

## Demonstration Work

Attention of readers is called to the fact that the State Crop Pest Department. The hessian fly has caused immense damage the year and no cure is known. This pest is clearly on the increase.

Recommendations for killing the ravages are preventive. There are two broods of fly. One lays its eggs on winter wheat and newly sown wheat, early in the fall. The eggs hatch out in April and the flies again lay eggs on the growing wheat. Dates which correspond very closely to the date of the first killing in a section are usually fly and if all volunteer wheat is plowed under and no wheat seeded before these dates there is very little damage from infestation. The dates listed below are the usual fly free dates in the various counties of Virginia.

It is not usually wise to sow wheat before the earliest date mentioned for a particular county. However, wheat should be seeded as soon after the fly free date as possible. In Wise county September 27 to October is the time for sowing wheat.

### Preparation of Soil and Fertilizer for Wheat in Virginia.

Have the seed bed prepared in the best possible manner. A finely pulverized and firmly compacted seed bed is necessary. Early plowing followed by frequent harrowing insure a good seed bed.

When wheat follows cow peas, soy beans, or a well cultivated crop of corn thorough disking is the best preparation that can be given.

Fertilizers.—The use of commercial fertilizers on the wheat crop permits of later planting to avoid damage to the hessian fly. It insures more growth before winter, thus reducing the danger from winter killing, and gives a stronger, more vigorous and better yielding plant the following spring.

On good fertile soil where manure has been used or clover grown in the rotation, from 300 to 500 lbs. of acid phosphate per acre should be used.

On land that is lacking in nitrogen, that is on land which is not had manure and very little clover, an application of 50 from 300 to 400 lbs. of 2-12-0 gives good results. Fertilizers applied to the wheat reduces winter killing and enables the plant to withstand the attack of the hessian fly.

Fertilizers together with a well prepared seed bed are a paying investment in the wheat crop and besides are of a great benefit to the grass and clover when.

### Tobacco Diseases.

Also they report that two serious diseases have appeared in the tobacco and the only practical way to combat these is by treating the seed before planting. Any one desiring help about this will please apply to the county agent or to the extension division at Blacksburg. W. S. Goss, County Agent, Wise, Virginia.

## ROBBINS-BARRON WEDDING

A beautiful early fall wedding of unusual interest throughout Southwest Virginia took place Thursday afternoon, September 16th at six o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Barron on their spacious lawn, when their daughter, Margaret Virginia, became the bride of Mr. Curtis Robbins, of Toledo, Ohio. The impressive ring ceremony of the Methodist church was used by the bride's pastor, Rev. C. W. Doan, of the Gap.

An improvised altar was erected on the lawn, under a large arch covered with yellow crepe paper and twined with golden rod and honeysuckle. An aisle to the altar was formed by six yellow pedestals twined with honeysuckle vines and holding lovely gold and green French baskets filled with golden rod. Yellow and white was the color scheme.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. H. L. Lane, who was formerly Miss Mary Barron, dressed in yellow organdie and holding a large arm bouquet of yellow and white chrysanthemums sang very sweetly, "I Love You Truly" followed by "At Dawning." She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Proctor Brown, who wore a lovely frock of black lace and a corsage of pink and white rosebuds.

Promptly at six o'clock to the familiar strains of Lohengrin's bridal chorus, eight little flower girls, namely, Janet Gilmer, Sue Wampler, Margaret Kelly, Nell Wampler, Margaret Baker, Mildred Barron, Lucile Taylor and Nell Lyle, attractively dressed in white organdie and wearing yellow sashes and yellow hair ribbons and carrying large bunches of golden rod, marched slowly from the parlor out on the lawn and formed an aisle for the bridal party which then entered as follows:

First, Miss Janet Bailey, as first bride's maid, dressed in a dainty frock of yellow organdie and a large yellow organdie picture hat and carrying a beautiful bouquet of sunburst roses and maidenhair fern tied with a fluffy bow of white and golden tulle, marched out with Mr. Fred Troy. Then came Miss Elizabeth Sprinkle tastefully dressed in white georgette, and a white tulle picture hat with yellow accessories and carrying a bouquet of yellow and white rose buds combined with maidenhair fern, with Mr. Gale Barron. They were followed by the maid of honor, Miss Ruth Barron, the bride's sister. She was beautifully dressed in white organdie with yellow accessories and a white tulle hat and carried a bouquet of yellow and white rosebuds, tied with a large bow of yellow and white tulle. Then came the groom with his brother, Mr. Clarence Robbins, as best man, who took their stand at the altar and awaited the arrival of the bride, who was preceded by two small flower girls, Little Henrietta Lane and Little Mary Belle Wright dressed in beautiful ruffled white organdie dresses with broad yellow sashes, strewing rose petals in her path from small baskets.

The bride came next, with her father, who gave her in marriage. The bride, who is a very attractive young lady, was a vision of loveliness in her girlish frock of white georgette crepe over white satin and carrying a large shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. She wore a long tulle veil which covered her head in cap fashion and was caught on the sides with sprays of orange blossoms. Her only ornament was a beautiful string of pearls, the gift of the groom.

During the ceremony Mrs. Brown played very softly, "To a Wild Rose." After the ceremony Mendelssohn's wedding march was the recessional. After congratulations were received from the many friends present, the bridal party was ushered into the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with cut glass bowls and vases of yellow dahlias. The center piece for the bride's table was a pretty white French basket filled with golden rod and the handle tied with a large

yellow tulle bow. This was surrounded by cut glass candle sticks holding burning tapers and by cut glass nappiers filled with yellow and white mints. Streamers of smilax were festooned from the chandelier to the corners of the table.

A delicious ice course was served all the guests present. The color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in the refreshments. The brick ice cream being in white and yellow and the white individual cakes were decorated with yellow roses.

Beautiful gladiolas were used in the decorations of the parlor, where the many useful wedding presents of linens, cutglass and silver were on display. Among the presents was a chest of flat silver from the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barron.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins left Thursday night on the L. & N. for Summerset, Ky., where they will spend a few days with Mr. Robbins' parents, Prof. and Mrs. W. R. Robbins, before going to Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Robbins has a very good position with the George P. Brown Company as a civil engineer and where they will make their future home. Mr. Robbins, before going to Toledo several months ago, worked six years for the Stonega Coke and Coal Company in the Gap. He is a young man of exceptional ability and of a congenial disposition. He makes friends readily in his work. He and his charming bride have the very best wishes of their hosts of friends for a long happy life.

The bride's travelling suit was of dark blue tricotine. She wore a chic hat of brown and blue nagaire feathers with brown accessories to match.

## TAYLOR-ESSER

Announcement has been received of the marriage in Norfolk last Saturday of Mr. George Hyndman Esser, of Norton, to Miss Mary Cary Taylor, of Roanoke, who was a teacher in the Norton school last year.

The announcement is made by the bride's aunt, Miss Cornelia Jefferson Taylor, of Norfolk.

The bride while teaching here won many friends and endeared herself to a community that will extend a hearty welcome for her return.

Mr. Esser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Esser, of Norton. He is one of the stock holders of the J. A. Esser Coke Company, and has other extensive business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Esser will be at home in Norton after October 1.

Mr. Esser is having built one of the handsomest bungalows in this section of the state, on a lot near the Esser mansion.—Crawford's Weekly.

## Freeling Items

Freeling, Va., Sept. 18.—Henry Short visited Edward M. Stallard at Isom, on Sunday.

Octavus McFall, of Boilecamp, visited his brother, James G. McFall, during the week.

Herman Mullins, of George's Fork, was a visitor here the past week.

Luther McFall, formerly of this place, but now of Bardine, Ky., is visiting his quondam neighbors here.

John Cox has just returned from Clinchco, where he spent the past week.

Miss Ida M. Short has returned from a visit to relatives near Isom.

Albert N. Mullins, of Cranes' Nest, visited friends here on Sunday.

Grant Haynes is spending the week at Clinchco.

Rev. Noah Mullins, of Buchanan, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Fleetwood Haynes, of this place.

Mrs. Minnie Davis, of Norland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James G. McFall, of Freeling.

Mrs. J. R. Kidd and daughter, Mrs. Arch Bickle, of Louisville, are spending several days in the Gap visiting friends and relatives.

## Large Sums

To Be Expended in Appalachian Synod by Presbyterians.

Among the features of special interest in connection with the campaign for Christian education now in progress in the Synod of Appalachia, for the purpose of securing \$750,000 to be used for equipment and endowment of the Presbyterian schools in this synod is the fact that one third of the total amount \$250,000, will be applied to the mountain mission schools and orphanages owned and controlled by this synod. This means that a very important work will be accomplished among the boys and girls in the synod who are financially unable to attend more expensive schools, but are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to secure an education.

In the presbytery of Asheville alone one orphanage and two mountain mission schools are located and \$62,500 of the \$250,000 to be applied to home mission schools will be allotted to Asheville presbytery for the purpose of enlarging the present equipment of these schools and for establishing new work within the bounds of the presbytery. The mountain orphanage at Balfour, Morrison industrial school for girls, at Franklin, and Maxwell industrial school for boys, also at Franklin, are the home mission schools of this presbytery.

Other mountain mission schools of the synod of Appalachia are Grundy Presbyterian School, at Grundy, Buchanan county, Va.; Lynn Bachman high school, at Farners, Polk county, Tenn.; Lees-McRae institute for boys, at Plumtree, Avery county, N. C.; Lees-McRae institute for girls, at Banner Elk, Avery county, N. C.; an industrial school for girls, at Foster Falls, Wythe county, Va.; Bethesda school, at Ocala, Va.; and Stuart Robinson school, at Blackey, Ky.

Gathered in these mountain mission schools as students are hundreds of boys and girls of the purest type of American youth, a large per cent of them working their way through these schools and looking forward to the time when the way will be opened for them to enter schools of collegiate grade. It has been said that "the closeness of the neighbors emphasizes the responsibility," and this being true a great responsibility rests upon the church to give to these young people the educational advantages that will fit them for the largest usefulness in life.

## PURCHASE BONDS

Secretary-Treasurer John W. Hays, of the International Pyrographical Union, has announced the purchase of \$40,000 worth of Liberty Bonds by the union at current prices. This action is one of the concrete expressions of the stand taken by the union at its recent convention at Albany endorsing investment in government securities as the "safest and most convenient" investment both for surplus union funds and for savings of individual union members. Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes, at present prices offer "an unsurpassed investment opportunity," declare the resolutions adopted by the delegates of the union.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS!

Sealed bids to grade Spruce Street, in Wise Realty Addition to the Town of Appalachia, Va., will be received by J. A. Hurt, Chairman Street Committee, until 7:00 p. m., September 25th, 1920. Specifications on file with J. A. Hurt, Appalachia, Va.—adv.

## \$500.00 REWARD

Offered by the Town of Appalachia, Va., for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who on the night of September 12th, shot Sergeant W. Y. Tucker.—38-41.

## Keokee

Born September 14th to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Earl Felts, of Keokee, a daughter, Margaret Alice, weighing 9 pounds. Mrs. Felts was Miss Jean Marrs, formerly of Big Stone Gap. Mother and babe are doing well.

On Wednesday night, September 15th at 9 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. King at Keokee, Rev. C. R. Cruikshank, using the ring ceremony, united in marriage Mr. Iva Carlos Anderson, of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Mollie Lane, of Keokee. The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin. A number of invited guests were present. Among them were the following young men from Big Stone Gap: Messrs. Jerome Wells and Gordon Young. The home was handsomely decorated and delicious refreshments were served. All had a delightfully pleasant evening. Our best wishes follow the bridal pair as they go to Louisville, W. Va., where Mr. Anderson's next government geological survey work will be.

Born September 14th to Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. McCoy, of Keokee, a fine 11 1/4 lb. boy, William by name. Mr. McCoy is our depot agent. We regret that he and family are to leave us soon for Church Hill, Tenn.

## Report of Work Done by Big Stone Gap Public Health Nursing Service of the A. R. C. for the Month of August, 1920.

12 clubs held for mothers.  
144 mothers attended.  
86 instructive visits to school children.  
32 school children examined by a physician (Dunbar).  
4 school children accompanied to Dr. Staley.  
1 tubercular patient sent to Catawba.  
1 feeble minded girl sent to Richmond psychologist.  
4 crippled children sent to Richmond hospital.  
1 free bed secured for brother of soldier who died in service.

Charter No. 11765

Reserve District No. 5

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## The First National Bank of Big Stone Gap

AT BIG STONE GAP

In the State of Virginia, at the close of business on September 8, 1920.

### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, including redcounts (except those shown in b and c)	\$300,938.00	\$300,938.00
Overdrafts secured, \$405.60; unsecured, \$319.65		755.25
U. S. Government securities owned:		
Owned and unpledged	7,716.17	
Total U. S. Government securities		7,716.17
Other bonds, securities, etc.:		
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		1,800.00
Equity in banking house	23,200.00	23,200.00
Furniture and fixtures		1,137.50
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		21,142.04
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks		66,267.45
Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in items 12, 13 or 14)		86.42
Total of items 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17	66,403.87	
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		305.13
Other assets, if any		18.00
Total		\$423,410.94

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in		\$50,000.00
Surplus fund		10,000.00
Undivided profits	\$14,728.10	
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	6,884.90	7,843.20
Amount reserved for taxes accrued		237.25
Amount reserved for all interest accrued		1,001.48
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in items 29 or 30)		116.89
Certified checks outstanding		180.00
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding		5,058.31
Total of items 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33	5,205.26	
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits subject to reserve deposits payable within 30 days)		271,241.14
Individual deposits subject to check		
Time deposits subject to reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		49,543.43
Other time deposits		28,149.05
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, items 40, 41, 42 and 43	77,692.48	
Total contingent liabilities		\$423,410.94

State of Virginia, County of Wise, ss:

J. B. Wampler, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 1920.

G. L. TAYLOR, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

A. L. WITT,

E. T. CARTER,

J. S. HAMBLEN,

Directors.

## Wise County Population

Washington, D. C., Sept. 18.—The population of Wise county, Virginia, announced today is 46,500, against 34,162 in 1910, an increase of 12,338, or 36.1 per cent. In 1900 the county had a population of 19,653 and the increase for the ten years following the opening up of the coal fields was 14,509, or 73.8 per cent.

## Jackson Remains at Norton.

Captain Jackson, of the triumphant Norton baseball team, has remained in Norton to open a coal brokerage business. Fitz Hugh Stephens, of Wise, also one of the players, will be associated with Jackson in the enterprise.—Crawford's Weekly.