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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Editor Post:

When at home recently I went in an automobile over the new road through the Gap, and four things impressed themselves upon me.

(1) That there was a large number of small unevennesses in the road that made their existence felt as one went along his way, causing a very perceptible jar frequently repeated. These must be due to an imperfect preparation of the road bed proper before the macadam was put on, not having it properly brought to the nice evenly curved surface that it is intended that the completed road shall assume. Whether that be the case or the objection be due to the macadamizing proper, I am sure that a little more care will give us a more even surface and a more satisfactory road bed.

(2) That, in places, there should be some kind of protection to prevent vehicles and horses from going over into the river, in case of runaways or frightened teams, especially where the road runs between the railroad and the water, where there are high retaining walls. There has already been one accident of the above kind, and others are apt to happen at any time. In the Alps and in other parts of the mountains of Europe, there are stone pillars placed at frequent intervals on the danger side, these pillars projecting some four or five feet above the ground, and of course, firmly set in the earth for a distance of two or three feet to make them permanent and stable. Where stone of all kinds is as plentiful as it is with us, it should be an easy matter to get an ample supply of such pillars at a low cost. Wooden posts could be used, but there is the objection of lack of durability and the necessity of frequent renewal, and concrete would be too expensive, so in Europe they use stone, which would probably be our best resource. If the road supervisors, the engineers in charge and others interested will do me the kindness to see my father, he will be very glad to show them some photographs illustrating some of the points I herein make, especially as regards mountain roads and the protection of travelers.

(3) That there should be more watering troughs like the one at beautiful Roaring Branch, since, by reason of roads running very frequently in the beds of streams and crossing them so repeatedly, our mountain horses are accustomed to drinking at will, so they must, under the new order, feel the deprivation unless they are given these artificial aids to quenching their thirst. These fountains are utilitarian, they are beautiful. Let us have more of them.

(4) That Big Stone Gap, for instance, should consider the crossing of Wood avenue and East Fifth street, as zero or a

starting point, and should erect wooden mile posts (inexpensive like those on railroads) marking the miles on all the roads that run from the town in their different radiations—to Cedar Gap, East Stone Gap and beyond; Keokee, Inman, Appa-Stonega, Norton and so on—as these would be a great aid to travelers of all kinds, automobilists, sight-seers and business men, the marks being B. S. G. 1; B. S. G. 2; B. S. G. 3, and so on.

I do not write these notes in the way of criticism but in the line of suggestion; points occurring to me from what I have observed and experienced elsewhere, and which, I believe, will be helpful if applied in our case. I write, too, merely from having seen the three miles of road through the Gap, but I am satisfied that they may be found serviceable on the highways all over the county and are intended to be so considered.
Jas W. Fox.

THANKSGIVING.

At this season of the year we avail ourselves of this privilege, to thank the people of Big Stone Gap for the kindly spirit shown us since coming among you two years ago December 15; also for the more material aid given, in which a number have joined. Especially do we desire to thank the unknown friend whose monthly remittance which has wonderfully helped to lighten our way.

May the blessing promised in Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me," come to them. We would also thank those who have spoken words of appreciation that have cheered our hearts and greatly encouraged us, for the way is not always smooth but has its trials and discouragements peculiar to every faith work.

We do not need your scorn nor pity, for long ago, at His loving call, we gave up the pleasures and vanities of the world to follow the lowly, despised and rejected Nazarene. We did not know all it would mean, but did know it meant the way of the cross, of humiliation and suffering, but for love of him we were glad to exchange all worldly pomp and glory for the promised inheritance, which is incorruptible and undecayed and that fadeeth not away; a mansion, a robe and a crown, and to share with Him in His glory throughout an endless eternity. He has said, "I will be with thee, I'll never leave thee nor forsake thee; and I will supply all your needs. We thank Him for the hard places that have permitted us to prove him true; but we do need your prayerful co-operation, that we may "sow beside all waters," trusting that some seed may fall upon good ground, and springing up may bear much fruit for the Master's reaping.

NETTIE AND INEZ WOOD,
Missionaries.

Mr. Walthal Goes to Orange, Texas.

S. H. Walthal, formerly secretary of the Norton Board of Trade, has gone to Orange, Texas, where he recently received a flattering offer from the Chamber of Commerce of the Texas town to be secretary of that body. He will begin his new duties immediately upon his arrival at Orange.

Movable Schools in Agriculture to be Continued.

In all parts of this State there are many persons who are anxious to study the methods of modern scientific agriculture, but who are not able to spend months at their Agricultural College to attain this end. Many States have recognized this need and have taken steps to meet it by means of Farmers' Institutes, Movable Schools, Correspondence Courses, and other forms of agricultural extension work.

Last year the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, having in view these needs, held sixteen Movable Schools in the different parts of the State. There was hearty co-operation on the part of the people in the community where these schools were held, and the work as a whole was an unqualified success. These schools were of three to four days duration, and an average attendance of 123 pupils per session was maintained.

It is proposed to continue this work this year. The Virginia Polytechnic Institute is prepared to offer Movable Schools for General Farming, Dairying and Fruit-growing during the months of November, December and January. Practical instruction will be given with special reference to the needs of the immediate locality. Each School of Agriculture is free to everybody—man, woman, or child—who is interested. There are no examinations and no books to buy.

The work is conducted under the United Agricultural Board, and is subject to the following regulations: First, Movable Schools of Agriculture shall be held so far as funds will permit, in any locality where fifty farmers sign a request for the same, and agree to attend the meetings. Second, The community in which the school is held shall be required to guarantee to furnish a suitable meeting place, board and lodging for the instructors, to advertise the meetings and to bear all local expenses. The local expenses borne by the community have heretofore not exceeded \$25 per school.

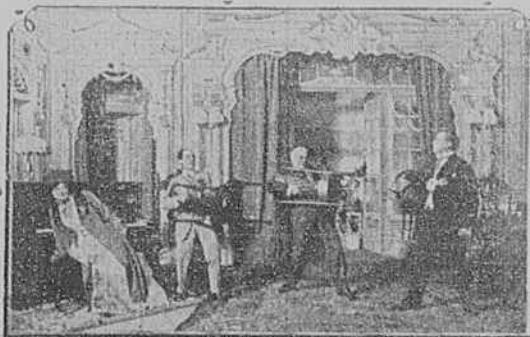
Since a number of applications are filed for these schools and since their number will be limited, every community desiring such school should make application at once. All communications should be addressed to H. L. Price, Dean of the Agricultural Department, Blacksburg, Va.

Most Wonderful Thing That Flies.

Marvelous things in aviation have been done by Orville Wright at Killdevil Hills in the last few weeks. Only a few persons besides Mr. Wright's helpers were permitted to see the tests with the new Wright "glider." One of the five, Van Ness Harwood, of the New York Sunday World staff, who for four weeks daily watched the tests, will describe, in the Magazine section of next Sunday's New York World, what he saw. This is but one of a score of equally fascinating and instructive articles for which the Sunday World is famous. Order your copy in advance and get good reading to last you a week.

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Pettyplace Succeeds Mr. Caples.

L. H. Pettyplace, formerly train master on the Roanoke and Western and for the last three years superintendent of the Carolina, Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, has been promoted to the position of general superintendent of the latter. Vice-president M. J. Caples recently resigned to go with the Chesapeake & Ohio as vice-president.

Mr. Pettyplace is well and favorably known throughout this section, and his many friends will rejoice at his well deserved promotion. Mr. Pettyplace's headquarters will be at Johnson City, Tenn.—Tazewell Republican.

Compulsory Education in Lynchburg.

On November 7th Lynchburg voted for compulsory education by an overwhelming majority, and thus made for herself the record of being the first city in Virginia to take advantage of the law compelling children between the ages of eight and twelve to attend school for three months during each year.

In Virginia the provisions for compulsory school attendance are very reasonable. The "Legislature" provides that each county and magisterial district may vote on the subject. But only children between the ages of eight and twelve years of age may be subjected to the requirements of the law, and there are certain exceptions even as to these ages.

The sentiment for this law is rapidly growing. Already several counties have voted for compulsory attendance, and now since the progressive city of Lynchburg has voted favorably on the subject, it is expected that many counties and cities will make this law a feature of their school work.

Every great nation in the world has compulsory school attendance, and this is likewise true of the majority of States in our own country. It is only a matter of time when Virginia will incorporate this feature into its organic law and give to every child the right of an elementary education.

Attorney A. Kilgore, of Norton, was in town Monday on professional business.

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