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## Border Training Makes Husbands Useful

### If She's Wise, Wifely Will Utilize Trooper Hubby at Home Hereafter.

(BY "DOROTHY DOOLITTLE")  
(An Army Man's Wife On the Border.)

Marion Harland, one of the few women in captivity making money from housework, ought to be on the Border. She would learn that one of the best little household helps may be Hubby.

She would find that international boundary line patrolling has made the boy in khaki the one best bet for the woman who wants to conserve her energy and to cut the high cost of housekeeping.

The United States or the Mexican bandits, or whoever's to blame for sending husbands and brothers into the mesquite, should have one of those resolutions from the Housewives League offering Thank You's.

The discerning woman will be convinced that not Sweden but the United States army produces the best domestics. She will know that if he's joined the army, Hubby—

1. May become indispensable to the household.

2. He may be arranged to take up much less room in the house, in fact, could live comfortably in a clothes closet.

3. His patriotic fervor is really a love of housekeeping.

4. His only objection to kitchen service is its name. If it's called "kitchen police" and he is ordered to do it by somebody with a title, he'll peel potatoes and wash dishes.

5. He will even make beds and scrub floors if she wears an officer's insignia on her kitchen apron and insist upon the military salute.

6. He will discipline his children himself if hard labor assigned to son John because of misbehavior is called "fatigue duty" instead of punishment.

7. He can eat from his lap if there isn't room for him at the table.

8. He doesn't need any care and may be valuable in the home as a woman.

Not that one wants to get into competition with professional tipsters, but all these "household hints" and enough more to manufacture copy for a year could be obtained with a field glass trained upon a Border camp from an observation platform in the top of a mesquite tree.

The only problem left for the housewife to get domestic service from what the Army has proved is the natural source of it, would be to follow the making of arborvitae—take a cedar, cut its hair and call it by another name. All of which will give one a house beautifier.

For intensive domesticity is the life of the soldier. To wit:

He learns to "get along" with seven companions, for a term of years if necessary, in a space that would make a one room flat seem the size of a public skating ring.

He eats within a space of six by three inches.

He does his own washing.

He does his own mending.

He sews on his buttons.

He scrubs.

He sweeps.

His possessions make his hall bedroom seem like the Field Museum.

He washes dishes.

He shaves himself.

He makes his own bed.

He picks up papers in his Army house.

He keeps it with housewifely tidiness.

Every man in the ranks does this. Which should make him a good home companion.

He has to do it in the Army.

But he doesn't call it housework.

And the imagination is allowed wide range in these interchangeable domestic and military pursuits. For instance, in one of Colonel Foreman's cavalry kitchens one day they cleaned a huge and tough "rod snapper," fresh from the Gulf.

They used a currycomb.

Which leads one to conclude that "household hints" and

help come more naturally to men than to women.

But, fellow sister, be sure to give the domestic duties to be performed appropriate military names, if you would get the best results from friend hubby in doing 'em when he gets back home.

## Movement Started to Build a Union Church at the Furnace.

Quite a crowd of the citizens living near the furnace met at Ayers' Chapel Monday night for the purpose of raising a sufficient sum of money to build a Union Church.

Talks were made by Mrs. Hoff, Miss Williams and Miss Taylor, of Appalachia; Rev. W. J. Goff, of the Gap, and several others and all agreed that a new church should be built as the old one is entirely too small to hold the people and inadequate in every way.

The following committees were appointed: Building Committee—S. P. Flesner, chairman; Fred Horne and J. H. Stewart; Committee to solicit financial aid—P. H. Kennedy, chairman; Mrs. M. J. Hoff, R. E. Kennedy, Rev. J. M. Smith, Mrs. Lane, Miss Naomi Goff, Henry Hamilton, Miss Lula Moore, Miss Mary Whitt and Harry C. Wallace. Rev. W. J. Goff is to be the advisor.

Just as soon as the money is raised the lot for the church will be deeded to the Union Church by the company as well as financial aid to be given and the people have been promised building material at the lowest possible cost and competent men have announced their intention to aid in the work in every possible way.

The church will be open to any and all preachers who desire to preach in it and it will be a strictly Union Church. The people near the furnace need a larger and more adequate church badly and every citizen of Big Stone Gap and vicinity should give financial aid and give liberally to this worthy cause. The next meeting will be held at the chapel next Wednesday night. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and help.

## Elected Surveyor In Missouri.

A letter received here last week by Harry C. Wallace from his brother, N. D. Wallace, of Taneyville, Mo., states that he was elected county surveyor on the Republican ticket in Taney County, receiving the highest vote of any candidate. Mr. Wallace is a Virginia boy and since he has been in Missouri has been postmaster, deputy county surveyor, elected surveyor in 1912 and re-elected in 1915. His many friends will be glad to hear of his success. Mr. Wallace is the eldest son of P. G. Wallace, of this place.

## Mr. Hillman Made Secretary.

Evan R. Chesterman, secretary to the state board of education, has been forced by reason of an illness of a year, to resign that position, to the regret of the board and the general public. He made an efficient, courteous and affable officer, discharging his duties with signal ability and zeal. He has been connected with the department for more than four years, being for a long time identified with the press of the city. The board has selected J. N. Hillman, of Wise county, to succeed him. Mr. Hillman has been engaged in educational work.—Richmond Journal.

## Junior Guild Re-Organized.

The Junior Guild of the Episcopal Church met last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. T. Winston, one of the enthusiastic members of the Lloyd Guild, where they re-organized with an enrollment of eighteen.

The Junior Guild will meet on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock with the members alphabetically. At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Winston served delicious sandwiches and tea.

## Official Vote Of Ninth Congressional District.

|  | WILSON         | HUGHES       | TRINKLE      | SLEMP  |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Bristol  | 489            | 184          | 605          | 195    |
| Bland  | 356            | 420          | 380          | 449    |
| Buchanan                                       | 800            | 869          | 844          | 969    |
| Dickenson                                      | 650            | 753          | 724          | 823    |
| Giles  | 839            | 596          | 857          | 699    |
| Lee  | 1287           | 1569         | 1378         | 1806   |
| Pulaski  | 1059           | 721          | 1109         | 808    |
| Russell  | 1570           | 1410         | 1781         | 1585   |
| Scott  | 1319           | 1743         | 1385         | 1816   |
| Smyth  | 1134           | 1321         | 1173         | 1389   |
| Tazewell                                       | 1108           | 1592         | 1177         | 1780   |
| Washington                                     | 1869           | 1642         | 1940         | 1832   |
| Wise   | 1468           | 1862         | 1716         | 2282   |
| Wythe  | 1334           | 1370         | 1491         | 1293   |
| Total  | 15,280         | 16,042       | 16,460       | 17,845 |
| Majorities                                     |                | 762          |              | 1,385  |
| Congressional Vote for the Last Four Campaigns |                |              |              |        |
| 1910   | Stuart—16,676  | Slemp—16,892 | Total—33,569 |        |
| 1912   | Ayers—13,859   | Slemp—14,868 | Total—28,725 |        |
| 1914   | Irvine—14,153  | Slemp—15,321 | Total—29,474 |        |
| 1916   | Trinkle—16,460 | Slemp—17,845 | Total—34,305 |        |

## Y. M. C. A. Work.

In the fall of 1913 Mr. W. C. McCarty began work as Young Men's Christian Association Secretary of Southwest Virginia, covering ten counties. This work has constantly grown in popularity and influence.

The various schools and communities that are touched by this work send delegates to the Southwest Virginia Annual Student Conferences, three of which have already been held, one at Pulaski and two at Wytheville. More than eighty delegates attended the third Annual Conference held at Wytheville last spring. A similar Conference was held for young women at Radford, this was very largely attended. Each year delegates have been sent from the high schools of Southwest Virginia to the Southern Student's Conference at Asheville, North Carolina, and to the State Boys' Encampment in Rockbridge County.

The work for the fourth year opened October 1st. Larger things are planned for the present year than have ever been attempted before. The Southwest Virginia Young Men's Christian Association Secretary works in co-operation with the Principals of High Schools and the leaders in industrial and rural communities. This work is supported altogether by voluntary contributions of public spirited citizens in the western part of the State. In no other section of the State is a similar work conducted. The work has proven so successful that a number of counties are now considering the feasibility of employing a Young Men's Christian Association Secretary to devote his entire time to a single county.

This is done under the auspices of the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. The headquarters of Mr. McCarty, Secretary for Southwest Virginia, is at the Normal School at Radford. The work in Southwest Virginia is under the direct supervision of a sub-committee of the State Executive Committee consisting of Governor H. C. Stuart and Dr. J. P. McConnell. This work has the cordial endorsement of High School Principals and Superintendents of industrial enterprises, such as those at Honaker, Konnarock, Dante, Saltville, and other places.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will hold their annual sale of fancy work on Friday November 24th.

## Scott County Good Roads

### \$8,000 Bond Issue Has Been Sold and Work Under Way.

The \$8,000 Scott county (Va.) road bonds which were voted last spring has been sold and construction work will be begun in the district at an early date. A portion of this money will be expended on the Boone Way in Scott county. The amount of this highway will be sufficient to grade every mile of this road extending in Scott county. A large distance of this road will be macadamized. The construction work in the Estleville or Gate City district is progressing satisfactorily and Scott county will soon have a complete system of good roads. There is an increasing sentiment in Scott county and in the districts which have not voted bond issues immediate action will be taken.

The Estleville and Gate City district recently purchased a motor truck and with a large convict force is at present engaged in macadamizing the road from Moccasin Gap thru Gate City to the Clinch river at Speers Ferry.

Macadamizing work on other roads in the county was let to contract last summer and the contractors expect to complete the work before the date agreed on. The work there is being conducted under the general supervision of the state highway commissioner and Mr. St. Martin, the county engineer.—Bristol Herald Courier.

## New Coal Company Organized.

A new coal company, with E. I. Cawthorne as trustee, is being organized under the name Gladeville Coal Company. Several of the home capitalists are interested in this firm. The mines at Stevens, Lipps and McLemore were purchased, and new and up-to-date machinery is to be installed right away. A new tippie and new side tracks are to be constructed, making an equipment that will have an output of six or seven thousand tons a month. The firm has a capital stock of \$60,000.—Norton Reporter.

## How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollar Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Thanksgiving.

From the time of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, Americans have been accustomed to set aside one day in the year wherein to review the past year and take stock of the dealings of Providence with us as a people.

What was at first the spontaneous expression of grateful hearts soon became a custom, and as the years sped this custom became fixed, until today it assumes the sacredness of a permanent institution.

This season is again with us. The fruits of the broad acres of our fair domain have been garnered in. The warehouses and granaries are fairly bursting with their contents and prosperity sets a guest at almost every fireside.

Our President and the governors of the various states have designated the day on which the people shall express to a bountiful Creator their gratitude for these blessings.

And to the many positive and material blessings which have been ours, there is added on this occasion the especial blessing that we as a people have escaped the madness that has fallen as a blight upon our neighbors and kinsmen across the waters. The magnitude of that blessing we cannot at this time begin to estimate.

But while we have these palpable blessings for which to be thankful, we have other things for which to express our gratitude, and these antedate and underlie our present happiness and prosperity, our peace and safety. We have to be thankful that back in the days when our nation was being born, a band of heroes, than whom the world had never produced greater, had impressed upon their hearts to lay the foundations of that nation upon the only possible true and lasting base—the Fatherhood of an omnipotent God and the brotherhood of man.

And we have to be thankful that all down the years since that time there have been heroic souls—worthy sons of noble sires—who never ceased to call to us with clarion voice to watch and preserve the old landmarks, to plant our feet upon the everlasting rock and stand firm.

And over and above all else, we have to be thankful that a merciful God has so moulded the hearts and lives of the people of this nation that we are enabled to look above and beyond self and see ourselves the great principles of eternal truth and justice that must ultimately rule the whole earth; that we are enabled to grasp the truth that an injury to ourselves, and that a kindness to our fellows calls down a benediction upon our own heads.

So that the one supreme blessing for which we should at this season return thanks, is the fact that our God has enabled us as a people to know and to do the RIGHT.

And let our prayer be, that it may ever be thus with this people.

FOR RENT—Six room house with bath, servants room, large front and back porches, cellar, etc. Next to Episcopal Church. Further information furnished by L. T. Winston, Treasurer.

## WANTED

Team Drivers, Timber Cutters, and men to work around saw mill. Also to cut extract wood. Good wages paid for good workers. Apply to W. E. YEARY, Blackwood, Va.

## Radford Normal Notes.

Doctor J. P. McConnell on Friday attended a meeting at Washington, D. C., of the Executive Committee of the Conference for education and industry in the South. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Executive Committee for this Conference which includes all Southern States.

The Virginia Branch of the American School Peace League with headquarters in the Radford Normal School, Doctor J. P. McConnell, President and William E. Gilbert, Secretary will hold its Annual Meeting in Richmond in connection with the meeting of the State Teachers' Association, Nov. 30.

The Appalachian School Improvement Foundation this week engaged speakers for, and otherwise helped Community League work in the following schools: Cleveland High School, Russell County; Damascus High School, Washington County; New River Graded School, Pulaski County; Glen Wilton High School, Botetourt County.

"The Fellowship week", or Week of Prayer, is being observed by the Young Women's Christian Association this week. A public program will be rendered by the officers and workers of the Association in the Auditorium on Friday morning. Three Mission Study Classes will be organized at the beginning of the Second Quarter. The Sunday School Teacher-Training Courses and the Volunteer Bible Study work, under the auspices of the Association, have enlisted most of the students in this institution.

On Friday night, November 23, the Story Tellers' Club, under the direction of Miss Blanche Bullard, Supervisor of the Training School, will give a public program. Membership in the Story Tellers' Club is voluntary. It, however, enlists a large number of students. The use of Story-Telling is exemplified in actual practice by teachers and students before groups of children of various ages.

## Educator and Minister Passes Away at Institution He Helped Build.

Rev. R. K. Sutherland, who was financial agent of Emory and Henry College for four years and instructor at the college during the past year, died last night at 10:40 o'clock. The funeral services will be held at Emory at 10 o'clock Friday morning, and interment will follow in the Emory cemetery.

Dr. Sutherland is survived by his wife and four sons. He was well known in the educational field, and many will regret to learn of his death. He had passed 50 years of age. He had been ill several weeks prior to his death.—Bristol Herald Courier, Nov. 16th.

Rev. Sutherland was formerly pastor of the Southern Methodist Church in Big Stone Gap and his friends here will regret very much to learn of his death.

## Wedding Invitation.

The following engraved invitations have been received by a host of friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Connor request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Donaldson

to  
Mr. John Wingfield Lidton  
Wednesday evening, November the twenty-ninth  
At six o'clock  
At Home  
Big Stone Gap, Virginia

At home  
after December the fifteenth  
Norton, Virginia.

Robert Cooke returned Wednesday from Bowling Green, Ky., where he completed a course in the Bowling Green Business College. Mr. Cooke left yesterday for Big Stone Gap where he has accepted a position with the Intermont Coal & Iron Company.—Mid-dlesboro Three States.