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## Farm Notes.

There were about 55 County exhibits at the State Fair at Richmond October 11th to 17th. The judges in awarding the prizes went over the exhibits and picked out the six best exhibits. Wise and Lee Counties were placed among this lucky six. Roanoke was first, Mecklenburg second, and Wise may come about fourth or fifth. Harrah for Wise.

Farmers get busy and plow your land that has no winter cover crop on it, that you are going to crop next season, this and early winter. Why? Because you have more time in the fall for yourself and team, and as you have more time you will take it easy and do a better job. Next spring you will be in a hurry and the work will not be done as well. 2d. The plowed land will freeze and pulverize and you can get it in much better shape for planting. 3d. Injurious weeds and insects, such as the wire worm, will be destroyed by fall and winter plowing. 4th. You can plow deeper and turn more clay in the fall and the winter freeze will help to mix this clay with the top soil. 5th. More moisture will be absorbed by the land when plowed in the fall and winter, and the moisture stored for the next seasons crop. 6th. The actions of the rains, snows and freezes on the soil particles dissolves them and helps to make more plant food available. 7th. Old from sage sods and other kinds of vegetable matter turned under in the fall and winter will decay and add plant food to the supply for next seasons crop. 8th. Livids will not wash when they are plowed (1 in.) for they can absorb all the water that falls on them. 9th. A deep narrow furrow slice that it will be aged and not rot over and do not harrow next spring.

In gathering your corn pick your seed corn in the field. Fasten a box on the rear end of the wagon and throw into it the ears you want to save. You want to save both ears from the two eared stalks, and the good single ears that grow about the height of a man's chest. The ears should be well shelled over at the tip and butt, with the grains long and fitting well together with no hollows between the rows. You can increase your yield of corn from five to fifteen bushels per acre by selecting seed in this way. For the same good reason the best hills of potatoes should be saved for seed in digging.

J. C. S.

## Business Improving.

With Southwest Virginia mines, especially in the counties of Lee, Wise and Russell, being opened as rapidly as men can be obtained to work them, indications are that by the first of the year every mine in this section will be in operation. The demand for coal is increasing daily on account of the great demand for war munitions and the opening up of other industries. With security of more bottoms to transport coal, in addition to the opening up of the new Southern coals at Charleston, the demand for coal in this section is expected within a few months to be more than the operators will be able to supply.

One of the largest operators in this field is known to have secured a long term contract for more nut washed coal than any company can produce and is reported to have divided the contract with other mines. One of the problems which mine owners are facing is securing miners. Many advertisements are appearing in the newspapers daily for hundreds of miners, and until they can obtain the operations will be held up.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

## Calls It Wilson's Brand.

### Mr. Irvine Comments on Present Prosperity While in Washington City.

The Hon. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap, who has been in Washington for a few days, had occasion to give an interview touching present conditions in the Southwest Virginia coal fields. A Washington correspondent has the following to say of Mr. Irvine's visit to Washington:

Mr. Irvine spent Friday and Saturday in Washington appearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission as attorney for the Southwest Virginia coal companies who are fighting a general rate increase on coal shipments to the West.

Contrary to the expressed views of Congressman Slemo, Republican, of the Ninth district, who says the present boom in business is brought about by the war alone, Mr. Irvine says the present prosperity is attributable to the Wilson administration; wise legislation passed by the Democratic Congress and the feeling among "big business" generally that the Democratic party has their welfare in mind and will do nothing to disturb them as long as they "play fair."

Mr. Irvine believes a goodly portion of the present prosperity is caused by general conditions which were due to improve whenever a good Democratic administration took hold of the reins of government.

In regard to politics, Mr. Irvine sees no cause for pessimism over the elections held a few days ago. In fact he declared he considered it a good showing for the Democratic party as a whole, and stated that in the few places Republican gains were made they were attributable to local conditions rather than to any dissatisfaction with the Democratic administration, or the Democratic policies.

In answer to the question: "How about yourself; are you going to run for Congress down in the Ninth district again?" Mr. Irvine raised his hand and replied:

"Never again! I'm done with politics; out of politics entirely now; attending to my business."—Bristol Herald Courier.

## Radford Normal Notes.

Superintendent Harris Hart, of Roanoke City Schools, delivered an address before the students of the Normal School at the assembly hour on Friday. The subject of his address was "Professional Training of Teachers."

Seven members of the Normal School faculty have placed on the program of the Virginia Educational Conference meeting in Richmond Thanksgiving week. Many unique and original lines of work are carried on in the Normal School, these will be discussed before the proper departments of the Educational Conference.

Prof. Avent, of the Department of Education, has for several months been carrying on an extensive and careful investigation of the "Social Demand for Arithmetic". He has enlisted the co-operation of several hundred teachers in this enterprise in various parts of the State and the results of their investigations will be published as a bulletin of the Normal School.

Prof. W. E. Gilbert on last Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday delivered a series of addresses in Pulaski and Wythe Counties on the "Enrichment of Rural Life and the Improvement of Rural Schools".

Dr. J. P. McConnell will attend the National Conference for Training Rural Teachers to be held at Nashville, November 15, 16, and 17. One of the prominent features of this Conference will be the responsibility and opportunity of the Normal Schools of the United States for the training of rural and village school teachers.

## Miss Margaret Barron Entertains for Miss Nina Johnson.

Miss Nina Johnson, who will leave this week for her new home at Tacoma, was the honoree of a very enjoyable party, given by Miss Margaret Barron, at her home Saturday evening from eight to eleven o'clock.

Four tables were engaged in playing Progressive Rook, and when the scores were counted Miss Eleanor Baker scored highest, winning the prize, three dainty handkerchiefs. Miss Helen McCormick won the prize, a box of die stamped days of the week correspondence cards in the bean glass contest. Miss Margaret Barron then presented the guest of honor, Miss Nina Johnson, a beautiful ivory vanity case.

Miss Janet Bailey assisted the hostess in serving three kinds of sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, olives and hot chocolate on the tables at the conclusion of the games, after which the tables were moved and the "Old Paul Jones Dance" was indulged in for quite awhile.

Music was furnished during the whole of the evening by a victrola and a piano.

Those who were invited and present were Misses Nina Johnson, Adelaide Pettit, Christine Miller, Claire McCormick, Helen McCormick, Ireland Wells, Juliet Knight, Edith Ballard, Dorothy Owens, Nell Marris, Mary Blair and Lucile Martin, Eleanor Baker, Frances Long, Golden Beaman, Elizabeth Sprinkle, Bruce Skeen, Janet Bailey and Mrs. Mary Barron Lane.

## Little Miss Leona Hamblen Celebrates Her Birthday.

Little Miss Leona Hamblen, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamblen, entertained a large number of her little friends at her home Tuesday afternoon in honor of her birthday.

Misses Patta Thompson, Margaret Bunn and Janet Bailey entertained the young guests with many enjoyable children's games. In guessing the number of beans in a glass, Little Miss Margie Witt won first prize, and Frankie Witt the booby for the girls. Master Lewis McCormick won the boys first prize, and Master Hugh Peter Young won the booby prize.

The children were invited into the dining room, where they were served heaping dishes of ice cream and chocolate cake and fruit.

Leona received a great many pretty useful presents from her friends present, who were: Gilberta Knight, Velma Bunn, Roma McEwen, Margaret Baker, Margaret and Mildred Wolfe, Hazel Fuller, Gladys Garrison, Elsa Wells, Thelma Orender, Caroline Goodloe, Eugenia Allen, Jermima Willis, Louise Nickels, Ieba and Anna Barron Collier, Louise Pettit, Ruth and Grace Mahaffey, Julia McCormick, Ruby and Nell Jenkins.

The boys were: Louis Mc-



**WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS**  
The Stores' Stocks are Still Unbroken; the Early Shopper Gets the Best Choice.

Cornick, Hiram Draper, Hugh Peter Young, Jr., Claiborne McCormick, McLaurien Baker, David Allen, William Nickels, Carson Witt, J. C. Fuller, Stewart Mahaffey, John Hill Goodloe, Marcus, Charles, Billy and John Walton Hamblen.

## Joint Birthday Party.

Master McLaurien Baker and sister Margaret, gave a very enjoyable party to a large number of their little friends Thursday afternoon from 4 o'clock to 6 at the home of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Baker, in honor of their birthdays, which were both last week.

Many games were played in the parlor and out in the yard, where they had a delightful peanut hunt. Master R. D. Baker found the most peanuts and won the boy's prize, a tie, and Anna Barron Collier the girls' prize, a little kewpie.

They then marched into the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with streamers of pink and white crepe paper. On the table were two cakes. On the pink cake, which was Margaret's, was burning seven pink candles, and on the white cake, which was McLaurien's, were ten candles surrounded by candle sticks holding pink candles. Delicious ice cream and cake and candy was served.

Misses Janet Bailey, Mary and Eleanor Baker and Mrs. M. R. McCormick assisted Mrs. Baker during the afternoon.

The little girls and boys present were: Lucille Taylor, Margaret Kelly, Helen Wax, Louise Pettit, Janet Gilmer, Leona Hamblen, Roma McEwen, Margaret Wolfe, Louise Nickels, Francis Daugherty, Ruth and Grace Mahaffey, Anna Barron Collier, Margie Witt, Elsa Wells, Katharine and Sara Painter, Julia and Josephine McCormick, Ralph Brown, Marcus, Charles and Billy Hamblen, Ray and Stewart Mahaffey, Robert and Dan Marris, Lewis McCormick, Sam Carter, R. D. Baker, Jr., Claiborne McCormick, John Walton Hamblen and Robert Barron.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Roda, Va., Nov. 10.—Earnest Davidson entertained a number of his friends at his home, November 8th, in honor of his eighteenth birthday.

Many interesting games were played, after which the guests were ushered into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake and candies. Delightful music was furnished during the entire evening by three young men of this place.

Those present were Misses Pearl Davidson, Hattie Tate, Janet Baker, Hardee, Ball, Naomi Golf, Flora Gibson, Myrtle Sears, Bess Turner, Virgie Bounds and Edna Catron. Messrs. Campbell Meadows, John Ewing, Curtis Bobbins, Frank Richmond, Earnest Davidson, Tip Boswell, Vernor Davidson, J. P. Morgan, T. Q. Adams, Roslyn Reed, Roy Foyster and Professors Brown and Smith.

## Laborers in Demand.

Gate City, Va., Nov. 11.—Almost daily men are here seeking laborers for the coal fields of Wise county. Three carloads of laborers from the South passed through here this week on transportation for the mines.

Everywhere throughout this section men are being begged to assist in meeting the unprecedented demand for coke and coal. As fast as laborers can be brought in new coke ovens are put in blast.

As a result of the great activity in the coal operations everything that can be spared from the farms is in demand at a splendid price.

## A BARGAIN.

I have a \$550 genuine Baldwin Piano. I will take \$375 for this piano, which is as good as new. Terms, \$25 down and \$10 per month.

C. C. Blankenship.

## Proceedings of U. D. C. Meeting Council.

The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chamber Monday 8th inst.

The regular business was transacted.

A contribution of \$50.00 was allowed the Civic League, in addition to the \$200.00 already appropriated, for completing driveways in Glencoe Cemetery.

The Sergeant was instructed to proceed at once to collect all unpaid fines imposed for the past two years.

The Mayor was authorized to secure competitive bids for the erection of a shed for the town road machinery to protect it from the weather.

An amendment to the License Ordinance was proposed and referred to the Ordinance Committee, to be reported back at the next regular meeting for passage, classifying people who retail without a regular place of business, as peddlers, and as such entitled to pay peddler's license.

An Ordinance was proposed and referred to the Ordinance Committee, to be reported back at next regular meeting for passage, making it unlawful for any person, or persons to visit or loiter at or about houses within the corporate limits, where immoral or lewd women resides, unless on professional or other lawful business. This not to apply to persons of near kindred to such women.

An ordinance was proposed and referred to the Ordinance Committee, to be reported back at next regular meeting for passage, making it unlawful for any proprietor, or keeper of a restaurant, to keep open his place of business, or transact any business thereat, after 12 o'clock midnight, and imposing a fine of not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$10.00 for violating said ordinance.

Council adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in December.

## C. C. & O. BOUGHT TOMS CREEK STOCK.

It has just been learned on seemingly good authority that the C. C. & O. has bought forty per cent of the stock of the big coal and coke plant at Toms Creek and will shortly install a large ammunition plant in connection with the coke works there. In the same connection it is reported that the C. C. & O. will extend their line from Clinch River into Coeburn and up the creek without delay. In fact it is said that a gang of men are already at work on the extension.

As a result of these developments, real estate in Coeburn and vicinity has advanced in price very rapidly, and the Coeburn Real Estate Company is said to have bought up all the vacant lots between Coeburn and Bondtown anticipating still further advances.

Almost all the coke ovens are now in full blast and the tide of industry is running high in this section. The opening of this new and important industry, bringing as it will many new families of workmen into the field, will mean further growth and development on the creek.—Norton Progress.

## To Erect Big Dye Plant at Kingsport.

Bristol, Va., Nov. 11.—New York capitalists, through their representative, John C. Hebben, chemist and engineer, announce today the selection of a site at Kingsport, Tenn., twenty-five miles west of Bristol for the location of a dye plant of large proportions. The plant intended to meet the demands for dyes, following the loss of German dyes from the American markets. It will occupy two hundred acres of land and will require from 10 to 15 million gallons of water daily. It is said the plant will give employment to two thousand hands. Representatives of the company says construction work will begin as soon as material

The regular monthly meeting of the Big Stone Gap Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wade Barrier. The meeting was largely attended, sixteen members and three visitors were present. The meeting was opened in the usual manner by the president, Mrs. L. O. Pettit. After roll call the minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported \$57.50 in the bank. The membership committee reported three new members. An interesting feature of each meeting is the historical study, conducted by the chapter historian, Mrs. H. A. Alexander. The chapter has made great progress the past year, and stands second in Virginia. After the business session, the following program was very much enjoyed.

Questions—On Wrongs of History Righted, Mrs. C. C. Cochran.  
Music—"Old Virginia", on the Victrola.  
Reading—"The Negroes", Mrs. W. S. Beverly.  
Reading—"Ante Bellum Civilization", Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen.  
Solo—Mrs. H. A. Alexander.  
Reading—"Mars Chan's Last Battle", Mrs. Goodloe.  
Recitation—"Bygone of the Dead", Miss Janet Bailey.

At the close of this interesting program, the hostesses, Mrs. Barrier and Mrs. Bogard, served delightful refreshments, which formed a pleasant feature of the entertainment.

The December meeting will be held with Mrs. W. T. Goodloe the first Wednesday in the month, instead of the usual time. Roll call will be answered with a quotation from a Southern author.

Those present were: Messrs. James L. O. Pettit, C. C. Cochran, H. A. Alexander, J. L. McCormick, M. R. McCormick, H. A. W. Skeen, S. A. Bailey, D. E. Wolfe, J. P. Wolfe, C. C. Long, G. N. Walker, B. E. Henson, J. H. Smith, E. E. Goodloe, Malcolm Smith, Misses Janet Bailey and Mary Baldwin.

Mrs. Malcolm Smith, Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

## INTERSTATE BUYS NEW LOCOMOTIVES.

According to authentic information the Interstate Railroad will add three new Baldwin consolidated type, one hundred and ten ton locomotives, to its rolling stock within the next ninety days. For several days bridge crews have been busy inspecting and strengthening the bridges all along the company's road, getting ready for the increase in tonnage the new engines will be able to handle.

Although the Interstate has in operation less than 50 miles of road it is probably one of the best equipped short lines in the South. In addition to some of the newest stations to be found anywhere the company owns 250 steel coal cars and operates 4 passenger coaches, and with its latest purchases will have 11 locomotives.

That this will mean a large increase in business is substantiated by the fact that the coal companies whose haulage is over the Interstate receiving car load after car load of labor for the mines, and coke ovens, the latest importation of men being three car loads who came in over the Virginia & Southwestern yesterday.—A p p a c h i a Progressive.

## Dickenson County Farmer Dead.

Freeling, Va., November 12.—Leonard Willis, aged 25, a farmer of this place, is dead, after an illness of nearly two weeks. He suffered an attack of appendicitis, for which he underwent an operation by Doctors Reed and Phipps, of Clintwood, but the attack had reached an acute stage before the operation was had. He leaves a widow some years his junior.

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