

ACTS FAVORABLY ON ROAD PETITION

April 18th Set by Circuit Judge Kegley as Day on Which the People of Tazewell Will Vote on Issuance of Bonds.

On Saturday last the petition of the three magisterial districts—Clear Fork, Jeffersonville and Maiden Spring—were presented to Circuit Judge Kegley praying that an election be called on the question of issuing \$625,000 in bonds for the purpose of building good roads in Tazewell county. The court, after a careful consideration of the petition, set Tuesday, April 4th, as the date of the election. Several appeared in court favoring the issuing of bonds, while one or two apparently were opposed to this manner of procedure to secure better highways for our county.

On Monday, the attorneys for the petitioners appeared in court and presented an order embodying the petitions and setting forth the roads to be improved and for the court's final action. At this time several attorneys, appearing for themselves and as tax-payers, asked the court to postpone the bond issue for ninety days, in order to give the people more time to consider the question. After listening to the arguments of attorneys V. L. Sexton, W. H. Werth and T. C. Bowen favoring an election as soon as the same could be held under the statute, and A. S. Higginbotham, Barnes Gillespie and J. W. Chapman in favor of postponement for ninety days, the court changed the previous order and set Tuesday, April 18th, as the day for the election in the several districts as to whether or not the county should issue the bonds as prayed for in the petitions.

The general sentiment is that the bonds will carry, so the next question will be: what is the best method of procedure to secure the greatest quantity of roads at the least cost. In this matter experience is a good guide, and especially the experience of citizens of our own State, who have devoted almost their entire time to the question of better highways.

The first is from a speech delivered in Richmond last week by Logan Waller Page, president of the American Association for Highway Improvement, and director of the United States office of public roads and a resident of Virginia. In his speech concerning good roads, Mr. Page confined himself to facts backed by figures learned in his long service with this department of the government. The first and greatest barrier, he said, was the county system prevalent in every State of the Union. His observation was that there were 100,000 road officials, with hardly as many as 10,000 actual laborers, a clear case, he said, of "putting the cart before the horse." He estimated that in the United States there were 2,150,000 miles of public roads, of which less than 7 per cent were improved.

The supervisor system came in for its share of criticism, being characterized as more ancient than the country itself. One of Mr. Page's plans was to place the public roads in the hands of the hands of the Highway Commissioner, who should select, for instance, 10 per cent of the most important roads in each county to be directly under the supervision of a competent man the year round. He recommended merely the suspension of the supervisor system in order to convince the people of the superiority of the new plan.

As to bond issues for roads, Mr. Page said: "Spend your borrowed money on construction of roads only, and let the regular fund go towards maintenance. Bond issues build roads, but roads deteriorate and the debt remains." He commended Virginia's policy in discontinuing the system of allowing tax payers to work out their assessments on the roads.

The second is a letter from Hon. P. St. Julien Wilson, State highway commissioner, quoting from the experience of Captain R. S. Ker, for twelve years commonwealth's attorney of Augusta county, and who after four years experience in road building under State supervision, recommends to the board of supervisors that county the issuance of one million dollars worth of bonds with which to build more roads. Mr. Wilson's letter follows:

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24, 1911. Tazewell Republican, Tazewell, Va.

In the Harrisonburg Daily Times of February 20th, I notice they published in full a letter from Captain R. S. Ker, commonwealth's attorney of Augusta county, in which he recommends to the board of supervisors a million dollar bond issue. As Captain Ker states, Augusta county has had about four years' experience in road-building and in that time has built some twenty-five miles of roads; and his conclusion is arrived at after close observation of what has been going on, as he has been a member of a committee of three to audit all the accounts of the expenditures on the work. It might also be stated that all of these roads were built under the plans and specifications and under the supervision of the State highway commissioner.

Very truly,
P. ST. JULIEN WILSON, Commissioner.
The experience of the adjacent coun-

ty of Russell will also serve as a guide. After spending \$150,000 on their roads under the direction of the State highway commission, they voted last month to issue \$275,000 more in bonds to continue the good work in the same manner.

Highway construction is essentially an engineering proposition, and with our State schools turning out each year good competent highway engineers, there should be no trouble for our board of supervisors to get a man who will fulfill the requirements of getting the maximum good for the money expended.

Opening of The Clinch Valley.

Captain "Bill" Gardner, of Bluefield, was here first of the week attending court as a witness in the case of the Luck Construction Company vs. Russell county. Captain Gardner's visit recalls to the old times of the opening of the Clinch Valley division of the Norfolk and Western to Tazewell nearly twenty two years ago, he being conductor on the first passenger train that ran regularly on the Clinch. The remainder of the crew were: James Carey, engineer; John Mastin, fireman; Bob Herndon, brakeman, and Will Cooper, baggage-man.

Of the old crew, Mr. Carey is now superintendent of the Scioto Valley division of the Norfolk and Western; John Mastin, is road foreman of engines on the Pocahontas division; Bob Herndon is dead; Will Cooper is living on a farm near Witten's Mills, and Captain Gardner has been in charge of construction work on railroads and county roads for a number of years.

At the time the Clinch Valley was opened it was operated as a part of the old Flat Top division, with John Hardy, superintendent of the Radford division at Roanoke, acting as superintendent of the Flat Top division; N. D. Maher was trainmaster; D. H. Barger, local trainmaster; A. P. Miller, assistant engineer, and A. C. Needles the yardmaster in Bluefield.

In the fall of 1889 the road was opened to Honaker and shortly afterwards, in January, 1890, the present editor of The Republican came to the Clinch Valley as supervisor, or, as the office is now known, roadmaster.

Of the old officers of the Flat Top division, Messrs. Hardy and Miller are dead; Mr. Maher is now vice-president and general manager, and Mr. Needles general superintendent of the road. Mr. Barger is a prominent coal operator in West Virginia, but lives at Shawsville, Va., where he has a beautiful farm and home, while the writer has—shall we say, "reformed,"—and is now running the best weekly paper in Virginia.

Power Plant in Burkes Garden.

A meeting of the stockholders of Graham Electric Railway was held on last Saturday evening and a permanent organization of the enterprise effected. J. F. Dudley was chosen president; C. W. Keister, vice-president, and R. B. Williamson, secretary and treasurer. A board of directors was named from among the stockholders. A five per cent assessment was authorized so that the preliminary arrangements necessary to begin work on the car line can be gone ahead with.

A sufficient amount of stock has been taken to insure the building of the car line. It is probable that the power for operating the street cars as well as furnishing the town of Graham with lights will be supplied from Burkes Garden by water power. John P. Gose, of Burkes Garden, is a heavy subscriber to the enterprise, and he believes he can put in a power plant near his home and operate it with a natural water fall there so as to furnish electricity in Graham cheaper than it can be manufactured there.

Mr. Gose has had this matter up with the Graham people for some time but until the construction of the car line and the contract for furnishing the town with lights were assured, it had not been made public.

Nothing can be advertised too much. Therefore, while Pocahontas coal is supposed to be known over the world, the people in the field owe some thanks to Representative Humphrey, of Washington, for the blow against them he aimed in the house yesterday. He brought from the chairman of the committee on Naval Affairs the public declaration that after years of search the government had been unable to find a coal so good or as cheap as Pocahontas.

Apparently the majority of the house is willing to cripple the navy and take chances on putting it at disadvantage at a critical time for the sake of putting into the pockets of Pacific coast miners a few dollars they do not deserve. It is predicted that the senate will kill the Humphrey amendment and we do not doubt that the prediction will be proved true. We cannot imagine that the senate will imitate the criminal folly of the house. Pocahontas coal will continue to be the supply for the navy. The very first settlement of white people in this country was saved by Pocahontas in Virginia. The time may come when the republic will be saved from disaster and distress and given supremacy over some foe on the high seas by the same old name and same old State.—Pocahontas, of Virginia.—Roanoke Times.

Pure spun aluminum cooking ware at Boyer & Company's.

POUNDRING MILL NEWS.

Items Gathered by Our Correspondent About People Down the Clinch.

Pounding Mill, Va., March 1. Miss Lettie Lovell visited homefolks Sunday.

F. M. Hurt spent Sunday with his parents at Witten's Mills.

Rev. Isaac Wright, of Bluefield, will preach here Sunday at 11 a. m.

Miss Mary Belle Altizer, of Gillespie, is visiting her brother, J. T. Altizer.

Miss Pearl Vail came down from Tazewell with Miss Barbara Hurt Saturday.

Mrs. R. K. Gillespie visited her mother, Mrs. Mary O'Keeffe, at Tazewell last week.

Prof. and Mrs. James Altizer and children, of Raven, were visiting F. M. Altizer Sunday.

Miss Grace Williams spent from Friday to Monday at Steelsburg, guest of Mrs. Will Witten.

C. H. Steele, of Paint Lick, and C. H. Peery, of Indian, were guests of W. B. Steele Saturday.

Misses Grace Sayers and Pearl McGuire attended the Teachers' Meeting at Richlands Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Fields and Mrs. J. H. Leister, of Richlands, were visiting friends here yesterday.

Mrs. Bird Brewster, who is in bad health, went to Richlands Monday to consult Dr. J. H. Smith.

Dr. Walter Witten, of North Tazewell, was called here yesterday to see Mrs. Mag Lowe, who is dangerously ill.

Mrs. George Thomas and Mrs. Joseph Smith were called to Whitewood Saturday to see Mrs. Sam Ward, who is dangerously ill.

John Gillespie visited his mother, Mrs. John Gillespie, Sunday who is recovering from a recent illness at her home at Witten's Mills.

Seymour and Tom Ringstaff, Charles and Gus Christian, Fulton Altizer and Charles Robinson, brigadesmen, spent Sunday with homefolks here.

John M. Sturgill came from Florida last week on account of a six weeks illness of malaria and heart trouble. He went to Bluefield Monday to consult a physician.

Miss Alice Mulkey, of Honaker, spent several days here last week visiting Miss Lettie Ringstaff, who has been sick. Miss Ringstaff accompanied her to Honaker Sunday.

Grat Steele, of Paint Lick, was a visitor to relatives here Wednesday. His sister, Miss Maude, returned home with him and stood the trip fairly well. She is recovering from her recent attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Tom Steele and Mrs. Charles McGuire were here yesterday and report their mother, Mrs. Floyd McGuire, as being very ill with pneumonia, also their aunt, Mrs. Henry Phillips, as being very ill with a gripe.

Mrs. W. B. Steele spent Sunday with Mrs. C. G. Hurt at Indian and attended the funeral of James Buell Fox, age 69 years. He was the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. James Fox, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Repass, of Indian. A beautiful, sweet and intelligent child. The funeral was preached at the church by Rev. Hall and interment took place at Jones' Chapel. Great sympathy goes out to this young couple, in this their first great grief. May God comfort their bleeding hearts.

Non-Suit in Russell Road Case.

In the case called last Tuesday in the circuit court here of the Luck Construction Company vs. the Board of Supervisors of Russell county, wherein the former sued for about \$4,000 claimed to be due on account of extra work and monies retained by the county until the completion of the company's contract, non-suit was entered at the request of the plaintiffs and at their cost. This was done in order that suit might again be brought jointly against the State and county, and also because the consent of the county to the suit was not secured, it being necessary, in the case of counties to secure permission to enter suit against them before the same can be brought. A new suit will be entered as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be attended to.

The plaintiffs were represented by E. S. Finney and Bert T. Wilson, of Lebanon, and J. M. Hart, of Roanoke, and the board of supervisors by H. A. Routh, of Lebanon, Henson & Bowen and A. S. Higginbotham, of this city.

Death of Reese Bandy.

Reese Bandy, a worthy colored man of this place, died last Sunday morning after a short illness from pneumonia.

"Uncle Reese" was a darkey of the old school, and well liked and trusted by every one. He was eighty years of age and kept constantly at work up to within a few days of his death. He had been married four times, and his last wife survives him. Besides his wife he is survived by twelve children, fifty-two grand children and twenty-one great grand children.

He was buried on Monday in Maplewood cemetery.

Boyer & Company have two different decorations in dinnerware which they are selling very cheap to close out.

FREESTONE ITEMS.

Items of Interest to Our Readers Briefly Told by Our Correspondent.

Asberry, Va., Feb. 28. J. R. Neal is spending this week at Benbow.

There will be preaching here Sunday at 11 a. m.

Joe Neal has taken charge of his store at Benbow.

James Neal is spending a few days in Bland this week.

Sam Sutherland has accepted a position here as postmaster.

Miss Fannie Edmonds was the guest of the Misses Vanhoosier Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Shrader is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, who is sick.

Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Neal were the guests of Mrs. Mattie Brooks Sunday.

Misses Madie and Lena Correll spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Smyth.

Misses Minerva Turley, Maggie Shrader and Della Asberry were visiting relatives and friends in Little Valley Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Godman had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Dillman, Mrs. Lizzie Hoops, Mr. and Mrs. John Shrader and Miss Pearl Asberry.

Governor of Virginia Endorses "Back Home" Movement.

The following letter has been received at the office of the industrial department of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway in Johnson City, Tenn.:

"COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, 'GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. 'Richmond, February 1, 1911. 'W. D. Roberts, Esq., 'Johnson City, Tenn.

"Dear Sir:— 'I have received your circular letter in reference to the 'Back Home' movement, and beg to say in reply, that I think the conditions now existing in the South, and certainly in Virginia, are such as to offer inducements to all persons who desire a healthy climate, good water, the fellowship of good people, good transportation facilities, proximity to markets, and lands capable of producing as good crops of corn, wheat, grass, alfalfa, fruit, especially apples, trucks and berries of all kind, potatoes and cattle as lands anywhere in this country. Of course, all these things cannot be done as profitably in some sections as in others, but the section can be selected by the income according to what he desires to do.

"I will also say that much of our lands will require the addition of vegetable matter and fertilizer, but with lime, german or crimson clover, or peas, can in a few years be made to produce one hundred bushels of corn to the acre, from four to six tons of hay, and other things in proportion. To show that this is not an extravagant statement, I desire to say that Maurice Olgers, at Southerland Station, Dinwiddie county, produced last year on an acre of land 167 7-9 bushels of shelled corn by the use of improved methods of cultivation, and that the Boys' Corn Clubs in connection with our public schools in a production of 25,449 bushels of corn, averaged 61 46-100 bushels to the acre.

"Some of our Virginia sons who have sought to better themselves by going elsewhere will be surprised to read the above statement, and I trust will be glad to return to their old homes. Certainly, we will rejoice at the 'Home Coming', and will be glad to have them work with us for the progress and development of our State.

"Yours very truly, 'WM. HODGES MANN, 'Governor."

Southwest Improvements.

The Norton Board of Trade has accepted the application of Mr. S. H. Walthall, of Gulfport, Miss., to be the new secretary of the organization. Mr. Walthall, who comes highly recommended, will act as commercial secretary for the Board of Trade and general booster for the town. Mr. Charles Hall, Jr., the retiring local secretary, has done excellent work during the six years he has held the office, and in was through his efforts, more than anyone else, that the Board of Trade was reorganized last fall and put on a more substantial financial footing. Mr. Hall has other interests in Norton and will devote his time to these entirely.

The Bristol Belt Line Railway Company is expecting the material to arrive early this week for an extension of its lines through the northwestern suburbs to reach Virginia Park, a tract of 33 acres, which the city purchased two years ago, and which has since been equipped with a pavilion, seats and other park conveniences. The Belt Line Company also expects to make other extensions before the season is far advanced, including the changing of the gauge of the Holston Valley Railway, from Bristol to Big Creek Park, a distance of ten miles. That road will be electrified, and electric cars will be operated between Bristol and the Holston River.

The enameled cooking ware sold by Boyer & Company is the very best steel coated with porcelain (not glass) and every piece is warranted not to break, scale or chip with ordinary use.

The Clinchfield Portland Cement Corporation is nearing completion at Kings-

port, Tenn., near the Scott county, Virginia, line, the best cement plant ever constructed in the South, and which will have a daily capacity of 3,000 barrels. The buildings are all fireproof, being constructed of steel. The plant will give employment to 200 men at the mill and quarries. The properties of the company embrace more than 400 acres, and the cement-producing shale is said to exist in enormous quantities. The officers of the company are: John A. Miller, president; H. R. Dennis, vice-president; William N. Bennett, secretary and treasurer; S. Henry Harrison, general manager; David H. Houston, manager of sales; Frank E. Walker, chemist.

Richmond Gets Big Highway Convention.

As the most important feature of the visit to Richmond of Logan Waller Page, president of the American Association for Highway Improvement, last week the first annual meeting of the association will be held in that city next October. His suggestion was quickly taken up and the invitation offered by the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Page accepted in the name of the association and Richmond gets the big gathering of men whose work will be to give the entire country good roads.

Mr. Page said that the convention will be the largest gathering of its kind in the history of the country. An effort will be made to have the governor of every state send a delegation to take part in the convention in order to make the movement widespread throughout the country.

The officers of the association are prominent men of the country and give the organization and assure stability. They are:

President, L. W. Page, director of the United States office of public roads; vice-president, W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central Lines; treasurer, Lee McClung, treasurer of the United States; chairman of the board of directors, Louis Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad.

Items From Laurel Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Robinson are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Mrs. Polly Robinett was visiting her son and brother at this place first of the week.

Mrs. Grover Rakes, who has been right ill, we are sorry to say, is not improved.

A fine girl came to grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinett one day last week.

John Brown, who has been very ill with typhoid fever, is much improved at this writing.

H. F. Robinson, of Raven, spent Wednesday and Thursday last with his mother at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and little daughter, Lee Zeima, of Piney, were visiting Mrs. Boyd's mother here Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharp are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine young Republican voter. They are thinking of calling him Bascom Slemp.

Baptist Valley News.

Miss Reba Lockhart was visiting at George Mesters last week.

Alex Williamson's little baby has been quite sick, but is better.

Miss Ora Heavers visited her cousin, Miss Cora Beavers, Saturday.

Crockett Lambert and the school man of Sinking Waters visited John Wynn Sunday.

Misses Kate and Mae Lowe have been on the sick list, but they are able to be out again.

Harry Arms, of this place, attended the Odd Fellows Lodge at Pounding Mill Saturday.

George Sparks was around last Saturday talking good roads. The people of this place are in favor of good roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brewster, Mrs. Joe Beavers and little daughter, Kathleen, and Mrs. Elizabeth Carbaugh and little daughter, Sallie May, and Miss Lettie Beavers and Jasper Henkle spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Cal Brewster.

Big Lick Items.

Miss Rosa Robinett was the guest of friends on Whitt's Ridge Sunday.

Henry Robinett was visiting friends at Richlands Saturday and Sunday.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilson on last Wednesday and left with them a fine girl baby.

Misses Etta Welch and Bertha Bostic, of Pine Creek, and Kelley Elswick, of Raven, were guests of friends here on last Sunday.

We regret very much to chronicle the death of "Uncle Billy" Hess, of this place. He was a warm-hearted, generous, unassuming Christian gentleman, a devoted husband and father, and was happiest when ministering to the needs of others or gathered around the family hearthstone with those whom he loved so dearly. His beautiful Christian life and character were an inspiration to all who knew him, and his death is deeply deplored by an extremely large circle of friends.

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GALILEE FISHERMEN BEATEN TO FRAZZLE

Tazewellites Now in Florida Doing Wonders With The Hook and Line—Many Amusing Incidents and Thrilling Experiences.

Mr. Editor:—

The week after my last year's letter on fishing had been published, old man McCorkle inserted an article in the paper calling in question the statements I made, with the friendly suggestion that I either stop telling fish tales or quit preaching, as these vocations would not go together. McCorkle landed in Florida a few days ago and has been convinced that the half had not been told, so I now take courage to write that long promised letter on fishing.

After arriving in Tavares, Mr. Geo. W. Gillespie and I built us a partnership row boat, painted it green, and three large letters in red show that it has been named for "Bob," my twelve year old boy, whose whereabouts on these lakes has caused us no little anxiety several times since he landed in Florida. While many enjoyable days have been spent on the lake in this boat, yet some have not been so enjoyable. It has good days and bad days.

A short while after Newt arrived, Robert took him fishing, and they dropped anchor about a mile from shore. Newt fished from the stern of the boat standing, while Robert took a seat in the prow and cast his line in the opposite direction. Robert had been cautioned by his older brother not to move, but when his cork went under he forgot instructions and jumped to his feet. This tilted the boat, Newt fell headlong into the lake and went clear out of sight. In about twenty minutes both boys showed up at home all out of humor. Newt blamed Robert for being restless and thoughtless, while Robert blamed Newt for being awkward.

A few days later Mr. Gillespie and Newt decided to go by themselves and break the fishing record. Mr. Joe McCormick hooked up their boat to his gasoline launch and towed them out about two miles to good fishing grounds. Here they dropped anchor, and Mr. McCormick left them, with the understanding that they would row home in a few hours. Mr. Gillespie, with an experienced swing, cast his cork just at the right place. It disappeared at once. The music of the reel told that a fish of no ordinary size was doing business at the end of the line. Then came the tug of war; but there was no use for this four pound bass to rear and plunge, because its fate was sealed. In a few moments it landed in the bottom of the boat to the complete satisfaction of all concerned (except the bass). They were meeting with such good success that they paid little attention to the rising of the wind and the increasing size of the waves. They had determined to fill a coffee sack with black bass before turning their boat homeward. Finally the east wind began to blow a gale and the boat commenced to battle with the waves, with the best of the fight in favor of the waves. They soon realized they could not reach home, so they turned their boat in the opposite direction and succeeded in beaching it on a smaller island than the one on which Robinson Crusoe was stranded. They disembarked, holding on to the rope, laid down on the little spot of ground and looked wistfully for help.

Feeling somewhat uneasy about the little boat and its crew we went to the dock and asked Captain Sanders if he would take his launch and go search for the fishermen. He took his marine glass and tried to locate the stranded boat, but failed to find it. He shook his head and said: "It's pretty rough out there." However, he stepped into his splendid gasoline launch, "Vixen," and headed for the middle of the lake. By means of his marine glass he discovered our fishermen on the little island, and in a short time his launch was alongside their boat. The stranded fishermen greeted him with broad smiles and warm words of welcome. They came aboard the "Vixen" and the boat "Bob" was tied to the launch by means of a rope, and they started towards home. A large wave broke the rope, filled the little boat with water and down it went to the bottom of the lake, together with two steel rods valued at \$6.00 each, the sack of fish, two minnow buckets and other fishing tackle. However, the "Vixen" reached home safely with all on board. Next day we had a boat raising. "Bob" was brought to the top with all the contents. The coffee sack had one fish in it. The number that got away has not yet been definitely settled.

Time and space forbid my telling all the fishing incidents that have occurred since our sojourn here, and besides I might injure my reputation for truth and veracity. However, I shall tell two more incidents and quit.

Dr. Kleiser, of Kentucky, was on the lake fishing with two hooks on the same line. As he was reeling in a small fish which he had hung on hook No. 1 a larger fish struck at the smaller one and got caught on hook No. 2. He pulled both in at once, and the aggregate weight of both fish was seven pounds.

Mr. W. D. Jennings, of Tavares, and Mr. George A. Smith, of Bluefield, W.

Va., went fishing during the first week in February. They caught eighty-six bass and trout. Mr. Smith's wife is a daughter of Mr. T. K. Hall, of North Tazewell, and she will substantiate the eighty-six catch. Some folks said all were bass and trout, while others said other kinds were included.

Respectfully,
J. N. HARMAN.
Tavares, Fla., Feb. 27, 1911.

Musical Club.

The Musical Club met with Mrs. Geo. W. St. Clair on last Saturday.

Miss Mary Turk read a paper on "American Women in Music," being brief biographies of Mary Sulter, Edna Parks, Clara Korn and Mary Wood.

The musical part of the program was: Vocal solo—"Thou,"—Miss Tot McCall.

Vocal solo—"Day Dreams,"—Miss Ethel Steger.

Piano solo—"Meditation,"—Miss Tot McCall.

Vocal solos—"A Memory," "My Dearie O,"—Mrs. J. P. Harman.

Vocal solos—"The Water Lilly," "The Willow,"—Mrs. Barnes Gillespie.

After the regular program the little Misses Margaret and Ann Byrd Walker sang two children's songs, that were greatly enjoyed.

Refreshments were then served, as usual.

Attorney E. S. Finney, of Lebanon, attended court here this week.

Mrs. J. H. Stuart spent last Friday in Bluefield with relatives and friends.

Judge W. J. Henson, of Roanoke, is in the city this week attending circuit court.

Dr. Wade H. St. Clair, of Bluefield, was a professional visitor here on last Friday.

R. E. Coker, State inspector of roads in Russell county, was in the city first of the week.

Mr. A. B. Scott is spending the week at his home here on account of the illness of his little son.

William Werth, jr., of Washington and Lee University, is at home here on account of the illness of his mother.

M. J. Hankins left Tuesday for New York to purchase a summer stock of goods for "The Store That Satisfies."

Tom Smith, of Elk Garden, and county supervisor of Russell county, was here first of the week attending court.

Mr. A. G. Russell has rented the handsome home of Mrs. J. H. Crockett. The latter will soon move to Kentucky to reside.

Mrs. R. F. Steele and sister, Miss Mary Henson, of Coeburn, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Thompson first of the week.

Hon. Henry C. Stuart, of Elk Garden, was here on Tuesday, a witness in the Blackford road case sent here from Russell county.

Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, of Pocahontas, and R. L. Parsons, of Bramwell, were guests at the Jeffersonville on last Saturday.

At a meeting of the town council on Monday night, T. C. Bowen was appointed mayor in place of Judge J. H. Stuart, resigned.

United States Attorney Barnes Gillespie is in Richmond this week to argue an important case before the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

Miss Etta Hankins returned Sunday from New York and other eastern cities where she had been to purchase her millinery stock for the coming season.