

ATTORNEYS O. K. LEGALITY OF GAP \$100,000 BOND ISSUE

Bonds Will Be Sent Here for Signatures of Mayor and Recorder Within 10 Days—Mayor Horsley Wires Contractor to Begin Work at Once

With the final approval of the legality of the Big Stone Gap bond issue by the attorneys of Weil, Roth & Company, Cincinnati purchasers of the bonds, work is expected to be started on the depot to depot concrete road at once.

A. L. Witt, secretary of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, received the following letter advising the Commissioners that the legality of the bond issue had been approved:

"Messrs. Caldwell & Raymond have informed us that the Big Stone Gap papers are now complete and that the legality is approved subject to execution and delivery.

"The bonds are being prepared and we hope to be able to send them to you within the next ten days or two weeks.

"Completion of this transaction will be expedited to the best of our ability."

Immediately upon receipt of advice that the bonds had been approved Mayor Horsley wired the Fleming Construction Company, Knoxville contractors, who were awarded the contract for the work, that they could proceed with the work at once.

Bridge Work Progressing

The East 5th street bridge will be completed within the next ten days. It will require about two weeks for the concrete floor to set before the new addition will be opened to the public. As soon as this bridge is completed the L. & N. bridge will be repaired.

Other street improvements now being made by the town are the re-paving of East 5th street from the bridge to the corporate limits; rebuilding a section of the road near the furnace and rebuilding the road from the L. & N. bridge to the tannery.

It is now believed that there will not be sufficient funds to build the concrete street from curb to curb from Brown's store to the First National Bank. This means that the road will be eighteen feet wide on the main street.

ORETON TO JASPER LINK IS CONDEMNED BY SUPERVISORS

Completion of 5 Mile Link Will Open Road to Bristol and Bring Trucking District of Lee and Scott Near Coal Fields

The Board of Supervisors of Lee county has appointed a committee to survey, locate and condemn the right of way through Lee county between Oretion and Jasper, a distance of about 5 miles.

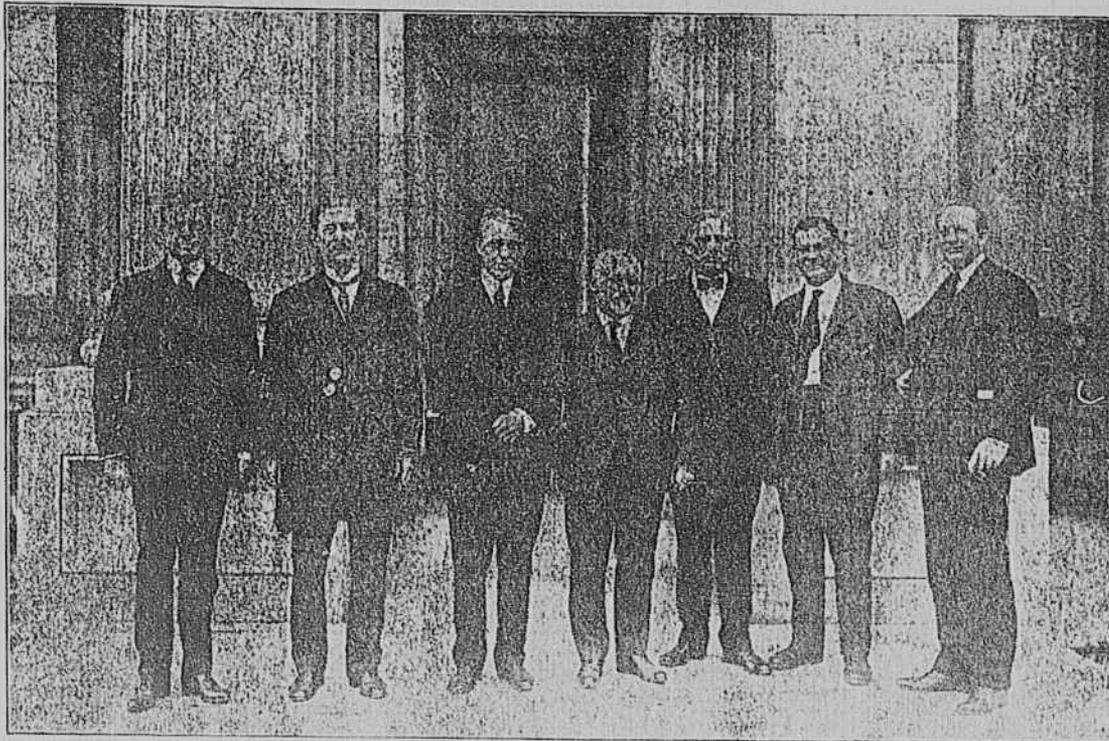
This link in the Bristol to Big Stone Gap highway has caused considerable delay in the realization of a direct route to Bristol and Rogersville. Scott county is building up to the Lee county line, and Wise county has completed its roads up to the portion ordered condemned.

When the Lee county link is built it will be possible to go to Bristol without crossing any mountains, and will also save about fifty miles over the present route via St. Paul. The trucking districts of Lee and Scott will also be brought nearer to the coal fields in that it makes it possible for the farmers to bring in their produce by truck.

TABERNACLE BUILDER WILL ERECT NEW EAST STONE HI SCHOOL

The Surface-Miller Company, of Christiansburg, received the contract for the erection of the school building at East Stone Gap. This building will have 18 rooms and an auditorium and will be built of face brick and will be three stories high. This building will cost about \$70,000. This company built the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, the Baptist church and are building the First National Bank at Oretion.

Special Committee Of The Farm Bloc



Left to Right—Charles L. McNary, Oregon; Claude A. Swanson, Virginia; Arthur Capper, Kansas; Edwin F. Ladd, North Dakota; John B. Kendrick, Wyoming; Wesley L. Jones, Washington; Pat Harrison, Mississippi.

This Committee was selected from the Farm Bloc in the United States Senate to formulate and draft a bill which will provide a method for adequate credits to the farmers of the country. Many suggestions have been made and various bills have been introduced, but none seem to meet all the requirements. So the special committee was chosen to consider what kind of a bill was necessary. The Farm Bloc has been very successful in securing legislation of benefit to farmers, and whenever the bloc agrees on a bill that bill is almost sure to become a law. The special committee expects to prepare a bill which will pass before the end of the present session.

The seven members of the subcommittee have been noted as friends of the farming interests during the time they have been in public life. All of them represent agricultural states. Several of them have been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Senator Swanson, of Virginia, is particularly well qualified for service on this committee, as he lived on a farm during his youth for sixteen years and now owns a farm of 559 acres two miles from Chatham, Virginia, which he operates. Long experience makes him personally acquainted with the needs of farmers. Senator Swanson served for ten years on the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, and is therefore well acquainted with financial matters. To Senator Swanson more than any one else should be given the credit for rural free delivery, parcel post, and Federal aid to good roads. He was an ardent advocate of Federal farm loan banks and the extension of credits to farmers. Senator Swanson is a member of the Democratic Steering Committee of the Senate, which Committee largely controls and directs the Democratic policy in the Senate, and hence measures and legislation advocated by him will have substantial Democratic support.

KILLED BY L. & N. PASSENGER TRAIN

Mebe Williams Instantly Killed When Train Caught Him on a Bridge in the Gap

Mebe Williams, a farmer about 38 years old, was instantly killed last Thursday morning at 6:30 o'clock by the west bound L. & N. passenger train when he was knocked from the railroad bridge that spans Rowell's River in the Gap. He together with his twin brother, Millard, were en route to Appalachia to work and had been in the habit of crossing the railroad bridge instead of following the pike road. Millard was some feet ahead of his brother who warned him of the approaching train. Millard jumped to the side and hung to iron bars while his brother attempted to run back but was hit by the engine just as he had almost reached safety. His head was crushed at the base and one thigh broken, which resulted in instant death.

The train stopped and picked the body up, bringing it to the L. & N. station. Williams, together with his family, had been living on the side of Stone Mountain near town where he had leased a tract of land from Dr. Swan, of Cadet. Having completed most of his farm work he had been working at Appalachia with his brother. The body was taken to Ewing Thursday night accompanied by the family for burial near the old home place of the deceased.

This incident should serve as a warning to the many people who are in the habit of crossing this bridge instead of following the pike for the sake of saving a few steps. Trains dash out of the tunnel onto the bridge before any one is aware of their approach and as a result a number of people have been caught this way but by providence it seems they have escaped unhurt. Millard Williams was cool headed enough to do the right thing or he would have suffered the fate of his brother. It is indeed a very regrettable incident, the deceased leaving a wife, who is ill in health and six children, the oldest being a boy fifteen years of age, and the youngest child one year old. Every assistance was given them by some of our charitable people before they departed on the train Thursday night for the burial.

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AMERICAN LEGION TO GIVE \$1,500 IN PRIZES THIS YEAR

\$750.00 Will Be First Prize For Girl or Boy Who Writes the Best Essay on "How the American Legion Can Best Serve the Nation"

Every boy and girl in the United States has the same chance, so you may win one of the American Legion National Scholarship Prizes which are being offered for essays on "How the American Legion Can Best Serve the Nation."

The first three prizes will be \$750.00, \$500.00 and \$250.00, to be applied as a college scholarship, and there will be two medals for the winners in each state and other state and local awards. (The Henry N. Tate Post No. 79, Appalachia, Virginia will offer special awards.)

School superintendents and commissioners in states, counties, etc., will co-operate with the American Legion in this contest throughout the United States.

All children between the ages of 12 and 18 are eligible.

All essays must be in the hands of our post officer put in charge of this work by August 1st.

All children eligible in this part of the county that want to enter, or wish information about the contest will write or see Mr. Sam F. Dickenson, Appalachia, Virginia. It will be worth your while if you don't win the prize given by the Post.

RECTOR BANS SHORT SKIRTS AT WEDDINGS

Rev. W. C. Robertson, of Christ Episcopal church at Chattanooga, Tenn., has issued rules defining the length of skirts, and hints that any one violating the rules will not be permitted to take part in a church wedding ceremony. He asserts that no dress called technically an "evening dress" will be allowed.

Skirts will be higher than where the spring of the calf of the leg begins, sleeves must not be shorter than above the elbow, and hats must be worn.

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MRS. JOHN HAMBLEN COMPOSES A SONG

Mrs. John Hamblen, of the Gap, has composed a beautiful song entitled "Bonnie Gene", which has been published and is in sheet music form. "Bonnie Gene" is a wonderful little love song with a fascination in its rare melody and beautiful lyric that will charm every one who has a taste for music.

The music for this song was written by George Graff, Jr., a musician of world-wide fame. Among some of his successes are "Till the Bands of the Desert Grow Cold", "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling", "Bluebird", etc.

Mrs. Hamblen prefers to have her song sung first in her home town, Big Stone Gap, before having it placed on the market for sale, therefore Miss Olga Horton, of the Gap, will sing it at the Amuzia Theatre, Saturday night, July 1st.

Following are the words to "Bonnie Gene":

Her eyes are darkest brown
She's the beauty of the town
Her father is a Dean
And she's my little queen

CHORUS

Bonnie little Gene
Pretty little Gene
She's the queen of hearts I ween
Bonnie little Gene
Pretty little Gene
She is my own little queen

2nd Stanza
Her hair's her only crown
She's the envy of the town
Her mother's pride I mean
And she's my little queen

WITT-TATE

Hobart H. Witt, of Big Stone Gap, and Miss Stella Mae Tate, of East Stone Gap, were married on Wednesday, June 14th, in the presence of a few relatives and friends at the home of Rev. R. G. Reynolds, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Big Stone Gap.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Tate, of Cracker's Neck, while Mr. Witt is a popular young man and is employed by the Virginia Wholesale Company at Appalachia. The happy young couple will make their home at Big Stone Gap.—Independent.

Mr. W. J. Draper spent several days in Gate City last week.

POUND GAP OUTLET TO SOUTH AND WEST NOW ASSURED FACT

Roberson District Votes \$360,000 Bond Issue 460 to 31—Expense to Be Borne by State, County and District

On Tuesday of last week the road bond election in Pound (Roberson) District was carried for the issuance of bonds by 460 to 31 against.

That means that a hard surfaced road will be built this year from near Channorgan to the Kentucky state line at Pound Gap, where it will connect with and become a part of a highway between Ironton, Ohio, and Knoxville, Tenn.

The funds required for the Pound District part of this road amount to \$360,000.00, a portion of which will eventually be borne by the state, another portion by Wise county and \$120,000.00 on Pound District.

RADFORD NORMAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Which Opened June 19th Shows An Enrollment of About Twelve Hundred

Registration for the summer quarter of the ninth annual session of the Radford Normal School, which opened Monday, June 19th, shows about eleven hundred and sixty students. Registration at the close of the week will probably be about twelve hundred.

The personnel of the student body is unusually satisfactory. A very large proportion of the students are doing advanced professional work.

A very large number of students will remain during the whole summer quarter. The advanced registration for the second term of the summer quarter opened July 31, indicates a record breaking attendance during the second term.

Impressive quarterly convocation exercises will be held in the auditorium of the administration building Friday night, June 23.

County and sectional groups have been organized, including practically all the students.

ALL DETAILS ARE COMPLETE FOR BIG 4TH OF JULY HERE

First Ball Game Will Be Called at 10:30 A. M. Sharp—Superintendents of Sunday Schools Will Be Responsible for Their Charges—Details

All details for the monster picnic and Fourth of July celebration here have been completed by the committee in charge. The first ball game will be called promptly at 10 o'clock.

The committee has especially requested that every person attending bring a cup. The ice cream will be served in cones, and with the lemonade it is free. The committee also asks that each superintendent pick his site where his school will eat their dinner when he first arrives on the grounds. Dinner will be from 12:30 until 2 o'clock. Promptly at 2 various games will be staged for the children up to and including 10 years. At 3:30 the second ball game will be called. At 5:30 the day's sports will come to a close.

Numerous Sunday schools in the surrounding district have accepted the invitation and will attend in a body. Stonega, Roda, Arno, all schools at East Stone Gap, Cracker's Neck, Buffalo, Blue Springs and Deep Spring, are among those who have accepted the invitation.

Big times are expected. Every effort is being put forth by F. L. Mouton and other gentlemen of the various committees to make it the very biggest and very best Fourth Big Stone Gap has ever had.

Everybody is invited, and everybody is expected to attend.

Merchants Requested to Close Stores on Fourth

The Sunday School Committee of Big Stone Gap request the merchants of the town except drug stores and restaurants to remain closed on the Fourth and lend their unselfish interest and presence on the park grounds to help make the picnic and celebration a success for the town and community.

PARACHUTE JUMP WILL BE FEATURE OF BIG LAND SALE

The C. F. Blanton Addition, Lying North of the Dummy Line and Comprising Part of Golf Course to be Sold July 1st

The C. F. Blanton addition of Big Stone Gap will be sold at public auction at 10 o'clock on the morning of July 1st. The famous Horney twins will cry the sale. There will be a balloon ascension by Miss Stella Jaeger, world's champion lady balloonist. She will do the tripple parachute jump from a distance of 3,000 feet. Cash prizes and a brass band are among the other attractions.

The C. F. Blanton addition lies north of the dummy line and takes in a portion of the present golf course. From the standpoint of the homeseeker there are no more desirable sites in Wise county. Men living in any of the coal camps could build a home there and get to their work by car as quickly as they could from Appalachia due to the splendid roads and the nearness of the Blanton addition to the road going to Appalachia.

The lots will be sold on easy terms. Every effort will be made to satisfy the purchaser.

SAILED FOR ENGLAND

Mrs. Thomas Green and children, of Onaka, left last Monday for New York from where they sailed on Friday for points in England to spend the summer with relatives. Mr. Green accompanied his family to New York.

YEAR OF AGED BRIDES

Of the 287,000 women who became brides in England last year nearly 250 were more than seventy years old. The percentage was considerably smaller in the United States and Canada.

"Papa, what is the board of education that we hear so much about?" "My son, in my day it was a pine shingle."—Nromal Institute.