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## Athletic Association Notes.

The Base Ball feature of the Celebration on July 3rd and 4th is progressing nicely. Six teams have organized a league, viz: Norton, Dorchester, Stonega, Wise, Kookee and Big Stone Gap, the series of games starting on Saturday May 25th.

A tournament feature has also been arranged, ten entries having sent in their names to A. K. Morison, Chairman.

The Field Sports committee has completed its plans. The High School teams entering this contest have begun practice for all of the events. Prizes offered in this contest amounts to fifty dollars in cash.

Arrangements are also being made for a Tennis Tournament, not only for local teams but for teams from surrounding towns. Those interested in the Tennis Tournament will communicate with Josh Bullitt, Jr., who has charge of this feature. Entries in the Tennis Tournament will necessarily have to be made at once.

The mine Rescue contest will give additional interest to those attending the celebration, as the Director of the Bureau of Mines, Dr. Holmes, has assured us that the Mine Rescue car will be here on July 4th to act as Referee in the contest, and to materially assist in making this feature a success.

Arrangements for more grand stand seats have been completed. Seven new sections of bleacher seats and 450 additional grand stand seats will be completed by July 4th.

The Horse Show committee reports that great progress has been made by them, and we can look for some very interesting competition in saddle rings, and driving rings, due to entries from out of town. Full arrangements for the horse show have not been completed, and cannot be fully arranged until data relative to the Cavalry maneuver is secured. A committee from the Athletic Association have gone to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to confer with Captain Rawella of the 11th Cavalry as to details for the drill and maneuver. As soon as these details are learned plans for the horse show can be arranged.

The amusements features are being given attention by the Amusement Committee, and we figure we will have some rare treats along this line. The Athletic Sports, bicycle races, automobile show, and golf features are being actively handled by their respective committees.

Arrangements for taking care of the people from a restaurant standpoint will be handled by the Association, which means that ample preparations will be made to care for an enormous crowd on July 3rd and 4th.

Arrangement on several features, that the Executive Committee has been figuring on, are not yet perfected, and we will not be in position to make announcement until we see further advancement along the line of present endeavor.

The Base Ball feature this year, we feel satisfied in saying will be one of great interest on account of the number of teams that have entered the contest.

## Persons Searched

### Precaution Taken at Jonesville Against Feared Repetition of Hillsville Tragedy.

Jonesville, Va., May 20. — In view of anonymous threats indicating that in the event the election bribery trials in this (Lee County), should result in jail sentences for certain of those under indictment, a repetition of the Hillsville court room tragedy of March 14th, might be expected, Judge Skeen, of the circuit court, when he convened court here this morning, deputized four men, M. D. and C. E. Denny and C. R. and W. P. Sprinkle, to search every person who entered the court room, to ascertain whether or not anybody was armed. The search was made, and nobody in the large crowd that entered the court room escaped it. But no revolvers were found.

Judge Skeen called the case of "Dock" Burkett, one of two hundred or more who are under indictment charged with having been involved in election briberies.

It was decided last week, as the result of a conference between Judge Skeen and members of the Lee county bar, to make a test of this case, in order to determine whether or not under the election bribery statute a person can be compelled to testify that he bought votes.

C. R. Flanary, the first witness called in this case, refused to answer to the question as to whether he bought in the election last fall. Judge Skeen imposed upon Mr. Flanary a fine of \$25 for his refusal to testify, and an appeal was prayed.

The case will now go to the Supreme Court as a means of testing the point involved.

The defendant will be represented by M. G. Ely, former commonwealth's attorney, and former State Senator John C. Noel. Judge E. W. Pennington was designated by Judge Skeen to represent the prosecution.

The court adjourned pending the hearing in the Court of Appeals, and will not meet to hear the election cases until August 19th.

## Base Ball.

### Schedule of Games for The Big Stone Gap Athletic Association Cup for 1912.

MAY 25th.  
Norton vs Big Stone Gap, at Norton.  
Dorchester vs Wise, at Dorchester.  
Kookee vs Stonega, at Stonega.  
JUNE 1st.  
Big Stone Gap vs Dorchester, at Big Stone Gap.  
Stonega vs Norton, at Stonega.  
Wise vs Kookee, at Wise.  
JUNE 8th.  
Big Stone Gap vs Stonega, at Big Stone Gap.  
Kookee vs Dorchester, at Kookee.  
Norton vs Wise, at Norton.  
JUNE 15th.  
Wise vs Big Stone Gap, at Wise.  
Dorchester vs Stonega, at Dorchester.  
Kookee vs Norton, at Kookee.  
JUNE 22nd.  
Big Stone Gap vs Kookee, at Big Stone Gap.  
Stonega vs Wise, at Stonega.  
Dorchester vs Norton, at Norton.

Judge William F. Rhea, member of corporation commission of Virginia, returned to Bristol Wednesday evening from Speers Ferry, where he spent Wednesday in conference with officials of the Virginia and Southwestern and C. C. & O. in regard to the matter of a union depot at that point. The people of Speers Ferry and that section are anxious for a station and applied to the State corporation commission, asking that the railroads be required to build it.—Gate City Herald.

A special car off the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio arrived in the city last night from Johnson City over the Clinch Valley, by way of St. Paul. The car bore forty one old soldiers from the Old Soldiers' Home at Johnson City enroute to the north where they will spend the summer.—Bluefield Telegraph, May 15.

## CLOSING EXERCISES.

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sible presented the medal to Miss Pettit. The evening's program was interspersed by several musical numbers, a duet by Miss Mabel Willis and Jessie McCorkle, "Witches' Flight", and a left handed piano solo, "Romance," by Peter Wolfe, which was superior to much that some performers are ever able to accomplish with both hands, and another pretty duet, "On Blooming Meadows," by Misses Mary Skeen and Margaret Pettit, while the committee was coming to its decision.

### Baccalaureate Sermon.

Sunday evening, a crowded auditorium listened with keen pleasure to a masterly address to the student body by Dr. John J. Lloyd, the rector of Christ Episcopal church at this place.

Preceding the opening prayer by Rev. J. B. Craft, was a selection by a quartette composed of Mrs. I. C. Taylor, Miss Hal Perry and Messrs. Crawford and Mathews, which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Another selection was sung by the same quartette following the scripture reading by Rev. C. B. Livesay.

Rev. R. K. Sutherland pronounced the benediction after the close of Dr. Lloyd's address.

### Debating Contest.

Miss Ruby Kemper, the pretty and popular little Senior from the state of Kentucky, whose cleverness and intelligence makes it a matter of regret to her class that she is not a native of Wise, presided at the debating contest Monday night which was certainly spirited enough to suit the most exacting of the large audience present.

The exercises opened a little behind time with a musical selection by Misses Margaret Pettit and Ruth Prescott, "Faust Waltz" which was played with the sweetness of touch and artistic expression which characterizes the playing of all Miss Blake's pupils.

The debate opened with the speech of Miss Glessie Gilly, the first on the affirmative, the subject being "Resolved: That Virginia is the Greatest State in the Union." Miss Glessie—being a Gilly—made but not only a bright and entertaining, but such an evidently convincing argument that the committee could not see its way clear to do anything else but award her the "Professional Men's Medal."

The committee was composed of Messrs. J. M. Hodge, H. E. Fox and C. S. Carter, and the latter made the presentation speech, the members of the committee, as Mr. Carter explained, being too young and bashful to "appear in public on the stage."

Miss Zollic Palmer and Jerome Wells supported Miss Gilly brilliantly, in fact, Miss Palmer's delivery was so nearly perfect that many of the audience were positive that the medal would surely go to this favorite high school pupil.

The negative side, represented by Peter Wolfe, Pat Hammonds and John Allen Goodloe had a strong array of points to present in support of their side of the question, but lacked the convincing delivery of their opponents. Peter Wolfe the first on the negative had an especially good paper, but a number of his good points were lost through his not being able to present his arguments without recourse to his manuscript.

While the committee was in session, Rev. J. B. Craft entertained the audience with a characteristic talk about school matters in general, with an amusing description of the "Old Field School" of his own boyhood days.

One of the most entertaining numbers of the entire commencement exercises, however, was an exceedingly funny vocal duet entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Snibbs" by two of the pupils of the high school department who are musically inclined, Miss Mabel Willis and Byron Rhoads, which brought a round of amused applause from the audience.

Immediately preceding the

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**2 p. m. May 24th,**

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presentation of the medal to Miss Gilly, a chorus of sweet voices, belonging to a half dozen young ladies of the high school, sang with much expression Rubenstein's "Voices of the Woods."

### Graduating Exercises.

Prof. H. H. Young presided at the graduating exercises Tuesday night and made one of his characteristic educational talks. The senior class officers this year are as follows: Samuel Nickels, president; Ruby Kemper, vice-president; Glessie Gilly, secretary and treasurer. Henry McCormick would have graduated with honor in this class but was kept away from school on account of measles, a matter of keen regret to Henry as well as to his classmates.

After a song of greeting, Samuel Nickels delivered the salutatory, and was followed by a song, "The Soldier's Chorus." Sam is quite an exceptionally fine young man, and interested friends and schoolmates expect great things of him at college next year.

Miss Glessie Gilly, the medal-winner of the night before, read an excellent essay on Edgar Allen Poe, the talented Virginian, and was followed by another number by the chorus, that old glee club favorite, "Kentucky Babe."

Miss Ollie M. Kelly, a bright young lady of Cadet, who has made an excellent record from the primary up, read the history and prophecy of the class of '12. Following our usual custom, we will print this in a later issue, as the scattered members of the class in its earlier years always found it interesting to make comparisons.

The well-trained chorus gave another selection following the delivery of the history and prophecy of the class, after which Miss Ruby Kemper delivered the valedictory in her usual charming manner. A literary career has many times been prophesied for Miss Kemper since she became a member of the class, since her facile pen has been the admiration and despair of less gifted pupils to whom composition writing was a horror, the necessity for

which at stated intervals took all the pleasure out of life.

J. P. Wolfe, chairman of the school board, presented the certificates to the graduates in the grammar grades in a neat little speech, and the delivery of the diplomas to the graduates in the high school department was made by Superintendent J. N. Hillman, who being a past master in the difficult art of making graceful and polished presentation speeches, did not disappoint either the class or the audience on the present occasion.

Prof. H. H. Young then delivered the medal which caused no little suspense since the beginning of the final exercises—Miss Blake's medal for the greatest improvement in instrumental music. Miss Eula Tackett, a seventh grade pupil, who entered school at the beginning of the term, her family having moved to this place from Pennington Gap last fall, was the fortunate winner of the medal, which meant hard work, and was an honor that would have delighted any member of Miss Blake's large class.

Another prize awarded by Prof. Young was a great surprise not only to the student body but to the audience as well. This was the prize given by Dr. Karl Stoehr to the pupil who, throughout the year, had shown, without the knowledge or expectation of reward, the greatest zeal and perseverance in the prosecution of her studies. This prize, a handsome gold necklace, was awarded to Miss Ollie M. Kelly of the senior class.

Finally, with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," another prosperous year ended.

### Alumni Banquet and Reception.

The annual alumni banquet and reception was held in the reading room. The officers of the association are: president, Grace Graham; vice-president, Gladys Wolfe; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Juliet Mathews Taylor. The reading room tables, the latter in the form of a Greek cross, were decorated in an exquisite color scheme of green

and gold, yellow roses and ferns being used in profusion.

The toastmaster was Lester Shields Parson of the class of 1905. The toasts were responded to by the following guests at the banquet: To Wise County and Education by Supt. Hillman; To School Board by J. P. Wolfe; To Class of 1912 by Sam Nickels; To Faculty by Miss Irma Orr; To Roll by Classes by Secretary; To Alumni by Myrtle Cawood; To Our School by H. H. Young.

The delicious menu served by colored waiters consisted of tomatoes with mayonnaise, chicken salad, pimento and butter sandwiches, deviled eggs, olives, pickles, ice cream in individual molds in the form of callalies and pineapples, two kinds of cake, nuts and candy.

The roll call of the alumni and other invited guests present at the banquet was as follows: Lester Shields Parsons, Eliza Flenor Batts, Flora Bruce, Juliet Mathews Taylor, Margaret Bullitt, Retta Thompson, Josh Bullitt, Gladys Wolfe, Myrtle Cawood, Olga Horton, Sam Nickels, Ruby Kemper, Glessie Gilly, Ollie Kelly, Henry McCormick, Misses Orr, Carter, Morris, Saunders and Pierce of the faculty, Prof. and Mrs. H. H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Reader, Supt. J. N. Hillman, Miss Pearl Maon, Mr. Macon and Dr. Bell.

There were no poles discovered in our early youth, but it gladdens us to reflect that the kids of today have more geography to study than we had.—Norton News.

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