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MANY HERE AT ROAD MEETING

Very Large Crowd Comes to Town to Hear Discussion as to Best Route for New Highway Through County.

Several hundred enthusiastic citizens interested in the welfare of the county were here Tuesday attending the meeting of the Virginia State Highway Commission which came to Tazewell to hear the appeal from State Highway Commissioner Coleman who had located the state road on the old Fincastle and Cumberland Gap turnpike. The citizens appealing contended that the best interests of the State and the people at large would be served by changing the location of the road to what is now called the River Route. This new proposed route would take the State road down the river to Max-well, and to Cedar Bluff, and from there to the Russell county line. The commission, composed of W. H. Mas-sie, of Rappahannock county, chair-man; Henry P. Beck, of Richmond; H. Hardaway, of St. Paul, Jas. A. Mundy, of Natural Bridge and Frank W. Davie, of Laurenceville, reached Tazewell Monday and were taken over the routes for the road now in dispute. They were provided with automobiles by the interested parties and spent the day and part of the Tuesday in going over the different locations. Mr. Geo. P. Coleman, of Richmond, joined the commission here Tuesday morning and was an interested spectator in the court-house meeting.

Chairman Massie called the meeting to order shortly after two o'clock, and announced that the commission was ready to hear argument from each side of the road question.

The argument was opened by Mr. J. N. Harman, of counsel for the ap-pellees, who stated that the best in-terests of the county and the State would be served by constructing the road on the river route, and asserted that, taking the school population as an example, there were 160 pupils served by the old Fincastle road, whereas there were 1,718 that would be served by the river route, and that it was his positive opinion that the new route would serve ten times as many people as the old one. Mr. Harman noted the fact that all the counties industries were on the river route, and that a larger per cent of the population of that Magisterial district lived on this proposed site for the new road. The speaker em-phasized the fact that Tazewell county people had voted and spent one million dollars in road work within the past few years, and that those who are bearing the burden of taxation in paying back this bor-rowed money should be given great consideration at the hands of the commission when the welfare of so great a number of them is at stake. "It is certainly 'up to' the commis-sion to consider the mineral deposits and the possible future development of territory adjacent to the river road, and at the same time weigh the industries and possible future de-velopment on the old route, which is less populous now than twenty years ago. "Our friends in the Cove don't need a macadam road to drive cattle over. It is best that they walk to market on soft ground. And, in addition to this, seventy-five per cent of the taxation of Maiden Spring District is borne by the citizens liv-ing on the north side of the river route," said Mr. Harman. In closing he said that he had been reminded that all this section of the country had been under water in the flood of June, 1901, and that this would be used as argument against changing the route. The Senator, using his Biblical knowledge as a lever to re-fute such absurd conclusions, said that we read in the Book that this whole country was flooded some few thousand years ago, and this argu-ment had as well be used as that of the June flood of 1901.

The bond issue of \$625,000, voted in 1912, was used as argument against changing the route by at-torney T. C. Bowen, who spoke in behalf of the Fincastle and Cumber-land Gap route. He cited the order calling for the election, in which was specifically incorporated, the Fin-castle route for improvement as the main thoroughfare of the county, and he said that the river route was not mentioned or thought of at that time. He asked if it was at that time thought that the river route was then the main artery and con-necting link of the county's road system? Mr. Bowen said that there was only a few miles of unimproved road in Baptist Valley that would connect up the citizens of Cedar Bluff, Richlands and Pounding Mill with the rest of the county, and that this could be easily built with road money of the county as the State road expense is to be entirely borne by the State. Commissioner Cole-man's selection of the Fincastle road as the site for the State highway was strongly defended by Mr. Bow-en, who stated that the selection of the new route would entail endless cost for bridges, grading, etc. It was Mr. Bowen's opinion that it would require three to five times as much money to build the road the

river route as would be required on the Fincastle and Cumberland Gap route.

J. W. Harman, for appellees, asked the question as to the number of industries on the new route, or the possibility of industries of any char-acter ever being developed on the old route. He cited the fact that Liberty Hill, once a thriving town of the county, is now a deserted vil-lage, not even a store being located there, and that there were fewer people in the Cove today than at any time in the past history of the county. He said that highways should be established where they will serve the people, and that a greater percent-age of the people of Maiden Spring district lived on the north of the pro-posed river route.

That the Virginia statute speci-fically directed that the new highway should follow the Fincastle road, was the argument advanced by attorney George C. Peery, who spoke in be-half of the Fincastle and Cumberland Gap turnpike as the proper location of the State highway through the county. The bond issue allocation, the highway commissioner's judg-ment twice given in the case, after careful investigation by engineers; the fact that the State pays all the expense of the road and county money can be used elsewhere in the county, and other reasons, Mr. Peery thought, were unanswerable argu-ments for following the old route. He said that the State proposed to build thirty miles of fine macadam road through the county, and main-tain it for all the time to come; that the county funds could be used else-where on roads that might be desig-nated by the good people of the county. "The State highway will pass through the town of Tazewell and the town of Rosedale in Russell county in any event, as these points are designated in the statute," said the speaker. He said: "The new route would require five miles of new road and thirteen bridges; the old route would require five miles of new road, but no bridges. The roads must not be closed to the farming industries of the county, for if you do you will shut up your coal mines and fac-tories and produce a condition of stagnation and starvation." Mr. Peery called the attention of the opponents of the old route, in answering the argument that the taxes of the county come from the new route, by stat-ing that the Cove and the section adjacent were paying the taxes of the county, and bearing the burden for years and years, while the present coal mining section was a forest and wild land, and bore practically no taxes at all.

Attorney Barnes Gillespie for the new route, was of the opinion, that the reason the Fincastle road was selected in the bond issue plan, was because the people living in that section were more influential and wealthy than those in the section where he thought the new road ought to go. "The grade will be much bet-ter down the river, one-half mile further only, and hundreds of more people will be served than the other route." Mr. Gillespie made a strong argument for the changing of the location to the river route.

So far as could be ascertained the commission has not indicated their decision in the matter, but at the conclusion of the argument offered counsel on each side opportunity to file briefs if they desired to do so. A meeting is to be held in Roanoke this week when it is said a decision of the matter will be given.

The general opinion seems to be in the county that the State High-way Commission will uphold the judgment of Commissioner Coleman, and order that the State Highway traverse the Fincastle and Cumber-land Gap pike.

ALREADY A SUPER-SENATE.

(New York Times.) In suggesting a body of thirty men to have charge hereafter of foreign affairs, Mr. Vanderlip says that it might be called a "Super-Senate." But he has been anticipated. The thing we already have. It is to be found in the Senate's Committee on Foreign Relations. This consists of seventeen members. As the Demo-cratic Senators do not count, con-trol lies with the ten Republican Senators. A majority of them would be six. These six—say, Lodge, Borah, Brandegee, Knox, Johnson, Moses—really decide everything. They set aside the President. They dictate to the Senate. Naturally, six can do it better than thirty could. And if one were to charge them with setting themselves up as a Super-Senate, they would not deny the soft im-pediment. They would smilingly be proud of it.

SILVER TEA.

The Woman's Christian Temper-ance Union will have a silver tea, Saturday, the 5th of February, at 3 o'clock, in the Rest Room.

There will be a musical program and a social time for all. Free will offering will be made for benefit of the loan closet and relief work. Refreshments will be served. Ev-ery one invited.—W. C. T. U. Com-mittee.

JOSEPH P. SURFACE DEAD.

J. P. Surface, brother of the late Geo. R. Surface of this town, died at his home in Roanoke last Sunday morning, after a long illness. The funeral and burial took place in Roanoke last Monday. Besides a wife, who was Miss Hattie Shelton, of Giles County, sister to the late Mrs. Ann Surface, he leaves one son, and a brother, Mr. J. Frank Surface, of Washington. H. S. Surface, a nephew, Mrs. F. R. Steele and Mrs. C. T. Peery, nieces, were present at the funeral and burial.

"Jo" Surface was a man of mark-ed piety, and had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was well known in this town, and was appreciated highly. The follow-ing details are taken from the Roan-oke Times of last Tuesday:

"Funeral services for Joseph Peter Surface, who died Sunday at noon, were held at his home, 808 Thirteenth Street, S. W., at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. John F. Vines of the First Baptist Church, assisted by Dr. J. M. Luck, M. D. Surface was 62 years of age, and had lived in Roanoke nineteen years. For most of the time he had engaged in the real estate business. The burial was in Fairview Ceme-tery.

The active pall bearers, who were nephews of Mr. Surface, were: J. C. Brown, Kenneth Whitescarver, Wil-liam McGuire, H. S. Surface, L. J. Shelton and C. H. Broyles. Honorary—H. S. Garman, U. T. Lemon, C. W. Compton, D. M. Lec-kie, E. E. Thompkins, W. E. Thomas, A. T. Roundtree, Geo. T. Dluguid, J. P. Filippo, J. H. Hankins, J. H. Mat-hews, C. W. Davis, Mr. Hughes and Judge W. W. Moffett.

Flower bearers—Mrs. C. T. Peery, Mrs. F. R. Steele, Mrs. John Shel-ton, Mrs. M. J. Hankins, Mrs. S. S. Scruggs, and Mrs. S. J. McMillion.

BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT SUN-DAY.

Rev. Thos. W. Croxton, the Honak-er pastor, will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning at night—11 and 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Crox-ton has preached here several times recently, and his hearers have been interested and benefitted. The public is cordially invited to these services.

PURCELLE-STANTON.

Mr. M. V. Purcelle, manager of Fuller Brother's Tazewell store, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Stanton, who has been a saleslady in the store since its establishment here, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stan-ton, at 554 Wonola Ave., Kingsport, Tenn., Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. John P. Ogle, the Baptist pastor, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Purcelle left Kingsport Wednesday night for Jacksonville, Fla., and will take a steamer from that point for New York, where Mr. Purcelle will combine a pleasure trip with that of business and buy goods for the Tazewell store.

Mr. Purcelle and his wife have been residents of Tazewell but a short time, but they have made many friends, who wish them a long and happy married life.

They are expected to return to Tazewell in about two weeks.

HAVE THE THANKS OF THE EDITOR.

The large number of subscribers who renewed their subscriptions this week have the thanks of the Editor, who appreciates their hearty good wishes and kind expressions as well. As Dr. Tynes says, the C. V. N. will "carry on" and I will help to hold up your hands.

Mrs. McClain and others say, "We can't do without the paper." "Mat" Hankins Richlands, says, "I am ashamed that I have not paid you long ago." Some folks have neither shame nor conscience when it comes to paying their debts, but "Mat" is not one of them.

MEETING OF CIVIC LEAGUE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic League was held in the Red Cross rooms on Tuesday afternoon, January 24th. A good number of the members were present. After the minutes of the last meeting were read the chairman gave their reports of committees formed and every one of the members of the committees being interested and ready to go to work.

The school lunch committee gave a most interesting account of their work and a rising note of thanks was given the committee for what they had accomplished and the good work they have put in action. Mention was made of the Home Demonstration work, which was started in March. A committee of ladies of the Civic League met the County Supervisors and urged their appropriating the money that Miss Cook, the State Demonstartor, had come to Tazewell to get.

The League hopes to get the civic work in good shape, so that the public can know what they are doing and intend to do.—Press Committee.

NICE HOME—8 ACRES.

A nice five-room house, two por-ches, bath, large barn, tenant house and eight acres good bluegrass land attached, just outside corporate lim-its. Such a home in Tazewell is worth all it costs. Price, \$7,000 on easy payment. Inquire at this of-fee.

CITIZENS SHOW PUBLIC SPIRIT

Contribute Liberally to Repair Work on High School Building—The List of Those Who Subscribed.

We, the Committee of the citizens, for the purpose of getting the neces-sary improvements to the Tazewell High School Building so as to make it sanitary, are pleased to report that with the aid and co-operation of Mr. A. G. Kiser, (who had entire charge of the work without any re-neration), the girls and boys toilet rooms in the said building have been altered, enlarged, improved and placed in first class sanitary condition; and the total cost of the improve-ments, including the materials, sup-plies, etc., was the sum of \$2,435.00, (as shown by the bills on file in Mr. Kiser's office), which has been sub-scribed and paid for in full, by the parties below named, contributing thereon the following:

Jeffersonville Dist. School Board, \$1,200.00; A. Z. Litz, \$250; Geo. W. St. Clair, \$250; A. S. and A. J. Hig-ginbotham, \$250; Geo. C. Peery, \$100; Barnes Gillespie, \$100; W. Jeff Gil-lespie, \$100; H. E. Harman, \$50; T. C. Bowen, \$50; Dr. R. P. Copenhav-er, \$50; Jno. G. O'Keefe, \$25; M. J. Hankins, \$10; making a total of \$2,435.00 N. W. McConnell as a do-nation remitted about \$25.00 from his account for work done.

As to the unsatisfactory heating condition in the High School Build-ing, particularly in several of the rooms, we think that it can be re-medied and made satisfactory at an expense not exceeding one thousand dollars, and likely less, and result in a saving of fuel also. But the pa-rons will have to come forward and subscribe the amount necessary be-fore it can be done, since the School Board states that it has not, and cannot spare from other urgent needs, he means to help on the heat in this building.

(Signed) A. S. HIGGINBOTHAM, A. C. BUCHANAN, A. Z. LITZ, Committee.

CITIZENS OF CLEAR FORK.

T. L. and John Shuffelbarger, well known citizens of Clear Fork, were here recently, and took up a good deal of the Editors time gassin'.

In the course of the talk it came out, that the Sunday School at Cove Creek, where Tom lives, is dead. It passed away some months ago, and the young folks are given over to the tender mercies of old Satan, and the church members and workers are taking things easy, "at ease in Zion." They have preaching about once a month, and small congregations. Whats the matter with Cove Creek. The devil is not dead, wish he was.

John Shuffelbarger said that the black smith shop was still doing bus-iness at the old stand, with Millard Kruetz, John Crabtree and "Bill Pruett regular attendants as usual. Many important questions are dis-cussed and decided around the fire at the forge. He also made the pleas-ing statement that the pastor, Rev. Mr. Spitzer, "is the best preacher in the country," and the Editor was in-vented down to hear him, and will accept the invitation as soon as the weather breaks.

A FARM BARGAIN.

A nice farm of about 95 acres, rich land, fine orchard, good water, com-fortable house, good barn. About 75 acres cleared, in cultivation or fine grass, conveniently located, about 5 miles from town. This is an oppor-tunity to secure a good, cheap home in the county. Price \$9,000.00. On easy terms. Inquire at News Office if you mean business.

WHO WILL GO?

The Virginia Sunday School Con-vention meets in Petersburg Feb. 8-10. Tazewell County Sunday schools are members of this Association, and the county should be represented at Petersburg.

Who will volunteer to attend the Petersburg Convention?

SECOND QUARTERLY CONFER-ENCE.

Rev. A. S. Uim will preach Sunday 11 a. m. at Glenwood; 7 p. m. at Lib-erty Hill.

Second Quarterly Conference at White Church, 3 p. m. Rev. H. E. Kelson, Presiding Elder, will preach. The pastor kindly ask all stewards to be present with reports, if possi-ble.

HOLSTEIN COW FOR SALE.

Gentle, gives now 3 1-2 gallons of milk, seven years old. Price, \$90.00. H. A. BOWEN, Tazewell, Va. 1-12-21.

NEW COOK IN BUSY BEE.

The Busy Bee Restaurant in Blue-field has the best cook in the coun-try, recently from the Biltmore hotel in New York. Also the best cafeteria and dining room in the city, serving always the best. JAMES RANTOS, Manager.—Adv.

A NEAR SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Mearns Price and Lyle, of Welch, passing through Tazewell enroute to their home from Marion, met with two accidents—one on the Plum Creek road, where their car was par-tially demolished, and one in the town of Tazewell, where the work of de-struction was almost completed. As they came through the town of Taze-well, Leslie Nuchols, a young son of Mrs. George W. Nuchols, attempt-ed to cross the street in front of the car and slipped on the ice, and was struck by the car, which was proceed-ing at a slow speed. The driver, ap-parently, to prevent further injury to the boy, turned the car into a tele-phone pole in front of the hardware store of J. A. Greover, where it stop-ped. One of them, Mr. Price, was seriously cut about his body in the first accident, and was taken to a doctor's office, where his injuries were treated.

The little Nuchols boy is not much the worse for the accident, being on the street yesterday.

WILL QUIT HOGBACK—NO ROADS.

Among the large number of call-ers to this office on Tuesday, were Mrs. Humphrey and her neighbor, Mrs. Will Witten, Liberty Hill, and Mrs. Chas. S. Ascue and her father, Mr. Bradshaw, of Repass, Russell County.

Mrs. Humphrey lives on "Hogback" off the main road, and from what she said it will be no surprise if she comes off that ridge, the road to which is the worst ever, particularly in the winter time.

ATTRACTIVE COUNTRY HOME—EXCELLENT VIRGINIA FARM.

Pure Bred Cattle Business. Frame dwelling shaded lawn; or-chard; 315 acres; barns; 75 head reg-istered Aberdeen-Angus cattle; es-tablished business; work stock; feed; farm equipment; first class income producing proposition at low figure. \$45,000.00 for everything, owner ill and must make immediate sale. H. W. HILLEARY, 1000 Vermont Av-enu, Washington, D. C. 1-28-21.

ORDINANCE PASSED BY TOWN COUNCIL ON JAN. 8, 1921.

Be it ordained by the town Coun-cil of Tazewell, that all persons are prohibited from loafing or idling in the Postoffice or other public places in said Town.

Any person violating this ordin-ance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$5.00 for each offense.

A. C. BUCHANAN, Mayor, JNO. S. THOMPSON, Sgt.

NOTICE.

Mrs. Nancy J. Gillespie authorizes us to state that she will not be re-sponsible for debts incurred by any one except upon her order. All par-ties will please take notice of this.

RICHLANDS CIVIC LEAGUE TO GIVE SPELLING BEE.

The Civic League of Richlands is to give an old fashioned "Spelling Bee" in the Opera House, Friday night, January 28, Husbands to spell against their wives.

The ladies will have pies to sell after the spelling. The proceeds are to be used in Deaconness' Mills work at the community room. The Deacon-ness is doing a splendid work. Has a well organized Sunday School with splendid attendance and has started a library. She has on hands about five hundred volumes, with a number more promised.

Let every one come out and spell, buy pies and have a good time.—Press Agent.

QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR.

All parties indebted to the estate of the late S. J. Cundiff are request-ed to settle the same at once. JOHN W. SHUFFLEBARGER, Shawver Mill, Va.

THE HEATING PLANT IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptist people have installed a Caloric heating furnace in the basement of the Baptist church, and the church is entirely comfortable in the coldest weather.

Mr. W. L. Painter furnished and installed the furnace, and gave a quick and satisfactory job.

Mr. McConnell fixed the smoke flue. Mr. Wm. Kimball, a member of the church, does the firing, and does it well. So dont mind the weather but come to church.

NEWS OF SHAWVER MILL.

Shawver Mill, Jan. 27. Mr. A. B. Lefell is now in a san-ctorium in Bluefield, where he under-went an operation, and is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lefell and son, William, of Huntington, W. Va., are here on a visit to their parents.

Miss Fannie Compton left last week for Cedar Bluff to see her sis-ter, who has been very ill.

Mr. Joe Pruett, of Graham, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pruett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kinzer and their daughters, Clara and Mrs. Ar-thur Lefell, were in Tazewell Tues-day and took dinner with their daughter, Mrs. D. B. Howell.

CHEAP LUMBER AT LAST.

We will sell our lumber long run, 4 1-4 boards 8 1-2 to 10 feet long, also framing cut to order at same price. Log run means scoots out. Our price at the mill, \$35.00 per 1,000 feet. F. O. B. car lots, Cedar Bluff, Va. \$40 most all oak.

We want to sell it from the mill green. Will except any size order at the mill, J. H. NIPPER & SON, Cedar Bluff, Va. 1-28-21.

WILL ARRIVE IN FEW DAYS.

A fine and complete line of wall paper. Direct from factory to you. Would you like to see the exclusive patterns? Pleased to showyou. J. Frank Alexander, Tazewell, Va.

NICE GRASS FARM.

100 A.—2 houses 76 A., cleared, fine grazing proposition. Five miles from town, near meadum road. Price \$8,000.00. 1-3 cash, balance long time. Inquire at NEWS OFFICE.

IS THERE ANOTHER?

Thos. M. For—the only one of the name left now in Thompson Valley, called in a day or two ago, and paid his tuition. He has the distinction of being the only man in the county so far as known, whose father served in the war of 1812. Is there another case in the community?

INCUBATOR AND BROODER FOR SALE.

I have for sale one 120 egg "Old Truist" incubator and one 11 chick brooder. Both in perfect condition. Used for only two hatches. Price for the two, \$15.00. Call on or address A. M. BLACK, Tazewell, Va. 1-28-21.

FARMS WANTED.

We have customers for farms and improved property of various sizes scattered throughout the country, and are in position to get the best possi-ble price. List your farm with us, and there will be no charge unless a customer for your property is found. We have been in business a number of years and keep in touch with mil-lions of farmers through United States.

C. T. BENBOW, Graham, Va., rep-resenting Oglesby Real Estate Agen-cy, Inc. 1-28-21.

A. B. STUART DEAD.

A. B. Stuart, a brother to Mrs. Gussie Bowen, of this town and Judge J. H. Stuart, of Roanoke, died at his home in Greenbrier county last Wednesday, the 19th, after a long illness from heart trouble. He was a wife and Judge Stuart and Mrs. Bowen he is survived by another sister, Mrs. Edmund Schon, of Huntington, and two sons. The funeral and burial services occurred near his old home last week, the inter-ment taking place in the old Stone Church cemetery in Greenbrier coun-ty.

SOT IN HIS WAYS.

Alexandria, La., January 17. Clinch Valley News:

I enclose herewith my check for two dollars in payment to subscrip-tion for paper. If this is not satis-factory notify me. I am too much sot in my ways for either my reli-gion or politics to be either hurt or improved by the News and there are several reasons why it is a welcome visitor. So you can just send the ding thing along and hit us as hard as it suits you.

With my kindest regards to all. R. B. GILLESPIE.

NOTICE TO PEDDLERS.

All persons who are operating in this county as peddlers without a peddlers license are hereby warn-ed that unless a license is procured at once, such offenses upon being re-ported to my office will be prosecut-ed in accordance with the law gov-erning such cases. H. L. SPRATT, Commonwealths Attorney.

OATS AND HAY FOR SALE.

I have on my farm near Wittens Mills, Va., 1 stack of hay, and in the barn 180 dozen of good oats to sell, on the macadam road to Gra-ham from Tazewell, Va. Phone 110-z or write me, T. M. GREAR, Chif-field, Va. 1-28-21.

FAILURES IN 1920.

During the year 1920, according to Dunn's Review, there were 8,881 financial failures in United States, as compared with 6,451 in 1919—9,982 in 1918; 13,855 in 1917; 16,998 in 1916; 22,156 in 1915, which mark-ing the largest number during the previous 30 years.

The amount of liabilities of fail-ures for 1920, was \$295,121,806, the largest except two years—14-15, for 30 years. There were during the year 1920, 119 bank suspensions, 80 or more of these being in the state of North Dakota.

THIS MAY BE INTENDED FOR YOU.

All parties who are indebted to us are hereby notified that accounts must be settled to January 1. If you cannot pay cash, come in and give us you note as all accounts must be settled. We thank you for your patronage the past year. G. T. PEERY & SONS. 1-28-21.

PLANS OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE

What is Proposed to Be Done by School to Be Erected For Southwestern Section of Virginia.

Almost every citizen in Tazewell County by this time has read or heard something about Bluefield Col-lege. That it is to be located in Taze-well County near the cities of Gra-ham and Bluefield, is generally known. That it is to be a college for young men, representing an expedi-ent in the beginning, of one million dollars, and under the auspices of the Baptist Denomination, is also generally understood.

It is earnestly desired that all shall have a clear understanding of its aims and purposes, its ideals, its building program and its financial plans and resources. It is believed that a full and accurate knowledge of all its outstanding features of the College will result in a common good. It will be a purpose through succeed-ing issues of this publication and in various other ways to accomplish the above desire.

Origin of the College.

In this brief article we call atten-tion to the origin of Bluefield College.

All things come from an idea and a conviction. Bluefield College repre-sents the unfolding of a conviction which goes back to the days of the pioneers of the Baptist denomination in South-west Virginia. These pion-ers had a conviction that somewhere in this general region our Baptist people should found a college for young men.

This conviction grew, taking more definite shape now and then, as the need for higher education under Christian auspices was understood and as South West Virginia advanced in importance and in population. Finally, Virginia Baptists five or six years ago, decided to locate some where in South West Virginia a col-lege for boys. This conviction assum-ed more definite form two years ago when the Baptists of Virginia appropri-ated \$150,000 for this purpose and appointed a committee on location.

This committee, in August 1919, met in Bristol to receive and consider bids for the college. Some seven or eight South West Virginia cities wanted it and made overtures for it. Among them was Bluefield. Since the college could not be located outside of Virginia and this being recogniz-ed by Bluefield, she offered a loca-tion and \$75,000 in addition if the college would be located in Tazewell County between the cities of Gra-ham and Bluefield. Seventy-two men representing the Chamber of Com-merce of Bluefield presented this offer. These men were serious and de-termined. This region being an un-occupied one in so far as a college was concerned and the offer from Bluefield no mean offer the commit-tee on location decided to accept the offer of Bluefield. All agree that the decision was wisely made.

It should be stated that at this juncture no one imagined that the college would start off as a million dollar proposition. This came as a subsequent development. The Board of Trustees having been elected and commissioned to build and operate Bluefield College met in Bluefield. They believed the college should be the best; and be worthy of the peo-ple of these mountains. They believ-ed the buildings should be fire-proof and in every respect adaptable and modern. Hence the Board readily and unanimously decided \$225,000 in addition to the grounds was wholly in-adequate with which to build a worth while institution.

Million Dollars Needed.

So having been charged with the affairs of the college they canvassed the whole situation and decided to construct plans on a basis of 500 students. This was done. It was discovered that altogether eighteen build-ings would be required. As best they could they went into the cost of con-struction and saw that no less than one million dollars would be required. The main problem, of course, was finances. It was finally decided to take all their findings to the Bat-tists of Virginia and ask for a cam-paign for one million dollars. This was done last November in Rich-mond when the Baptists of Virginia met in their annual meeting. As is known by many all the recommenda-tions of the Board of Trustees were accepted by Virginia Baptists.

Two architectural firms are now at work and the actual work of construc-tion will begin in the early summer. Thus runs the story of the origin and development of Bluefield College.

R. ADDISON LANDSDELL, President.

FINAL NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS.

The extension of the time during which auto owners might secure their licenses ends this week and warning is given that