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Civic League Column

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Meetings, First Friday of Each Month.

MONTHLY MEETING

The Woman's Civic League held its general meeting in the Federal Court room Friday, July 1, at 4:30 p. m.

The president, Mrs. Irvine, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Executive committee held a meeting June 27th at the home of Mrs. E. E. Goodloe. A committee of three was appointed to meet the Board of Trade in regard to the extermination of the fly, also about the fighting of tuberculosis in certain parts of town. A committee meet the School Board in regard to the Lyceum Course. The work in this direction looks very encouraging, and we hope to gain enough subscriptions to guarantee the League giving this treat to our town.

The membership committee reported two new members. The Finance Committee reports three dollars collected.

Mrs. Moore's resignation as a member of the League was presented and acted upon.

The following resolutions were presented:

Resolved—First, That the Woman's Civic League of Big Stone Gap has given up a zealous friend and intellectual member.

Resolved—Second, That the Church has lost a faithful helper and society a charming addition.

Resolved—Third, That we bid her God speed in her new home, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Moore, one to be printed in the Big Stone Gap Post, and also to be recorded in the minute book of the Woman's Civic League.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. L. O. PETTIT,
MRS. H. A. W. SKEEN.

Mrs. C. S. Carter tendered her resignation as treasurer. Miss Lizzie Polly was elected in her place. Mrs. Bruce Tinsley resigned as chairman of Social Committee. Mrs. J. B. Ayers was elected as chairman of Social Committee.

The League will give an entertainment Friday, July 15th, in the school hall, for the Normal.

Mrs. E. E. Goodloe reported the work done by the Streets, Park and Public Groves Committee. This committee superintended the work of two days hard labor in the cemetery. With a force of hired laborers and some volunteer work, they accomplished wonderful results. The League has spent \$34.88 in the cleaning up of the cemetery. With the aid of the council, we hope to put water into the cemetery, also have crushed stone put over the driveway. If lot owners will now take interest in their individual lots, the cemetery may, in a measure, be compared to beautiful cemeteries we know of.

We are placing orders for three gates to replace the dilapidated one at the entrance, which will materially help the looks of the cemetery.

The Boys' Club expect to have a baseball game the last Saturday in July—admission 15 cents—for the purpose of raising funds for a fountain for the cemetery.

The Art Committee presented a bill for post cards, which was passed. The Art booklets are now in hands of publishers, and will be for sale in the near future.

The Charity Committee is beginning to lay its plans for organization, so that it can be given work by fall.

The meeting adjourned to meet the first Friday in August.

The effort the Civic League is making to give the town a course of entertainments next winter is meeting with success wherever it is presented. The festivities of the Fourth interfered with the canvassing of the town for the sale of tickets, so if you have not been called upon you may know the reason, and look for them this week. The best seats are going fast, and by getting a season ticket now, you have the pick of the seats, also a cheaper rate.

The fight that is being made in so many cities and towns all over the country against the bill-board nuisance cannot be greatly appreciated by us, for

we have few, but even "the few" are in the most objectionable places. The first thing that meets a stranger coming into the town or continues to meet him every time he steps out of the hotel, is glaring advertisements or dirty ragged paper flopping in the breeze. The only way to rid our town of such unsightly things is for public sentiment to put them out. Now, if you are interested in a "city beautiful" to live in, you will certainly help to bring about this sentiment.

Since the town is full of visitors a greater effort should be made to keep our streets clean, so they may go away with a memory of Big Stone Gap as a clean town. The business section could certainly be improved by a little more care about paper, fruit peelings, etc. "Mr. Mayor, won't you help us "clean up" a little.

The League will give an entertainment Saturday evening in compliment to the Summer Normal. Those of us who have been so fortunate as to see "Fairy Land" know the treat in store for the teachers. The members of the league that are working to bring this enchanted land to our very doors are making a special effort to make it attractive and I am sure the teachers in the Normal will show their appreciation by giving them a good house.

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NORMAL NOTES

On Thursday night, July the 7th, the students of the Normal and the citizenship of the town were entertained in the school auditorium by Karl Jansen, a Swedish entertainer and humorist. He is the personification of grace on the stage. He exemplifies well what can be done in physical culture. He is a good impersonator and was especially pleasing in his impersonation of Shylock.

We are sorry to announce that our conductor, Mr. Hillman, was called back to his home Monday morning, July 11th, on account of the sudden change for the worse of his brother at home, who has had fever for some days past, and was thought to be getting along well, but this morning, July 11, the sad news comes that the brother is worse and not expected to live, so Mr. Hillman had to leave us. His work is now being done by the manager and other instructors. We hope for the speedy recovery of his brother.

Tuesday night, July 12th, at 8:45 Dr. J. P. McConnell, of Emory and Henry College, gave a free lecture in the school auditorium to which everybody was invited. Dr. McConnell is a strong speaker, an educational man of the first rank in the State.

Mr. W. L. Ownbey, Division Superintendent of Buchanan, is visiting the Normal, and shows intense interest in the welfare of his teachers. Buchanan is coming to the front educationally, under the supervision of Superintendent Ownbey.

Superintendent J. C. Boatright, of Lee, was in attendance on the Normal one day last week. Thus far Lee has the "banner" attendance in the Normal. Mr. Boatright thinks he can send us a few more. He is busy with building projects in his county, consequently, could remain with us but one day.

Southwest Virginia is being heard from and already attracting the attention of the other parts of the State as to our educational interest. We are making substantial growth and progress in education, first, by the erection of good buildings, with good modern equipments, conserving the interest of the rural schools, establishing State Libraries, and encouraging Civic improvement of everything pertaining to school and home life of the pupils through Civic Leagues organized, if possible, in each school neighborhood. The other end of the State will soon have to "step up and take notice," for Southwest Virginia has a future. Our enrollment gradually grows toward three hundred. We now have two hundred and eighty one.

In a Faculty meeting of the instructors last week, a committee on resolutions, concerning the death of Mr. R. H. Sheppe was appointed, and on Monday morning presented in Chapel the following resolutions, which were adopted by standing vote of the whole school:

"Since it has pleased God, in His Providence, to remove from our midst Prof. R. H. Sheppe, who for a number of years successfully conducted the Summer Normal at Big Stone Gap, and who is well known as one of the leading educators in the State; "Therefore, be it resolved by the Faculty and the student-body of the Big Stone Gap Summer Normal; "First, That the death of Professor Sheppe, we have lost a friend who spared neither time nor energy in making this Normal one of the most successful in the State and through it he has exerted a powerful influence in the educational uplift in Southwest Virginia; "Second, That we tender our sympathy to his family in their bereavement; "Third, That these resolutions be published in the local papers and in the Virginia Journal of Education and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Sheppe. Respectfully submitted,
R. M. ADDINGTON,
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Appalachia Notes.

Mrs. T. D. Stover and son, of Bowling Green, Ky., are visiting friends and relatives in Appalachia during the summer months.

Miss Amanda E. Jenkins, bookkeeper for Sloan & Co., of Gate City, will return to her home the first of the week after a visit with her friend, Miss Anna Kerr Tompkins, who will accompany her.

Misses Ethel and Addie Hurt left for their home at Middleboro last Saturday.

Dr. W. B. Peters left Monday for Gate City to visit friends and relatives.

LETCHER CO. NEWS

Mayking, Ky., July 6.—Geo. F. Cramer, of Big Stone Gap, is in Whitesburg this week.

Ira Fields, attorney of Whitesburg, has gone to Booneville, Ky., on business.

E. M. Webb, of Sergeant, who has been at Hot Springs, Ark., for the past month, has returned home.

Carl, the eight year old son of J. P. Morgan, of this place, was run over by a wagon yesterday and hurt very badly.

Last Thursday eve Mr. Archie Craft, of Sergeant, led to the altar Miss Dallas Wright, of Craftsville.

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The present is the bride's third matrimonial venture. Her first husband was John Brauham, of Pound, who was killed in West Virginia in an attempt to arrest some refugees from this State. Her second husband was W. B. Renfro, who was also killed while attempting the arrest of some law violators at Dorchester some three or four years ago.

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