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School Notes.

HONOR ROLL

Of the Big Stone Gap Public School for February.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Third Year—Ruby Kemper, Gladys Gilly.

Second Year—Virgie Bounds, Laura Darnell, Gustava Parsons, Rhoda Graham, Zollie Palmer.

First Year—John Graham.

SEVENTH GRADE.

Section A—Grace Long.

Section B—Gladys Lile.

SIXTH GRADE.

Section A—Maud Johns.

Section B—Howard Lile, DeWitt Wolfe, Imogene Beaman.

FIFTH GRADE.

Section A—Maude Lewis, Bertha Mahaffey, Emma Olinger, Louvina Stout.

Section B—Lelia Shelton, Nina Johnson, Worley Hood.

FOURTH GRADE.

Section A—Truman Kennedy, Reiland Wells.

Section B—Clifford Smith, Pebble Stone.

THIRD GRADE.

Section A—Beulah Shelton, Eva Lambert, Gale Barron, Roy Lane.

Section B—Robert Akens, Hazel Fleenor, Byrtle Bishop, Louise Taylor.

SECOND GRADE.

Section A—Willie Mahan, Bessie Cramer.

Section B—Dora Allen, Walter Wright, Johnnie Garrison.

FIRST GRADE.

Section A—Martha Allman, Alberta Olinger, Bonnie Catron, Ralph Lane, Daniel Lovell, Otis Stewart, Howard Barker, Robert Edens, Carl Knight, James Gilly, Emmitt Yeary.

Section B—Clifton Jayne.

GOLDEN HONOR ROLL.

Fifth grade—Worley Hood.

Rev. J. W. W. Shuler conducted the Chapel exercises Thursday. In a very pointed and forceful language, Mr. Shuler told the pupils they owed Satan not a cent, but that they were indebted to God for everything worth while. Therefore, in return for His goodness and many blessings he begged them to serve Jehovah their Redeemer and King. A most cordial invitation was extended to the school to attend the meetings now being held at the Methodist church.

The patrons will be interested to know that an Educational Rally, and Patron's Day, has been planned for the thirty-first of March. Speeches will be made by Governor Mann, Prof. Binford, Dr. Neighbors, Supt. Hillman, and other prominent educators. We expect the patrons and friends of our school and hope to have all the neighboring schools join us in making this occasion a real rally and success.

The Athletic Association has drawn up a Constitution, and is going to work in earnest. The entertainment given by the Association Friday evening was largely attended. Many sincere thanks to our public spirited friends for the help and encouragement given.

Principal H. H. Young visited several of his patrons at Cadet last Saturday afternoon, and was very glad to learn that the people in general in that part of the district are pleased with the work their children are doing in school.

They have the right spirit, also, in that they are standing by the school authorities and teachers in their efforts to educate and train their children for good citizenship and proper living.

It goes without saying that when that spirit of co-operation on the part of the parents is lacking, their children soon detect it, and are generally, because of their indifference to both teachers and authorities, due to this cause, very much handicapped in their efforts to obtain all that school life is designed to give in the way of equipment for complete living. Further, the willing spirit to

work is in a measure destroyed. Teachers as a whole, I think, would love to please all their patrons, but, of course, that is impossible. No one has ever been able to do that, so we simply aim to do our duty well.

It is all right to have feelings, but the great trouble with some people, they have too much feeling about certain things; especially, when it comes to punishing children. No teacher with all her good judgment and training is as capable as the mother, who very often fails to do her duty, and for the sake of "false love," let's the child have its way, to punish children! In truth, this is generally so.

Of course, a parent doesn't love to punish their children, then please tell me, in the name of reason, what teacher could possibly punish a child for the pleasure they get out of it? They feel they are "in loco parentis" in place of the parent, and must at times do unpleasant things for that child's welfare. Still, I hope we will ever be reasonable and mete out this justice calmly and impartially to all. Our dear patron friend, do you really think "we are so small" as to abuse such a sacred privilege entrusted to us? I'm sorry to say occasionally we find one who has a tendency to think so.

Again, some parent will, in variously jump to conclusions, after hearing only the child's story. Certainly the child should be heard; sit down and listen to him; but then say, "Now, I will go and see your teacher and hear the other side, for no one can properly and justly decide a case if only one side of the evidence is heard." Here is where we fail. Parents will not do this, but on the other hand, are prone to believe literally every word their "dear little one" tells. How foolish! This does not mean the child is a story teller by any means; but let us remember that it is hard for grown people to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, just as they heard it or saw it. Further, children have a natural ability to make their side good, and you know it, or else you know nothing at all about child psychology and have never studied children a day in your life.

But so often the blind mother thinks her "little one" is an angel. We hope he will be some day, and we see a bright future before him. If the real truth were known, I believe you would find that teachers, as a rule, are more ambitious for the children they teach and more desirous of making real men and women out of them than parents themselves. You say "that cannot be," again I say, you haven't looked very far.

The great trouble is, you haven't the confidence you should have in those who are conscientiously laboring for your children. I believe in the teachers of our South land, and believe further they are worthy of your earnest and loyal support.

The trouble with some patrons, I will repeat, is too much wrong feeling, and the parent, or any person for that matter, who continually goes around with his feelings stuck out like a porcupine, is certainly going to get them run against.

In conclusion, did you ever hear of those parents or people who were never known to get pleased? Yes, yes, they were the very first people the teachers were told of after staying a few days in town; they were born kickers, and will die kicking; no one was ever known to please them, etc., etc. This, also, will help to explain a few things when school troubles come too often. May the Good Master help us to get right.

Question: What is a tattler? The one giving the best answer and offering the best remedy, may apply to Faculty of Big Stone Gap High School, and receive a liberal reward.

At the chapel exercises on Monday of this week, Rev. J. B. Craft gave a most helpful talk to the children along the lines of opportunity and success. His stirring remarks were heartily appreciated by all present. We are always glad to see our pastors.

Civic League Column

EDITED BY THE LEAGUE.

Meetings, First Friday of Each Month.

The Woman's Civic League held its monthly meeting in the Federal Court room Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. Irvine, the President, being absent, Mrs. E. E. Goodloe presided. The minutes were read and approved. The Executive Committee reported a meeting held February 28 at the home of Mrs. R. B. Alsover, at which meeting it was decided that one hundred shade trees be ordered at once, the lines of the pavements determined from dummy bridge to the Gap, and contract for planting of the trees awarded. The League has voted fifty dollars for trees, which is inadequate, and the extra twenty-five dollars was donated by one of our philanthropic members.

The drinking fountain installed in basement of school has been inspected by a committee of the League and found unsatisfactory. Prof. Young has invented a simpler and more economic device, which gives perfect satisfaction. As soon as the School Trustees and Board of Health have made the promised inspection, immediate action will be taken for installation of fountains. In column previously published, we, through mistake, said the Board of Trade had donated funds for fountains. This honor falls by right, to the School Board, who donated a small surplus in Treasury.

All standing committees of the League gave a report of work done during the year, which will be found summed up in the Annual Report of the President. The literature and help from the National Civic Association having been very meagre during the past year, it was moved and seconded that we cancel our membership in the Association.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. E. E. Goodloe; First Vice-president, Mrs. R. T. Irvine; Second Vice-president, Mrs. H. S. K. Morrison; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Alsover; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. O. Pettit; Treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Carter.

We shall consider old members a part of us; look for their active support; and extend an invitation to any new members who wish to put a shoulder to the wheel for the improvement of our town.

Second Annual Report of the President to the Woman's Civic League.

In concluding the second year of our work, I desire to sum up briefly what has been accomplished by the League as a whole during the year.

Through the Membership Committee 49 members were enrolled at the start and others were added during the year.

Payment of dues \$1.00 a year was instituted.

The League retained its membership in the National Association.

Cleaning up Day in April and Volunteer Day in May, which was instituted the first year, were observed again, with the former good results. Great credit is due our gallant and responsive men, who turned out in full force and made Volunteer Day such a success.

In June we had Cemetery Day, and again the League was largely assisted by volunteers; and especial credit is due to the boys of the Boys' Club who did excellent work in whitewashing the fence. In addition the League employed hired labor, and as the work was not completed the first day, a second whole day's work was put in with a hired force of ten men. Several times during the summer the League employed labor to keep the weeds and bushes trimmed in vacant lots and parks.

In August the League had a very successful Flower and Baby Show. Much interest was manifested in this, the floral display was quite creditable, and about fifty babies were entered. As a result of a small admission fee, about \$50.00 was added to the Treasury. A number of prizes were awarded, for some of which we were indebted to four different florists, who generously contributed to make the Show a success. The Board of Trade repaid its generous offer of \$5.00 for prizes for the best kept and most improved premises, which were awarded in No-

ember by the Private Homes Committee.

We feel justified in claiming, as a result of the interest awakened by our work, the improvement shown generally in streets, parks and private premises throughout the town. This year marked the downfall of "The Ark," and we have good reason to believe that other eye sores will speedily follow. An evidence of the co-operation of our Council, an Ordinance has recently been passed restricting the character of buildings to be erected in future within the fire limits.

The League finally accomplished the placing of eight substantial trash cans on the principal corners of the business section, and the Council promptly passed an Ordinance protecting the League's property.

During the stay of the Summer Normal the League entertained the School by the presentation of "Fairyland," and also entertained the ladies of the Faculty socially. And likewise an afternoon tea was given in honor of the Faculty of the High School in December.

The art booklet of views of Big Stone Gap was finally put on the market, and more than a hundred out of two hundred ordered have been sold. The books have been much admired, and are helping toward the advertising of our town.

It was voted to drop the Charity Committee of the League, and unite as individuals in helping in the formation of the Associated Charities.

The League again undertook the distribution and sale of Anti-Tuberculosis Christmas Stamps. This was put into the hands of the school children, the League offering a prize to the room selling the most stamps. As a result 2719 stamps were sold and the League's part resulted in \$13.58, which was promptly voted to be used in part payment for the sanitary drinking fountain now being installed by the League in the school.

The League promoted a course of Lye-cum-entertainment under the auspices of Alkathet Lye-cum-System, of Atlanta, consisting of five entertainments, three of which have been given, all of which have been of high order and satisfactory to our patrons. Owing to complications, it does not appear that the course will net a profit financially to the League, but it is hoped the loss will be little, if any.

Last spring the League appropriated the sum of \$25.00 to be expended on the planting of shade trees; the action was taken too late in the season to carry into effect, and the money was not used. At the February meeting of the League the sum was duplicated, and the \$50.00 thus appropriated, together with some additional sums donated for the purpose, will be expended immediately in purchasing and setting out 100 Norway Maples on East Fifth Street in Plat 3, which the Council has agreed to care for and protect in the future.

We are now beginning our new year, and our work enlarges as we go. We feel that we have accomplished something worth while in the past year, and are in better working condition than ever; we believe we have gained the respect and confidence in our work of the community. I feel sure that the work so earnestly begun is obliged to grow and prosper.

In addition to the work already instituted, I would recommend that the work in the cemetery be pushed and enlarged. The Council consented to put water in the cemetery, and is considering enlarging the grounds. The League has had plans to install a fountain when the water is put in, and to place iron gates with some posts at the entrance. The cemetery is capable of being made a beautiful spot, but much care and labor is needed to accomplish this.

I would suggest that the League again make a fight on the "Fly" and the "Mosquito."

A Committee of the League was appointed to consider the developing of several mineral springs about the town. I think this is in line with our work and most important to be attended to.

A donation of \$10.00 was given the League to be used in beautifying the roadway through the Gap, by planting vines and shrubs; this work should have our attention at once.

I cannot close this report without expressing our sincere regret at the loss by removal during the year of a number of our members, including our former Vice-President, Mrs. H. L. Moore, and our sorrow over our loss by death of two of our beloved and most active members, Mrs. E. J. Prescott and Mrs. W. J. Smith. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. T. IRVINE, President, March 4, 1911.

Tortured For 15 Years

by a cure defying stomach trouble that baffled doctors, and resisted all remedies he tried, John W. Modders, of Moddersville, Mich., seemed doomed. He had sold his farm and give up work. His neighbors said, "he can't live much longer." "Whatever I ate distressed me," he wrote, "I tried Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders for me that I can now eat things I could not take for years. It's surely a grand remedy for stomach trouble." Just as good for the liver and kidneys. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c at J. W. Kelly's Drug Co.

TESTS FOR SCOUTS' BADGES.

TENDERFOOT.

A boy on joining the Boy Scouts must be 12 years old and pass a test in the following points:

Before taking the Oath. Know the scout's laws and signs, and salute.

Know the history of the Stars and Stripes.

Tie four standard knots.

He then takes the scout's oath, and is entitled to wear the buttonhole badge.

SECOND-CLASS SCOUT.

Before being awarded the second-class scout's badge a Tenderfoot must pass the following tests:

1. Have at least one month's service as a Tenderfoot.

2. Elementary first aid and bandaging.

3. Signalling, elementary knowledge of semaphore, Myer or Morse alphabet.

4. Track half a mile in twenty five minutes; or, in town, describe satisfactorily the contents of one shop window out of four, observed for one minute each.

5. Go a mile in twelve minutes at "scout's pace."

6. Lay and light a fire, using not more than two matches.

7. Cook a quarter of a pound of meat and two potatoes without cooking utensils other than the regulation kit.

8. Have at least one dollar in a savings bank.

9. Know the sixteen principal points of the compass.

FIRST-CLASS SCOUT.

Before being awarded a first-class scout's badge a scout must pass the following tests, in addition to the tests laid down for second-class scouts:

1. Swim fifty yards. (N. B.—This may be omitted where the doctor certifies that bathing is dangerous to the boy's health, in which case he must run a mile in eight minutes, or perform some equivalent selected by the scoutmaster.)

2. Must have two dollars at least in the savings bank.

3. Signalling. Send or receive a message either in semaphore, Myer or Morse, sixteen letters per minute.

4. Go on foot, or row a boat, alone to a point seven miles away and return again; or if conveyed by any vehicle, or animal, go a distance of fifteen miles and back, and write a short report on it. It is preferable that he should take two days over it.

5. Describe or show the proper means for saving a life in case of two of the following accidents (allotted by the examiners): Fire, drowning, runaway carriage, sewer gas, ice-breaking, or bandage an injured patient, or relieve apparently drowned person.

6. Cook satisfactorily two out of the following dishes, as may be directed: Porridge, bacon, hunter's stew, or skin and cook a rabbit, or pluck and cook a bird. Also make a "damper" or camp stinker of half a pound of flour, or a "twist" baked on a thick stick.

7. Read a map correctly, and draw an intelligible rough sketch map. Point out a compass direction without the help of a compass.

8. Use an axe for felling or trimming light timber, or as alternative, produce an article of carpentry or joinery, or metal work, made by himself satisfactorily.

9. Judge distance, size, numbers, and height within 25 per cent. error.

10. Bring a Tenderfoot trained by himself in the points required for a Tenderfoot. (This may in special cases be postponed, when recruits are not immediately desired, but must be carried out within three months, or the badge withdrawn.)

BADGES.

The scout's badge is this:

The scout's badge is the arrow-head, which shows the north on a map or on the compass. It is the badge of the scout in the Army, because he shows the way; so, too, a peace scout shows the way in doing his duty and helping others.

Arousing Interest.

Johnson City, Tenn., Mar. 3.

The "Back Home" movement for Southern born people in the West and Northwest, inaugurated by the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad, has aroused as much interest among natives of other states as among Southerners themselves, is a statement made by assistant industrial agent, W. D. Roberts, today. He further says that while the people of the South have been interested in immigration in a mild sort of way, they are now ready to co-operate with the railroads in getting people to come upon the millions of unoccupied acres of the South. "But," said he, "we find that they are not yet alive to opportunities which people of the north find very profitable. Those who came back from several years residence in other states almost invariably become leaders in their old home communities, and become more prosperous than they were before they came."

Nearly all progressive railroads east of the Mississippi and South of the Ohio and Potomac river are preparing to adopt the movement. A general conference for that purpose will be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., March 12, as determined in a preliminary conference at Altapass, N. C., last month. The industrial department of the Clinchfield road is asking the newspapers and boards of trade for the names and addresses of 500,000 ex-Southerners to distribute among the railroads at that time. Some of the newspapers are sending names from their subscription lists, while others are asking their readers for them. Boards of trade are gathering names; and one, in particular, has hit upon the novel plan of giving prizes to school children for securing names from the parents.

"One of the surprising things," said Mr. Roberts, "has been the fact that newspapers in the North, West and Northwest have been as quick to use the news value of the movement as those of the South. Another fact that Southern people who have been in the West and Northwest for any length of time are not only planning to come back South, 'back home,' but are writing letters for publication in Southern newspapers advising people to stay in the South."

Mr. Roberts said determined, costly efforts are being made by the Western railroads and land boomers to counteract the "Back Home" movement. "They do not," said he, "relish any opposition to their long-time practice of drawing upon the South and East for people to pay passenger fares and buy worthless land." He said that as long as there is unused productive land in the South within reach of markets it is a mistake to go West where there are no markets.

INSPECTS HOME FOR PRESSMAN'S UNION

Bristol, Va., Mar. 3.—George L. Berry, president of the Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, has been in Hawkins county a few days, inspecting the work on the home that is being erected at Hale's Springs for pressmen. He returned a few days ago from Washington, where he met President Taft and invited the President to attend the dedication of the new national home for the union. The President, he says, assured him of his purpose to attend, unless something unforeseen should prevent. Colonel Bryan and Colonel Roosevelt also have been invited. Two of the buildings are nearing completion, and others will be built.

Wife Got Tip Top Advice.

"My wife wanted me to take our boy to the doctor to cure an ugly boil," writes D. Frankel, of Stroud, Okla. "I said 'put Bucklen's Arnica Salvo on it.' She did so, and it cured the boil in a short time." "Quickest healer of Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Corns, Bruises, Sprains and Swellings." Best File cure on earth. Try it. Only 25c at J. W. Kelly's Drug Store.