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J. B. Singleton arranged Lair's columns into chapters, and cut some repetition. Twenty-two old photographs add to the interest of the text, but the only map, sharply reduced from an official state map of the county, is almost useless. Without a magnifying glass, the reader will have trouble finding many land-marks mentioned in the text. Most of the editorial additions in brackets would be better placed in footnotes or omitted altogether. It would also have been helpful if the editor could have brought more of Lair's statements up to date, or even offered more explanation in cross-referencing. Several times when I followed up a cross-reference I became confused rather than enlightened. On the whole, however, Singleton is to be commended for compiling and indexing Lair's columns on the history of Rockcastle.

-Grace Sears

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