

Committee Submits Plans

For the Construction of New Homes in Big Stone Gap.

The building committee composed of J. B. Wampler, W. H. Wren, Wm. A. Stuart, John W. Chalkley and R. E. Taggart, which was appointed at a recent meeting of the Young Men's Club to draw up the most practicable plans for financing the construction of additional homes in Big Stone Gap, made their report at a special call meeting of the club last Friday night. A paper, prepared by the committee, was read before the meeting by J. B. Wampler, outlining in detail the plans by which quite a sum of money could be realized if given proper support by the business men of the town. The plan as submitted here was heartily endorsed by the club and recommended that the building committee continue its work and get as many business men into the syndicate as soon as possible so the work of building these houses could commence at once.

Mr. Chalkley, another member of the building committee made a short talk before the club, saying that the time had come for Big Stone Gap to grow, and unless the proper living conditions were provided and that at once, the greatest chance that ever confronted the town would slip by. He admitted however, people here had held back from the building of houses as a money making proposition on account of the enormous prices prevailing on building material, but in other communities they had broken over and were building homes as fast as material could be secured and there was no reason why the same thing could not be done in Big Stone Gap. In behalf of the Big Stone Gap Land Company he stated that they had planned a few weeks ago to construct two residences, but after securing bids the price appeared so high they withdrew their plans fearing they could not realize anything on their investment. But now as the club had probably worked out a plan by which he thought the investment would at least be safe Mr. Chalkley said the land company would commence at once the construction of these two houses.

There is now an immediate demand for six or eight houses and it is the intentions of this building committee to complete their arrangements for the building of these homes some time this week. Later reports from them indicate they are meeting with genuine success in getting the support of local business men and already have twenty four signatures on the petition which represent an amount of \$24,000 and the committee have several other good prospects in view.

Bond Election

For Richmond Magisterial District Will Be Held on April 20th.

The election to ascertain the wishes of the voters of the Richmond Magisterial District regarding the issuing of bonds for the improvement of the roads in the district will be held on April 20th. The roads are badly in need of repairs and it is only through a bond issue that sufficient money can be secured to put them in first class condition.

Pure Bred Sire Plans For Roads Meeting

The agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture have been for the last two or three weeks trying to put over a special campaign for pure bred sires, cattle, horses, hogs and chickens. That Virginians are taking more interest than any other state in the union is especially gratifying to all of us, but we must remember that we probably have the poorest cattle and hogs in the whole country right here in the Old Dominion. Shall we stop now?

At no time in the history of the pedigree live stock business has so much attention been given to the matter of keeping better live stock on the American farm. On account of the increasing scarcity of labor, the average farmer has to modify his system of farming to fit new conditions so as to conserve soil fertility and at the same time secure adequate returns from the soil. He is solving the problem by using all the live stock on the farm that his acreage will bear. As a rule the maintenance of pedigreed beef cattle, hogs and sheep will call for less tilled soil and more and better pastures with a consequent reduction in the amount of fixed labor per farm. There are many men who would like to have pedigreed live stock, men who feel that no other kind of stock will pay, but probably are lacking in the knowledge of what kind of stock they want, some are waiting for lower prices, whenever that may be.

One of the first requisites for the man who wants to get better livestock is whether he really likes his live stock. Love, whether inherent or acquired must exist for the animal, for the reason that the thing that interests a man most will get most of his time and his best efforts. A man that sees merely a dollar in his live stock will never make more than a passing show at the best. If you are one of the lovers of good animals it will pay you to talk the matter over with your neighbor who has some. Then do not forget that you have a county agent trained and paid to help you judge and select the stock. We do not have to go into other states to get better cattle, hogs and sheep. Your county agent can place you in touch with men in Lee county who breed the best in Short-horns and Herefords; in Durce and Poland China and O. I. C. Hogs; in Shropshire and Hampshire sheep. That is part of my business. We should have business session soon and talk this over around your hearth. If livestock is kept on the farm the best is none too good.

E. S. SUTLER, County Agent, Jonesville, Va.

Easter Dance to Be at Monte Vista Hotel.

A delightful Easter dance will be given Friday evening, April 2nd, from nine till three o'clock eastern time in the dining room of the Monte Vista Hotel.

The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Williams musicians who compose one of the best orchestras ever heard in this section.

Refreshments will be served all the guests during the intermission. The chaperones for the dance are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wren, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sayers.

The committee for the dance who are putting forth every effort to make this one of the most enjoyable dances of the season are: Messrs. Roscoe Woltz, Pick Cantrell, Fred Haley, H. W. Meador and G. K. Patrick.

Every one is cordially invited to attend this dance.

NOTICE

A dividend of one and one half per cent (1½%) on the par value of each share of Preferred Stock of this company for the quarter ending March 31, 1920, has been declared payable on or before April 15, 1920, to preferred stockholders of record at close of business March 31, 1920. KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY, 13-14 A. A. Tuttle, Secretary

Plans For Roads Meeting

W. G. Courts, of Big Stone Gap, was in Bristol yesterday to confer with Henry (Good Roads) Roberts about the big Kentucky - Virginia highway meeting to be held at Wise, the Wise county seat, April 5th.

Mr. Roberts is writing J. W. Chalkley, of Big Stone Gap, giving his views of the final arrangements for this big meeting, but is leaving to Mr. Chalkley and the Wise county interests the matter of any details they wish to arrange.

Mr. Roberts, like Mr. Courts, is of the opinion that this will be one of the most important highways in the whole south, to insure it being a real success.

The Wise county good roads forces are fully awake to the possibilities of the big national highway and the commercial club of Appalachia has had delegations to Bristol on two occasions recently regarding the part of this highway in the Kentucky field. The new town of Lynch, nine miles from Appalachia, has a daily payroll of \$50,000.

Wise county looks to Bristol for leadership not only in getting these highways, but in all of the construction effort which the Bristol trade territory is to make.

In a letter to the Herald Courier, Colonel Marot, president of the Boone Highway, states he and the Kentucky State Highway engineer have arranged to be at the meeting at Wise. The Lexington Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to cooperate with the forces behind the Kentucky River Highway and over to Norton.

Judge Moore, of Jenkins, will be in Big Stone Gap Friday night to confer with J. W. Chalkley regarding the final details of the big meeting. Judge Moore is recognized as the Marshal Foch, of the Big Sandy good roads forces, and is doing some good work.

The idea of getting R. G. Rhett, of Charleston, S. C., to Bristol and to the big highway meeting at Wise, and the hearty approval it is receiving will insure real efforts being made to get him here on that occasion.—Bristol Herald Courier.]

School News

Edited by the Senior Class.

Friday afternoon at 3:30 the Athenian Literary Society meeting was held. A very interesting program was carried out. The society is now having a number of preliminary debates. The subject for discussion is: "Resolved, That the Federal Government should provide compulsory arbitration for all disputes on public utilities." This subject is to be debated at the county fair which will be held at Coeburn soon.

Rev. C. W. Dean gave us a good talk based on the lecture, "Acres of Diamonds." Mrs. Hoff also gave us some very impressive facts when she conducted chapel. Her subject was "Cigarette Smoking - What a Successful Business Man Thinks of Its Effects." She showed us that by weakening our mental and physical capacities we make it impossible to "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

For at least one whole day this week our school smiled. This came about as a result of Rev. Shumate's chapel talk Friday. Mr. Shumate's talk contains just enough humor to make us start the day looking happy. When he tells us to smile we always smile for we can see that he believes in it.

During the pretty weather of the last few days our baseball and basketball teams have been getting in good practice. They are looking forward to a successful season.

Thursday was one of our red letter days. There were no tardies in school.

FOR SALE.—Five passenger 1918 model Ford touring car. Apply to W. T. Goodloe, city.—adv.

RICHMOND DISTRICT SCHOOL LETTER

Dear Fellow Workers:

How are we looking upon these closing weeks of school life? Are they days of drudgery from which we pant for release? No, rather, they are days filled with the richest opportunity—days all too short and all too few because of the many things we want to do in them for the good of our pupils, our schools and our communities.

Appalachia Community League Captures the Town.

On Wednesday morning, March 24, the membership committee under direction of Mrs. Cooper, the chairman, began a spirited drive for new members for the league. The response of the citizens was fine. They were only waiting for an opportunity to enlist. Full returns are not yet in but the indications are that about eighty new members will be the result of the campaign. Three cheers for the committee and for the new members. The next meeting will be Friday afternoon, April 9, and this meeting will be at the town hall. Already the president is planning for a gathering that will be memorable in the history of the league. Watch the announcements.

New Roof at Buffalo.

The little two roomed school at Buffalo has been doing fine work this session under Misses Skeen and Gilly. Long needed repairs have just been made to the roof. Lamps have been purchased and two libraries. Congratulations.

School at Inman to Re-open.

The two room school at Inman is to re-open April 5. It will be in charge of Prof. Sevier H. Meade, who has been teaching near Wise. This school has been closed nearly a month. We are looking for two months of splendid work. A father in this camp struck the right note when he said to the supervisor last Monday, "I'm not going to stay any where that I cannot get a good school for my children." Once let this spirit get into the men of a community and they can have as good schools as they want.

Preparing for Better Work.

Many of the teachers of the district are planning to go to a summer school to fit themselves for better work. Miss Jordan, who has been at Kelly View, already entered East Radford Normal for the term beginning March 22. She is delighted with the place and the work.

Do You Want a School for Two Months?

It is quite possible that we can make use of your services for April and May if you have a certificate and no school for these months. Send in your application.

Miss Williams Stands by Laura.

In spite of many discouragements Miss Williams from Scott county has stood to her post at Laura. She spent the week end at her home.

Splendid Group Meeting at Rada.

One of the most successful group meetings of the session was held at Rada Friday, March 19. Supt. Kelly was present and the following teachers: Misses Tate, Wells, Sproles, Lawson, Maude Roberts, Rosalie Roberts, Nelson, Della Willis, Mrs. McConnell and Prof. Chandler and Pannell and Tate. The meeting was fine. This school is to be congratulated on the splendid improvements.

GEO. A. JORDAN, Rural Supervisor.

Bridge Needs Repairing.

We wish to call the attention of the mayor and town council to the condition of the East Fifth Street bridge across Powell River. The water has undermined the abutments and they have commenced to give way and unless they are repaired at once before the spring rains comes much damage may be done to the bridge which will cost a large sum to repair. It will take very little to repair it now and it should be done without delay.

FOR SALE.—Potato onion sets. Phone or write Catron & Hunter, Big Stone Gap.—adv. feb18-2m.

Mrs. Emily Thompson Dead.

Mrs. Emily Thompson, better known as Grandma Thompson to her friends died Monday morning about eight o'clock after an illness of only a few hours at her son's home, John Thompson, in the Gap.

Mrs. Thompson, who was nearing her eighty second birthday, was born and reared in Scott county. She professed faith in Christ in early life and joined the church and was a faithful member. She always attended the Methodist church in the Gap every Sunday that she could get out. She was faithful to visit the sick and help in time of need as long as she was able.

Mrs. Thompson was stricken with paralysis nearly two years ago and since then has had several attacks of heart trouble and during one of these attacks Monday morning she passed quietly to the great beyond. She was conscious to the end, having called her daughter in law, Mrs. John Thompson, to her bed when she felt the attack.

Her remains were taken Tuesday morning to her old home near Jasper, where they were buried. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Maggie Parrott, of Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Jim Suthers, of Whitewood, Va., and her son, John Thompson, with whom she made her home in the Gap and a number of grand children and a large number of friends.

Mrs. B. F. Kibler Dies at Her Home in Appalachia.

The whole community was shocked and grieved Sunday morning when Mrs. B. F. Kibler died at her home in Appalachia after an illness of just a few days.

Her remains were taken Tuesday to Norton, where they were buried by the side of her husband, B. F. Kibler, who died a few months ago with heart trouble.

Mrs. Kibler is survived by eight children and a number of grand children. Little Harry Kibler Taylor, of the Gap, baby son of Harry Taylor, of Hazard, Ky., is one of her grandsons.

Surprise Party.

A large number of the younger boys and girls gave Miss Margaret Taylor a very enjoyable surprise party at the home of her parents, Mr. and John Taylor, Saturday evening at eight-thirty. After playing numerous games and having contests the young folks then served the delicious refreshments which they had brought along with them.

Those in the party were: Misses Emma Duncan and May Horton, teachers in the public school, Louise Nickels, Anna Bird, Thelma Dowell, Jacqueline Hend, Maude Carpenter, Mary Christy, Gilberta Knight, Vera Pettit, Mary Pierson, Lois Witt, Thelma Stewart, Velma Bunn, Lucile Taylor, Margaret Wolfe, Catherine Barron, Anna Barron Collier, Keleie Tiller, Hiram Draper, James and Joe Little.

Easter Sale Announcement.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid Society will have an all day Easter sale Saturday, April 3rd at Goodloe Bros' store. Don't fail to see their hand-made counterpanes and fancy household linens. And don't forget the kitchen sale. There will be dressed chicken, salads, cakes, pies and numerous other dainties.

For the children there will be an assortment of home-made candies and Easter eggs.

There will also be on sale a variety of potted plants which will add to the charm of the home at Eastertide.

We earnestly solicit your patronage.

BAPTIST LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

If you want to become nationally known you have only to write a glowing testimonial for some patent medicine and mail it to the manufacturers. They will do the rest.

Revival Meeting at Big Stone Gap Baptist Church.

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, our evangelist will be with us, to begin a series of meetings. There will be a service every evening at 8 o'clock for two weeks. We hope all of our people will plan ahead, in order to attend regularly, and give all the help and encouragement possible. This is not to be a campaign of excitement; there is no fanaticism about it. It is a campaign of reason and common sense. It is an effort to get people to remember that they have a soul as well as a body, that needs attention and development. Why feed the body and starve and ignore the spirit, the eternal part of the man? Come and hear plain gospel preaching, and an earnest appeal to every man to do a real man's job while he lives in the world, and to do it in such a way that it will stand the tests of the future.

We invite the people of all the churches to cooperate in making these meetings count for the most and the best possible, and the public is always welcome. Come and feel at home with us.

Our rally day in the Sunday school was a real success last Sunday. The attendance was well presented and greatly enjoyed. We feel that the Sunday school will grow in interest and efficiency, with each passing week. Come to Sunday school. Beginning next Sunday, we open at 9:15 a.m. Be on time.

A. L. SHUMATE.

Revival Meeting at East Stone Gap.

Next Sunday morning a revival meeting begins at the East Stone Gap Baptist church. Rev. A. L. Shumate, who was elected pastor of the church last Sunday, has arranged for this meeting, and secured a strong evangelist from the State Mission Board, to do the preaching. The people are enthusiastic over the outlook, and are expecting the "Showers of Blessings."

Let all the people turn out Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, to welcome the evangelist, and start the meeting off right. You will like the preacher. He is every inch a man, and a strong gospel preacher. You will like him. Begin with him, and stay with him till the close, and God will give us a great meeting. Don't forget to pray for these services. Talk it, and bring the people in. Everybody heartily welcome.

TEN STILLS CAPTURED BY NORTON OFFICERS

Norton, Va., March 21.—Revenue Officers Palmer, Hurt, Davis and Lowry made what is termed the biggest moonshine still raid that Wise county has ever had. They stole into the moonshine district of the mountains unobserved last Friday and Saturday and succeeded in capturing and destroying ten stills, all within two miles of the Pound, Va., postoffice. The officers said they found and poured out somewhere near ten thousand gallons of beer and an unlimited amount of singlings were destroyed. There was no gun play by either the officers or moonshiners, as the only shots were signal shots to warn other moonshiners of the presence of the officers.

The singular feature of this big raid is the fact that not a drop of liquor was found and not a single moonshiner was captured as they had been warned in time to get the "white lightning" and make a getaway.

Notice to Physicians of Wise County.

We having been appointed sole distributors of the Gilliland Laboratories, biological products, we beg to announce that we have now a complete stock of these products on hand. Orders will receive our most prompt attention and will be filled only with the freshest and therefore the most effective product in this line.

11-14 KELLY DRUG COMPANY.