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## KNOXVILLE BOOSTERS

### Well Pleased With Their Reception in Big Stone Gap.

On last Thursday the Knoxville Trade Trip Boosters visited Big Stone Gap and this section, and according to the reports of their trip they were delighted with their reception in Southwest Virginia. There were about 125 in the crowd and to us they appeared to be about the nicest bunch of boosters that has ever come through here. They were brought over from Appalachia in Appalachia and Big Stone Gap automobiles, accompanied by a large number of Appalachia's enterprising citizens, including their splendid band, which assisted in furnishing music for the reception here. The Journal and Tribune, of Knoxville, had a representative with the boosters, and here is what he says in his paper about their trip to the "gap country."

### Auto Trip to the Gap.

Knowing that we were a dry crowd from a dry town, and being wise, because they live in Wise County, the people of Appalachia and Big Stone Gap met us at the train with "The Old Oaken Bucket," brimming full, played by their band in its best style. The university band returned the compliment, and joined by the school children of Appalachia, formed a procession that strung out for a distance of a half a mile and marched through the main street of the town, counter-marching and then, without any speaking, entering automobiles for the trip to Big Stone Gap, for the party abandoned their train at Appalachia for the trip through the gap. The Big Stone Gap reception committee, headed by Will Goodloe, chairman, C. S. Carter, Karl Stoehr and R. B. Alviser, president of the board of trade, and president of the South and West Coal and Coke Company, were awaiting the Knoxvilleians at Appalachia with a string of forty automobiles. The trip to Big Stone Gap is three and a half miles over one of the finest roads we have seen anywhere. The road runs along the banks of one of the prongs of the Powell's river, and indeed it is a beautiful stream, while the scenery along the drive through the gap, with the rocky cliffs towering hundreds and hundreds of feet on either side, surpassing anything yet seen.

At Big Stone Gap, the party were greeted by another band and by a crowd of between two and three thousand, including the six hundred and fifty pupils of the school.

### Gen. Ayers' Welcome.

The address of welcome to the gap country was made by Gen. R. A. Ayers, a Confederate veteran and a former attorney-general of Virginia, who greeted the visitors most cordially, and remarked that they had tried to make the Knoxville party's reception as warm as the one he received at Knoxville during the civil war when for two years, and the others of the Confederate army tried without avail to break into the town. But since then, he said, his relations with Knoxville had always been most cordial and happy, he added that in all the years the people of the Gap had been doing business with the business men of Knoxville, they had received only fair and courteous treatment, and he had never known a fairer set of business people anywhere. Big Stone Gap and Knoxville had long and many business relations, he said, and he hoped they would have longer and more. General Ayers was photographed with Judge Lindsay by "Moving Picture Jim" Thompson as the general was presenting the judge.

The judge wore his prettiest smile, and made one of his best speeches at this place, telling the crowd that he felt inspired

to do his best because of the immensity of the cordiality of the reception the party had received. The judge then presented Dr. Stuart, whom all the Methodist (and southwest Virginia is full of them) and most everybody else hereabouts know personally, and the doctor made a splendid talk, closing with a fine tribute to the people of Big Stone Gap and of Knoxville.

### "Kidded" Mr. Helm.

Judge Lindsay then continued his can opening process, and called out George Helm. He "kidded" Mr. Helm a bit by telling the crowd that he called on George at Richmond the other night, and he fell down, but that he believed that Mr. Helm ought to have another chance, and he gave it to him. But not for long, for he soon called him down, in fact grabbed him by the tail of his coat and pulled him down and pushed him out of the automobile from which the speaking was done. Mr. Helm opened with a few jokes, and then set in to try to tell the big crowd how anxious the party was to get to Big Stone Gap. "Just to show you how how anxious we were to get here, I may tell you that we paid more than \$3,000 for the train to bring us here, and"—but he got no further for Judge Lindsay grabbed him by the coat and dragged him down, taking his place and telling the crowd that George ought to be ashamed of himself. "Why, the idea of getting up here and complaining to these people because we had to pay a little matter of three thousand dollars to come up here and see them," said the judge. "Why", he declared, "it would have been worth the money if it had cost us ten thousand dollars. This reception is worth any price," he continued. The judge then added that he wasn't going to take any more chances of opening a "can of bad stuff," and was going to do the rest of the talking himself, so the people of the Gap country would be sure to hear a good speech. The judge then told the crowd something about Knoxville as an industrial and jobbing center, and dwelt particularly upon the city's educational advantages, being the seat of the university of the State and the Summer School.

After the speaking, the Knoxvilleians were taken for an auto tour of the residence section, and saw, without doubt, some of the prettiest homes they have seen on the tour. One of the homes they saw was the bungalow of John Fox, Jr., the celebrated novelist, and after seeing something of the beauty of the Gap country, one can understand where Fox got the inspiration for the stories he has written about the wonderful mountain section. About the only thing Fox has made famous in this section that we didn't see is the rhododendron, and that flower isn't blooming yet.

The party then returned to Appalachia, covered with dust, but filled with pleasure because of their wonderful cordial reception and filled with admiration for the wonderful development here and for the splendid scenery for which this country is famous.

### At Appalachia.

On the return to Appalachia, the boosters found another large crowd awaiting them, and there was another short speech-making session. The party was welcomed by Prof. H. L. Sulfridge, principal of the school of this thriving mining town, to which brief replies were made by Judge Lindsay and Dr. Stuart.

One of the gentlemen who greeted the visitors on this stop was Dr. I. P. Martin, former pastor of Church street M. E. church, South, now serving his fourth year as presiding elder of the Big Stone Gap district of the M. E. church, South.

J. P. Hendricks, editor of the Cumberland Progressive, published at Appalachia, and Gilbert N. Knight, editor of the Big Stone Gap Post, got out

special booster editions of their papers, the Big Stone Gap paper's enterprising editor issuing a twelve-page edition of the Post. Both papers were adorned with cuts of the trade trip special, members of the party and of important building in their towns. Copies of these papers were distributed on the train.

After the Appalachian exercises, the members of the party again boarded their train and made the trip to Norton.

## U. D. C. Meeting

The United Daughters of the Confederacy were entertained very delightfully Wednesday afternoon, April 12, at the home of Mrs. C. C. Cochran. The meeting was one of unusual interest and largely attended. Mrs. L. O. Pettit, president of the Chapter presided, and roll call was responded to with a historical event.

Mrs. Alexander, who was our delegate to the District Convention recently convened at Tazewell, Va., gave a very interesting report of the proceedings of the Convention. She spoke of the emphasis put upon the importance of raising the fund for the completion of the Shiloh monument. The amount to be raised by October is \$14,000. She also reported that the Big Stone Gap Chapter made a splendid showing, and the next District Convention will be held at Big Stone Gap. About fifty ladies usually attend these meetings.

The subject for the historical lesson for April was "Memorial Day in the South." Mrs. M. R. McCormick read a paper showing that Mrs. Mary Anne Williams, of Columbus, Ga., and not Mrs. Ellis, first suggested Memorial Day. A reading, "Cover Them Over With Beautiful Flowers," by Will Carleton, was read by Miss Mary Skeen. Mrs. G. L. Taylor read a poem entitled "Memorial Day," followed by a reading, "They Are Not Dead," by Mrs. Wade Barrier.

The Chapter will meet with Mrs. G. L. Taylor in May. Roll call will be answered with his historical event which happened in May.

During the social hour which followed the program the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Sarah, served most delightful refreshments.

Those who were present were: Mesdames J. H. Hagy, W. T. Goodloe, L. O. Pettit, G. L. Taylor, C. C. Long, M. R. McCormick, G. W. Walker, J. L. McCormick, A. J. Wolfe, S. A. Bailey, Irby Nickels, Wade Barrier, H. A. Alexander, E. E. Goodloe, George Bogard and Malcolm Smith, and Misses Gilly and Skeen.

Mrs. Malcolm Smith, Secretary.

### Appalachia Defeats Norton.

In the opening game of the Wise County High School League for the championship of Wise County, Appalachia easily defeated Norton Saturday afternoon on the latter's grounds by a score of 8 to 0. The opening game was scheduled for the 8th, but was postponed on account of bad weather. Big Stone Gap had an open date Saturday owing to the withdrawal of Wise and East Stone Gap from the league, and quite a number of the players witnessed the game at Norton. They will play at Coeburn April 22nd, and Appalachia will come here some time later to play the game postponed from April 8th.

This week is Moving Day at the Touraine. The Barriers gave up their apartments on Friday to move into the J. B. Ayers cottage, Walter Shunk and his mother are to occupy the Barrier apartment as soon as it is repapered, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are to have the apartment vacated by the Shunks and the Burdenettes and Mr. and Mrs. Harris have just moved into the Touraine, so the dwellers in this apartment house have been having a perfectly lovely time—especially the babies.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

## Country Church Proceedings of Day.

To the country churches of the State and Nation is committed a great task and a great trust—the building of characters of men and women who make up the greater part of our population, both rural and urban. The country church is a necessity of civilization, and not only must it be perpetuated and encouraged, but its sphere of usefulness must be constant-widened, so that it reach its proper position as the community center.

It gives me pleasure, therefore, to proclaim Sunday, May 7, 1916 Country Church Day and to urge a large attendance at every rural house of worship on that day. A special program for its celebration has been prepared by the extension department of the University of Virginia, which is available for use if desired. There are thousands of city dwellers who might well turn their thoughts and prayers on that day to the mission and the services of the churches in the country, where once centered their spiritual lives.

In witness whereof, I have thereto set my hand, and caused the lesser seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, at Richmond, this the twenty-third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and fortieth.

H. C. STUART,  
Governor.

B. O. JAMES,  
Sec. of the Commonwealth.

## The Civic League Goat

An occasion of great interest to the boys of the town the last of the week was the Civic League tin can crusade for the latest little angora goat you ever saw. This contest was essential to the annual Clean Up Day this year when the town was made spick and span and spotless once more—and, we hope, will continue so.

A committee of Civic League ladies had a gorgeous time counting the cans after they were dumped back of the Minor Building Friday afternoon. This committee was composed of Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Robt. D. Morrison, Mrs. McCormick, Miss Eliot, Mrs. Skeen, Mrs. R. B. Alviser and Mrs. E. E. Goodloe. The count stood as follows: Corley Sampson, 4,135 cans, awarded first prize, the goat; Ray Mahaffey, 3,050 cans; second prize, baseball glove; Harry Patton, colored, 1,816 cans, third prize, ball and bat; Jack Cox, J. C. Fuller and R. D. Baker, Jr., had a nice lot of cans and each got a baseball.

## Booster Editions.

The enterprising publishers of the Big Stone Gap Post and the Appalachia Progressive deserves a lot of credit for their splendid editions on the Booster week. The Post was twelve pages, full of the choicest matter, and beautifully printed. The whole issue showed skill and care throughout and is bound to have made a splendid impression. The Progressive was an eight page paper. It was also well gotten up, and the articles were all well written.—Norton Progress.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollar Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 35 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. We are NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 35 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Proceedings of Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday April 18th, 1916, at 3 p.m. The reports of officers were read and approved. The report of Mayor showed \$106.00 in fines collected in the month of March.

A Resolution was passed granting the L. & N. Railroad permission to raise the overhead bridge over their line near the L. & N. depot 21 inches above the present grade, in order to protect taintment.

The Fire Committee and Fire Chief were authorized to take up the matter of construction of a hose tower for ventilating water hose, with power to act.

In the matter of contemplated improvements on Wyandotte Avenue between the Methodist church and West Sixth street and out that street to Wood Avenue, and one additional block on East First street between Shawnee and Cherokee streets, the Mayor was authorized to invite proposals for surfacing the roadbed, also for hauling the material from L. & N. depot, and for rolling down the material after it is in place. The Mayor was instructed to construct an outlet for the sewer at the swinging bridge, over South Fork Addition; also to change the East First street sewer to connect with the sewer near the Park entrance.

Council adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in May at 2 p.m.

### To Lot Owners in Glencoe Cemetery.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the Civic League has been making strenuous efforts to beautify the cemetery and has recently expended with the help of the town about four hundred dollars in improvements.

We are appealing to each and every lot owner to make a special effort this spring to beautify his or her individual lot (as has already been done in a number of instances) by grading, fertilizing and sodding and planting flowers. Or, in case this is impossible, on account of physical inability, not resident, or for any other reasons, the Civic League has a very efficient Cemetery Committee which will gladly undertake any specified work if the owner of lot will send amount which he or she desires to be expended during the growing season.

Private subscriptions for general improvements in the Cemetery will be gratefully received.

- MRS. J. L. MCCORMICK, President.
- MRS. R. T. IRVINE, 1st Vice President.
- MRS. H. A. W. SKEEN, 2nd Vice President.
- MRS. A. J. WOLFE, Recording Secretary.
- MRS. MAYO CABELL, Corresponding Secretary.
- MRS. G. N. KNIGHT, Treasurer.
- MRS. M. R. MCCORMICK, MRS. MARVIN K. KELLY, MRS. ROBT. D. MORRISON, MRS. RALPH E. JAGGAIT, Cemetery Committee.

### Birthday Party

Master Sam Carter, Jr., the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carter, entertained a large number of his little friends last Wednesday afternoon from four to six o'clock very delightfully in honor of his eighth birthday.

Misses Nemo Nineyard, Mary Skeen and Mrs. A. J. Wolfe assisted the children in playing many games, and later ushered them into the dining room, where, in the center of the table, was a large white cake holding eight tiny candles. Mrs. Carter then cut the cake into slices for the children, in which were prizes, such as a ring, thimble, button, wishbone, and needle, which caused much enjoyment for the little folks. Delicious ice cream, three kinds of cake, punch and candy was then served.

Those who were present to wish Sam many more happy birthdays, and who brought him many lovely presents were: Frances Sayers, Leola Ham-

blen, Margaret Baker, Louise Pettit, Ruth Mahaffey, Eugenia Allen, Margaret Kelly, Elsie Wells, Frances Daugherty, Martha Louise Ayers, Julia and Josephine McCorkle. The boys were: McLaurion Baker, John Walton Hamblen, William Nickels, Rob Morrison, Lewis McCormick, R. D. Baker, Robert Barron, Karl Stoehr, Jack Cox, John Moore Baker, J. C. Fuller and John Hill Goodloe.

### Closing Exercises of East Stone Gap High School.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. J. M. Smith, of Big Stone Gap, on Sunday, April 23.

The graduating exercises will take place on Tuesday night, April 25th, at eight o'clock. Graduating class—Elsie Lawson, Bessie Tate, Harrison Bowles and Thomas Witt. Literary address by Supt. F. G. Fitzpatrick, of Bristol. Address by Supt. J. N. Hillman on "Consultation and Transportation for Schools." Mr. Hillman especially requests all patrons of the school to be present for this address.

### Associated Charities Entertainment.

Wednesday night the Associated Charities gave an entertainment at the Amuzu in connection with Manager Taylor's excellent pictures for that evening. The program was rendered by local talent entirely and, as is always the case when local talent appears before an audience in the Gap, it was enthusiastically enjoyed from beginning to end, and several numbers were persistently encored. Special mention should be made of the splendid music furnished by the Big Stone Gap band, which was high class in every respect and added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

The program in detail was as follows:

- Moving pictures.
- Selection by the Band.
- Recitation, Mrs. Ike Richmond.
- Violin Solo, Mrs. Peck.
- "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," Messrs. Sayers, Burdenettes, Jones and Owens, who after being continuously encored, delighted the audience with a college song, "The Bullfrog on the Bank."
- Moving pictures.
- Batterly Dance, Miss Sophia Benedict.
- Selection by the Band.
- Recitation, Miss Miriam Taylor.
- Duet, Miss Mabel Willis and Miss Julia Bullitt.
- Selection by the Band.

The Associated Charities cleared \$18.05, which considering the fact that a general admission of only fifteen cents was charged, is proof positive that everybody got value received and considerably over.

### Celebrates Birthday.

J. N. Moore, who for many years has resided near the V. & S. W. Depot, was given, by his daughter, Miss Lula Moore, on April 2nd, a very delightful surprise in the form of a delicious dinner in honor of his seventy second birthday, at which a number of his friends and relatives were present, who were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McLenore and little son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McLenore, of Wise, Misses Mary Leftwich and Brownie McKenzie, of Appalachia, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baker and little son, R. D. Jr., of the Gap.

In the Pocket, where the hootowt reigned supreme ten years ago, is now one of the largest electrical plants in the United States, sending thousands of horse-power of energy to the mines in Lee and Wise counties, Virginia and Harlan county, Ky., and lighting Pennington Gap, Big Stone Gap, Appalachia, Stonega, Keokee and other Virginia towns as well as carrying "light" to our friends across the mountain in Kentucky. This plant uses a car of coal every twenty four hours.—Norton Progress.

Villa has been killed so many times the public will not believe it when the cuss really does stretch hemp.