

TELL OF CANEY CREEK

Mountain Boys Relate Graphic Story of Life and Customs Among the Kentucky Mountaineers

Four boys from Caney Creek, Kentucky, gave to an interested audience at Horace Mann school a simple and straightforward story of life in the mountains of their native state, Monday evening, October 19. The ages of the youthful speakers ranged all the way from about 20 down to 13 or 14.

They depicted with a fluency worthy of much more mature speakers, conditions around Caney Creek. One of them while describing the roads in the neighborhood of his home, mentioned with apparent pride the fact that in it there was only one mud-hole—14 miles long! He spoke of the outworn methods of teaching which had prevailed in Caney Creek schools before the coming of teachers from the East. He laid especial stress on the fact that the mountaineers in his part of Kentucky were direct descendants of those people who had emigrated from England more than 200 years ago and, traveling west, had lost themselves in the mountains.

Another boy reviewed, referring to a chart, the system of moral education now being inculcated in the Caney Creek schools. He too elicited the admiration of the audience by the fluency, vigor, and sincerity with which he told his story.

The main purpose of these boys was not to ask for help but to let people in neighboring states know the true condition of these pure blooded American citizens in among these mountains of Kentucky; to arouse an intelligent interest in the movement among the youth down there for better education and for a breaking up of the 200 year old superstitions. Incidentally the boys made it quite evident that many things would be appreciated by these people in the mountains, books, tools,

radio equipment, and the like. Anyone desiring to dispose of any books, informational or entertaining, may get all essential directions from Superintendent Washburne of the Winnetka schools.

Patronesses for Concert For Boy's Shelter Club

Mesdames William C. Boyden, Stephen A. Foster, John H. Hardin, Harold Ickes, August Magnus, Andrew MacLeish, Bruce MacLeish, and John Scott are Winnetka and Glencoe women among the group of patronesses who are sponsoring a concert to be given by Sigrid Onegin, contralto, in the ballroom of the Drake hotel, Tuesday afternoon, October 27, at 3 o'clock, to augment the funds for the work of the Boys' Shelter club at Allendale Farm, which is under the direction of Capt. E. L. Bradley. The boys receive home care, schooling, religious instruction, and athletic training.

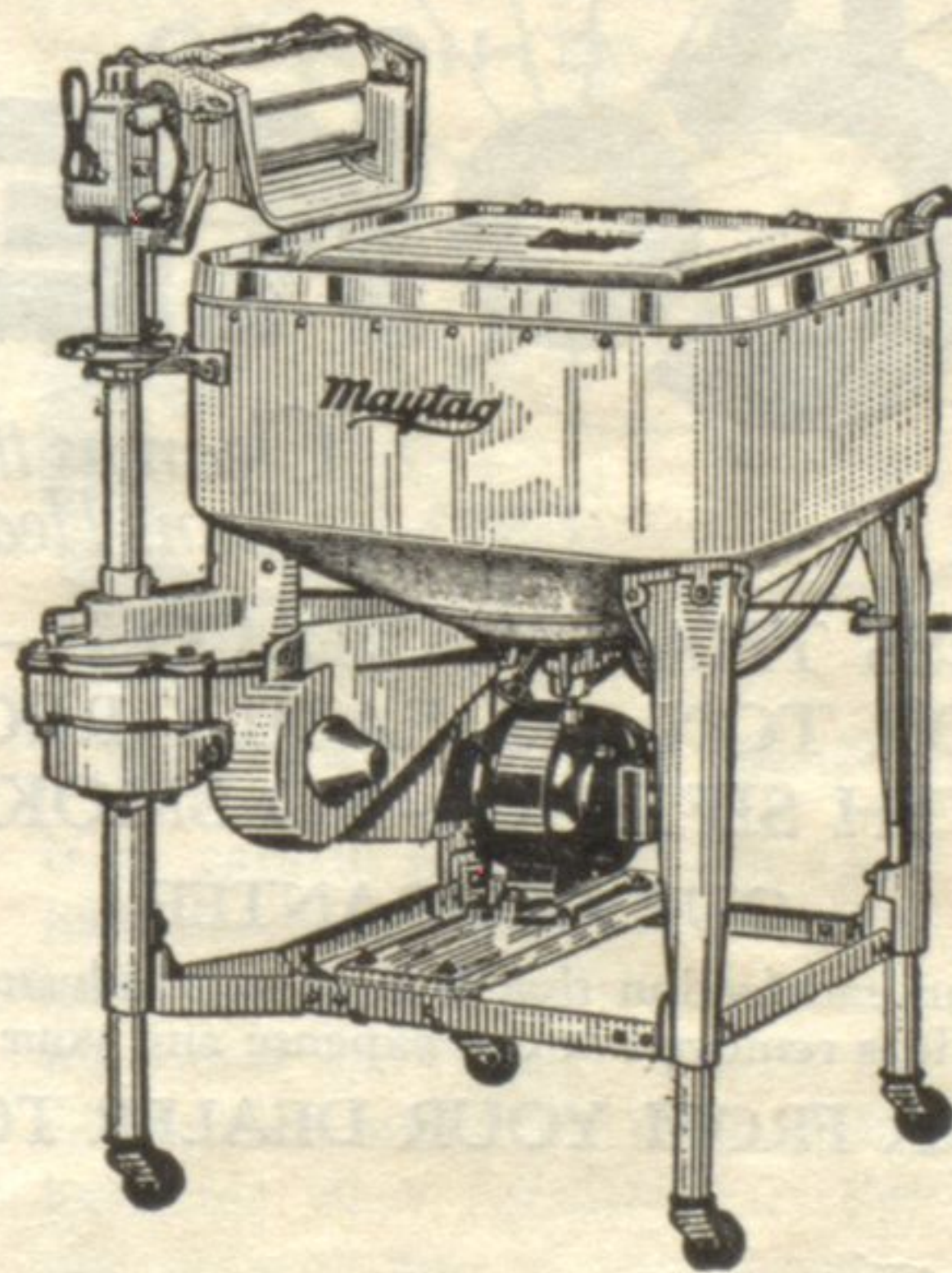


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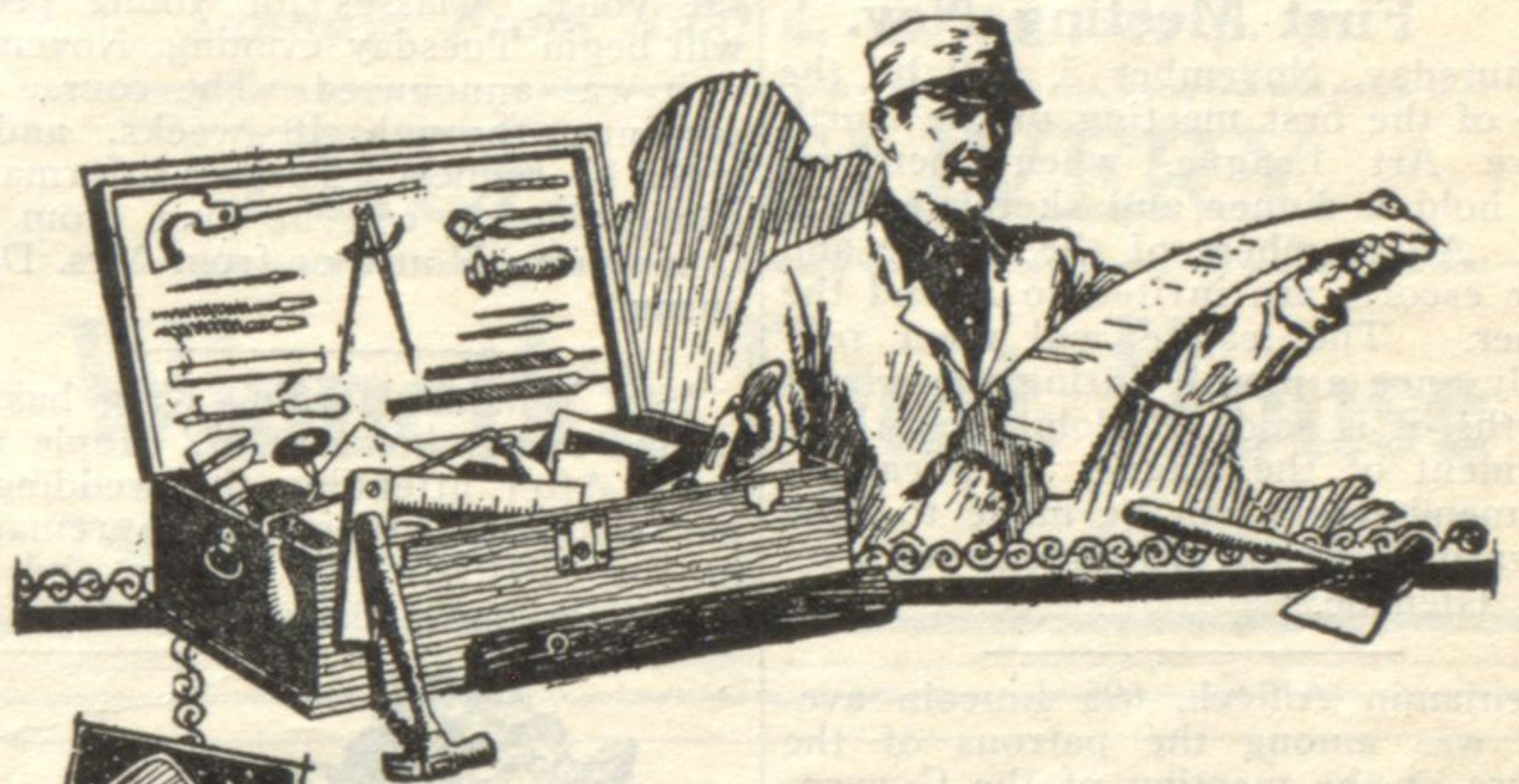
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