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The Knoxville Trade Trip.

Only a few days remains until the big all steel special of the Knoxville Trade Trip party will pull out from Knoxville laden with more than one hundred of Knoxville's representative business men, on their first big "get acquainted" tour, and then it will be but a matter of hours until they arrive here.

This is a splendid opportunity for our commercial organization to extend the hand of fellowship to the enterprising business men of the East Tennessee metropolis, and welcome them with such hospitality as is befitting Big Stone Gap.

Every business man in Big Stone Gap should be on hand, and every organization should volunteer to march in a body to the train to meet these distinguished visitors, exhibiting thereby an appreciation of the enterprise manifested by these business men of a city whose products find a market wherever civilization extends. An object lesson in publicity will be furnished our business men, which cannot but redound to their benefit, as the spirit of cordiality and co-operation which will be displayed is sure to find lodgment in the breasts of our own business men, inspiring them to solidify their efforts for the promotion of the interests of Big Stone Gap, which we hold to possess as keen business acumen as any town in the State, and capable of producing amazing results when directed in the right channels.

Then, too, there are other phases which should be considered: the social side of the meeting will no doubt result in untold good, and the motion pictures which are to be taken will prove an advertisement for Big Stone Gap which will live long after the trade trip has been forgotten. Everyone possible should make an effort to appear in these pictures, as they are to be shown in Knoxville and all of the other towns and cities to be visited by the special, and the better crowd we have the better showing will be made, and the good that will be accomplished will in a large part dependent on this showing. Then too, the pictures will be shown here within a few weeks after they are made, and of course each of us has often wished to see ourselves as others see us.

Let us go out and meet these people and make them glad that they included Big Stone Gap in their itinerary, and want to return here again next year.

Bowling Tournament.

The Y. M. C. A. bowling team, of Bristol, have been invited to play off the rub game here on next Saturday night, and it is expected it will be a very close and exciting game. The two teams have met once here on the local alleys, when the local team won, and the return match was played in Bristol a couple of weeks ago, our boys losing. This is to be a much more exciting game than the others, and will decide the winners of the tournament. We understand that the Bristol boys are practicing up for the match, and expect to bring over some of their best bowlers. A number of the members of the Bristol Country Golf Club have also been invited over for a match game of golf with the members of the Mountain Golf Club.

State's Typhoid Costs \$4,000,000.

"Inexcusable Waste of Life and Money," Declares State Board of Health.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—Virginia's typhoid bill for the report year 1914-15 amounted to a round \$4,000,000, according to statistics just compiled by the State Board of Health, and the neglect of sanitary precautions against this disease cost the people more than half the amount necessary to run the State government.

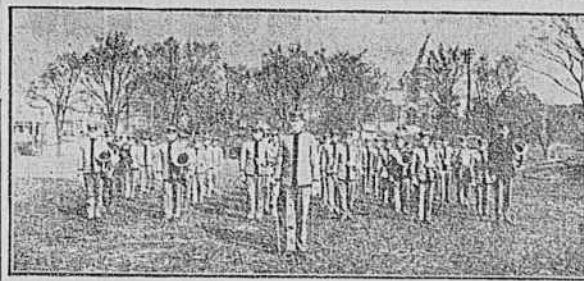
"The past year," said an officer of the board, "was marked by less typhoid than any year in the records of the board. The total number of cases was only 42 per cent as many as in 1908-09. Yet few realize that our typhoid for last year represented an excusable waste of life and money.

"At the lowest possible estimate, the average case of typhoid fever costs \$150. In many instances, of course, the cost is much higher, owing to the expense of nurses, physicians' attention and loss of income. But even taking the most conservative figures, the 6,098 cases of typhoid occurring in the State from October 1, 1914 to September 30, 1915 cost the victims and their families well over \$900,000. This represented money actually spent from savings, money lost in income and money borrowed, often by those who could not afford it, to meet the expenses of sickness.

"In addition to this, we must reckon on the death of one in ten of those attacked by typhoid fever. Every death represented the wiping out of a wage-earner or a potential producer, for typhoid is a disease of the producer and is not common among those who have passed the productive age. If we accept the lowest economic valuation of human life—so far as life can be stated in terms of capital—every death from typhoid meant that a productive power of at least \$5,000 was destroyed. A ten per cent mortality means the utter extinction of more than \$3,000,000 in the greatest and most vital wealth of the State. Funeral expenses adding to this item and to the cost of sickness, would easily raise the total to more than \$4,000,000.

"This would be bad under any circumstances; it is infinitely deplorable when it is remembered that every case of typhoid is preventable. If we proceed from the well-established fact that every case of typhoid comes from the germs that have left the body of some other person suffering with typhoid, we see that when we keep the germs from reaching the bodies of healthy persons in food or drink or through contact, we are preventing typhoid. The whole law of the prevention of this and all other fifth borne diseases is bound up in the simple rule—place the body wastes where they cannot reach anyone else in any possible way.

"It is entirely for the people of the State to say whether they will continue to pay this awful price for a preventable disease. The board of health is glad to send free literature to anyone who wants to ascertain how his typhoid bill can be brought down to nothing."



University of Tennessee Band, which will accompany the Knoxville Trade Trip Special here on April 13th.

V. & S. W. ENGINEER KILLED NEAR CHURCH HILL, TENN.

John H. Dowell, a V. & S. W. engineer, was killed yesterday morning at 10:35 o'clock when he was caught under the engine of freight train number 82 which was derailed with six coal cars one mile from Church Hill, Tenn. None of the other trainmen was injured. Dowell was about 35 years old and lived at Big Stone Gap.

According to information the cause of the wreck was due to a rail having been removed for certain repairs. A flagman was hurried from the scene, it is said but he was probably unable to reach a point sufficiently far from the scene of the wreck before the train came dashing down the grade at a rate that it was impossible to stop in time to prevent the derailment.

It was the purpose of the family to send the body of Engineer Dowell to his native home in Knox county, Tennessee, for burial, but owing to the illness of Mrs. Dowell, it was decided to bury the body at Big Stone Gap, and it was accordingly sent to that place Thursday morning—Bristol Herald Courier.

The news of Mr. Dowell's death was received here with much regret. He was very popular among railroad men and others as well, and had the reputation of being one of the best engineers on the road, and was held in high esteem by his employers. Mr. Dowell had been a resident of Big Stone Gap for about three years, coming here from Knoxville, where he was formerly connected with the Southern Railway, and had erected a home near the V. & S. W. depot.

The body was brought here Thursday on the noon train and on Friday, thirty-five members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, came over to attend the funeral services which were conducted at the Baptist Church by Rev. J. B. Craft. An unusually large crowd was in attendance, and interment took place in Glenoco Cemetery at 3 o'clock.

The deceased is survived by a wife and seven children, the oldest of which is 16 years old and the youngest 2 years old.

New Baby Bulletin.

State Board of Health Issues Now Edition of Directions for Infant Care.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—Adorned with the smiling pictures of eighteen Virginia babies, the State Board of Health has just issued a new edition of its bulletin for mothers on the Care of Infants. This bulletin is being sent to the mothers of all babies born during the last few months and will be mailed free of cost to all others who send for it. The approaching spring weather will be marked by a high mortality among infants, many of whom, the board declares, can be saved by the application of a few simple rules laid down in the bulletin.

Doing Good Business.

The Mineral Motor Company, agents for the famous Ford car, have been quite successful in their business since establishing headquarters here recently. Several cars were sold last week, some of the purchasers being Hall and Caudill, of Imboden, who purchased a touring car, and roadsters were delivered to G. W. Scott, county road engineer, and the Lowry Fruit Company at Norton. They not only sell cars but also carry a complete stock of supplies and accessories that are used by the Fords and have employed an expert mechanic to do repair work. Manager Cook has made some very extensive improvements on the garage and office building, which now has a very attractive appearance.

B. Y. P. U's Entertained.

Mrs. R. L. Hilton entertained the B. Y. P. U's, and a few of their friends Saturday evening from eight to eleven o'clock at the parsonage.

Music by a Victrola and numerous games were indulged in merrily until ten thirty, and then the guests were invited in to the dining room, where they were served sherbet and cake.

Those present were: Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Wolfe, Misses Roberta Buck, Nemo Vineyard, Lillian Wolfe, Mary Bunn, Elizabeth Sprinkle, Margaret Barron, Lela Madaffey, Nita and Caroline Goodloe; Tom, George and William Goodloe, Paul Wolfe, Carl Baker and Rev. Craft.

Zalathia Class Entertained.

The Zalathia Class of the Methodist Church, of which Mrs. H. E. Benedict is teacher, entertained at the home of Miss Thelma and Mary Baker Friday night from eight thirty to eleven o'clock.

After many games, a delicious salad course was served to the members of the class present, who were Misses Laura Marrs, Allie Nickels, Gertrude Jennings, Margaret and Mary Carnes, Mary and Glessie Gilly, Sophia Benedict, Mrs. H. E. Benedict and Mrs. I. C. Taylor, Messrs. Crill, Robert Ingle, Walter Hammonds, Herbert Brown, Pat Nickels, Janniss Taylor, Simon, Ruben and Roy Banks.

East Stone Gap Man Killed.

Jesse Qualls, of East Stone Gap, foreman for a timber crew at the lumber operation of M. C. McCorkle & Son, near Dante, was instantly killed Friday morning by a falling tree, a limb of the tree striking him in the head. The body was brought to East Stone Gap Friday night and taken to the home of the deceased a short distance above town. Burial services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Smith, of this place. The deceased was 40 years old and is survived by a wife and three small children.

GETTING TOGETHER Clean Up Week.

Purpose of Visit of Knoxville Trade Trip Members Is To Cement Business Relations

Business Men of Knoxville Want to Know More About Conditions Here, and Desire People Here to Know More About Knoxville as a Manufacturing and Jobbing Center.

Back of the white hats, the striped umbrellas, the music, the fun and good-fellowship of the Knoxville Trade Trip, there is a very serious purpose. This Trade Trip has a meaning, and that meaning is illustrative of the business spirit of Knoxville.

For, be it known, that this is "Prosperity Year in Knoxville"—her mills and factories are running, and the wheels of commerce are humming. Knoxville is stirred in every pulse and fibre as she has never been stirred before—with a new spirit of enterprise, of push and purpose that is built upon the solid rock foundation of confidence—confidence in her own future; confidence in the loyalty of her people and aggressiveness of her progressive business men and institutions.



Wm. H. Crouch, leader of the U. of T. Band, which is to visit here.

It is in the spirit of this new prosperity that this First Trade Trip is being made, and it is in far from a selfish spirit, for Knoxville is not content to sell; but to see and to buy!

In her new prosperity she must look beyond her own doors for new material.

Knoxville wants to extend to the people of her sister towns and cities the "glad hand," wants to know them better, and extends to them an invitation to grow as she grows. Knoxville wants us to profit by her prosperity.

There will be a result to this trip that ought to be of special interest to this town. Being, as it is, in itself an example of organization and efficiency, the trip ought to stimulate greater interest in our local commercial organization, and in greater commercial activity. Then, too, the visit of the Knoxville Trade Trip will offer to our local boosters an opportunity to do some boosting of their own game. The Special will carry representatives of both of Knoxville's big daily papers, newspapers that are read far and wide.

The impression they gather of the town visited, and which will be gathered by the other members of the party will have a far reaching effect and untold good should result.

Let us go out and meet the "special" in a spirit which will animate them, in a spirit of wanting to get closer together and of co-operation and thereby both sides will be benefited.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE BAND TO GIVE CONCERT HERE

Crack Musical Organization of the State to Accompany Knoxville's Trade Trip Special.

The University of Tennessee Band, one of the crack musical organizations of the state will accompany the Trade Trip Special of the Knoxville business men to furnish the music at this and the other towns visited. The band which is composed of 35 members will give concerts, both of popular and classical music, and all lovers of music should plan to hear these concerts.

FOR SALE. Three good ponies, registered stock, and one cart and set of harness for sale at a bargain, for cash, or will make good terms to proper parties. Phone or write, Geo. L. Taylor, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

The Civic League asks every citizen of the town to manifest their civic pride by cleaning up their premises this week. All rubbish, tin cans and trash collected and placed in piles by Monday of next week will be hauled off by teams. The League offers three prizes to boys collecting the three largest piles of tin cans; 1st prize, football; 2nd prize, baseball glove; 3rd prize, baseball and bat. The cans are to be brought to the vacant lot where the Community Christmas Tree now stands where they will be counted as brought in by a committee.

Why not be proud to live in the cleanest, prettiest town of Southwest Virginia?

Proclamation.

Let us show our loyalty and our desire to beautify our town by putting our homes and our business houses; our yards and our property generally in the best of order. Clean up and paint wherever necessary; do away with rubbish and the scrap heap; improve the vacant lots, and encourage your neighbors to do likewise.

Promote the cleanliness of our town and thus add to the health, happiness and safety of our people.

W. S. Rose, Mayor.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM VICTORIOUS.

Easily Won Over Local Picked Team by Score of 10 to 3.

The first base ball game of the season was witnessed here Saturday afternoon between the high school team and a picked local team, which resulted in a complete victory for the school lads by a score of 10 to 3. Although the attendance was not very large on account of the chilly weather, it was, nevertheless, a gala time for those who were lucky enough to be there. Lively music was furnished by the band, and the game was interesting throughout.

Kelly pitched for the high school team, on account of the absence of their regular pitcher, and his delivery was very puzzling to the local squad. Anyhow they were lucky enough to put three runs across home plate. Miller, pitching for the local team, was hit freely, but not in safe territory. His support was erratic at times, which accounted for most of the scores.

The high school team is unusually strong this year in fielding and batting, and it can be safely predicted that they will figure in the contest for the championship of Wise county this spring.

Juniors 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R H
High School 1 0 3 2 1 0 1 2 x—10 3
Local Team 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0—3 3

Batteries—Kelly and Lane;

Miller and Harris.

Umpire—Hubert Potter.

LINE UP: High School—

Carnes, 2b; Fleenor, ss; Mullins,

3b; Baker, 1b; Kelly, p; Lane,

c; Lile, cf; Kilbourne, lf; Martin,

rf. Local Team—Horne,

ss; Jones, 1b; Taylor, 3b; Tate,

2b; Miller, p; Harris, c; Lassiter,

lf; Blanchard; cf; Morgan, rf;

Drennen, 3b.

Laundry Sold.

The stock in the Royal Laundry Company was sold last week to Mr. R. P. Barron, cashier of the Interstate Finance and Trust Company, who will continue to operate it under the name of the Royal Laundry. No change will be made in the management, Mr. W. P. Potter being retained as manager of the plant.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of T. R. Bandy to Miss Vivian Duncan of "Boston Hill" Salem, Va. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Duncan, and is said to be a lovely girl. Mr. Bandy is well known here and very popular. He is now located at Kingsport where his prospects are flattering.—Norton Progress.