

Crusading for the Forgotten Child

Six Mountain Boys on Mule back Tour to Tell Nation How Their Folk "Are Set for Larnin"

FIVE million native Americans, hemmed in from the march of civilization and progress for two centuries by the rugged Southern mountains, are placing their plea for educational assistance before their fellow Americans.

On muleback—typical transportation of their homeland—these rode out of Knott County, Kentucky, early this month, six boys who will bear far and wide through out the United States the message of the mountains. They will tell in the more favored sections of the country how their people "are set for larnin," while back in the hillside cabins the people of Lincoln and Clay wait expectantly their return. For two months these mountain boys, direct of speech, will carry on their "Forgotten Child Crusade."

"Help us to help ourselves" is the slogan of these crusaders. With all the zealotry of those who seven centuries ago swept through to Palestine in the cause of Christianity, so these boy pioneers will do their best to advance the cause of the mountaineer, no longer the feudist, no longer the moonshiner, but a real American who seeks only the opportunity that has heretofore passed him by.

Humpty Joab and Sam Stone. They will tell the story of Humpty Joab, typical man of the mountains, who signed over his land for a community center, so that my Phronie and Omie and Lige and Sam and my Marily and my Sephy—and if it ain't too late—we and my woman will get a chance to live UNLIKIN' the hog." They will tell of Uncle Sam Stone, former moonshiner and fugitive, who has now dedicated his life to helping his fellows, because his seven children, educated at the community center at Caney Creek, have brought him a new outlook. And



Tony Stone, prize beauty of the Caney Creek Community Center kindergarten, Kentucky.

they will tell of Mrs. Alice S. G. Lloyd, "the little woman of Caney Creek," who, singlehanded, has built the beginning of a bright future for her beloved mountaineers. And in the telling, these boys themselves will raise the worth of their cause, for they are the living demonstration of what the opportunity for education means. The boys are: Corbett Franklin, Dan Marlin, Birchel Moore, Hale Messenger, Rush Stone and Gomer Sturgill.

Mrs. Lloyd, former Radcliffe student, and New England newspaper woman, went into the Kentucky mountains in 1916. The conditions there so appealed to her that she started some community work in the district; one year later Humpty Joab, otherwise Abisha James, appeared, having walked thirty miles from Caney Creek, with his colorful message that Caney Creek wanted her. She went, and remained, having found her life's work.

Funds from Radcliffe College. Joab gave the land he promised, and in one day the men of Caney Creek built a shack in which Mrs. Lloyd began her work. Girls in Radcliffe College, at Mrs. Lloyd's plea, gave funds for a little knock-down building to be known as Radcliffe Cottage. This became the executive center of the community. So simple is the topography of the



country that while the rear of the building is on the ground the front is supported by twelve-foot pillars. More dollar bills, contributed by the girls of Wellesley, financed a recreation hall, built of local lumber, cut in a saw mill that Mrs. Lloyd purchased. Much of the work was "done on faith" and a wagon and team of mules needed in the work were brought on the installment plan. By this time Mrs. Lloyd's circle of supporters was growing, and an appeal for good books brought such a response that at the beginning of this year the Caney Creek Community Center had 14,000 volumes. Sixty public libraries in Knott and adjoining counties have been filled.

The authorities of Knott County, when appealed to, protested they were too poor to improve school conditions, but they agreed to put up \$1,000 toward a new school building, the Community Center agreeing to supply an additional \$4,500. The work was saved on the ground, the mountaineers supplied the labor, and today the school has a kindergarten, one classroom, which can be used as an assembly hall, two smaller classrooms, a domestic science room, library and bathroom. It has a seating capacity of 250, and is named Mt. Holyoke Public School in honor of the college whose alumni furnished the greater part of the funds.

Little by little the work at Caney Creek came to be known and appreciated throughout the mountains. Boys and girls appeared on mules, on foot, from distant points, and demanded admittance. Today there are 150 enrolled. And the fame of the work spread also into



outside parts of the country, due to Mrs. Lloyd's ever widening circle of friends and supporters. More buildings appeared, and a teaching staff, dormitories, a teachers' home, a dining hall and a building where textiles and handicrafts is taught to the girls are on the ground today. High school courses have been added and a special teaching course.

Publish a Weekly Paper. The Center has built a printery and has taught mountain boys the printing trade. Sons of mountaineers in a county which had no newspaper now get out its only weekly, the Beacon Light of Knott County. They also do the county official printing. Every household receives the paper once a week where formerly it was necessary to send a horseman around for weeks to announce a public meeting.

So the work has proved its worth at Caney Creek. Now it is planned to extend the community efforts throughout the five Southern States—Kentucky, West Virginia, North and South Carolina and Tennessee—where bad roads and the mountain barriers have isolated five millions of real Americans from the educational facilities so freely obtained in all other parts of the country. The boys and the girls of the Caney Creek Community Center pledge their education to the cause of uplifting their own people. They simply ask the chance—they are willing to give their all. That is the message the young crusaders are bearing to the nation.



Three of the young crusaders touring Caney Creek, where the mule is mightier than the Ford when it comes to negotiating the mud roads of that district.

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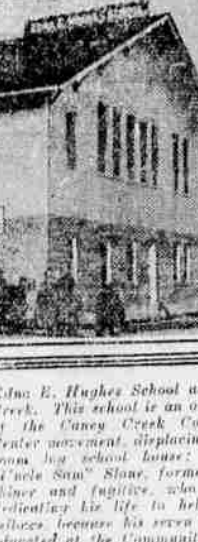
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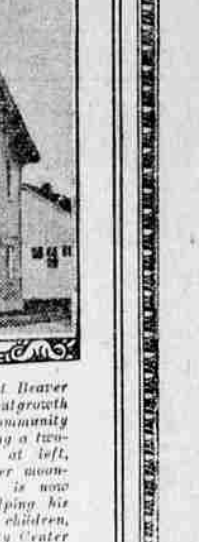
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TRAVEL PARTY HELD AT COVE

(Special to The Observer)

COVE, May 11.—One of the most pleasant of social affairs for the entire season was a "travel party" given on Saturday evening. The guests assembled at promptly 7:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Orlan. As a sort of a preparation for the journey the travelers were served with the first course of an elaborate luncheon by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Conklin. The home was beautifully decorated in Japanese, the candles and other decorations were of this same lovely shade of pink. After the usual hubbub of preparation all was in readiness, the bell jangled and they were off. After what seemed an endless journey, the train stopped at the residence of Miss Bea Kelley, where the weary travelers were refreshed by the second course of the luncheon. The hostess, with the assistance of Mrs. T. C. Herty, instituted new courage into the trip and the travelers fare forth on the second lap of their journey. The second stop was made at the home of the Misses Saunders and Payton, who, with the assistance of Mrs. Guy Barker, served the third course of the luncheon. The guests lingered here and the hour grew late, but the wayfarers were not on the last lap of their trip, which ended at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hallmark. After a delicious finish to their already substantial fare, the remainder of the evening was given over to dancing and a general good time.

It is blossom time in reality now. The trees everywhere are laden with bloom—peaches, cherries, apples, pines and pears, and with the sunshine and beautiful weather the hearts of the archers are as light as the bees, and butterflies daintily soaring over the flowers.

County Superintendent, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, accompanied by Mrs. Kiddle, visited at the Cove school last week. Of the teachers elected at a recent board meeting, four have resigned—Misses Saunders, Payton, Shephardson and Smithpeter, some of who have secured more desirable positions. Other teachers elected are Miss Elmer B.

Stacy, of Sully, Iowa; Mrs. Nellie Vaden, of Union; Miss Eunice Knight, of Troy, Oregon; and Mrs. Margaret Stockdale, of Mt. Vernon, Oregon. This will make the corps nearly full.

Shanghai school, where Miss Grace Pease has been teaching, closed last week. The children had a picnic on Friday, entertaining several of their young friends from Cove and other nearby schools.

Miss Daisy Brogham was given a pleasant surprise party at her home on Thursday evening. About forty young people from the Epworth League made up the party.

Mrs. Melvin Loree was happily surprised on the same evening by the R. Y. P. U., the occasion being her birthday anniversary.

Archdeacon Goldie held service at the Ascension church May 8.

Rev. Ira R. Aldrich, of La Grande, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

Julius Anderson of Baker will address the class on Friday, May 18. The class day program will be held

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The Senators went Wednesday to enjoy a day on the highway.

W. W. Murphy very seriously damaged his thumb while working with a saw.

Laura Richards injured her right hand by coming too close to a separator wheel. It is badly lacerated and painful.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Briston were made happy by the arrival of a small son at their home on Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lay were North Powder visitors on Sunday.

The Community Chorus will give an entertainment on Saturday evening, May 12.

Miss Wilma Landreth, of Baker, is visiting her cousin, Miss Mildred Payton.

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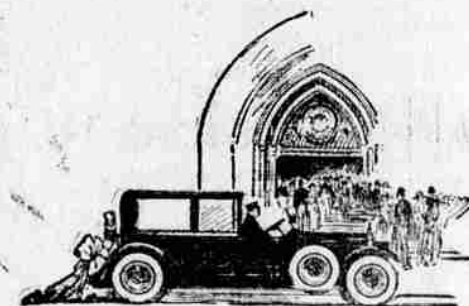
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