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Large Crowd

Attends Fourth of July Celebration at Big Stone Gap.

The Fourth of July Celebration, under direction of the Big Stone Gap Athletic Association was a profound success this year. Early in the morning great crowds began to arrive in town, indicating there would be a record attendance. It was estimated that about five thousand people were here, there being nearly four thousand paid admissions to the grounds. The carnival midway was packed all day and they done a record business. Red Cross workers could be seen all day through the crowds tagging people and soliciting new members. The Red Cross ladies conducted a lunch stand in the park and the result of their sales, including the amount derived from tagging, amounted to over \$1,000. July 4th was also a red letter day for Company H. Lieutenant Bullitt established a recruiting office on the grounds and enlisted twenty-five new members in the national guard.

Fox Chase.

The Drag Fox Chase was the first event to take place on the morning of the Fourth, in which about thirty hounds were entered, coming from all parts of Lee, Wise and Scott counties. This was the first chase the Association had pulled off for several years and an unusual amount of interest was shown. The chase was over a mile long, leaving the west end of the park and crossing the river on the east end it returned to the park and ended in front of the grand stand. A large white and black spotted hound belonging to Wright Jones, of Wallens Creek, Lee County, captured the first prize, \$10.00, having a lead of nearly a hundred yards. Fayette Rigg's Hound, of East Stone Gap, arrived second, and W. H. Bowne's hound, of Duffield, Scott County, arrived third, the prizes for the last two being \$5.00 and \$2.50.

Automobile Race.

Dervin Cox, John Bean, W. H. Wren and Dan Hill entered the automobile race with their Ford Racers. Each were required to circle the race track five times and the one going the route quickest won the prize. Bean finished in 3 minutes and 11 seconds. Hill second in 4:54, and Wren third in 5:05. Cox's car developed engine trouble and he was forced to retire from the race.

BALL GAME

The base ball game between a picked team from Lee County and a team picked from the Coal Fields League in Wise County proved to be one of the best attractions. Dan Richmond, of Ewing, was in charge of the visiting team, and it proved later that he selected a classy bunch of ball players, but the Wise County boys' strong hitting easily won the game by a score of 7 to 2. The visitors had a splendid pitcher in Pitman and it took our boys some time to get on to his shoots. Lefty Potter hurried for the home team and his work was first class, as this was the first time he had played a game this season. Both pitchers were given excellent support, except in a couple of instances. Potter would have probably shut his opponents out but for a couple of errors in the seventh when they made their only scores of the game.

Johnny Jones and Hubert Potter featured at the bat by delivering hits at the opportune time. Potter's double in the fifth scored three runs after two men were out. Jones tripled in the seventh after two were out, scoring Tate and Potter. Everybody appeared to be extremely interested in the game and both teams were supported by a noisy bunch of

rooters. This was the first big game of the season and fans were hungry for classy ball playing.

FIRST INNING

Bailey hit to center for three bases. Russell grounded to the pitcher and Bailey was caught off third, L. Potter to H. Potter. Russell was caught trying for second, H. Potter to Jones to Tate. Salyers grounded to Jones. No runs, one hit, no errors.

B. Polly fanned. Smith walked, Tate fanned. H. Potter out, Bailey to Salyers. No runs, no hits, no errors.

SECOND INNING

Winters out, L. Potter to Jones. Bingham was hit by pitched ball and went to second on an error and stole third. Ball fanned. Richmond fanned. No runs, no hits, one error.

Jones flied to Winters. Banks flied to Ball. C. Polly fanned. No runs, no hits, no errors.

THIRD INNING

Wells singled to center. Pitman popped to H. Potter. Bailey walked. Wells out, Smith to H. Potter. Bailey was caught napping, L. Potter to Jones. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Fleener singled to right and stole second. L. Potter fanned. B. Polly out, Wells to Salyers. Smith singled to left scoring Fleener. Tate out, Pitman to Salyers. One run, two hits, no errors.

FOURTH INNING

Russell out, Fleener to Jones. Salyers safe on error. Winters singled to right. Salyers was caught trying for third. Bingham popped to Tate. No runs, one hit, one error.

H. Potter singled thru short. Jones hit by pitched ball. Banks fanned. C. Polly fanned. L. Potter out, Pitman to Bingham. No runs, one hit, no errors.

FIFTH INNING

Ball out, Tate to Jones. D. Richmond out, L. Potter to Jones. Wells out, Fleener to Jones. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Fleener fanned. L. Potter singled over second. B. Polly safe on error. L. Potter was thrown out at third. Smith walked. Tate singled. H. Potter doubled to left scoring Polly, Smith and Tate. Jones out, Pitman to Salyers. Three runs, three hits, one error.

SIXTH INNING

Pitman out, L. Potter to Jones. Bailey was thrown out by Fleener. Russell out, Smith to Jones. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Banks out, Wells to Salyers. C. Polly fanned. Fleener singled thru third. L. Potter grounded to Pitman. No runs, one hit, no errors.

SEVENTH INNING

Salyers safe on an error. Winters singled thru second. Salyers going to third. Bingham struck out. Ball safe on an error Salyers scoring. R. Richmond bats for D. Richmond and is safe on an error. Wells doubled to center, scoring Ball. Pitman fanned. Winters out, Smith to Jones. Two runs, two hits, two errors.

B. Polly grounded out, Pitman to Salyers. Smith grounded to Bailey. Tate walked. H. Potter hit thru pitcher's box. Jones tripled to right scoring Tate and Potter. Banks singled to left scoring Jones. C. Polly fanned. Three runs, three hits, no errors.

EIGHTH INNING

Bailey popped to Jones. Russell flied to B. Polly in center. Salyers grounded to Jones. No runs, no hits, no errors.

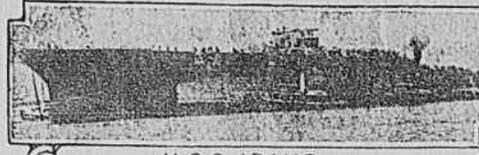
Fleener out, Wells to Salyers. L. Potter singled to left. Polly safe on infielders choice. Smith hit into a double play, Pitman to Bailey to Salyers. No runs, one hit, no errors.

NINTH INNING

Winters grounded out, Fleener to Jones. Combs fanned. Ball out, Fleener to Jones. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R H E
Wise County 0 0 1 0 3 0 3 0 8-7 11 2
Lee County 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0-2 5 2

Two Base Hits—H. Potter and Wells.
Three Base Hits—Jones and Bailey.
Struck out by L. Potter 5; Pitman 9.
Base on Balls off Potter 1; Pitman 2.
Umpire—Horton



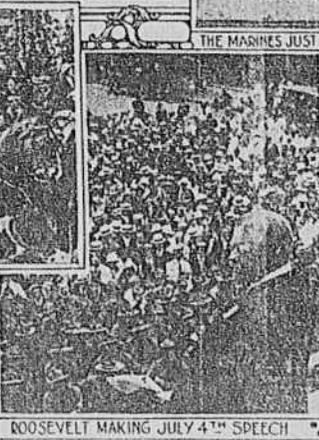
U. S. S. IDAHO



THE MARINES JUST BEFORE LEAVING FOR FRANCE



RELEASED
PRISONERS
ARRIVE IN
DUBLIN
PHOTOS BY
AMERICAN
PRESS ASSOCIATION
KINGDON GOULD
AND HIS BRIDE



ROOSEVELT MAKING JULY 4TH SPEECH



ALFONSO XIII OF SPAIN

News Snapshots Of the Week

On the natal day of American independence the country was notified of an attempt of German submarines to sink the transports containing American troops on the way to France, but the convoying warships had succeeded in hitting one U boat and scaring off the others after they had discharged numerous torpedoes; the fact that Germany knew which route our ships would take started a renewed hunt for German spies here. The celebration of the Fourth took on a deeply patriotic aspect. Colonel Roosevelt and Secretary of War Baker addressed large gatherings on Americanism. The battleship Idaho was launched. Sinn Fein prisoners released by Great Britain created enthusiasm on their return to Dublin, but their party showed no inclination to join in the national convention to settle the home rule question. Rumors of revolt in Spain and the probable coming of King Alfonso XIII, came from London and Paris. Kingdon Gould, eldest son of George J. Gould, was married to Miss Annunziata Lunel, an Italian artist and former governess.

Navy League

On July Fourth, Mrs. Alexandria Anderson, of Washington, representing the Navy League, spoke before a most appreciative audience at this place, outlining the aims and needs of the work.

The Navy League seeks to organize Patriotic Service in the interest of the Nation's first line of defense—the Navy. "Practical Patriotism is the need of the hour. The call of the Navy League is for men and women who want to work."

Efforts have been and are being made to put before the American people information concerning the state of the Navy and the urgent need of a greater Navy. The Navy League hopes to have so many members in all sections of this country who will be in constant touch with all information vital to the Navy that soon the whole American people will know what is needed in Naval equipment, and knowing, will be ready and anxious to lend the country their loyal support in obtaining it.

"Comforts Committees" for the making of woollen garments for the sailors of the Navy are being organized in connection with the work of the Navy League. This work has been officially proscribed and endorsed by Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, and its value has been attested upon numerous occasions by officers and enlisted men of the Navy.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has issued an official order prescribing this work, as follows: "The men of the United States Navy could use certain articles of comfort which are not supplied by the Government. These are principally knitted articles to keep them warm during severe weather, and when engaged in exposed work in small boats, such as picket duty, mine laying, submarine service, patrol boat service, etc."

The Navy Department has definitely approved the furnishing of the following articles, if made according to its specifications:

- Sleeveless jacket, gray wool.
- Mittens, gray wool.
- Muffler, blue or preferable gray wool.
- Wristlets, gray wool.
- Helmets, gray wool.
- Articles.

Specifications and full knitting directions are printed on a separate circular, which will be furnished without charge by the Comforts Committee to anyone interested. Mrs. Anderson has organized

a Comforts Committee at Big Stone Gap with the following officers:

President—Mrs. E. J. Prescott.

Vice-President—Mrs. Edw. Goodloe.

Secretary—Mrs. James B. Ayers.

Treasurer—Mrs. D. B. Pierson.

Chairman of Ways and Means—Miss Minnie Fox.

Any ladies willing to knit will be supplied with wool, specifications and full knitting directions free of charge if they will make their wishes known to the Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Ayers.

The cost of the wool for each outfit is \$2.50. Contributions for this may be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. D. B. Pierson. The membership fee is \$1.00, which may also be sent to the Treasurer by those wishing to join.

This is a most worthy cause. Do your bit for your country either by knitting or contributing for the wool, or by both.

A Woman Speaks.

Help me, O God, to keep before my eyes
The larger vision of this war; to be
Inspired each day by noble thoughts that
rise.

Of Duty, Honor, Country and of Thee,
Lest I forget, and think of only one
Who goes from me, to see his duty
done!

Help me to think of war as one vast
Whole
Of Human Effort, struggling towards
the Right.

Ever advancing nearer to the goal
Of Freedom from the Iron Rule of
Might.

Lest I forget, and in my sorrow see
Only the face of him who goes from
me!

Lest me remember, on the fateful day,
When women send their men across the
sea.

That with brave smiles on trembling lips
they say,
"God bless and bring you safely back
to me!"

Help me, O God, in that black hour,
I pray,
Lest I forget to be as brave as they!
H. H. P.

Visiting Here From Missouri.

G. W. Landreth, a prominent business man from Joplin, Mo., has been in this section for the past two weeks visiting his many relatives and meeting friends of his boyhood days. This is his first visit to Big Stone Gap in 50 years, having left here when he was 18 years old in company with G. W. Gilly, for Kentucky, where they were offered a salary of \$15 per month while they were only getting \$3 per month here. Mr. Landreth, after drifting through many of the western states finally located at Joplin, where he has been engaged in operating lead and zinc mines for the past twenty five years, in which he has been unusually successful. There are quite

a number of other lead and zinc operations at Joplin and Mr. Landreth says this is the largest field in the world. He has been in the Gap for the past week visiting his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Gilly, and left Sunday for Wise, where he will spend some time visiting another aunt, Mrs. J. E. Lipps. He expressed great surprise at the wonderful developments in Wise County, particularly

around his old home place as Big Stone Gap was practically a wilderness, only two or three homes being located here when he left. His mother died here before he left and was buried near where the Touraine Hotel now stands although the grave is unmarked. His father, who was a confederate soldier in the Civil War, died in prison at Fort Douglas, Illinois. Mr. Landreth will leave in a few days for West Virginia on a visit to his sister and will later visit New York and Washington City before returning to his western home.

Dance for Red Cross Fund.

Last Tuesday evening from nine o'clock to two o'clock in the dining room of the Monte Vista Hotel a delightful dance was given for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The dining room was very patriotically decorated with red cross banners and the national colors.

Several of the young men of the town defrayed the expenses of Watkins Saxophone Orchestra of Bluefield, which furnished the music for the occasion.

Delicious punch, sandwiches and candy were served all evening.

Those dancing were Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gundry, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnett, of Stonegap, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chapman, of Appalachia, Miss Emily Fulton, of Wise, with Mr. Carlisle Skeen, Miss Kathleen Litton, of Dot, with Mr. Marks, Miss Janet Pennington with Mr. Ernest Ague, Miss Adelaide Pettit with Mr. Jas. Reynolds, Dr. and Mrs. J. Cope, Miss Mabel Willis with Mr. W. Soehls, Miss Caroline Rhoads with Mr. W. M. Dale, Miss Louise Goodloe with Mr. David Baker, Miss Midge Muncy with Mr. Donald Prescott, Miss Margaret Miller with Mr. W. C. Shunk, Miss Janet Bailey with Mr. E. L. Curley, Miss Julie Bullitt with Mr. Geo. Rhoads, Miss Ruby Kenper with Mr. F. S. Wombwell, Miss Christine Miller with Mr. John Jones, Miss Ruth Prescott with Mr. Sam McClure, Miss Sarah Cochran with Mr. Wise Slem, Miss Virginia Beverly with Lieut. S. McChesney, Miss Glessie Gilly.

Stags were: John Fox, Jr., Paul Horne, Paul Gundry, of

Stonegap, Zack Burnett, of Pardee, Byron Rhoads, Tavenor Goodloe.

Chaperones were: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Taggart, of Roda Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fox, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rhoads, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Miller, Miss Minnie Fox, Mrs. J. M. Goodloe, Mrs. C. F. Camp.

To Water Users.

There has recently been a shortage in the water supply and pending the erection of a new dam at the intake there will probably be some further trouble. Mr. L. O. Pettit, chairman of the Water Committee of the Town Council, has taken the matter in hand and everything possible is being done to relieve the situation. Repairs for the large pump have at last been received and pumping will be started as soon as connections can be made. Repairs for the other pump ordered early in May have not yet been received. No water should be wasted, and water users must keep their spigots closed when not in use. An inspection will be made of all premises.

The Roda Band under the direction of S. T. Witt, furnished music for the Fourth of July Celebration instead of Ray's Concert Band as had been advertised, which was due to some misunderstanding. When it comes to making music both deserve much credit for their ability and the people would have been pleased no matter which one was there. At a later date the Roda Band will give a concert at the Amnuz Theatre at this place, for which they are preparing an elaborate program.

Statement of the Financial Condition OF Interstate Finance & Trust Co.

Located at Big Stone Gap, in the County of Wise, State of Virginia, at the close of business, June 20th, 1917, made to the State Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$155,631.06
Overdrafts, secured, \$1,040.71; unsecured, \$112.06	1,152.77
Bonds, Securities, etc., owned including premium on same	24,125.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,252.69
Exchanges and checks for next day's clearings	115.00
Other cash items	13.00
Due from National Banks	39,609.47
Due from State Banks, Private Bankers, and Trust Companies	8,893.37
Paper currency	8,632.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	271.97
Gold coin	377.50
Silver coin	1,110.00
Paid on Liberty Loan Subscriptions	2,250.00
Notes Guaranteed	15,000.00
All other items of resources, viz: Notary Stamps	63.78
Certificates of deposit	10,000.00
Total	\$301,497.56
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes	1,961.16
Individual deposits, including saving deposits	154,478.72
Time certificates of deposit	44,927.18
Certified checks	63.99
Cashier's checks outstanding	2,498.86
Due to State Banks, Private Bankers and Trust Companies	786.85
Reserved for accrued interest on deposits	108.66
Reserved for accrued interest on certificates of deposit	297.06
Reserved for accrued taxes	305.63
Contingent Liabilities	45,000.00
Total	\$301,497.56

I, J. B. Wampler, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of Interstate Finance and Trust Company, located at Big Stone Gap, in the County of Wise, State of Virginia, at the close of business on the 20th day of June, 1917, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. B. WAMPLER, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
W. W. TAYLOR }
J. S. HAMBLEN } Directors.
W. T. GOODLOE }

STATE OF VIRGINIA, County of Wise,
Sworn to and subscribed before me by J. B. Wampler, Cashier, this 3rd day of July, 1917.

D. E. ALLEN,
Notary Public.
My commission expires August 5th, 1919.