

DEVELOPING THE LARGER LIFE IN SOUTHERN MTNS.

The following paper was written by Ralph Woodfin, of Penrose, who is taking a special course in Agriculture at Berea College, Kentucky.

Good roads and better roads will do more to develop the larger life in the Southern Mountains than any other one thing, I believe. Some people will say schools and others will say churches, but I want to show you that it is really good roads that develops the larger life in the Southern Mountains.

With good roads come schools and churches, and without good roads they cannot come. When we have good roads we have better schools, consolidated high schools with Smith-Hughes teachers and people for instructors who have a broad vision of life, people who have dreams and are striving to make their dreams come true.

With good roads come good churches with larger congregations, better preachers and Sunday Schools. People can't get through mud many miles to church and Sunday School, therefore without good roads the church life is not what it should be.

For best results we should work with young people who have a higher education. Of course old people must be cared for, but the younger class must be taught thrift and economy so as to make them able to care for themselves when they are old. Money spent on good roads should be considered a good investment.

If we can introduce a program which will give the people a burning desire for a good home with beautiful surroundings, then we have achieved. What can a person without a vision of life do for himself? Will he be the builder of a beautiful home, a leader in community and rural life? Can schools give all people a desire like this? I do not try to answer these questions, but why don't some young men and women try to be students of rural social problems instead of getting some office job in the city? Is it because of better pay or the lure of

the city? What does a person of this type contribute to rural social living conditions? Can any place, city, town, or country progress with the cream of youth leaving it, as they become of age? If all the highest class youth left the cities as they become of age and no others came in to take their places, what would be the condition of that city in twenty years? This very thing has been going on in the country for the past 150 years, and is the big reason that rural life is not what it should be. Do we expect the second class people to develop high living standards? If so, we shall be disappointed.

Can a young man of today better his living conditions and make the homes of the mountain people more desirable? I say he can. If I can make it more pleasant for the farmers of the mountains to farm; if I can show them how to grow better crops with the same or less work, then I will be happy. I would like to have written on my tombstone "Here was a man who bettered the living conditions of the mountain people."

Good school teachers, preachers, Sunday school organizations, county agents and other people with responsibility can make the larger life come true in future generations by helping them to see the advantage of good roads.

The County Achievement Contest which was carried on in the mountain counties of Eastern Kentucky a few years ago by Berea College is a good example of the way to develop the larger life in the Southern Mountains. This contest put people to thinking, and when people think, there is sure to be some action. Those counties in the contest went forward in roads, schools, churches, and home improvements. Not all of these counties won prizes in money, but they won even though they lost. They won better roads, schools, churches, and homes with modern improvements; and what is more they won an appreciation which they had never before had for these things. Before this time many of them thought home conveniences were not worth what they cost.

The reason men kick and "cuss" when good road taxes are proposed is that they do not know the value of good roads. Many of the people in the mountains swear "by the elephant's ear" that what was good enough for their fathers is good

enough for them. They want a hard-surfaced road but they are afraid it break the county, and state financially. Many people think, and I must admit they have a good reason in some cases, that good roads lower the moral standard. But, as a rule good roads improve the morals, for they give the people a better chance to work together in Church and School, also give them a chance to get what they have to sell to market, and thereby have more to spend for clothing and for an education.

There is a certain class of people who must be taught that it is good to invest in some home convenience such as a gravity water line and bath room outfit, or a lighting plant; then the interest and pride will center in the home, and not in making a show on the outside. Then children will stay at home, parents will be happy, and home life will be what it has never been before.

When you go into a home near a town on a good road, you usually find the house in perfect order. The furniture is well arranged and very clean. The children have high ideals and think higher thought. They have clean bodies and clothes at all times, they are living life on a higher plane than children who are dirty and wear dirty clothes. They are more protected from disease and sickness, and therefore have stronger bodies. Children of this type are willing to go into public club work and are proud of the chance to be under the direction of county agents and home demonstration agents.

When young people want these things, we will have them. In youth there is strength, so we must get the youth of the country to see how bad these things are needed, for when they see the light they will go to it.

President Coolidge said in his address to Congress, "The wealth of our country is not public wealth, but private wealth." So the owners of this wealth must be stirred before we have public roads.

SOLD BY THE BEST GROCERS WICHITA'S BEST FLOUR.

Miss Catherine Porter of Chicago was married to C. H. Coulter, while standing at the bedside of her dying father.

DEEDS LAST WEEK

Fifty-five real estate sales were recorded by Register of Deeds Owen for the week ending February 16.

Miss Delia Gash to Odell Nicholson, 50 cent stamp.

W. H. Parris to Samuel J. Dixon, \$10 and other considerations.

H. K. Johnson and others to L. P. Wilson, \$1 stamp.

Chas C. Mull to Jas. Ewbanks and others, \$1.50 stamp.

W. D. Singletary to D. G. Ward, \$1.50 stamp.

Miss Delia Gash to J. M. Allison and others, \$1 stamp.

Transylvania County to R. K. Fisher and B. J. Sitton, \$2.50 stamp.

Florence Owen and others to W. E. Breese, \$5 stamp.

A. M. Case to J. K. Mills, \$2.50 stamp.

Mary Hamlin and others to A. N. Hinton, \$1 stamp.

Castle Valley Land Company to Annie V. Crews, \$1 stamp.

Sallie Whitmire to Frank R. Pains, 50 cent stamp.

Miss Bertie Ballard to Jas. C. Cowan, \$1.50 stamp.

Miss Reubenia Nicholson to Jas. G. Cowan, \$1.50 stamp.

Miss Alma Trowbridge to Miss Reubenia Nicholson, \$1 stamp.

A. B. Galloway to Miss Bertie Ballard, \$1 stamp.

T. E. Blythe to P. E. McGuire, 50 cent stamp.

Frank Wilson to Minta McGuire, 50 cent stamp.

W. S. Price to Margaret Breese, \$1 stamp.

R. S. McCall to Ralph Fisher, \$1.50 stamp.

R. R. Fisher to J. T. Moore and others, \$3 stamp.

R. R. Fisher to T. C. Bynum and others, \$1 stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to Epsie Headen, 50 cent stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to Mandalyn Kaupp, 50 cent stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to Annie Eliza Wymer, 50 cent stamp.

F. Y. McCracken to Mrs. J. W. Pace, \$20 stamp.

H. A. Orr to Lewis Moore, \$5 stamp.

H. W. Plummer to T. W. Whitmire, \$9 stamp.

V. P. Joiner to H. H. Patton, \$1 stamp.

Frank Jenkins to Earle Thompson, \$1 stamp.

D. T. Gillespie to J. L. Wright, 50 cent stamp.

Ralph Fisher to E. R. Pendleton, \$1.50 stamp.

John B. Summey to Mrs. L. W. Hart, 50 cent stamp.

L. D. Martin to D. L. Brock, 50 cent stamp.

D. T. Gillespie to Eugene R. Pendleton, 50 cent stamp.

K. F. Fitchette to Hana R. Kristianson, 50 cent stamp.

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K. F. Fitchette to Mrs. Beulah H. White, 50 cent stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to A. E. Douglas, 50 cent stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to Rose B. Hewitt, 50 cent stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to G. A. Beck, 50 cent stamp.

Rebecca Begley to Castle Valley Land Co., 50 cent stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to Julius Lippkins, \$1 stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to A. T. Bailey, 50 cent stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to Tille Maurer, 50 cent stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to J. A. Oneal, 50 cent stamp.

Castle Valley Land Co. to Miss Janie Walker, 50 cent stamp.

Mrs. Sallie J. Glazener to C. F. Poole, \$3.50 stamp.

J. E. Brown to C. P. White, \$12 stamp.

T. P. Galloway to R. M. Powell, \$1 stamp.

R. M. Powell to Henry E. Raines, \$1 stamp.

E. A. Heath to Albert Taylor, 50 cent stamp.

P. N. Briggs to W. McK. Fetzer, \$24.50 stamp.

D. L. English to A. R. Owen, \$2.50 stamp.

C. F. Poole to Brevard Realty Co., \$12 stamp.

INSTITUTE PLAY PROVES SUCCESS.

The three-act comedy, "Daddy," which was presented by the Lanier and Adelpian literary societies of Brevard Institute, Friday evening proved highly successful. The cast consisted of four boys and four girls, each one of whom portrayed well his or her respective

character, displaying both theatrical ability and good training on the part of the various participants in the play. Interspersed between the acts were amusing vocal numbers by a male quartet, readings and piano selections, all of which added to the gaiety and enjoyment of the occasion.

FIT FOR BAKING WICHITA'S BEST FLOUR.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in a certain Deed in Trust from J. W. Waldrop and T. H. Waldrop to the undersigned, E. B. White as Trustee, said Deed in Trust dated the 4th day of February 1925 and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Transylvania County, North Carolina, in Book 14 page 385, said Deed in Trust being given to secure the payment of a certain note therein described in the sum of \$700.00, and default having been made in the payment of said note, an all due notices having been given as required by law, I will sell at Public Auction, at the Court House door in the town of Brevard, County of Transylvania, and State of North Carolina, on the 26th day of March 1926, at 12:00 o'clock M. FOR CASH, the following described property, to-wit:

BEGINNING on a black oak stump on the South side of the road near the gap of the ridge at the top of the ridge and runs South 55 degrees West 23 poles to a stone formerly a black oak; then East 14 1-2 poles to a small red oak; then North 2 1-2 degrees East 18 1-2 poles to a spanish oak; then North 38 1-2 degrees West 39 1-2 poles crossing the road to a white oak on the bank of the branch; then up and with the branch South 46 degrees West 6 poles to a maple on the West bank of the branch; then South 37 degrees West 3 poles to a small dogwood; then West 300 feet to a black oak in the bend of a hollow in the old outside line; then South 11-2 degrees West 12 1-2 poles to a stake; then South 78 degrees East 10 1-2 poles to a spanish oak, an old corner; then South 48 1-2 degrees East 23 poles to the Beginning, containing 6 3-4 acres more or less.

This the 17th day of February, 1926. B. B. WHITE, Trustee.

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Tuesday, Feb. 23 2 O'clock P. M.

OF

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217 ft. Frontage on Cascade Ave.

134 ft. Frontage on Broad St.

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