

Interesting Meeting

Held by the Richmond District Farmers Club at East Stone Gap Saturday Afternoon.

One of the best and most interesting meetings of the Richmond District Farmers Club since its organization last spring was held at East Stone Gap on Saturday afternoon. Quite a number of the farmers of the district were present and all manifested an interest in the proceedings.

The question of measuring the acres of corn of the contestants in the corn growing contest was taken up and acted upon. It was decided that each contestant select three persons to see his corn gathered and measured and that these three make sworn statement as to the number of bushels raised. This method will apply both as to the largest yield per acre and the lowest cost, there being prizes given in both cases.

Those who are contestants for these prizes are: H. C. Stewart, J. P. Stidham, E. L. Cousins, Van Pendleton, J. L. McCormick, C. E. Campbell, Nelson Hyder, Jno. W. Chalkley and A. J. Hood, J. F. Bullitt and W. H. Elkins. Each contestant must gather his corn and have it measured by the 15th of November, and the certificates of measurement must be presented to the club at the regular meeting on the fourth Saturday in that month, at which time the prizes will be awarded.

In the ten ear contest, contestants can select from any acre of corn they have raised, and will be allowed to select the ears themselves, but will be required to make sworn statement that they all came from the same acre. These ears must be put on exhibition at Big Stone Gap on the fourth Saturday in this month, the day the club will have a general exhibition of farm products, when a committee will be appointed by the club to judge the ears and declare the winners.

In this corn growing contest the first prize for the biggest yield on one acre is \$25; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5. For biggest yield on one acre at the lowest cost, first prize, \$25; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5. For best ten ears of corn on one acre, first prize, \$25; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5.

The firms who so generously contributed the money for these prizes are: The First National Bank of Appalachia, \$25; The Stonega Coke & Coal Company \$25; The Big Stone Gap Post, \$25; Hamble Brothers, \$10; Nickols Brothers, \$10.

It was decided by the club at this meeting to have on the fourth Saturday in this month, at Big Stone Gap, an exhibition of the different products of the farm, and invite every one to exhibit such products as they may desire. This exhibit will include all kinds of vegetables, fruits, butter, jellies, preserves, &c., and also poultry, hogs, sheep, and live stock of all kinds.

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This exhibition will not be confined to any section, and the farmers of Lee and Scott counties are cordially invited to make exhibits. An effort will be made to raise a fund for prizes for the best exhibits in the different classes. A suitable building will be secured in which to place the exhibits, and it is the wish of every member of the club that every one will go into this matter in earnest and make a great day of it. It will be beneficial to every one and will result in much good, and stimulate interest in those who make farming a business.

The club appointed as a committee to solicit exhibits for this day and make proper arrangements, E. L. Cousins, S. P. Stidham, W. S. Mathews, Hop Elkins and H. C. Stewart. It also appointed Mrs. Jno. W. Chalkley, G. N. Knight, E. J. Prescott, A. J. Hood and C. C. Cochran, a committee to solicit a fund and arrange prizes for the different classes of exhibits. Merchants and every body are invited to co-operate with the club in making this a big day in Big Stone Gap.

W. W. Gilly, J. C. Stiles, C. C. Cochran, James M. Gilly and W. C. Stewart were elected members of the club.

E. L. Cousins gave the club an interesting talk on the growing of fruit. Mr. Cousins is one of the best posted farmers in the county on fruit growing and has some fine orchards.

J. C. Stiles, the county farm demonstration agent, recently employed by the board of supervisors, was present and addressed the club and explained the kind of work he was expected to do in the county. Mr. Stiles is an experienced agriculturist and if the farmers will co-operate with him he can be a great benefit to them in their farm work.

EPISCOPAL WOMEN IN SESSION AT ABINGDON

Virginia Branch of Mission Board Has Successful Meeting.

Abingdon, Oct. 3.—With an attendance of about forty or fifty delegates, the Virginia Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, of the Episcopal diocese of Southern Virginia, is in session in St. Thomas' Church here. Arch Deacon E. A. Rich, inaugurated the exercises Wednesday, with Holy Communion. He was assisted by Rev. J. H. Lloyd, Rev. J. W. Hobson and Rev. T. F. Optie.

A charming reception was held Monday afternoon at Mont Calm, the elegant and well appointed home of Mrs. Mingea and the visitors were most charmingly entertained.

Rev. J. W. Hobson welcomed the visitors in a graceful address on Wednesday morning and the Auxiliary at once proceeded to business. Mrs. J. D. Letcher, the president, was presented with a gavel made from wood 175 years old, which was taken from a beam removed from old St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, during repairs. This church was erected in 1730.

Reports were read bearing on work done by the Junior and the Baby branches and the Annual report of the president was also submitted.

In the "United Offering" report it was shown that over \$5,000 has been raised by the Southern Virginia branch for missions. This will be presented at the triennial convention of the church in New York, on October 8th.

Rev. J. B. Funsten, Bishop of Idaho, spoke on his work among the Indians, Rev. J. H. Lloyd, of Big Stone Gap, on mission work among the Japanese and Rev. W. C. Brown on work in Brazil. The message from these places were encouraging.

Don't Know They Have Appendicitis

Many Big Stone Gap people who have chronic appendicitis, which is not very painful, have doctored for years for gas on the stomach, sour stomach or constipation. The Mutual Drug Store states if these people will try a SINGLE DOSE of simple buckhorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler's-ka, the remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis, they will be surprised at the INSTANT benefit.—adv.

Plan To Collect Income Tax

Treasury Department Preparing To Conform To Act About To Become Law.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The treasury department is preparing a flood of questions concerning the new income tax, realizing that this feature of the tariff bill about to become law strikes more intimately at the tax paying citizen than do the indirect taxes collected through customs duties.

One of the first steps will be to distribute income tax blanks through post offices, internal revenue offices and other federal agencies. However, the fact that a blank or a request to pay the tax has not been received will not exempt a taxable person from the penalties of the law.

Representative Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, who draw the income tax provision of the bill today made public a detailed explanation of the tax plan as it will touch the individual citizen.

"The treasury regulations soon to be prepared will make clear to every tax payer the requirements of the law and its application to income derived from the various kinds of business," said Mr. Hull.

"Any person who keeps familiar with his business affairs during the year should have no difficulty in executing his tax return."

"The income tax is divided into two phases, the 'normal' tax of one per cent on the whole income above \$3,000, and the additional tax that begins with an extra 1 per cent, about \$20,000 and is graduated to six per cent, above \$500,000. Wherever the income tax is paid 'at the source' by a corporation for its employees or in similar cases only the one per cent, normal tax is paid. The individual is to pay any additional tax himself. The provisions of the law requiring the tax to be withheld at the source does not take effect until November 1, 1913.

"For the first year the citizen will make return to the local internal revenue collector before March 1, 1914, as to his earnings from March 1, 1913, to the end of the year. The collector will notify June 1, how much he owes and the tax must be paid by July 1. After next year the tax will apply on the full calendar year.

"If the income of a person is under \$3,000 or if the tax on same is withheld for payment at the source, or if the same is to be paid elsewhere in the United States affidavit may be made to such fact.

"The tax covers all incomes of citizens of the United States whether living here, or abroad; those of foreigners living in the United States and the net incomes from property owned or business carried on the United States by persons living abroad.

"The net income includes all incomes from salaries of any compensation for personal services, incomes from trades, professions, business or commerce; from sales or dealing in personal property or real estate; from interest, rent, dividend and securities from all lawful business carried on for gain.

"Gifts or bequests will not be considered incomes nor will life insurance paid to a beneficiary or returned to the insured person paid up or surrendered policies be taxable. Interest on such property will be included as income however. The amount that may be deducted from a total income includes the cost of carrying on business, actual losses, depreciation allowances and tax exemptions.

"Living expenses cannot be exempted. The form that is to be filled out by the tax payers soon will be drawn up by the commissioner of internal revenue. The tax payer will have to give his gross revenue and then specify and claim the deductions to which he feels entitled. Unless a man's income tax is 'paid at the source' he must hunt up a tax blank, fill

it out and see that it finds its way to the proper official in his district before March 1, 1914.

"Firms, corporations and the like having the handling of interesting rents, salaries or other portions of the income of any citizen are compelled to deduct the tax for the individual and pay it to the government.

"The individual then will get a receipt showing he has paid his tax."

Rescue Car

Spent Several Days Last Week at Inman.

Mine-Rescue Car No. 7, of the United States Bureau of Mines, in charge of mine foreman, Jesse Henson, and a crew of expert miners spent several days last week at Inman. The car was on exhibition at that place and went from there to Oak Hill, W. Va., where it will remain until October 11. Illustrated lectures on greater safety in mining were given every evening.

This mine rescue car is one of the eight that constitutes the life-saving service of the Bureau of Mines for the rescue of miners in time of disasters. Each car is fully equipped with the latest rescue apparatus and first aid to the injured and is ready at a moment's notice to proceed to the scene of a disaster, where the rescue corps, in cooperation with the state mining officials, will do everything possible to save entombed miners.

"The saving of human life is the feature of a general campaign of educational work among miners who will not only be taught the use of the rescue apparatus, but also the proper way to take care of an injured miner. There will also be illustrated lectures on the use of explosives, electrical equipment in the mines, fire prevention, and first-aid surgical treatment. These lectures are to be given in the car whenever a suitable meeting place can not be procured.

The car contains eight oxygen helmets, a supply of oxygen tanks, one dozen safety lamps, one field telephone with 200 feet of wire, a collapsible steel mine cage for emergencies, resuscitating apparatus known as the pulmotor for reviving asphyxiated miners, and a small outfit for use in demonstration of first aid to the injured. One end of the car is fitted up as an air-tight room to be used in training men in the use of the oxygen helmets. This room will be filled with noxious fumes and the miners wearing the helmets will remain inside for two hours in an atmosphere that would kill without helmet. These are the helmets that permit one to enter a mine immediately following an explosion, while it is still filled with poisonous gases, and breath artificially. The absence of the helmets at great catastrophes in the United States, has, it is believed, resulted in a greater loss of life than was necessary. Frequently miners who have not suffered physical injury by an explosion have been entombed in the mine to die slowly from the inhalation of the poisonous gases; had it been possible to reach these men within a few hours, their lives might have been saved. The helmets proved their worth at the ill-fated Cherry mine when the rescuers succeeded in getting twenty men out after they had been entombed seven days. In numerous instances, miners have been saved from terrible deaths by the prompt arrival of the helmeted rescuers.

Johnson Is Named For Lower House.

Gate City, Va., Oct. 2.—John Henry Johnson, of Gate City, was this week nominated as the Democratic candidate for the House of Delegates from Scott county. Mr. Johnson is one of the most prominent young Democrats of the county and has been active in politics for several years. He will make an aggressive campaign and his friends believe he will make a winning fight.

FOR SALE.

Three small farms for sale near Church Hill, Hawkins County, Tenn.
No. 1.—55 acres, well improved,
No. 2.—65 acres, improved, and mill and engine doing good work, and good location for store or doctor.
No. 3.—30 acres, no improvements, but plenty of timber to improve with. All three are on public road, near church school and mill, 9 to 10 miles from Church Hill. Write me for descriptive circular and prices.
H. C. Bales, Owner,
Church Hill, Tenn.

Vital Statistics Are Completed

Record for Twelve Months Tabulated For Annual Report of State of Health.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 3.—As part of its report for the fiscal year ending yesterday, the State Board of Health will soon forward to Governor Mann the first twelve months' vital statistics ever compiled in Virginia in accordance with the standard set by the United States Census.

Operating under the law passed by the General Assembly in 1912, the Board began the collection of birth and death records in July, 1912, and has now completed and filed the records for fourteen months, twelve of which have been tabulated.

Prior to 1898, it is pointed out, births and deaths were roughly reported by commissioners of revenue as a part of their annual return to the Auditor. These reports, which were recently transferred by the Auditor to the State Library, are on long folios and are not accompanied by any medical certificate as to the cause of death. Incomplete as these reports are, they furnish the only records from 1869 to 1898. From 1898 to 1912 the State has no records of any sort relating to births and deaths, beyond the certificates kept in a few of the cities and in one or two counties.

While the Board has not yet given out the detailed statement of the number of births and deaths and the number of deaths from preventable disease, it is understood that the showing for the year is regarded as most satisfactory and that health officers are encouraged to believe that within another twelve months at least 90 per cent of all vital statistics will be duly filed for safekeeping in the archives of the State.

It is announced that the most striking fact disclosed by the tables prepared for its annual report by the Board, is the marked difference between the registration in the counties and in the cities. In rural Virginia, the return of births, while not complete, is relatively full, in the cities hundreds of births among the colored population are not reported. On the other hand, the death certificates forwarded by city health officers include partially every death that occurs.

"The statistics to be included in our report," said an officer of the Board today, "will not of course be given out until they have been presented to the Governor. As soon as the report is released for publication, however, we expect its statistics will be of extreme interest to the public. Some of the statistics are alarming in the extreme and show a heavy mortality rate for some other communicable diseases is most encouraging.

"Too much praise cannot be given the local registrars of births and deaths, for without their cooperation and enthusiastic support we could not have gathered the thousands of certificates now on file. The assistant registrar of vital statistics, Dr. W. A. Plecker, has also done most excellent service in directing the work."

Radford Normal Notes.

A few days ago the Radford Normal School completed the artesian well which will supply the institution with water. This well is 517 feet deep. The last 437 feet was through solid rock. The pure free stone water rises within 85 feet of the surface.

The Building Committee of the Board of Trustees at its recent meeting carefully examined the new Administration Building and accepted it from the Constructor. The committee was highly pleased with the character of the building. The new Central Heating Plant and Steam Laundry are nearing completion.

The Normal School Library and reference room has been opened. This library and reading room is open practically all the day for the use of students. The reading room is supplied with the leading magazines and news papers.

In addition to the Lyceum Course arrangements have been made for a series of addresses, before the students, by men prominent in the industrial and social life of the State. These addresses will be given throughout the year and will cover practically every phase of human endeavor.

The Executive Committee of the rural Y. M. C. A. work in Southwest Virginia, consisting of Hon. H. C. Stuart, Hon. J. Norment Powell and Dr. J. P. McConnell, have secured the services of W. C. McCarty who will make his home in Radford and carry on his work throughout Southwest Virginia organizing high school and rural boys. The work is not directly connected with the Normal School but indirectly it will put the Normal School in touch with the movements for the uplift of the rural and village life throughout Southwest Virginia.

Prof. W. E. Gilbert spoke in the Christian Church in Pulaski City last Sunday.

Dr. J. P. McConnell gave an address in the Presbyterian Church at Radford Sunday night on the subject: Two Poverty.

PATTERSON-GRIFFIN.

An interesting event of Wednesday morning was the wedding of Miss Harriett Lucinda Griffin to Mr. James William Patterson, which took place at nine o'clock at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. Milton Griffin, on Piedmont avenue.

For the marriage the home was decorated with gift bouquets of bride roses. Preceding the ceremony, which was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. L. Rosser, of the First Baptist church, the wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Miss Lula Moore, and during the impressive service "Hearts and Flowers" was softly rendered. The wedding was a quiet one, being witnessed by the relatives and a few close friends of the contracting parties.

The bride is a young woman of many charming traits of character and is a graduate of Virginia Intermont College.

The groom is a successful business man of the firm of Patterson and Long at Gainesville, Alabama.

The bride wore a traveling tailored suit of blue with accessories harmonizing in color. Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Patterson left for a trip South. Enroute they will visit the Knoxville exposition and Chattanooga. They will make their home on the large plantation of Mr. Patterson near Gainesville.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson spent Friday in the Gap. Mr. Patterson is well known to many of our readers, and formerly lived in Russell County. He is an uncle of Mr. J. W. Rush, of Norton, and a cousin of Mrs. Laura Bickley, of this place.

Painting.

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