New buildings won’t solve all problems

There were suitable rights of relief in the courthouse Tuesday when bids were opened for construction of new schools at Jericho and Fleming.

There had been some question as to whether the building companies from outside the county will presently have available to spend. The bids fell well within the estimated figures submitted in the way of the new schools has been met.

There still is another "if" in the way of construction of the schools, however. First, the county will have to borrow the $500,000. The Letcher Fiscal Court, acting in behalf of the school board, will have to add up the necessary.

Because of various technical requirements, it will be the middle of the year before the school board will be able to advertise. There is a question as to whether the board can meet its obligations in the last tax sale. Even now they are likely to be submitted. However, we assume a buyer can be found.

Construction of the two schools will be made to reduce the crowded class situation in the Plantation-Letcher-Jericho-Barker areas.

We must all bear in mind, however, that building the two buildings does not even come close to solving the county’s need for new construction. Consolidated grade schools are needed in a dozen places in the county, and a new high school is needed in Whitesburg.

As a county, we must face the fact that borrowing the $500,000 for the two schools will use up all of the county's potential and that the county in a position where it is doubtful if we can build another new school for several years, under our present tax structure.

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Fulfillment of God's promise blessing to each believer

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"THE PROMISE Fulfilled"

The promise fulfilled: All down the years of the history of mankind the Promise has been given. By word of mouth, written in the scriptures by holy men who had been taught by the Holy Ghost, hearts that were quickened by the Word of God, found in the text that if only we believe, a promise would be made to each of us.

This promise said, "In every place where the Ark of the Covenant was established, there would be a promised blessing if we only believed and accepted the promise of God.

It had been hundreds of years since the latest word from God through one of His Prophets. Men and women had talked on, giving birth to children, suffering, dying. More than a dozen generations had come and gone and still no great blessing. From mother to child, from teacher to pupil, the promise was repeated, a world world waiting for the Promise to be fulfilled, a people longing in daily expectation that one day God would fulfill His Promise. Then it happened! Not as expected, with a strong delivery in one of the most dire hours, but the Promise was fulfilled when the Bible was born. The Promise had said, "And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

In this baby, born in Bethlehem manner, the Promise was fulfilled. God had come to live in flesh. "Never men spoke as He spoke." "Truly this was the Son of God." These are the very words of His enemies. The Light came to shine in Israel. "He made known to His own, and His own knew Him not, but as many received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, unto them that believe on His name, which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, but of God." (John 1:12-13)

To the three wise men who rode to a small group of people, but to all the world. It was given, not to a king, but to a farmer and shepherd, to be given to be born in a manger and to be saved from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. This is a blessing to be received in daily appreciation and gratitude. It is a daily blessing to be received by the daily believer. It is a blessing that each and every believer should be privy to this moment of the day.

Capsule history

The First Confederate victory in Kentucky in the War Between the States, resulted from a battle between Gen. William Nelson's Union forces and a small number of Confederates near Richmond, Aug. 29, 1861.

Plaing of new trees basic to economy

One of the first and most basic reasons that forestry is important to our county is because it represents our only renewable natural resource. Of the 199,000 acres of land in our county possibly 80 to 90 per cent is ideally suited and adapted to forestry. This means that between 180,000 and 190,000 acres of land should be in trees.

Forestry has played, is playing, and should continue to play a major role in the economy of this county such as we have here. Our forestry production potential has been largely untried in relation to a program under good forestry management practices.

Wildlife habitat will be greatly improved by a good forestry program, thereby increasing the wildlife population. Big game such as deer would be helped by forest management.

For talking with different farmers over the county, the members of the different agricultural agencies have found that the farmers in the county are ready to set approximately 500,000 trees in '39. You landowners who have not already decided to set out these trees, or have seen others of obtaining these trees or have seen others use these trees are likely to find that the farmers cannot yet set their goals of 500,000 trees and let the "time in" price not remain frozen.

Trees on mountain land will give us erosion control, and conservation, and will insure lasting production for our kills for generations to come.

This is our home here in the mountains and if it is in cooperation and take care of our children we all have to help some way, either now or at night we can lay down and go to sleep knowing that if there is an orphan child that we have a home where it will be taken care of.

Yours very truly,

Raymond Pres. Mountain Hawks

Children’s Home

The Mountain Eagle reluctantly announces that increases in production costs are forcing us to increase our subscription prices.

Effective November 10, 1928, subscription prices will be raised to $4.00 for subscribers inside Letcher County, and $5.00 outside the county.

The increase is being forced upon us by the higher cost of newsprint, lead, materials and the superannuated system which we are endeavoring to introduce the paper. A major reason is the boost in postage rates for newspapers and magazines which will take effect January 1. Experts who have studied the postage rate increase say it will cost the average weekly paper more than $1 additional a year for each subscriber.

Our subscribers will receive a special invitation in the next few days to extend their subscriptions before November 10 for another year at present subscription rates. New subscribers also will be accepted at present rates until November 10. Both present and new subscribers may use the coupon below for renewals or new subscriptions.

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