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Birth Cards.

Vital Statistics Bureau of Board of Health Anxious to Supply Legal Record to all Children Born Under New Law.

Richmond, Va., April 23.—To the mothers of approximately 100,000 babies the State Bureau of Vital Statistics has sent formal notice that the birth of their children is duly recorded in the archives of the Commonwealth and this week, in observing the century mark, the State's officers are making plans to complete the roll of Virginia children born since the new vital statistics law went into effect. They are urging parents who have not given their children the protection afforded by a legal record of birth to procure this necessary guarantee of age, parentage and nativity.

In September, 1914, the Board of Health, through the bureau of vital statistics, began sending to the parents of all children whose births were reported formal certificates signed by the Health Commissioner and the Registrar of Vital Statistics showing the date and place of birth, the name of the child's parents and the number of the original birth certificate in the archives of the State. The records have now been covered from October, 1912, to November, 1914, and will be continued regularly hereafter. It is hoped that cards can subsequently be sent to all children born between June 13, 1912, when the vital statistics law became effective, and October of the same year, but this is rendered somewhat difficult, health officers state, by errors in the form of early certificates.

Parents in all parts of the State are much interested in the formal acknowledgment by the State of the birth of their children and some of them write daily to express their thanks for the certificates, to make corrections or to inquire why the cards have not been received.

"The mailing of cards for the births of a given month," said State Registrar W. A. Plecker today, "is not usually undertaken until three or four months thereafter, owing to the fact that many certificates are not received, in spite of the strict provisions of law, until some time after the birth occurs. Where a longer period elapses and no card is received, the mother should first ask the physician if he has filed the certificate with the local registrar. This is often overlooked by the physician, but should be insisted upon by the parent as a part of the physician's service to the mother. Where the birth has been reported and no card is received by the parent, the reason is usually an error in the post office address of the parent or the failure of the physician or registrar to state that the child's parents were married. In cases of the latter class, of course, no cards are sent, and where there is an error in the address the card may be sent but will be returned by the post office authorities. We should be very glad to receive from parents notification if they do not get the birth cards of their children within four months after the birth of the child, and we feel that every mother should make certain the birth of her baby is reported in order that it may have the legal protection given by a proper birth certificate."

Rules of Contest

For the Virginia Coal Field League for Season 1915.

1. The games shall begin April 28th and terminate Saturday, June 26th.

2. Clubs from Big Stone Gap, Stonega, Kokee and Dante, and none other, shall be eligible to play.

3. In order to prevent, as far as possible, unseemly competition among clubs for the same players, the following rules are prescribed, viz:

(a) After the 2nd of June each club shall be entitled to fifteen (15) players and no more, all of which must have reported to the home club and be ready for play and remain with the club.

(b) After a player has signed a contract to play with one club in the 1915 series, he shall not be entitled to play with any other club in the series of games herein provided, until he has been released in writing by the club with which he has first signed.

(c) Each club shall, on or before June 2nd, 1915, deliver to C. B. Bower, president of the Virginia Coal Field League, a list of not exceeding fifteen (15) players.

(d) After a player has played with one club in the series of games therein provided, the said player shall not be entitled to play with any other club.

4. A club failing, except for unavoidable accident, which prevents it from reaching the grounds, to be on hand and ready for play at the time set for the game, shall forfeit the same to the opposing club.

5. A game not played, or finished, because the umpire decides that it is too rainy, or too dark, or because of unavoidable accidents preventing one or both of the clubs from reaching the place of play shall be played at such time and place as the Executive Committee of the Base Ball League may direct.

6. The rules of the National Base Ball League, so far as applicable, shall govern in all matters except wherein conflict herewith.

7. If any club disputes the eligibility of a player of another club, such objection must be made in writing, specifying the grounds of objection, and mailed or handed to the opposing club and also, to the Interpretation Committee, whose duty it shall be to notify the Executive Committee, and have same passed on as speedily as possible; provided that if such question shall not have been passed upon before the next game is called, the objecting club may notify the opposing club that it will play such game under protest, in which case, if the other club insists upon playing such player and if it be afterwards decided that he was ineligible, the game, no matter what the result may be, shall be counted as having been won by the objecting club.

8. Each club shall bear its own expenses in going to and from games, except Dante is to give the visiting team fifteen dollars (15.00) for each game, and the club upon whose grounds the game is played shall be entitled to all gate receipts.

The preliminary games shall terminate on June 26th, 1915, provided that if any two or more clubs should then be tied, such tie, or ties, shall be played off during the following week at such time and place as the Executive Committee may appoint. The two clubs having the highest average in the preliminary games shall play the final game at Big Stone Gap on July 3rd, 1915, and the winner of this game shall receive the "Big Stone Gap Athletic Association Base Ball Cup" to be retained by it until July 1st, 1916, and then returned to the Athletic Association.

If you want job work done promptly, neatly and artistically, send it to the Wise Printing Company.

Base Ball.

Results of Games Played Saturday in the Wise County High School League.

Norton Wins Both Games

Norton, Va., April 24.—The local high school teams won both the vally and base ball games from Big Stone Gap here this afternoon in an exciting and close contest. The vally ball was the most interesting played at this place for some time. The Big Stone girls won the first two periods and were about to carry off the bunting when Norton by a grand rally and some fine playing captured the three next periods which won the game.

The base ball game proved to be the warmest contest of the season. Norton led off with a score in the first, while Big Stone failed to do anything until the fourth, when by some heavy hitting they pushed two runners across home plate. The Norton boys had the big inning in the eighth, when three scores were made by timely hitting, which was sufficient to win the game. Big Stone came very near evening up matters in the eighth and ninth by scoring in each inning. Fieonor, Mullins and Kimmmer carried off the batting honors, all of their hits figured greatly in the scoring. Carpos, for Big Stone, played a great game at second, accepting eight chances without a bobble. Rimmer also fielded good at second.

Score by innings:
Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R H
Norton 1 0 0 0 1 0 3 x—5 7
Big Stone Gap 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 1—4 8

Batteries—Meadows and Jones; Kelly and Lane.
Errors—Norton, 3; B. S. G., 1.
Struck out—by Kelly, 10; Meadows, 5.
Two base hits—Mullins, Fieonor and Rimmer.
Umpires—Horton and McColgan.

At Coeburn
Coeburn met their first defeat of the season Saturday afternoon on their home grounds, Appalachia winning by a score of 10 to 5 in the base ball game. Coeburn got even by winning in the vally ball game.

At East Stone Gap
The Wise base ball team failed to appear at East Stone Gap Saturday, thereby forfeiting the game. The girls came down though to play the vally ball game and were defeated by East Stone Gap.

Standing of the League.

BASE BALL			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Norton	1	0	1000
Appalachia	3	1	750
Coeburn	2	1	667
East Stone Gap	1	2	333
Big Stone Gap	0	2	000
Wise	0	4	000

VOLLY BALL			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
East Stone Gap	4	0	1000
Norton	3	1	750
Big Stone Gap	2	2	500
Coeburn	2	2	500
Appalachia	1	3	250
Wise	0	4	000

Schedule

Of Virginia Coal Fields League for 1915.

KOKEE
At Big Stone Gap—Wednesday, May 19; Saturday, May 22; Wednesday, June 9.
At Dante—Wednesday, May 5; Saturday, May 15; Wednesday, June 2.
At Stonega—Saturday, May 1; Saturday, June 12; Wednesday, June 23.

BIG STONE GAP
At Kokee—Wednesday, April 28; Saturday, June 5; Saturday, June 26.
At Dante—Saturday, May 22; Wednesday, June 16; Wednesday, June 23.
At Stonega—Saturday, May 8; Saturday, May 15; Wednesday, June 2.

DANTE
At Kokee—Saturday, May 8th; Wednesday, May 26; Saturday, June 12.
At Big Stone Gap—Saturday, May 1; Wednesday, May 12; Saturday, June 12.
At Stonega—Wednesday, May 19; Saturday, May 29; Wednesday, June 9.

STONEGA
At Kokee—Wednesday, May 12; Saturday, May 22; Wednesday, June 16.
At Big Stone Gap—Wednesday, May 5; Wednesday, May 26; Saturday, June 19.
At Dante—Wednesday, April 28; Saturday, June 5; Saturday, June 26.

Swat the Fly.
See W. F. Baker, opposite post office, for screens, doors and windows. Furniture also repaired.

Penna. R. R. to Spend \$20,000,000.

Going Into Market for New Equipment and Material.

Philadelphia, April 22.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will go into the market for approximately \$20,000,000 for new equipment and material. The equipment program includes 144 new locomotives, 146 all steel passenger cars and about 10,000 freight cars.

All the locomotives, 56 of the passenger cars and 2,102 of the freight cars will be built at the company's shops at Altoona, while the remainder will be placed with outside companies. The new equipment is to be used for replacements and will not be additions to the present equipment.

The company says its policy of adding only steel cars to its passenger equipment is being followed with reference to its freight equipment and that ultimately every train on the system will be all steel construction.

The invitation for bids, the statement says, marks the first equipment buying of any magnitude by the company for more than a year.

SOME TENNESSEE FOLKS TELL HOW THEY WON.

Sick people want to be well in a hurry.

A great many, perhaps most all, illnesses have their beginning in derangements of the stomach and digestive tract.

May's Wonderful Remedy starts in at the first dose to put stomach sufferers on the way to health. The first dose proves it.

It is taken with success everywhere. Here are the words of two Tennessee people who have taken it:

MISS CORA FISHER, 805 Saxon Avenue, Memphis—
"Have taken your medicine and it worked like a charm—has removed quite a number of gall stones. It does just as you said it would."

MRS. W. J. WARD, Sparta, Tenn.—
"I can honestly recommend your remedy to all sufferers from constipation and stomach troubles. Indigestion seems a thing of the past with me."

May's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.

Mr. Parks Elected Manager.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Continental Hotel was held on Saturday night at which the stock transfer was made and the old board of directors resigned and a new directorate was elected.

R. L. Parks, of Big Stone Gap, Va., who was formerly in charge of the hotel, was made President and General Manager of the Company. Mr. Parks will return to Pineville in a few months to take charge of the hotel.—Pineville Sun.

Mr. Parks informs us that while it is true that he was elected general manager of the Continental Hotel he had no intention of going to Pineville to take active charge of it. He will remain in Big Stone Gap and will continue to run the Monte Vista Hotel. Mr. Parks is one of the best hotel men in the country and is very popular with the traveling public.

There Is No Question but that indigestion and the distressed feeling which always goes with it can be promptly relieved by taking a

Rexall Dyspepsia Tablet
before and after each meal. 25c a box. Kelly Drug Co.

Farmers' Club Meeting.

The Richmond District Farmers' Club met at East Stone Gap school house on last Saturday at 2 p. m. There were talks on corn growing and spraying by Messrs. Cousins and Stiles. Several ladies were in attendance. It was decided to hold an all day's meeting at East Stone Gap on July 20th or 21st, at which time a Farmers' Institute will be held. Three or four speakers from other parts of the State will address the farmers. It is hoped the farmers will bring their families and also their baskets and make an all day picnic of it.

Three Buildings Burn in Norton.

Norton, Va., April 23.—At 2 o'clock Tuesday morning fire destroyed the store and contents of W. M. Adams, also the overall factory and the small store of Henry Daab and the barbershop of J. H. Smith. The property was protected by insurance, except the barber shop. The origin of the fire is unknown, there being no fire in either building. It is supposed to have been caused by rats in one of the places. Daab's store did a good business.

Two Leagues in Wise County.

There will be plenty of base ball in Wise county this season. A report comes here from Norton of the fact that another league has been launched, which will be known as the "Amateur League", and four teams have agreed to enter the contest, viz: Dorchester, Norton, Wise and Toms Creek. The schedule will be arranged some time this week and the first game will be played on Saturday, May 1st.

Although Wise county has been represented by a good base ball league every season for several years, this is the first time she has had two leagues.

Cottage Destroyed by Fire.

At 1 o'clock Sunday morning fire broke out in the roof of Wm. Click's cottage across the dummy bridge, which burned to the ground before sufficient aid arrived. Only a few bad clothes, an organ and a table were taken from the burning building, the loss amounting to about \$2500 with \$1000 insurance. The fire is supposed to have started from the kitchen and was not discovered until it broke out in the bed room occupied by the family. Some trouble was had in arousing the neighbors from their slumbers, and the firing of guns had to be resorted to. When the fire hose was attached the stream was played on the cottage occupied by C. D. Vaughn, which was threatened by the fire several times.

Civic League.

From the ranks of the masses right up to our Honorable Secretary of State of the U. S. A. has that sublime story of man's friendship to his fellowman received the highest endorsement. To Universal Film Co., New York.

"I take pleasure in expressing an opinion in regard to the merits of 'Damon of Pythias.' Before I saw the performance my special interest in it was due to the fact that I am a member of the Knights of Pythias and felt a member's interest in the presentation of the beautiful story upon which that fraternity is founded, but after I had seen the picture, I forgot my fraternal interest in the performance and became an enthusiastic admirer of the picture."

FOR SALE—A nice four room cottage and lot opposite Mrs. Sally A. Bailey's residence. Also a young Jersey cow and a good young mare. Apply to Mrs. P. M. Reasor.

Dickenson County News.

Freeling, Va., April 23.—James E. M. Hill, formerly a prominent citizen of this place, but now of Bolecamp, is reported seriously ill at his home. Hill is about 65 years of age. In his younger days he was a large landowner, and a successful farmer.

Mrs. Mary McFall, an aged lady of this place, had the misfortune to get her hand badly mashed by a block of stove wood which she was handling a day or two since.

Misses Minnie and Grace McFall have returned home from Clintwood where they have been attending school for some months, the session having closed.

Dr. R. L. Phipps, of Clintwood, passed through town on his way to the Cumberland Mountain section, where he had a professional call.

H. R. Shipley, the sewing machine man of Big Stone Gap, was in this section on business during the week.

Corn planting is progressing in this section, but planting will not be general till about the first week in May.

The hard frosts during the past week have damaged fruit to an extent, especially peaches and pears.

Forest fires have been quite common around this place during the past week, and considerable fence has been destroyed.

Mining Institute to Visit Bell and Harlan Coal Fields.

The officials of the L. & N. Railroad have notified Mayor W. L. Moss, who is Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the meeting of the Kentucky Mining Institute, which will be held in this city on Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15, that a special train will be furnished free of cost to members of the Mining Institute and guests, to visit the Bell and Harlan coal fields. The train will leave Pineville at 7 a. m. on Friday, going to Straight Creek, and returning will visit Benham and Coxton in Harlan county. At Coxton the party will be the guests of K. C. McGuire, of the Harlan Coal Company, and J. W. Williams, of the Lick Branch Coal Company, who will serve lunch.

The work of preparing the program is in progress, and will be completed in a few days. Nothing is being left undone to make the meeting this year the best in the history of the Institute, and every mine operator in this section should consider himself a committee to aid in this work.

The Government Mine Rescue Car arrived here a few days ago, and is now on Straight Creek. It will remain in this territory until after the meeting of the Institute.

The Institute will mean much to Pineville, as it is expected that over five hundred visitors will be in attendance from every section of the State.—Pineville Sun.

Largest Balance in U. S. History.

Washington, April 22.—Excess of American exports over imports in March this year was \$140,960,347, the largest favorable trade balance for March in the history of American commerce. Exports for the month were \$299,009,347 and imports \$158,049,000.

"For the nine months ending with March" says a Department of Commerce statement tonight, imports have decreased from \$1,041,844,183 in 1912 to \$1,398,352,578 in 1913-14 and \$1,213,671,843 in the current year. Exports which receded from \$1,998,058,373 in the first nine months of the fiscal year 1913-14 to \$1,882,221,915 in 1913-14, have now reached the unparalleled total of \$1,933,475,558 indicating that the complete fiscal year may show a total exportation of approximately \$2,750,000,000.

Gold imports during March aggregated \$26,620,476 as against \$3,147,000 in March 1914. Exports were \$2,923,921 against \$2,632,049 in March 1914.