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## Thru The Week

We are no other than a moving row  
Of magic shadow shapes that come  
and go  
Round the sun-illuminated Lantern  
held  
In Midnight by the Master of the  
Show. —OMAR.

The war in Europe has already caused employment to pick up slightly in Dickenson County. It is said that several men are being hired at the Standard Banner Coal Corporation operation at Wakenva. A large number of men were released from employment at that place on March 16, when "Joy Loaders" were installed. Very few of these men are being re-employed. Native citizens of that community say that Negroes are being imported from Kentucky and West Virginia to work.

The men released in March have drawn all the "Rocking Chair" money to which they were entitled this year and are now without any income. These men are all experienced miners, without blot on their work records. No explanation is given why Negroes are being brought in to take their places.

White men, imported from Kentucky two years ago by Ruth-Elkhorn Coals, Inc., at Steinman, were separated from work after the labor dispute last spring. They are now stranded in Dickenson County. They have come to the end of their meager unemployment insurance and are now applying for public assistance.

Wilson Branham, who tried to wipe out his wife's parents over a rooster fight, faced Gallie Friend last Friday and is now a guest at John Henry's Hotel for ninety days. Wilson got to thinking over his bantams and his game roosters last Sunday morning and tried to find his way out to pay a visit to Cutter Creek.

After a spurt upward, prices have started down again. There was never any reason, except greed, why they went up when war broke loose in Europe. If consumers will hold their heads right on and refuse to be stampeded, prices will have to behave.

King Solomon said, "There is nothing new under the sun." But there is a new adaptation of something on the head of Kentucky

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## Politics Gets Red Hot as Home Stretch Is Hit

The campaign for county offices has really begun in Dickenson. The politicians are saying, "Our forces have contacted the enemy all along the line." The boys called their voters to the colors and enrolled them in ranks and squadrons of war through the spring and summer, and now they are ready for the battle.

First event of significance occurred Saturday, when J. A. (Banner) Newberry, Registrar of Tarpon Precinct, was haled before the County Electoral Board on a charge that he had refused to register certain voters in that precinct. Mr. Newberry says that he expects to be at a designated place on October 7 for that purpose and that before that date he expects to follow the usual course of his affairs.

Circulars appeared this week, signed by C. J. Mullins, Clintwood, Virginia, warning that the light of pitiless publicity would be turned on the "Black Satchel" this year. The circular threatened prosecution "to the fullest extent of the law" of all those found Black Satcheling or being Black Satcheled this year. The handbill closes, "A series of these articles concerning the Black Satchel will appear from time to time, and the names of those voting by the Black Satchel will appear in these articles."

Some tense feeling is reported in the Tarpon section over the proposed registration of Steinman Negroes. It is recalled that until four years ago there was scarcely a Negro voter in the county. In the last county campaign several colored voters were registered at Clinchco.

Candidates are flooding the county with cards and circulars urging their claims to election. T. J. Mullins, announced candidate for Sheriff, set the pace some time ago and has his posters over all the county.

Reports keep coming from over in Wise County that one faction, or a few leaders of one faction, of the Democrats in that county are off the reservation this year.

### HOMEMAKERS' CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

A Young Homemakers' Club is to be organized on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p. m., in the home economics cottage. This club will work in connection with the F. F. A. alumnae club. Courses in foods and cookery, clothing construction, home and yard improvement, child care and home nursing will be given. All students interested are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Damron and daughter, Colleen, were visiting friends and relatives in Clintwood and Skeetrock on Saturday and Sunday.

### BAPTIST SERMON SUBJECTS

Sunday morning the subject of the message will be "The Conversion of Children." Sunday evening, "Do Good Men Go to Hell." The morning service begins at 11:00. The evening service at 7:45. Everyone is cordially invited.

## Fire Destroys Stratton P. O.

A fire of undetermined origin occurred at Stratton last Sunday morning about 2:00 o'clock destroying the postoffice and adjoining garage, both buildings the property of E. D. Sutherland. Two cars and a truck were destroyed by fire, and the postmaster, Shade Bowman, suffered the loss of about three hundred dollars worth of groceries. In addition to the loss of the buildings, the truck belonging to E. D. Sutherland, was consumed by flames along with fifteen hundred dollars in tools and two Delco pumps.

Clovis Sutherland, an office employee of the Clinchfield Coal Corporation at Clinchco, was the last person to place his car in the garage for the night. He returned from work about 12:00 o'clock. Residents of Stratton were awakened about 2:00 a. m. by the light of the conflagration, and before many of them reached the scene of fire, the flames had made such progress that nothing in the buildings was saved.

None of the losses were covered by insurance except the car owned by Clovis Sutherland.

## "Bad John" Disappears From Doubles of the Cumberlands

Where is John Cox?

That is the question in the minds of the people over in the South of the Mountain. It is a serious question, for that noted character has disappeared from the mountains. The Cumberland, like the Arctic Wilderness, has its secret tales, and the vanishing of Cox may be one of them.

It is definitely known that John lived for some months in the neighborhood of Osborns Gap. After his return from his last sojourn in the penitentiary, he left his family to live with acquaintances. Again it is definitely known that he has been seen twice within recent months. On the Fourth of July, Leroy Haynes met him in the North of the Mountain and, at the point of a pistol, made John pour him a drink from a keg of whiskey. Two weeks before the Farmer's Fair at Clintwood, Ira Potter met Cox in the same vicinity. Since that time, there is no person to say he has seen the

### VERSHOE MULLINS DIES IN WASHINGTON STATE

Grant Mullins, the faithful mail carrier on the star route from Clintwood to Almira and return, received a telegram to the effect that his brother, Vershaw, aged 25, died at Passco, Washington state last Friday night.

The brief message did not state the cause of his death and relatives await further word, supposing that he was buried in Washington.

Vershaw was reared on Brush Creek, about two miles from Clintwood. He went to Washington some years ago and has since been employed in timbering there. He married in Washington and leaves a wife and two children.

### HIGH SCHOOLS MEET AT HAYS SATURDAY

The five high schools and all elementary schools of the county will meet at Haysi this Saturday for the county school fair.

Exhibits of a competitive and non-competitive nature from both high school and elementary departments will be on display. A full day of athletic events, have been scheduled in addition to the exhibition of school work and agricultural show sponsored by the F. H. A. departments of the Ervinton, D. M. H. S. and Haysi High Schools.

A large crowd of school children and patrons are expected in attendance. School busses and trucks will provide transportation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Steele, George Homer, and Howard Deel attended the football game between Hiwassee and Bluefield colleges at Bluefield last Friday night.

## D. E. A. Holds Annual Fall Meeting Sat.

The annual fall meeting of the Dickenson Education Association was held at Dickenson Memorial High School last Friday night and Saturday. The meeting closed about mid-afternoon Saturday after having taken very definite action toward an improved school system and methods and procedures to be followed in the future.

On Friday evening Attorney at Law, Moss Plunket of Roanoke City, delivered the principal address. In addition to being a practicing attorney Mr. Plunket is a member of the Roanoke city school board and is at present chairman of the Virginia Trustee's Association. Mr. Plunkett is the outstanding layman in the state of Virginia waging a fight for the Virginia Three Point Educational Program. The three point program as stressed by Mr. Plunkett is to be laid before the Virginia Assembly at its winter meeting and calls for increased teacher pay, with a minimum of \$720 salary for teachers from state sources, free textbooks for all school children, and a sound retirement system for teachers.

The speaker from Roanoke spoke of the equalization of educational opportunity for all school children of Virginia, emphasizing the fact that rich Roanoke County and other rich cities and districts of Virginia should help bear the cost of education of the school children of Virginia in counties and communities less fortunate in matters of financial support for schools. He reiterated repeatedly that Dickenson County was not able to support from local revenue the best of schools to which the children of the county were entitled. This could be done only by the state helping with the payment of teachers' salaries, thereby releasing the county revenue for capital outlay and transportation.

Saturday morning's session was consumed with reports of panel discussions dealing with school finance, professional improvement, measuring the outcomes of instruction, rating of schools and teachers, etc. These reports will be mimeographed and distributed to teachers and laymen throughout the county.

Saturday afternoon's session was presided over by Allen E. Stanley, President of the Dickenson Educational Association. Reports and recommendations from the standing committees were discussed and acted upon.

One resolution reported for consideration of the group dealt with the recent action of the Cumberland Bank and Trust Company in deducting the amount of ten dollars from the salary payments of the various teachers throughout

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