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More Land

Will be Farmed in Wise County This Year Than Ever Before.

We find in traveling over the county that our people are making a renewed effort to farm during the coming season. Many acres of land that have been idle for years are being broken and prepared for planting. There are quite a number of people who have been on the public works for years and are now preparing to go back to the soil. I don't believe that a normal person ever lived who did not at some time feel the call to go back to the soil. If there ever was a time of all other times to heed this call it is now.

We should not only be a self-supporting nation, living on our own resources, but each state, county, community and individual should as nearly as possible produce the necessities of life. Wise county should produce all the hay, corn, wheat, meat and vegetables consumed by its inhabitants. It is doubtful if the county produces one third of what she consumes. To do this we must make the idle acres produce. There are thousands of these, many within sight of the towns of the county.

If a saw mill has a capacity of fifty thousand feet a day, does it pay to operate the mill and cut only five thousand feet per day? If an acre of land can be made to produce 75 bushels of corn or two tons of hay, does it pay to leave it idle, or to work it in such a way as to produce only 20 bushels of corn or one half ton of hay?

We should make use of our natural resources, work our land so as to make the maximum yield and practice a system of crop rotation that will result in increased fertility. A man cannot afford to farm his land so that the yield will decrease any more than a man can afford to cut off the source of his income in any business.

A corn field should be seeded to a mixture of rye and crimson clover at the last working to be plowed under the following spring and seeded to a summer hay crop, although corn may be grown again. Wheat or winter oats should follow the summer hay crops and then grass the following August after taking off the wheat or oats. Clover should be added to all grass mixtures as they are legumes and improve soil. The grass may be left for three years, or possibly longer, before turning under.

A systematic rotation of crops should always be followed, so that green crops are turned under regularly. This is the only way to maintain soil fertility. In the older countries as Belgium, Holland and Germany a farmer can tell you exactly what crop will be grown in a field 20 years from the present time. They know what it takes to keep up land and they can not afford to lessen the productive power of their farms. Farmers everywhere must come to this way of looking at things, and the sooner the better.

J. C. STILES.

Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets

will relieve your indigestion. Many people in this town have used them and we have yet to hear of a case where they have failed. We know the formula. Sold only by us—25c a box. Kelly Drug Co.

President Harrison

Of the Southern Railway Confers With Business Men.

From 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, President Harrison received visiting delegations and Bristol business men who called to pay their respects or take up with the head of the Southern Railway important propositions looking to further developments in this region. A large number of men called during the two hours.

A delegation from Harlan county, Kentucky, and Big Stone Gap came over at the invitation of the Board of Trade to meet Mr. Harrison with reference to the extension of the Southern Railway from Kokee down the Clover Fork of the Cumberland River to Harlan Courthouse, and thence up Martin's Fork to its head. The delegation consisted of Judge J. A. Creech, B. F. Kelley, D. B. Cornett, J. L. Smith, A. F. Whitfield, W. S. Palmer, John W. Chaikley, J. F. Bullitt, F. T. Holt, J. R. Kempler and W. G. Coultts.

All these gentlemen are interested in coal lands on Clover Fork. They made quite an attractive proposition to the Southern Railway with reference to securing and giving to the Southern Railway rights-of-way free of charge, etc. Mr. Harrison stated that the Southern had its eye on this proposition for some time and thought it quite attractive, but that owing to financial conditions it was not in a situation to build the proposed line at the present time. He stated, however, that this would be the first new line of railroad that the Southern will build—Bristol Herald Courier, March 26th.

ATTRACTIVE WINDOW DISPLAY.

The Cash Meat Market, one of the Gap's leading meat markets and grocery stores, is attracting much attention by a unique window display which is on exhibition in their window. An old time grist mill, which is propelled by an over-shot wheel, is an exact duplicate of the type used in the early days and is situated by the side of a real stream of water, which serves as the necessary power to run the mill. Following the course of the stream below the mill it leads to a pond of water filled with gold fish and artificial ducks, while on the bank can be seen artificial frogs. Green moss covers the ground near the stream with an occasional laurel bush. The object of the display is to advertise their home ground flour and meal.

The work was accomplished through the efforts of Mr. Sterling Catron, the efficient manager of the Cash Meat Market, during a few leisure hours, and he has received quite a number of flattering compliments on his splendid art. Mr. Catron has received several offers from business men of the larger towns for the advertisement and he will probably sell it later on.

Appointed General Freight and Passenger Agent.

Mr. H. L. Miller, president of the Interstate Railroad, has announced that, effective April 1st, Mr. Abner L. Holton is appointed general freight and passenger agent of that company, with headquarters at Big Stone Gap, vice Mr. C. L. Nash, resigned.

Farmers' Club Meeting.

The Richmond District Farmers' Club held a very interesting meeting at the High School building at East Stone Gap on Saturday, March 27th, at 2:00 p. m. There was a good attendance, one lady (Miss Cochran, of Big Stone Gap) in the audience, who seemed to be much interested in the proceedings. E. L. Cousins, president of the club, spoke on fertilizers; J. P. Stitham and J. C. Stiles spoke on how soils become poor and how to improve them; W. P. Moore, district agent in the farm demonstration work, was also present and spoke on the corn crop, and how to improve the same.

Mr. Stiles brought along a Babcock milk tester and several samples of milk were tested. One sample brought by Mr. Cousins tested 3.5%, and one brought by Miss Cochran tested 3.5%.

A program was arranged for the next meeting, the 14th Saturday in April, to be held at the same place.

Alfred Slomp Dead.

Alfred Slomp, aged 55, a prominent citizen of Turkey Cove, died at his home Sunday at 12 o'clock noon, after suffering over a week of paralytic strokes, although he had been in declining health for three years. The deceased was the father of our townsman, H. H. Slomp, and the news of his death will be received with profound sorrow by his many friends here. Mr. Slomp was a visitor to the Gap only two weeks ago and appeared to be in fairly good health. He was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father and had often expressed his peace with God and a willingness to depart and be at rest with Him.

Besides a wife, he is survived by eight children: H. H. Slomp, of Big Stone Gap; Leonard Slomp, of Kokee; Marion, Luther and Maggie Slomp, of Turkey Cove; J. H. Slomp, of Middleboro; B. P. Slomp, of Dryden, and W. R. Slomp, of Sumter, Oregon.

The funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. After the services an unusual long procession followed the funeral cortege to the family burying ground where the remains were laid to rest.

Guild Meets With Miss Elliot

Almost the entire enrollment of the Woman's Guild of Christ Church attended the weekly meeting at Mrs. L. T. Winston's hospitable home on Thursday afternoon with Miss Gertrude Elliot acting as hostess.

The question of a rector for Christ Church being at present an indefinite possibility, the Guild is constantly confronted with a complexity of small matters pertaining to the exigencies of the work at this place.

Those present at the meeting on Thursday were: Mrs. Wade Barrier, president of the Guild; Mrs. J. L. McCormick, vice president; Mrs. Mayo Cabell, secretary; Mrs. Robt. D. Morrison, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Everett Drennen, Mrs. D. B. Sayers, Mrs. Geo. L. Taylor, Mrs. R. T. Irvine, Mrs. E. E. Rhoads, Mrs. L. T. Winston and Miss Gertrude Elliot.

Tea, as usual, was served at the close of the meeting with delicious cakes and stuffed dates.

BOX SUPPER.

There will be a box supper at Olinger Friday night, April 2nd. The proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school. There will be lots of good things to eat. If you don't believe it, come and see.

Watch Your Children

Often children do not let parents know they are constipated. They fear something is wrong. They will like Rexall's—A mild laxative that tastes like sugar. Sold only by us, 10 cents. Kelly Drug Co.

Base Ball.

The first base ball game of the season was played here Saturday afternoon between the high school team and a bunch of old timers and such other players as could be brought together, which resulted in a victory for the high school boys, 4 to 2. Straley Kelly was on the mound for the high school boys and pitched a splendid game, allowing only four scattered hits, and several of the old timers were struck out victims of his strong arm. The high school boys failed to connect for but only three safeties off the string of pitchers used against them, but they won the victory and expect to add several more to their credit in the Wise County High School League which starts next Saturday. They are scheduled to play the opening game at Coeburn.

Here is Good News for Stomach Victims.

Some very remarkable results are being obtained by treating stomach, liver and intestinal troubles with pure vegetable oils, which exert a cleansing, soothing and purifying action upon the lower bowels, removing the obstructions of poisonous fecal matter and gases and preventing their absorption by the blood. This done, the food is allowed free passage from the stomach, fermentation ceases and stomach troubles quickly disappear.

George H. Mayr, for twenty years a leading Chicago druggist, cured himself and many of his friends of stomach, liver and intestinal troubles of years' standing by this treatment, and so successful was the remedy he devised that it has since been placed in the hands of druggists all over the country, who have sold thousands of bottles.

Though absolutely harmless, the effect of the medicine is sufficient to convince any one of its remarkable effectiveness, and within 24 hours the sufferer feels like a new person. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy is sold by leading druggists everywhere with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.—ad.

Moonshine Raid in Cumberland Mountains.

Two Kentucky deputy marshals, assisted by Police men C. H. Redman, of St. Charles, and W. R. Tucker, of Pennington Gap, made a successful raid on moonshiners in the Cumberland mountains, near the Lee county line last Wednesday. A moonshiner was captured, and a still of 180 gallons capacity, with 100 gallons of beer, was destroyed by the raiders. The officers had some difficulty in making the raid, as the moonshiners showed fight and several shots were exchanged, but the latter escaped back into the mountains with the exception of the one who was captured.

Given Twelve Years For Shooting Syrians.

Freeling, Va., March 25.—At the present term of Judge Burns' court held at Clintwood, John Hall was sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary for attacking and shooting two Syrian peddlers about two months since. Hall is about 25, and married. There were two accomplices in the case, one (Willie Goode) of whom was given two years in the penitentiary, and the other Tolby Owens) was given a term of thirty days in jail.

NOTICE.

By order of the Town Council, all persons that are in arrears with their water rent will be cut off by April 10th without further notice.

P. H. BARRON, Treasurer.

Radford Normal Notes.

The third quarter opened March 22 with twenty five new students. Many of these took up the work for the professional certificate, others are preparing to take the review courses for the State examinations for first, second, or third grade certificates will be held at the Normal School on May 28th, 29th and 30th.

Dr. R. W. Douthat, of Morgantown, W. Va., who was born in Montgomery county and spent his early youth in that county, distinguished himself as a soldier, and later an educator, delivered an address before the Normal School recently on the battle of Gettysburg, in which he was a captain in Pickett's Brigade.

Prof. Wm. E. Gilbert on last Friday night delivered an address at Stuart, Patrick county, before the teachers and the School Improvement Association of that place.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. McConnell will go to Scott county early next week to be present at the golden wedding of the parents of Dr. McConnell. Most of their other children, who are widely scattered, will be present.

The Normal School has closed a contract with the Deveraux Company for a program to be rendered July 10 on the Normal School grounds during the session of the Summer Normal. This is one of the unique features that have been provided for the Summer Normal students.

Dr. J. P. McConnell attended the meeting of the Virginia Normal School Board which was held at the Fredericksburg Normal School last Saturday.

Ex-Governor J. Hoge Tyler addressed the students and faculty of the Normal School at the opening of the third quarter of the Normal Tuesday morning.

The committee for the chautauque, which will be held in Radford next August, has organized, selected the site for the chautauque and done other preliminary work.

THE MOVIES

Many people are interested in the silent drama. The business is now long past the experimental stage and is past the point where the possession of a few cheap seats, a broken down machine and a worn out film service can hope for success. It has only been a few short years since the second rate picture show of today was a "business getter," but as the wishes of the populace have advanced in their cry for pictures of higher quality so the manufacturers have advanced the quality of their productions until now the silent drama is outstripping the speaking stage by leaps and bounds, and it does not take close observation to note that the manufacturers of all of the high class brands of films are putting on nothing but the very cleanest of plays. The first object of the management of our local theatre is the best as to quality of film and high grade story and in these days when a motion picture theatre of the first class is of as much importance to a town as its newspaper or any other public enterprise, that town's people should by their continued patronage see that it maintains its place.

If there is anything that tortures an editor more than anything else it is to publish a \$15.00 or \$20.00 obituary notice about some old, prominent citizen who never had the manhood to take his county paper. Editors frequently put in such notices at request of relatives and friends, but it grinds them to enulgeize a man to the skies who was too stingy to support his home paper. A three line notice is all such fellows deserve.—Exchange.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, ss. Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATHARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed to my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Beware of cheap imitations. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Norfolk & Western Schedule in Effect

Nov. 22 1914. LEAVE NORTHON—6:45 a. m. for Lynchburg and intermediate stations. Pullman sleeper Bluefield to Philadelphia via Hagerstown, and Pullman sleeper Roanoke to Richmond and Norfolk. Also connections at Bluefield with trains Westbound. Pullman sleeper to Cincinnati and Columbus.

LEAVE NORTHON—2:30 p. m. for points North, East and West.

LEAVE BRISTOL—Daily, 6:45 a. m. for East Radford, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Richmond and Norfolk. Pullman Parlor Car to Richmond. Pullman sleeper Roanoke to New York via Hagerstown and Harrisburg.

5:30 p. m. for Norfolk and intermediate points. Pullman Sleepers to Norfolk.

1:32 p. m. and 7:50 p. m. Limited. Solid trains with pullman sleepers to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York via Lynchburg. Does not make local stops.

12:15 p. m. daily for all points between Bristol and Lynchburg. Connects at Walton at 5:40 p. m. with the St. Louis Express for all points west and northwest.

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W. C. SUTTONS, G. P. A. W. B. DAVIS, Pass. Traf. Mgr. Roanoke, Va.

V. & S. W. Railway In Effect February 15th, 1914.

LEAVES BIG STONE GAP No. 2 daily 9:05 a. m. for Bristol and intermediate points. Pullman sleeper Louisa to Bristol. Connects with N. & W. for points East and South. R. for points South and West.

No. 1 daily, except Sunday, 11:41 a. m. for St. Charles and intermediate points.

No. 4 daily, except Sunday, 3:17 p. m. for Bristol and intermediate points. Connects with N. & W. for points East. Connects at Moccasin Gap with train No. 8 for Bull's Gap, Rogersville and intermediate points.

For additional information apply to nearest Agent or W. E. ALLEN, General Passenger Agent, Bristol, Tenn.

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DR. G. M. PEAVLER, Treats Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, BRISTOL, TENN. Will be in Appalachia Third Friday in Each Month.

Nov. 25-1

Dr. G. C. Honeycutt DENTIST

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