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## Infection Is Low In Tazewell County

### Hookworm Inspectors Find Only Two Percent of Population Suffering From Disease.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 26.—Tazewell county has less hookworm disease than any of the Virginia counties thus far inspected by officers of the State Board of Health. This announcement, made today at the offices of the Board, is based on the reports of the Tazewell county dispensary just forwarded by Dr. W. A. Brumfield, the inspector in charge.

The dispensary in Tazewell was one of a number held during the summer months in southwest Virginia. In Wise, Lee and Dickenson counties, the inspectors found many cases of hookworm disease and dispensed many treatments to sufferers. In Lee county, especially, a record breaking dispensary was held and the officers were welcomed with open arms by the hospitable mountaineers. Interest reached a high point and cooperation was shown by the entire population. On the strength of these records and with the knowledge that hookworm disease was widely prevalent in Southwest Virginia, the Board expected to find a considerable infection in Tazewell county.

The reports, however, while showing hearty cooperation and deep interest on the part of the people, disclose the startling fact that only two percent of all those examined in Tazewell county are suffering from hookworm disease.

"There may be other counties in Virginia," said an officer of the Board today, in commenting on the Tazewell reports, where investigation will show degree of infection as low as this, but so far, Tazewell was the awarded the palm. When five hundred suffering from hookworm, the disease may not be regarded as an important local problem. We are, however, very glad that the dispensary was held in Tazewell and are most grateful for the real cooperation given us as a relief to know that there is a Virginia county where hookworm disease is relatively unimportant."

Within the next few weeks, it is announced, the summer dispensaries of the Board of Health will be closed and the hookworm inspectors will begin their annual visits to the schools. This work, which is regarded by many as the most important aspect of the hookworm campaign, will be carried on in those counties which have not yet been visited or inspected. It is pointed out that hookworm disease greatly reduces the mental efficiency of children and vastly increase the labor of the teachers. The eradication of hookworm disease among the pupils of a school and the corresponding increase in the mental power of the infected children is regarded as a direct gain to the public school system.

## Money To Lend

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## A New Enterprise

### Ginseng and Golden Seal to Be Grown On a Large Scale.

Some few months back Mr. R. F. Carr, of Cumberland Gap, Tenn., procured an option on 100 acres of land on top of Stone Mountain and organized a Company of Norton business men, under a charter, to develop this property. It is proposed to set this year 20 acres of land in Ginseng and Seal which is, we learn, about completed, also, increase the garden year by year. It is also proposed to set in choice fruit all the land not suited for Ginseng and Seal.

There is quite an extensive orchard on this land and has never failed to have a fine crop. The extreme elevation of Stone Mountain makes it above the frost line.

The oldest natives claim that this particular parcel of land once produced the very best grade of wild ginseng and was hunted by "sang diggers" until it is about extinct.

We predict for this new enterprise an abundant success. Mr. Carr, who is general manager of the company, has had twelve years' experience along this line, and now has 27 acres growing at Cumberland Gap, and when taken as combined, makes these farms the largest industry of its kind in the world under one management.—Norton News.

## WALKER-DEW.

Wise, Va., Sept. 25.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Dew was the scene of a beautiful wedding Wednesday morning, September 17, when their daughter, Miss Gladys Irene, became the bride of Mr. D. Chapman Walker, of Gardner, W. Va. Immediately preceding the ceremony Miss Ruth Flannery sweetly sang "O Promise Me." While Miss Ruble Bruce played the bridal procession from Lohengrin the flower girls, Misses Gertrude Llewellyn, Mabel Johnson, Louvenia Bruce, Virginia Alderson, Virginia Richmond and Mabel Kilgore entered the reception hall in couples and separating formed an aisle through which the bridal party passed. Next came Master Paul Hill carrying the ring in a large white chrysanthemum, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Hellen Paddock, of Jasper, Va. Then came the groom on the arm of his best man, Mr. Tracy Kesler, of Hamilton, Ohio. The last to enter was the bride on the arm of her father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. L. Sorrell, of the M. E. church, South, the bridal couple standing under a white arch from the top of which was suspended a large bell. During the beautiful ring ceremony Rubenstein's Melody in F was played.

The bride was becomingly dressed in a dark blue coat suit with accessories to match and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor was beautiful, gowned in white lace over yellow mesaline and carried a large bouquet of yellow roses the flower girls being dressed in white with yellow sashes and carrying arm bouquets of yellow roses.

After the ceremony the bridal party entered the dining room to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The parlor, reception hall and dining room were decorated in golden red and white asters, the golden red being used effectively on the stairway and window back of the arch.

The bridal presents were numerous and beautiful, consisting of handpainted china, cut glass, silver and linen. Delicious refreshments were served in four courses. The guest list included about sixty of the friends of the bride and groom. Among the out-of-town guests were F. M. McClung, of Chicago, Tracy Kesler, of Hamilton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Buck and Miss Catherine Cherry of Norton,

ton, Va., Mrs. F. S. Paddock and Miss Hellen Paddock of Jasper, Va., Mrs. Joseph McGuire of Princeton, W. Va., and Miss Nina Kibler of Glamorgan, Va.

The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for Eggleston, W. Va., where they will spend a few days with the groom's parents, after which they will tour the Northern cities, coming back through the Valley of Virginia and will be at home to their friends at Gardner, W. Va., after October the first.

## Farmers Club Meeting.

Owing to a small attendance the regular monthly meeting of the Richmond District Farmers Club, advertised to meet last Saturday afternoon in the Town Hall at this place, was not held, and the meeting was adjourned to meet at East Stone Gap on next Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. It is urgently requested that every member of the club will be present at this meeting, as the question of judging and measuring the various acres in the corn raising contest will be settled and every member will want to vote on this question in order to determine who are fairly entitled to the valuable prizes.

Mr. J. C. Stiles, the farm demonstration agent recently employed by Wise County, will probably be present and address the members. Be sure and come and bring your neighbor with you.

## Dangerous Calomel Going Out of Use

A Safer, More Reliable Remedy Has Taken Its Place in the Drug Store and in the Home.

A few years ago, men, women and children took calomel for a sluggish liver and for constipation. They took risks when they did so, for calomel is a dangerous drug. Your family doctor will be the first to tell you this if he discovers you dosing yourself with calomel.

But the drug trade has found a safer, more pleasant remedy than calomel in Dodson's Liver Tone.

The Mutual Drug Store tells us that their drug store sells Dodson's Liver Tone in practically every case of biliousness and liver trouble where calomel used to be taken.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a vegetable liver tonic that is absolutely harmless for children and grown people. It sells for 50 cts. a bottle and is guaranteed to be entirely satisfactory by The Mutual Drug Company, who will refund your money with a smile if it does not give quick, gentle relief without any of calomel's unpleasant after-effects.—adv.

## Will Sell Seals

Arrangements Already Made to Send Red Cross Tickets Throughout Virginia at Christmas times.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 26.—Answering numerous requests for information from various parts of the State, the Virginia antituberculosis Association announced from its headquarters today that the Red Cross Seals will again be on sale this Christmas and will be sent for distribution to agents in all parts of the State. The seal for 1913, of which specimen copies have been received, is regarded as one of the most beautiful yet issued by the American Red Cross, and it is thought, will make a wide appeal.

Worry only makes you less capable of removing the cause of worry.

## Remarkable Progress in Virginia Public Schools.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 27.—The Virginia School Report for the years 1909-1910 and 1910-1911, just issued by the Department of Public Instruction, shows the wonderful growth of the public school system during the past ten years.

The following items gleaned from this report should be of interest to every citizen of this State:

In 1900 the school property of the State was valued at only three and one-half millions of dollars; in 1911 this sum had grown to nine millions.

In the year 1900 there were 1,169 log school houses in the State; only 384 of such structures now remain.

In 1900 there were less than fifty high schools in the State. In 1911 there were 434, with 16,000 students doing high school work.

Our public schools in 1911 had an enrollment of 409,397, with an average daily attendance of sixty four per cent of this enrollment.

Out of 10,680 teachers in the State only 1,925 are men.

The State spends \$31,000 a year on its Agricultural High Schools. There are ten of these schools one in each congressional district.

In the year 1911 one million and twenty thousand dollars was spent for new buildings, while three millions was paid to the teachers of the State in salaries.

These facts, with many others contained in the report mentioned above show the increasing interest of the people in public education. Yet when it is considered that our school term is only six months and eighteen days that many of the teachers are paid less than forty dollars a month and that a large number of our smaller country school buildings are a menace to the health of the pupils, realize that we have only begun on the great work of educating the rising generation.

## Economy in Good Roads.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued a paper calling attention to the increase in the value of farm lands where ever bad roads have been replaced with good ones. There will be no question on the part of those who know the facts, of the statements made. Illustrations are given of farmers bitterly opposing the expense of improved highways, who discovered that once the improvement had been made they could sell their land at a very material increase in price. There is another feature of this subject which interests us, and that is the enormous saving of good roads over bad ones in wear and tear upon the horses. To say nothing of the loss in harnesses and wagons caused by hauling loads over the average country roads, the prolonging of the usefulness of the horse by well made and carefully maintained roads would soon return to the farmer the increased road-tax.

## Educators Entertained.

Jonesville, Va., Sept. 25.—Superintendent and Mrs. J. C. Boatright delightfully entertained the principals of the high schools and grammar schools and their assistants in honor of Mr. J. H. Binford of the State Board of Education. All the first floor was thrown open and tastefully decorated in nauticisms. Assisting the host and hostess in receiving were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carter, Miss Pearl Reed and Miss Bess Wygal presiding at the punch bowl served the guests as they entered the reception hall.

During the evening Miss Doni Sewell gave several readings which were very much enjoyed by all. Lecs were served and while the guests were partaking of these refreshments Prof. Binford entertained the crowd with some of his traveling experiences among the mountains of Virginia.

## Notice.

### Meeting Of Fair Elections Society.

A Special meeting of the Fair Elections Society of the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia is hereby called for Tuesday, October 7th, at one o'clock p. m., at Hotel Bristol, in Bristol, Virginia, for the following purposes, viz:

1. To elect officers for the ensuing year.
2. To hear reports and consider and approve, or disapprove, the action of the officers of the Society during the past year.
3. To consider a and adopt plans to insure fair elections next November.
4. To consider and adopt or reject any amendments which may be offered to the constitution and by-laws of the Society.
5. To act on any other matter which might be acted on at the regular annual meeting, it being understood that this special meeting will be in lieu of the regular annual meeting.

J. F. Bullitt,  
President.

Geo. L. Taylor,  
Secretary.

### Black Mountain Operators Makes Fight Before Corporation Commission

Hon. R. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap, was in Bristol Saturday on his return from Richmond, where he went to appear before the Virginia State Corporation Commission in the case of the Black Mountain Coal operators are seeking against the Norfolk and Western railway. The Black Mountain operators are seeking to market coal in the territory between Bristol and Radford but they claim that the present rates of Norfolk and Western are discriminatory in favor of the Pocahontas field. The V. & S. W. charges 50 cents per ton from the Black Mountain field to Bristol on all through shipments, the haul being ninety-two miles, while the Norfolk and Western adds sixty five cents per ton for a haul of fourteen miles from Bristol to Abingdon, on the same coal. The Black Mountain operators were represented by Mr. Irvine. Attorney H. H. Shelton of Bristol, represented the Virginia and Southwestern and Lucian Coker, of Roanoke, the Norfolk and Western. The corporation commission took the case under advisement and will report its findings at a later date.

Guy Darst, of Bristol, C. W. Bondurant, of Lee county, and others from this section were witnesses. B. L. Dulaney, of Bristol, and Paul Dulaney, of Washington, were present as interested spectators.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Two miles of railroad grading has been let to contract extending from the main L. & E. and up Pottor's Fork of Boone so as to reach coal mines being opened up by the Mineral Fuel Company. Another short line has also been let to contract extending up Bottom Branch of Wrights Fork. We understand Adams and Sullivan, of Louisville, the same firm which performed much of the grading on the L. & E. below here, are contractors.—Whitesburg News.

Don't expect too much of a country newspaper. It lives and breathes just like other people and it must have pay for its work just like others. This means that if it has been good enough to do your work or advertising on a credit you ought to be good enough to come around while it is still alive and pay it.—Exchange.

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Sold by Kelly Drug Company.—adv.

## Gate City Defeats The Gap In Hot Game.

Manager "Red" Munson, of the Bristol Appalachian team, returned Saturday evening from Gate City, where he participated in a game Saturday afternoon between Big Stone Gap and Gate City, having been the backstop for Gate City. The game resulted in a score of 1 to 0 in favor of Gate City and was probably the fastest ever witnessed in that town.

Manager Munson scored the only run of the game, with a double against the right field fence in the opening session. Young Baker pitched for Big Stone Gap and tossed a splendid game, holding Gate City down to seven hits, while Banks was on the mound for Gate City and held the visitors runless. Big Stone Gap had gone to Gate City expecting to win and had gotten three crack players from Kingsport, but the Scott county boys played winning ball from start to finish. The features of the game was the all-around good work of the Gate City boys and pitching of young Banks. Munson will probably sign Banks for a trial with the Boosters next spring.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Radford Normal School Notes

The Radford Normal School opened one week ago with a large attendance. Several days were given to the classification of students and the organization of the work. The school is now in good working order—all the classes are met on scheduled time.

The officers and members of the Christian Church gave an informal reception to the students and members of the faculty in the Christian Church on Friday night.

Two literary societies were organized last Saturday night; one is to be known as the Ingles Society, the other as the Pocahontas Society. These societies will hold weekly meetings.

An organizer of the Y. W. C. A. will soon visit the institution to organize a Y. W. C. A. The organizing of this organization is looked forward to with much interest.

An interesting Lyceum Course has been arranged for the coming year. The first number of this Lyceum Course will be given next Friday night.

Nominated for House.

Gate City, Va., Sept. 23.—Scott county republicans this afternoon nominated Hugh M. Addington for the house of delegates. He favors the enabling act. Brief resolutions commended the course of C. B. Slemm and condemned the changing of school books.

Miss Lorena Collier, a lovely Appalachia girl, was united in marriage to Mr. H. Kyle Midkiff of this city, at Bristol last Tuesday by the Rev. Mr. Loeley. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Collier, of this city, and has hosts of friends who wish her happiness and the groom is in the service of the V. & S. W. Railroad, and a son of Mr. W. E. Midkiff, Supervisor of an Eastern Railroad. The party were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Collier to Bristol, and on to the Knoxville Exposition. After their return the happy couple will be at home to friends in Appalachia.—Appalachia Progressive.

Prof. J. N. Hillman, superintendent of schools for Wise county, was here from Cooburn on Tuesday to attend the opening day of the fair, and was very forcibly impressed with the exhibits made by the children in the school fair department.—Tazewell Republican.

A whole train load of cattle was loaded at Ewing, Va., this week and shipped to Honaker, by the Stuart Land and Cattle Co. There was 613 of the cattle. The cattle will be driven from Honaker to the farm of Henry C. Stuart in Elk Garden.—Pennington Gap News.