

Topia

Topia, Jan. 14.—Mrs. J. A. Moxley, who has been ill for some time, is improving slightly. Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Caudill are confined with severe colds. Mrs. Ennice Landreth, of Laurel Springs, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Moxley.

Those visiting in the home of D. M. Pugh on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Myers and son, Rufus, of West Jefferson, Miss Delores Jones, of Crumpler, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ward, of Furches, Miss Lorene Moxley, Burl Pierce, Fred J. Weaver, David Perry and Sidney Blevins.

Mrs. Mallie Weaver visited friends in this community on Monday.

Mrs. Cora E. Pugh and granddaughter, Miss Velma Pugh, visited Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Edwards on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Matilda Smith, of Scottville, visited her sister, Mrs. J. A. Moxley on Sunday. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perry. Others visiting in

the home Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Myers, of West Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ward, of Furches, and P. L. McMillan, of Crumpler.

Misses Bertha and Ola Mae Childress, of Piney Creek, were guests of Miss Rena Fitzgerald on Sunday.

Pleasant Grove

Pleasant Grove, Jan. 13.—Claude Brinegar spent the week visiting in Wilkes County.

Jakie Brinegar is spending a few days with his mother who lives in Wilkes County.

Mrs. Cal Richardson has been very sick but is improving.

Wade Brinegar, who is in the CCC Camp, is quite sick.

Miss Flora Anderson visited Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brinegar on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Grace Brinegar visited her brother last Sunday.

Mt. Zion

Mt. Zion, Jan. 13.—Fred Halsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Halsey, of Nebraska, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Black, and other relatives in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Edwards, of Topia, visited relatives in this community on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Billings and children attended the family reunion at the home of Mrs. Billings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wagoner of the Turkey Knob community.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Douglas visited Mr. Frank Basic, who is ill at his home near Piney Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pugh made a business trip to West Jefferson Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Cox is with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Shepherd.

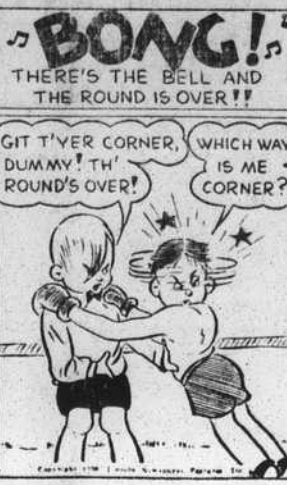
Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Ferree visited Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Black recently.

Miss Louise Perry, who has been absent from school on account of sickness, for some time, is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pugh and family and Mrs. Roy Cox and son, Paul, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pugh.

Ofc. PHONE Res. 124-J 60-W
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By Irv Tirman



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PRICES OF STEEL PRODUCTS NOW AVERAGE 16% BELOW 1933 AND 40% BELOW 1918.

Nile

Nile, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Samuel McClure, Miss Dorothy McClure and Miss Maude Sheppard, of Glade Springs, Va., and Millard McClure, of Saltville, Va., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brison McClure last Wednesday.

Mrs. Amanda Rector spent last Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Edwards, of Sparta.

J. H. Alexander, of Abshers, J. K. Baugus, of Reichle, Montana, and J. F. Holloway, of Joynes, were guests of A. A. Woodruff last Friday night.

Ewin Maines attended the funeral of Mrs. Bettie Edwards and daughter at the Nichols graveyard near Vox, Sunday.

Miss Stella Billings visited home folks and friends Friday and Saturday. On Sunday she left for Washington, N. C., where she will enter the Washington Community Center School.

Elizabeth and Herbert McCann, of Cherry Lane, spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Woodruff.

Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks, Jan. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rubright have moved into their new home located on Route No. 2, Sparta.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Petty and son, Quincy, of Galax, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Irwin.

Claude Sexton, of Schoolfield, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sexton. Jay Sexton returned to Schoolfield with him.

Miss Frances Wrench, Norman Jones, Miss Freddie Sue Sexton and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sheets attended a young people's conference at First Central Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Va., last week-end.

Bryan Cox visited the home of J. W. Poole Saturday.

Miss Clyde Poole and Monabelle and Talmadge Andrews attended the baptizing at Whitehead Sunday.

Lebert Petty, who is employed at High Point spent the week-end with home folks.

Stratford

Stratford, Jan. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Richardson, who have been in Maryland for the last six months, are visiting home folks here.

Bruce Williams left last week for High Point to take a government course in College.

Brantley Fender carried his wife to St. Elizabeth Hospital at Pearisburg, Va., Saturday. The examinations and X-rays did not show her to be in the serious condition she had been told. Mrs. Fender showed symptoms of a bad heart but there is every hope of improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mabe, of Galax, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mabe of this place.

Walter Edwards is visiting relatives and friends here.

Legal Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE
North Carolina,
Alleghany County.

By virtue of the power conferred in the undersigned, trustee, in a certain deed of trust, executed by Major Blevins and wife, Fay Blevins, dated October 31, 1939, securing the payment of a certain note default having been made, which deed of trust is recorded in Book 20, page 246, in office of Register of Deeds of Alleghany County, I will on Thursday, January 16, 1941, at 1 P. M., at the court house door in Sparta, said county and State, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate:

In Cherry Lane Township, adjoining the lands of I. R. Truitt, R. L. Hanks and John Norman, containing 1 1/2 acres, purchased by the said Major Blevins from J. W. Caudill, and being the recent dwelling place of the said Major Blevins.

This 16th day of December, 1940.

GEORGE CREEK, Trustee.

Live Stock Market

WYTHEVILLE, VA. JAN. 7
Total Receipts—700 head

Top lambs 8.50 to 9.65
Second lambs 7.20 to 7.50
Butcher sheep 3.50 to 4.00

Top hogs 7.25 to 7.50
Second hogs 7.15
Third hogs 6.70
Best sows 6.80 to 7.00
Medium sows 5.00 to 6.00

Top calves 13.00
2nd calves 12.50
3rd calves 11.50
4th calves 10.00
5th calves 9.00
Light and com. calves 6.00

Best steers 9.70
Med. to good steers 8.00 to 9.00
Com. to med. steers, 6.50 to 7.50

Best heifers 8.00 to 8.60
Medium to good 7.50 to 8.00
Common to medium, 6.00 to 7.00

Best cows 6.00 to 6.50
Good cows 5.50 to 6.00
Medium cows 4.75 to 5.25
Common cows 3.50 to 4.50

Best bulls 6.50 to 7.50
Good bulls 5.90 to 6.50
Medium bulls 5.00 to 5.50

Ennice

Ennice, Jan. 13.—This community has had two automobile accidents recently, but with no one seriously injured. Reeves Greene, of Ennice, took a high dive off Route No. 18, into Crab Creek just across Crab Creek bridge. The car, a model T touring, turned a summersault on some brush and rolled over on the wheels in the creek. Reeves was not hurt, not even his feet wet. The other accident was at Little River bridge. The car landed on its top at the edge of the water. Earlie Bryant was the owner, and there were two other boys with him, one had his arm broken, and the other didn't have any serious injuries.

Emory Edwards' house burned down Friday, January 10th, with his invalid wife and daughter, Mattie in it. They burned to death before anyone could get them out. Neighbors rushed to the scene to help but nothing could be saved. Mr. Edwards had gone over to his son's about three-fourths of a mile from the house, and was gone about a half hour. When he returned the house was aflame and beyond rescue.

Steve Spurlin, who has been

confined to his bed for several months is able to be out again.

Miss Opal Edwards and brother, Walter, from Pennsylvania, and Hurley Blevins visited Miss Sue Maines in Sparta on Sunday.

Edgar Blevins and Gaither Evans, who have been visiting in Maryland, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Erdie Edwards visited Mrs. Steve Spurlin Wednesday. She is slowly improving.

Garnett Hood, of Richmond, Va., has been visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Opal Lee Bedsaul entered

tained a group of friends at a party Saturday night.

The lives of great men and women are miracles of patience and perseverance.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

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DOES FORD PAY GOOD WAGES?

HERE ARE SOME FACTS about Ford Labor.

During the year ended November 30th, 1940, the Ford Payroll throughout the United States averaged 113,628 hourly wage earners, not including office employees, students, or executives. They were paid \$185,105,639.12. On this basis, the average annual wage was \$1,629.05.

According to the latest available government figures, the annual average wage of all workers in employment covered by old age insurance law was \$841.00.

If the 45,000,000 workers of this country received the same average wage as Ford employees, they would have had additional wages of more than \$35,000,000,000, thus increasing the national income about 50%. Think what such an increase would mean to the workers of this country and to the American farmer, whose prices are based on the national income.

Wage scales in the Ford Rouge plants are divided into three classifications:

Unskilled . . . Minimum hiring wage . 75c per hour

Semi-skilled . . . Minimum hiring wage . 80c per hour

Skilled . . . Minimum hiring wage . 90c per hour
Higher wages are in consideration of ability and years of service.

Minimum wage scales for unskilled labor at the Rouge plant are the highest in the industry. Top wages for skilled labor compare favorably with, or are higher than, wages in other automobile plants.

Now some facts on Ford labor conditions:

Not only are sanitation and other health conditions the best in the industry, but Ford also leads in safety devices for the protection of employees. Proof of this is found in the following com-

parison of compensation insurance costs:

The national average rate in automotive manufacturing plants as computed by the National Association of Underwriters is in excess of \$1.50 premium on each \$100 payroll. The Ford cost of workmen's compensation is less than 50c.

This indicates that the chance of injury in a Ford plant is much less than in the average automobile plant.

The Ford Motor Company has no age limit for labor, and in fact deliberately attempts to keep older workers working. The average age of Ford workers at the Rouge and nearby plants is 38.7.

A recent check-up shows that nearly one-half the workers at these Ford plants were 40 or over, falling into these age groups:

25,819	between 40 and 50
14,731	between 50 and 60
3,377	between 60 and 70
417	between 70 and 80
12	between 80 and 90

In addition to the so-called regular employees, the Ford Motor Company has hired, and now has on the payroll, at the same regular hourly wage, thousands of workers who are blind, crippled or otherwise incapacitated for normal productive work. They are not selected for their ability to build cars or to maintain the plant. They are on the payroll because of Henry Ford's belief that the responsibility of a large company to labor goes beyond the point at which the unfortunate worker can no longer produce profitably.

The above are facts. They are open to anyone who really wants to deal in facts. Anyone who wants to get a job . . . buy a car . . . or place a national defense contract on the basis of fair labor treatment must place Ford at the top of his eligible list.

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