

LETTERS FROM RURAL DISTRICTS

LOWMANVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Pack and daughter took dinner with Mrs. Lyons Sunday.

Mrs. Allie Griffith and little son of Glo are visiting home folks this week.

Uncle Joe Borders took dinner with Mrs. Borders Debord Saturday.

Henry Griffith returned home from Glo where he has been employed.

Frank Miller of Meads Branch is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffith Friday and Saturday.

Uncle Joe Borders was the Saturday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lyons.

Lya Hannah has returned home from his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Arby Young of Patrick are visiting home folks.

Mrs. Veleo Griffith was visiting Mrs. Lydia Debord Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Chandler who has been visiting her daughter at Hetsy Lane has returned home.

Orla Debord visited Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Debord Saturday.

Richard Debord was the Saturday night guest of Vern Hatfield.

Rev. Willie Skaggs preached here Sunday.

Ervin Griffith took dinner with his daughter, Mrs. Stella Young.

Mrs. Veleo Griffith visited Mrs. Cora Toller Thursday.

Orla Debord was the overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Young Tuesday.

Mrs. Win. Debord and Mrs. Liza Edwards were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffith Sunday.

Mrs. Matilda Griffith who has been sick for some time is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mattie Skaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hatfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young Wednesday.

Angie Debord was the Sunday night guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mattie Skaggs.

Misses Bula Florence and Julia Griffith were the overnight guests of Misses Gladys and Cora Hatfield Saturday.

Mrs. Anita Brown was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rena Hatfield.

Prayer meeting was largely attended at Joe Young's Sunday night.

KAVANAUGH

Miss Lillian Nalley was calling on Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huletto Sunday.

Miss Velma Dixon who has been visiting her brother at Catlettsburg has returned home.

Hermin Lakins who has been visiting his mother in fronton, has returned home.

Marion Dixon, Lawrence Cornwell and Walter and Robert Turman were calling on George Shannon Saturday.

Mrs. Rose Wright and small daughter Hazel were shopping in Catlettsburg Saturday.

Miss Hazel Lakins was shopping in Ashland Friday.

Misses Eunice and Velma Dixon and Corrie Lakins were shopping in Buchanan Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bryant were calling on the former's mother at Zella Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Huletto has been visiting her father who is ill.

Miss Lillian Nalley was calling on Miss Corrie Lakins last week.

The school is very busy with the month at our school Friday evening.

The visitors were Messrs. Robert Walter and Howard Turman, Lawrence Cornwell and Lee Hall. All reported a nice time.

Rev. Ward, the pastor of our church, preached a very interesting sermon at this place Sunday night.

Sam Turman was calling on Mrs. Mary Shannon Sunday.

Miss Helen Davis was calling on Mr. and Mrs. George Shannon Sunday.

Evening bells are expected to ring here Sunday.

Hermin Nalley will leave for Ashland the day after Christmas.

Miss Thelma Prichard spent the week end with home folks at East Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Nalley were in Buchanan Friday.

Mrs. Edna Johnson who has been very ill is improving.

Miss Carter attended Sunday School at Buchanan Sunday.

Mrs. Corrie Lakins was shopping in Ashland Monday.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ZELDA

We have a good Sunday School, well-attended and good people, and are glad to say a good community which makes an ideal place to live.

The mine formerly operated by Geo. and Jamie H. of Louisa, now operated by Robert and Sherman Vanhook, are running every day.

They are looking about two cars a week giving employment to a number of men. They are planning to erect several houses in the near future for the accommodation of their own employees.

Paul C. Bellomy and Frank Brown have accepted positions on the clerical force of the American Rolling Mills Co. and will leave about Jan. 1st for Zanesville, Ohio. They are worthy young men and we wish them much success in their new positions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of Omar, W. Va., will spend Christmas here. Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ferguson of this place.

Warren Rickman of Kenova, W. Va. was here Sunday. Mr. Rickman holds a responsible position with the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company.

Clyde Spears of Parkersburg, W. Va., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sathie Spears, at this place.

Add Rickman, Frank Brown, and Junior Spears were the guests of Paul and James W. Bellomy Sunday.

The quartet was present at church Sunday evening and rendered some fine selections. They are excellent singers and we would be glad to have them sing again.

E. B. Curritore, our bustling merchant and a business visitor in Louisa Saturday. He is trying at all times to give his customers good service.

C. B. Stewart of Adeline attended church at this place Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jack Turman of Buchanan was the guest of her brother Zack Bellomy Thursday and Friday.

Miss Hazel and Alva Rickman were calling on friends in Buchanan Saturday.

The Buchanan Chapel Sunday School will give an entertainment and treat Sunday, Dec. 24th. A nice time is anticipated.

We wish the NEWS a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

THE VILLAGE CUTUP.

Impulse Dodds' Christmas



Tommy Dodds, "Impulse Dodds," cutthroat, was in Chicago, with his big sale over. And even in Chicago, where eight-inch cut-throats were common, Impulse Dodds was a big figure, with his six feet and five-inch figure, and almost perfect build.

He paused in front of a small, narrow store, whose one window was full of toys. Inside, the counter and shelves were packed with the same kind of goods.

"Just Santa," said Impulse, aloud. "I'll be in in a minute. Who's the most no-count boy in this neighborhood?"

"And the most unpopular girl?" There was a short silence, then several of the boys uttered, "Honey Sally," said one of them.

"She's a real seller. Her girl, an' when we boys throw mud she fights like a wildcat."

"And gives all of you a mighty good drubbing, I hope," commented Impulse. "Now, boys, the two who bring Crawfish Bobby and Raggy Sully to me get a four-bit piece each, and tell them they'll get another for coming. Now, the lot of you come back, for the show isn't half over."

Ten minutes later, Crawfish Bobby and Raggy Sully stood in front of him. Impulse placed a hand upon a shoulder of each.

"These two are going to be little Santas and give you all a right nice thing."

"Put in his thumb," he grunted, and "does he pull out a plum?"

In the shop were two men, the one in front of the counter and the other standing behind it. "Well, this one is undressing, as Impulse entered, 'I'll give you just two more days to meet your bill, till the day after Christmas. If you don't pay me in full then, I will take possession.'"

As the man stalked out, Impulse raised his right foot and swung it backward with thoughtful fall.

"Can I show you anything, sir?" he asked a moment later, as Impulse turned to the counter with a half-regretful frown on his face, adding, "It's just as well you don't do it, all this is very unprofitable."

"That's so? Then I sure wish I had 'Lobn' generally hold back on things, but this city's getting me right scared. I've opened up unusual the last three days. Now about the boys. That matter is so easy unprofitable. I reckon you'll sell cheap."

"I'll almost give you my price, sir. There is only this one day to sell, and I can't hope to do enough. I've seen failure for a week past, though for a while I did hope to come out in condition to start again. Now what can I show you?"

"Well, not only one solitary thing in particular, I reckon," scanning the shelves judiciously. "They all look right enticing, and what I didn't buy would make me feel sorry to look at. What'll you take for the bunch?"

The stockpiling moved along the counter, trying to arrange his goods more attractively.

"Look around all you want to," he said amiably. "And there is an easy chair back yonder where you can sit and rest, if you like."

Impulse followed him.

"No wonder you can't sell, if you treat all customers like me," he complained. "Now, see here," slipping a big roll of bills on the counter. "How much?"

"Fifteen hundred, if you mean the cost. But I warn you it's too late to sell much."

"Oh, I'm sure a hustler down home," cheerfully, "and I've a hunch I can move Santa goods tolebrish brisk the day before the day. Now let's see fifteen, with a fair per cent for profit and a little for good will makes it just two thousand. There you are," peeling off another bill or two, and then replacing the roll in his pocket. "Now you've got to throw in your services as clerk for the rest of the day."

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time the other hand was coming from his pocket with all the coins his fingers could grasp. These were tossed into the air. By the time they had ceased falling on the sidewalk, fifty more or less grimy little hands were clutching for them.

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SKAGGS

Rev. Richard Hamilton is visiting his sister, Mary M. Holbrook.

Lonnie C. Skaggs who had been bird hunting with Dr. Premier Sparks of Louisa, returned home this week.

Mrs. Angie Vanover is very sick.

P. P. Tollbrook who has become quite rich in this oil field, gave each of his three daughters a \$500 check for a Christmas present—Mrs. Ernest Jayne of Pitt. Gap, Mrs. H. R. Skaggs of McRoberts and Miss Grottie Holbrook who is yet with her parents.

Mrs. Elva Skaggs was visiting Florence Holbrook Tuesday.

Mrs. Della Heester was shopping at Skaggs Saturday.

There is quite a stir in the Red Onion school this week. The teacher has been teaching that each star is a world peopled as this world on which we live, only they are a much larger race, and that Thomas A. Edison has been talking to those people. That airships will soon be making round trips in 60 minutes. Amos Pothooks is opposed to it saying there is too much education and if such teaching is allowed it will soon upset everybody's idea of things. He and Pete Corbreds say the stars were made to give light at night and that there is not one big hell and one big heaven, and if you miss one you are sure to get the other. They say the stars all look alike to them.

H. B.

HEWLETT, W. VA.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rice and daughter left Monday for Huntington where they expect to make their home. We are sorry to see them leave as they are excellent neighbors and will be greatly missed by the people of this place.

Bill Alley was transacting business at Hewlett Saturday.

Our teacher, Miss Alma Robnet, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents on Tabor's creek.

Mrs. Elba Dean and daughter were shopping in Louisa Saturday.

Okley Ratcliff spent Sunday with Donald and John Hewlett.

Mrs. Shirley Vanhook was the Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Billups.

Bill Lear and Emory Bellomy were business callers in Fort Gay Saturday.

Miss Flora Lyman and Miss Amore Lyman were calling on Mrs. Cecil Hewlett Saturday.

James Billups who has employment at Kenova spent Sunday with his family at this place.

Mrs. Louisa Lear was calling on her daughter, Mrs. Henry Sturgill, Friday.

Dave Miller, Jr., made a business trip to Crum Saturday.

U. M.

Whitman's Candy will delight them. Your girl friends expect choice candy for the holidays. We have handsome boxes in various sizes. NICE TOILET SETS, TOILET ARTICLES CHOICE PERFUMERY SETS POCKET KNIVES, ASH TRAYS LEATHER GOODS in Collar & Handkerchief Cases STATIONERY IN GIFT BOXES ICY-HOT BOTTLES, FLASH LIGHTS GOOD CIGARS IN VARIOUS SIZE BOXES FOUNTAIN PENS & GIFT PENCILS The Lawrence Drug Co. THE NEW DRUG STORE

Your Christmas Gifts Will Land Here If— This is only one table in a large room of the "Gone Astray" department of the Postal Service where thousands of Christmas packages arrive each year—due to poor wrapping and addressing by the senders. Uncle Sam warns you again this year through this newspaper to wrap your gift packages securely and address them plainly and accurately. THE RESULT OF CARELESS WRAPPING ADDRESSING

To Help You Choose A GIFT FOR HIM Stylish and Exclusive New Merchandise in Every Department Is Displayed For Your Christmas Selections. He Will Be Pleased And Mighty Proud With a Gift From— W. L. FERGUSON'S Clothing FOR MEN & BOYS Clothing serves further than as a mere covering for the body and a protection against wintry winds. It stands as an index to the public of personality. More than that it furnishes a "look the part" feeling. Dad and the boys should dress up for Christmas season. An unusually broad choice of fabrics and models are to be had here—semi-conservative models with just the proper dash of style. MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS in worsteds, serges, chevots and tweeds all tailored in famous shops. BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS in virtually the same materials used in Dad's clothes and at exceptional low prices. NEW AND COMPLETE LINE OF SHOES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN SOCKS Pure silk socks in a variety of colors for Christmas giving. Also silk and wool. They will be highly appreciated. SWEATERS Fine Jersey wool sweaters or the heavy double stitched sweaters in a wide variety of colors. Either coat or V-neck models. WOOLEN VESTS These are of knitted or brushed wool in many desirable color effects. They are very appropriate as gifts. LUGGAGE There is no more practical gift than one of leather. We have a complete line of suitcase and handbags for the traveler. EVERYTHING FOR MEN AND BOYS MUFFLERS Many choices and novelty weaves in Pearl Gray, White and Black. Mufflers suitable for street or dress wear. W. L. Ferguson Opposite Court House : LOUISA, KY.

DRY RIDGE

Sunday School is progressing nicely with Mrs. Elza Ball host.

Miss Clara Moore was the Sunday afternoon guest of Misses Sula Carter and Gipsy Burchett.

Miss Mary J. Whit was the dinner guest of Miss Sheila Jordan Sunday.

Born, Dec. 11th to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Ball, a fine boy.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Fox Carter of Ellen, also the little girl of W. S. Burton.

Mrs. Enalind Carter is some better. Homer and Sylvester Ball made a business trip to Louisa Saturday.

Ernie Roberts and Robt. Jordan were calling on Richie Hylton Sunday.

Fred Ham returned home Tuesday from Columbus where he had been visiting relatives.

Ernie Roberts and Rosevee Berry passed through here enroute to Hains Saturday.

Little Miss Carmen Ball was calling on her cousin, Cynthia Alubita Ball Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Burton and two brothers, Carl and Billie C. were calling on their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Hall Monday night.

Sula Carter was calling on her cousins, Mrs. W. H. Kinser, recently.

Old Santa Claus' sleigh bells will be here to wake the children up as we believe there will not be any snow and the ground is frozen so rough.

Mrs. Hazel Burton and daughter Lucille were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Burton and family.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Sam Prince.

Miss Ella Prince and brothers Weri and Curt passed through here Monday enroute to Adams.

Homer Ball was calling on Mason Prince Sunday.

Miss Dorothy and Carl Burton called on Mrs. Beulah Carter Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Ball was a business caller at Adams Monday.

W. H. Burton made a trip to Louisa Tuesday.

Church at this place Saturday night and Sunday morning by Rev. Burgess. Everybody cordially invited to come. Let us hear from those "Kentucky bums" of South Columbus again soon. C. E. D. S.

Frequent Headaches

"I suffered with chronic constipation that would bring on very severe headaches," says Mrs. Stephen H. Kincer, of R. F. D. 1, Cripple Creek, Va. "I tried different medicines and did not get relief. The headaches became very frequent. I heard of

Theford's Black-Draught

and took it for a headache, and the relief was very quick, and it was so long before I had another headache. Now I just keep the Black-Draught, and don't let myself get in that condition."

Theford's Black-Draught (purely vegetable) has been found to relieve constipation, and by stimulating the action of the liver, when this torpid, helps to drive many poisons out of your system. Biliousness, indigestion, headache, and similar troubles are often relieved in this way. It is the natural way. Be natural! Try Black-Draught.

Sold everywhere.

SANTA CLAUS.



"How Much," Demanded Impulse.

much? Remember there's only one day for selling Santa stuff.

"Do you mean business?" asked the shopkeeper, a sudden hushiness coming into his voice.

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