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"It's Efficiency That Counts."

The ability to produce the fullest results along definite lines is the measure of the true value of man, animal or machine. The agricultural, industrial, commercial and military activities of the world are bringing the truth of this statement to our minds at the present time as never before. We have read the statement from some good authority that the average American citizen is only 30 per cent. efficient. That is we only do one-half as much as we could and should do. It would seem that the German citizen would rank far higher in the scale of efficiency since their sole object seems to do what they undertake to do to the fullest extent at what ever cost. Perhaps in no other industry is this need of efficiency being felt more than in the live stock industry. Stock men are beginning to regard their animals as machines for converting coarse materials of relatively low value into something of higher value. We use the horse to convert hay and grain into power and we want the most efficient horse, the one that will give the greatest return in power for a certain amount of feed. The small, high necked horse that expends a large part of his energy in useless movements of the head and feet is giving way to the large Percheron, who uses his energy and weight in moving the load straight to the destination with the fewest number of even steps. We keep the hog for meat, the sheep for wool and mutton, the cow for meat and milk, and with all these we want the most efficient animal. The razor backed hog that was formerly seen "strapping himself" on the oak sapling is giving way to his more efficient Berkshire and Duroc cousins with broad backs and heavy hams and shoulders. The long lean, thin fleeced, light bodied sheep is giving way to the heavier, thicker fleeced Shropshire, Southdown and Hampshire.

The big horned, tony steers that weighed 700 or 800 pounds at five or six years of age is being placed by the Short Horn Hereford grades that weigh 1200 or more pounds at two years of age. The six quart cow that barely pays her board is being replaced by the highly efficient Holstein and Jersey cow with a record of 12 to 30 quarts of good milk for every day in the year. The seedling apple tree that bore a bushel or two of inferior apples at 15 years of age is giving way to the improved nursery tree that with proper care produces several barrels of delicious apples at 12 or 15 years of age. The organization of the Hereford Breeders Association of Wise county and the Short Horn Breeders Associations of Russell and Washington counties and the purchase of a number of pure bred sires in the coal mining county of Wise are responses to the growing demand for efficiency in farm animals. We have reason to hope for and expect a further response to this demand by a great increase in the number and quality of the herds of sheep on the rugged hills of Wise county, the establishing of a dairy to supply the mining towns of the county with a much needed wholesome food and other enterprises that will strengthen and stimulate farm and home life.

The building of good roads

in Wise county has done much to increase the efficiency of the farmer and business man. It is possible from the county seat to reach almost any part of the county in two hours. Automobiles now dash along the routes which were not very long since traversed only by the rugged mountain trails described so beautifully by John Fox in "The Trail of the Lonesome Line." The organization of boys corn clubs and the many other phases of the Farm Demonstration work in South West Virginia, is doing much to increase the efficiency of the farm and farmer.

We hope to continue this march of progress and make the Old Dominion a more efficient state of a more efficient nation.

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Crop Report.

Washington, Nov. 25.—A summary of preliminary estimates of crop production, and prices for the State of Virginia and for the United States, compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates and transmitted through the Weather Bureau, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

CORN

State.—Estimate this year 4,300,000 bushels, final estimate last year 4,380,000; price November 1 to producers 75 cents per bushel, year ago 80 cents.

United States.—Estimate this year 3,000,000,000 bushels, final estimate last year 2,673,000,000; November 1 price 81.3 cents, year ago 70.6 cents.

WHEAT

State.—Estimate this year 15,374,000 bushels, final estimate last year 11,375,000; price November 1 to producers 107 cents, year ago 100 cents.

United States.—Estimate this year 1,200,000,000 bushels, final estimate last year 891,000,000; November 1 price 93.1 cents, year ago 97.2 cents.

OATS

State.—Estimate this year 1,728,000 bushels, final estimate last year 2,050,000; price November 1 to producers 57 cents per bushel, year ago 58 cents.

United States.—Estimate this year 1,517,000,000 bushels, final estimate last year 1,441,000,000; November 1 price 35.3 cents, year ago 42.3 cents.

POTATOS

State.—Estimate this year 18,100,000 bushels, final estimate last year 7,280,000; price November 1 to producers 57 cents per bushel, year ago 72 cents.

United States.—Estimate this year 305,000,000 bushels, final estimate last year 405,021,000; November 1 price 60.8 cents, year ago 52.8 cents.

APPLES

State.—Estimate this year 4,300,000 barrels, final estimate last year 5,100,000 barrels; price October 15 to producers \$1.90 per barrel, year ago \$1.25.

United States.—Estimate this year 75,700,000 barrels final estimate last year 81,400,000 barrels; price October 15 to producers \$2.14 per barrel, year ago \$1.70.

TOBACCO

State.—Estimate this year 144,000,000 pounds, final estimate last year 113,750,000.

United States.—Estimated this year 1,050,000,000 pounds, final estimate last year 1,034,679,000 pounds.

State Enjoying Healthiest Year.

Communicable Disease, Especially Tuberculosis and Typhoid, So Reduced as To Be Cause For Genuine Thanksgiving.

Richmond, Va., 24.—When the people of Virginia list the blessings for which they are to return thanks tomorrow, they may include among them a larger immunity from preventable disease than the State has known in recent years. For 1915, the State Board of Health announced today on the basis of full physicians' reports, has been the healthiest year on record in Virginia.

In accordance with its usual policy of issuing at Thanksgiving a statement of health conditions for the year ending Sept. 30, the State Board of Health last night gave out the following:

"Until the annual report of the board has been filed with the Governor, the exact figures cannot be given out, but it can be said that public cooperation in health work gave Virginia, during the report year Oct. 1, 1914 Sept. 30, 1915 greater freedom from communicable disease than the State has ever known.

"Typhoid fever reached a new low level, being noticeably less than during 1913-14, when the precautions taken by the people reduced the disease to less than half what it was six years before.

"Tuberculosis, which always claimed a heavy toll in Virginia, because of our large colored population, showed a positive decline during the year.

"The general death-rate, despite better registration of deaths, will probably be slightly below what it was for the previous year.

"No grave epidemics have visited the State during the past year.

"A new city, Hopewell, of almost 20,000 people, was built during the year and, though crowded with men living under conditions that might have spread typhoid, escaped with virtually no ill-thorborne disease.

"This saving in human life and this reduction in the mass of human woe has been achieved because the people of the State, aroused to the possibilities of disease prevention, have in increasing numbers installed

in their homes the sanitary devices necessary for health. The reason for the reduction in disease is, therefore, scarcely less a cause for congratulation than the reduction itself. Virginia can well afford to give thanks."

GRAHAM-FLEMING.

Norton, Va., Nov. 25.—A marriage of especial interest, owing to the prominence of the contracting parties, was celebrated Tuesday, November 23, at 1 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Fleming at this place when their daughter, Annie, was given in marriage to Robert Spotts Graham, son of S. C. Graham of Tazewell.

Decorations were in white, yellow and lavender chrysanthemums. The ceremony took place in the large reception hall, where a temporary altar of palms and ferns had been erected. The Rev. Dr. Dabney Carson of Chatham Hill, Va., being the officiating clergyman.

The bride, gowned in white, yellow and lavender chrysanthemums, wearing hand-some pearls and carrying a bouquet of lilies of the valley and orchids, entered with her father, who gave her away. Mrs. Jack Dawson, in white with yellow chrysanthemums, was maid of honor. Miss Zollic Martin, in yellow with white chrysanthemums, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Fleming's cousins, Misses Christine and Annie Barriman, in lavender with chrysanthemums of the same color. Mr. Graham was attended by R. M. Flannery as best man, and George Esser and William M. Wray as groomsmen.

The guests, numbered several hundred, were received by Messrs. R. M. Fleming, Douglas Patterson and Scarborough, and Misses Jessie M. Graham and Mamie McColgan.

Following an extended wedding trip, which will include Richmond, New York, Havana, and a visit to the groom's father at his winter home at City Point, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Graham will be at home in Norton, Va., after January 1.

Guests from a distance included Mr. James Adams, Sharon, Pa.; David Fleming, Greensboro, Pa.; Judge and Mrs. S. C. Graham, Tazewell; Mrs. C. M. Kelley, Lynchburg; C. M. Graham, Graham; M. S. Kemmerer and Mr. and Mrs. Decker, New York; James H. Allport, Barnsboro, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haynt, Richlands; R. C. Crockett and Robert Moore, Tazewell, and W. D. Tyler, Dante.

Keep-Your-Face-Straight-Party.

Adelaide, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Winston, entertained a number of her friends Tuesday afternoon in celebration of her sixth birthday.

The rule of the party was, of course, to keep your face straight, which proved a difficult task when the guests arrived in funny costumes concocted at home. The small hostess had transformed herself into a kitten, the addition of a little tail and a ribbon tied around her neck in a huge bow under one ear.

Numerous games were played, such as bachelors kitchen, sand piper and hide and seek; after which the guests retired to the dining room to partake of a most delightful repast.

Ralph Taggart was awarded a prize, a box of candy, for having kept the straightest face.

Those invited were: Evelyn Alsover, Frances Sayers, Janet Gilmer, Jane Peck, Louise Nickels, Margaret Kelly, Katherine Barrier, Lucile Taylor, Nancy Southard, Katherine Painter, Margaret Wolfe, Frank Sayers, Robert Alsover, William Cabell, Karl Stoever, Lewis McCormick, Rob Morrison, Ralph Taggart and Jno. Bullitt Chalkley.

Old newspapers for sale at his office.

Golf Notes.

Quite a number of the Members of the Mountain Golf Club accepted the invitation extended them by the Bristol Country Club to a Golf Tournament and Auction Bridge Tournament on last Friday and Saturday. The following ladies from the Gap played bridge: Mrs. J. W. Chalkley, Mrs. R. L. Parks, Mrs. E. Drennon, Miss Drennon, Miss Fox, Miss Slomp, Miss Cochran and Mrs. H. E. Fox. The Bristol ladies won the tournament by a score of 1251 and were awarded a beautiful cup given by Mrs. W. O. Camm. The bridge tournament was played at the Country Club on Friday afternoon. On Friday night the members were all invited to the Club House where a dance was given in honor of the visiting players.

On Saturday the Golf Tournament was played. Mountain Golf Club won four out of the seven matches played. Those who played were: H. E. Fox lost to M. A. Stull, J. E. Bullitt lost to Dr. French, Jno. Fox lost to R. L. Armstrong, while D. B. Sayers won from Ed. Backman, Paul Horn won from Geo. Backman, J. W. Gant won from Fulton Smith and E. Drennon defeated Guy Darr.

This marked the closing of Tournaments for the season and was the most successful and delightful of them all.

Saturday at the Country Club.

The Country Club of Bristol during the week of Thanksgiving has been wonderfully gay and festive with many golfers and auction players on the links and at the club house during the last three days of the week.

In the all-day tournament Saturday the men's team from Big Stone Gap won one match over the Bristol team, and the women of Bristol won two matches over the women of the Big Stone Gap team.

In the afternoon, Misses Ida and Nellie Bewley were the hostesses at the weekly meeting of the Country Club auction club, when the out of town visitors joined in the game. The prize—a hand made desk set—was won by Mrs. M. A. Stull, who made the highest score. For the second best score, Miss Susie Brown was presented a dozen mammoth mauls and white chrysan' mums, which she generously distributed among the visitors from a distance. In the cut for the guests' prize, Miss Rhoads, of Big Stone Gap, captured the spin brass basket.

The party was a beautiful one and thoroughly enjoyed by the club and visitors. Just before the guests from Big Stone Gap left on the five o'clock train, lovely refreshments in two courses were served by the hostesses to all of the golfers, auction players and visitors at the club house.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Miss Edna Catron Entertains.

Miss Edna Catron was the delightful hostess of a very enjoyable party to a large number of her boy and girl friends at her home Saturday night from eight thirty to eleven thirty o'clock.

The evening was spent in playing numerous old fashioned games, and at the close "Ye Old Virginia Reel" was danced. Miss Kate Brown furnished the music on the piano, which was one of the most enjoyable features of the evening.

Delicious refreshments, consisting of salmon salad, lettuce and pimento sandwiches, pickles, olives and hot chocolate were served.

Those present who enjoyed Miss Catron's hospitality were: Misses Thelma and Mary Baker, Kate and Matt Brown, Vergie Bounds, Laura Marris, Gertrude Jennings, Margaret Carnes, Corrie and Grace Long, Eunice and Laura Darnell, Gladys, Myrtle and Grace Wolfe; Messrs. Brown, Davidson, Adams, Tip Boswell and Leland Smith, of Roda, Pearl Smith and John Ewing, of Oaska, James Johnston, Robert Ingle, Pat Hammond, Herbert Brown and Walter Nickels.

Radford Normal Notes.

Beginning on Sunday, November 28, Dr. S. B. Gordon, the well known lecturer before young men and women, will begin a series of lectures on the temptations of the young men and women and the life work of students.

Dr. W. H. Morrel, pastor of the Methodist church in Pulaski delivered, before the students of the Normal School on Monday, a strong address on the importance of college students affiliating themselves with the local church while away from home, and of growing to knowledge of their church's enterprises while in school.

A very strong Lyceum Course has been provided for this season. The second of the series was given Tuesday night by the Hampton Court Singers. In addition to the Lyceum Course the Normal School authorities have arranged for a series of lectures on various subjects valuable to the students, by prominent men and women. These lectures will run through the whole session.

Mrs. J. E. Avant, and Mrs. W. G. McCarty, teacher of Violin, tendered a reception to the faculty Monday night. This reception was held at the home of Mrs. McCarty on Grove Avenue.

All the students remained at the Normal School for Thanksgiving day. On Thanksgiving night a reception was held in the parlors of the new Dormitory.

The first quarter of the Normal School closes December 17, and the second quarter opens January 1. The Christmas vacations is the longest vacation given in the normal school during the year. The schools is in session all summer.

Enjoyable Party.

Master Gale Barron entertained a few of his friends Thursday night in honor of his fourteenth birthday, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barron.

Mrs. H. L. Lane, Misses Margaret Barron and Elizabeth Sprinkle assisted the children in their many enjoyable games during the evening, at the close of which they were ushered into the dining room, where sandwiches and hot chocolate and cake were served.

Those who were present were: Henrietta Skeen, Maude Crowder, Bonnie Catron, Hazel Fleenor, Margaret Gilly, Ruth and Jean Marris, Ruth and Katherine Barron. The boys were Carl and Victor Baker, Lloyd Mahaffey, Rufus Pettit, William Goodloe, William Long, Ted Witt and Earl Morris.

Kentucky Roads

Would Benefit By This Bill to Be Introduced Into Congress Soon.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 27.—A bill appropriating \$25,000,000 annually to aid the State in road construction, which would give Kentucky \$750,000 annually has been drafted by the American Association of State Highway officials, and Commissioner of Roads. R. C. Terrell has given his approval to the bill, which will be introduced in Congress at the coming session.

The bill appropriates the money according to population, area and miles of post roads in a State, and provides that the Government will pay half the expense of road construction with the States. Kentucky where the county and State share the expenses equally and the State raises \$600,000 annually the available road fund, not including county bond issues would be \$1,800,000 annually, if Congress passes the bill.



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