green Herald, Dear Sir:

I appreciate this opportunity of writing my friends of the Hazel Green Herald. I often think of you and try to keep a list of all my acquaintances of Wolfe and Morgan.

Leaving H. G. A. via E. K. S. N. I landed in Rochester where I met my better half (seven eights as they say in H. G.) and having financial interest in that town I shall make it my home. At present I am principal of the High school at D. Akeshoro for the fourth consecutive year.

Two years of my pedagogical career were spent in Misses ppl the land of cotton, mosquitoes and negroes. The negroes there out number the whites 2 to 1. The whites complain of the scarcity of negroes. They say it requires 16 negroes to support one white man, Hence the belief in "16 to 1."

My little girl Mary is a star (I think) and boy Jim B. is a 100 pound boy. Some day I shall usher my little flock into Hazel Green for a visit.

Respectfully yours, John Glass Nence

Ardenmore, Okla., Editor of the Herald: We thank you for the privilege of writing to our friends through the columns of the Herald. We will tell you about our town and location. We live four miles south of Ardmore on the Santa Fe railroad. We like this country fine the climate is mild and healthful. We have cyclones and sand storms but every one has a corn cellar and knows when to use them. When a charitable view is taken of the country we think it beats the blue grass counties of old Kentucky. We have a large town and is still growing. Five years ago when we came here there was only one automobile in town, now there are nearly three thousand. The finding of oil near town has been a great help, the oil refinery is located here. There are many beautiful buildings, the Federal Court-house and High School and Carnegie Library are among the prettie t. To give you an idea of what Kentuckians do here will tell you some of the positions they hold. We have an Ex-Governor living in Ardmore, from Ky. The State Superintendent of Public Schools, County Judge, City Superintendent of Schools, are from Kentucky Representative in State Legislature is a Morgan county boy.

Any of our old friends or relatives who would like to hear more about the country write and we will be glad to answer all letters. With best wishes we are, W. W. and Lennie Cecil Carpenter

Freeman, W. Va., Feb. 9, 1916 Hazel Green Herald, Dear Editor:

It gives me great pleasure in replying to your request, as it has been some time since I have written a letter of it's kind or seen a copy of the "Dear Old Herald."

I am glad to know it is back in existence and hope it will be a prosperous publication as it is always a welcome visitor to all subscribers.

We have been living in the coal fields of W. Va. for three years and now are enjoying the best of health. The coal

fields seem to agree with "W. P." as he is now tipping the scales at 323 pounds. Coal operations are running about half the time on account of shortage of R. R. cars since the blockades at the docks.

Business is dull and high cost of living so great it is hard for mining sections to make a living. When potatoes are \$3.50 per bushel, beans 15 cts. per pound, flour \$12. per barrel, sugar 20 cents per pound and other things in proportion.

We are expecting to leave here soon, but do not know where we will locate. We will subscribe for the Herald when we are located again.

W. P. says tell his friends that the war doesn't bother him at all as he is too large to go and if he did "Whoa! to the man behind him." I do not think he is quite solid enough for honest-work.

With much success to the Herald, I am Yours respectfully, Mrs. W. P. Cecil

Nixon, Texas, March 7th 1917 James I. Hollon Editor, Hazel Green Herald, Hazel Green, Kentucky, Dear Mr. Hollon:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th of February and contents noted. I think your suggestion of a home coming for Ex-Kentuckians is a good one and I am glad to avail myself of the opportunity to write a letter to the Herald so my Kentucky friends may know where I am and how I am getting along. I left Kentucky the latter part of June 1909 and came to Texas where I have resided since. I have visited the Blue Grass State twice since and we expect to make another visit this summer. Mr. Editor the space in your paper is too valuable for me to write a long letter and of course you desire to print all the letters you receive from your subscribers residing away from the land of their nativity. I have never regretted coming to Texas. When I came to Nixon I associated myself with the good reliable wide awake business associates and together we have all prospered and worked in harmony. Besides my banking duties I have built up a nice Insurance Agency in our town and I represent a Cattle Loan Co. which pays me well for the time consumed.

You are giving the readers of Herald real valuable news for their money and the people of Wolfe and Morgan counties should subscribe and pay you for the their job work and advertising.

Proclaim the truth and compel the men of Wolfe county to build hen houses for their wives so they can make a living in the poultry business if their husbands will not assist them otherwise. You will make no mistake in backing up the women in the poultry business. Wishing the Herald much success I beg to remain, Very truly yours, Sam J. Elkins

Wellston, Mo., March 3, 1917 Dear Editor:

As you wish to fill your paper with letters, I will add my mite.

We are having fair weather now but a good coat of snow is still on the ground. We have had from twelve to eighteen inches of snow here all winter. I guess this season's rather cold to you all back there. I don't suppose you have any snow now. I imagine you have plenty of mud at that is something we don't have for the snow stays on all winter and when it melts the wheat and grass are nice and green.

The people don't stop work here on account of snow. Our boys have worked all winter. The Eastern Michigan Power Company are building a dam across the river three miles from here and have about 300 men working there now. mean to employ about a thousand more this summer. The dam will be about 1000 feet long and 40 feet high.

We like Mich. fine it has such a fine climate, the water and air are so pure. We own a house and two lots in town and have been living here since we came to Mich. but we aim to try farming this season. We have eighty acres of good land twelve miles north of here.

Best wishes for the Herald and all our Kentucky friends. Mrs. J. D. Rose

Croton, Ohio, March 6, 1917. Dear Mr. Hollon:

I shall be very glad to read the letters from old friends in the Herald of March 15. I think I have nothing more to say than what I wrote you some time ago, one of my friends wrote me was published some time ago, though I failed to receive a copy of the paper. I can say however that I have a warm place in my heart for Hazel Green and all her associations and often remember them with much pleasure, and I trust I may get to come back again for a visit.

Very sincerely, Sylvia M. Siegfried

Leesburg, Florida, March 4, 1917 Editor Hazel Green Herald, I am down in the sunny south, of Florida. I spent the winter here and enjoyed it very well am going to my home at Mt. Sterling, the last of this month. Yours truly, Rose Ellen Picratt

The Hazel Green Herald, Hazel Green, Ky. One hardly knows just what to say when he writes a letter to be read by people, most of whom he does not know, personally. But, may I say that I think I know the good people of the Kentucky mountains? That's why I am writing this letter.

The people here in Virginia are "very like unto" the Kentuckians—they are hospitable, patriotic, and would fight at the drop of a hat, and drop the hat themselves! That ought to make them friendly with us Kentuckians.

Am I a Virginian? Huh, no! Just a Kentucky mountaineer, in an exile not his choosing. Irvin S. Cobb has put us mountaineers in the "Pure Food Bill" of the State, but that matters not—for it took a company or two of State Guards from the mountains to go out into Irvin's country a few years ago and put down the lawlessness or the Night Riders, Selah!

It is enough that I send everybody in the mountains my sincere greetings—and beg the pardon of every one of you that I am not right now up there in God's own country.

Joseph H. Combs, Richmond, Va. N. S. Several people's gut hurt around here between the years 1861-65.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., March 2, 1917. Mr. James I. Hollon, Dear Sir— I have been a reader of The Hazel Green Herald ever since it was first published and a subscriber for nineteen years. It has given me a great pleasure to read the letters from various parts of the country. Morgan and Wolfe counties are very near to me and I love the dear, good people there. It has been a little over nine years since I left there. I bought and moved here in a strange neighborhood but can say I have found numbers of friends. I see the mountain people are filling up this county fast. I am located seven miles north of Mt. Sterling, four miles from Sharpburg, on the Maysville pike. We attend Sunday school and church at Sharpburg.

The three old-st children go to school at Mt. Sterling to the county High School. We have a splendid county High School and the country people especially, are taking a great interest in it. Today is the 15th anniversary of my married life. I think I should be blessed with a good wife and a good job.

The greatest one being when I had to give up my companion and was left to fight the battle with my five dear children, and solve the many difficult problems that confront me every day. I take them to the Lord and find him a very present help in time of trouble.

We have had good health and the children have gone to school and done everything to make the home happy that could be done.

This has been a prosperous year, tobacco has been so high. Corn is selling at six dollars per bushel. Wishing all the readers of The Herald success, I am Yours sincerely, J. W. Cecil

Elkins, Ky., March 8, 1917. Editor H. G. Herald:

As you requested all your subscribers to write I will have to as I am an old subscriber and being for three years a resident of your town feel it my duty to respond with a short letter. In leaving your town I moved to Montgomery county and prospered there for eight years and lost nearly everything I had by fire over \$2,000. I came to Elkins very much out of heart to start anew and am now happy domiciled in a nice home and business and getting on my feet again and will say to my old Hazel Green friends that the latch string hangs out same as when I lived among you. I am always glad to get the Hazel Green Herald, some times my wife and myself will tear the paper to see who can get to read it first. My son is with me and we are kept busy most time as we carry a very good stock of country merchandise and he is postmaster and I am ticket and freight agent for the I. & N. railroad with business at the station. Big in Clark county we feel like we were honored as it is among the best of blue grass counties and I can speak for our neighborhood as one among as good people as I ever saw anywhere. A great many Wolfe county people live in Clark county, among the latest is Willie Day from Bethel just moved in and W. C. Henry from Morgan county.

With best wishes for H. G. A. and H. G. H. I am yours truly, J. B. Cecil

Tellus Plains, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 2. Editor Hazel Green Herald, I am truly thankful for receiving the invitation to write to the Herald, as Hazel Green is my birth-place, first see Uncle Willie Mize, our teacher, coming up the aisle to greet the cord class. I remember how sad I was when I grew too large for the class.

I sometimes think if I am fortunate enough to reach heaven that he will be with the angels to greet the infant class. We have two children and take them to Sunday school every Sunday. I am now teacher of the cord class which I enjoy very much.

Wishing the Herald much success, I am, Louisa M. Tyler Isbell

UNCLE SAM'S RHYMES

The Letters

The Herald this week does radiantly shine with letters that are more than fun, and sent by people far and near. To Kentucky friends they hold so dear.

From north and south, from east and west they come here as a welcome guest, I hope the readers will take the time to peruse them all so says the rhyme.

You'll read how Mrs. Nellie Jones lost her hen cow with sailing loaves, and how old Miss Booth with mousetraps and Q'er while the poor old Bushmeyer cried.

How old man Boone got on the track of Patrick McGinty in his shack, and how the kid played with the fire. Then angels bade him come up higher.

How Mrs. Brown would earnestly coax her old man to quit his smoke, for had tobacco she couldn't endure. So she mixed his tea with Keeley cure.

And other gems of brilliant taste are in the columns beautifully placed, if one won't suit another will \$o keep on reading while the baby's still.

Last I forget, I'll state one thing My description may lack the truthful ring, of old Miss Smith and McGinty too. And how the man who'd smoke and chew.

Also the kid burned by the fire Who climbed the velvet steps up higher, And of the cow who'd fled with ashes At the bricker shop you'll find her steaks.

No other paper in this wide world Has such an array as this the Herald, Of letters rich on land or sea. Act O, alas none came for me.

UNCLE SAM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce G. F. TAULBEE, as a candidate for Representative in the 91st Legislative District, subject to the primary, August 4, 1917.

We are authorized to announce G. F. TAULBEE, as a candidate for County Clerk, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the Aug. primary.

We are authorized to announce W. S. DUFF, of Campton, as a candidate for County Attorney of Wolfe County, subject to the Democratic primary August 4, 1917.

We are authorized to announce LEE-BERN ALLKIN as a candidate for County Attorney of Wolfe County subject to be Democratic Primary, August 4, 1917.

We are authorized to announce J. M. FOSTER as a candidate for County Attorney of Wolfe County subject to the Democratic Primary, August 4, 1917.

We are authorized to announce E. F. WHISMAN as a candidate for Assessor of Wolfe County subject to the Democratic primary August 4, 1917.

We are authorized to announce E. J. CREECH as a candidate for Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, Aug. 4, 1917.

We are authorized to announce Rev. JAMES NICKELL as a candidate for Assessor of Wolfe County subject to the will of the voters at the Republican primary, August 4, 1917.

We are authorized to announce JEFF BREWER, of Neola, as a candidate for Assessor of Wolfe County, subject to the Democratic primary Aug. 4.

We are authorized to announce W. J. DUNN, as a candidate for Jailor of Wolfe County, subject to the Democratic primary August 4 1917.

We are authorized to announce S. L. SWANGO as a candidate for Sheriff of Wolfe County subject to the Democratic Primary, August 4, 1917.

Mt. Sterling, Ky. March, 2, 1917 Mr. James I. Hollon Editor, Hazel Green Ky. Dear Sir:

I have been reading the Herald for twenty years and always anxious to get it. I get more news out of it than I can from a letter.

I have had lagrippe this winter but am able to be out again.

I remain your friend, Andy Haddix