

Report of Committee

On the Formation of a Building and Investment Company.

The Young Men's Club listened last Wednesday evening to the committee's prospectus bearing directly on the organization of a Home Building and Investment Company.

Wm. A. Stuart, the chairman of the committee, presented the plain, practical outline of the committee's work in a few minutes. What little discussion followed showed the plan met with the approval of all present. It will serve as the working basis for the future.

The plan is, briefly, as follows: Two classes of men are to be reelected with. Men who have a substantial sum to invest and would want a house to cost from \$2500, up; and men who are working for wages and moderate salaries and could not afford to put but a comparatively small sum into a house.

To the former the company would consider making a loan of not more than 50 per cent. of the total investment; the latter the company would ask a payment of 10 or 15 per cent. and the balance in easy payments, building the house and making it possible for the man to secure a suitable lot at a reasonable price.

It was brought out that the Big Stone Gap Land Company was very favorable to an arrangement whereby it would furnish the lots at a reasonable price to the purchaser, the monthly payments to be divided pro rata between the Home Building and Investment Company and the Land Company in accordance with the amount invested.

Mr. Clarence Kearfoot, of Bristol, a well known architect, addressed the meeting at the close of the Committee's reports, on the subject of the practical value of building homes this spring. He argued from facts which he had estimated as the result of a careful survey of the whole field, and from government reports, one of which he read, that in the spring there was liable to be a slight decrease in the cost of building material, and that if building was delayed until the fall that the great demand for buildings would have driven the prices higher once more, where they would stay no telling how long.

Mr. Kearfoot's practical experience and the calm assurance and measured statements with which he talked carried conviction and held the rapt attention of all present. At the close of the meeting Mr. Sayers, in the name of the Club, made a motion that the Club give Mr. Kearfoot a vote of thanks for and appreciation of his talk. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

(Build more homes).

NOTICE.

I will be in my office on January 31st for the purpose of collecting dog taxes that have not been previously paid. The tax on all dogs must be paid on or before that day or they will be subject to the penalty of the law.

P. H. Kennedy, Treasurer.

17 Year Locust

Will Make Its Appearance During This Spring And Summer.

Blacksburg, Va., Jan. 22.—Brood X of the seventeen-year locust, which is one of the largest broods of this insect on record, is expected to appear over a large area of eastern United States in the spring of 1919. This brood has been well recorded in the east from 1715 to 1902, the date of the last appearance. It was studied carefully in 1868 and again in 1885. Brood X of the seventeen-year locust was very carefully studied by entomologists throughout the east in 1902, and a fairly satisfactory knowledge of the area covered was secured.

The insect was reported from the following counties: Alexandria, Augusta, Clark, Fairfax, Fauquier, Frederick, Grayson, Lee, Loudoun, Orange, Prince William, Roanoke, Warren, Wise, and Wythe. From the records available it appears that the insect will appear in greatest in the northern counties—Alexandria, Clark, Fairfax, Frederick, Loudoun, Prince William, and Warren.

As a rule the insects are not seriously injurious except to young fruit trees, nursery stock and young shade trees. The females injure the trees by laying their eggs in the small branches. The one and two-year old wood is frequently weakened by the large number of egg punctures so that the branches may be broken by the wind. The egg punctures do not heal readily; they offer a harbor for the woolly aphis which prevents healing, and also offer an entrance for various kinds of fungi. When the insects are very numerous the young terminals of the limbs may be so seriously injured that leaves will die, which gives the tree the appearance of having been scorched by fire.

As the seventeen-year locust is chiefly injurious to young trees the fruit growers in these counties should not plant trees during this winter, and should also allow their young trees to go unpruned. In fact, pruning of apple and peach orchards should be reduced to a minimum so that the injury by the locusts can be later pruned off the tree.

YOUTH WAS SHINING MARK

Of 5999 Virginia Victims of Influenza in October, 1171 Were Between Ages 25 and 30.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 22.—It would appear from reports received by the State Board of Health through the Bureau of Vital Statistics that the Spanish influenza, during the month of October 1918, was most fatal to persons between the ages of 25 and 30. At any rate, 1171 of the 5999 Virginians who died of the disease in October were between the ages mentioned, while 888 were white and 283 colored. Those between the ages of 20 and 25 fared but little better as 1,041 of them have died from influenza or complications incident to the dreaded malady. Of these victims 876 were white and 265 colored.

The total of whites who went down in the epidemic was 4,139 and of blacks 1,832, which shows that the mortality among negroes was proportionately about the same as that among the whites, though the colored pop-

ulation is considerably smaller. Obviously the "flu" does not hesitate to invade the nursery for the statistics shows the following deaths among children: Under 1 year, total 268; between 1 and 2 years, 251; between 2 and 5, 377; between 5 and 10, 277; between 10 and 15, 194; between 15 and 20, 508.

Of those between 50 and 55, only 78 died, while of between 55 and 65 there were only 88 victims. The total for those over 65 was but 68. Between 600 and 1,000 additional deaths from influenza in October 1918 will probably be reported later on, as many physicians have been too busy to make return to the local registrars.

Go to church next Sunday.

MRS. GEO. T. WINSTON

Wife of Former President of North Carolina University Secumbs to Pneumonia.

Mrs. Caroline Taylor Winston, wife of Dr. Geo. T. Winston, of this city, died at 1:05 o'clock this morning at the Mission Hospital, death being due to pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Mrs. Winston was stricken with paralysis about six weeks ago and had partially recovered when she contracted influenza. Pneumonia set in and despite all efforts, she gradually sank, until death came this morning.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from Trinity church, the final arrangements to be made this morning.

Mrs. Winston was Miss Caroline S. Taylor, of Hinsdale, Miss. She met Dr. Winston while they were both at Cornell and attended the same school for two years, at the end of which time they graduated, married and came south, forty-three years ago.

Mrs. Winston was a brilliant woman, of rare intellect and a prominent member of the various clubs of the city, including the Colonial Dames, the Woman's Club and other organizations. She was a prominent worker in the Red Cross and did much to aid that organization here.

Of an unusually attractive personality, Mrs. Winston was a great help to her husband in his various positions at Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Austin, Texas, and here. She was scholarly and was noted for her earnestness of character and sincerity.

Deceased is survived by her husband and three sons: Major Patrick H. Winston, late of the judge advocate's department of the army and now at Chapel Hill; Commander Hollins T. Winston, U. S. navy; and Lewis T. Winston, of Big Stone Gap, Va. She is also survived by five grandchildren.

Mrs. Winston became endeared to hundreds of North Carolinians while Dr. Winston was president of the University of North Carolina, and was recognized as one of the state's brilliant women. Later her many excellent traits of character found similar recognition at Austin, Texas, where Dr. Winston was president of the University of Texas.

She took a leading part in social and charitable work in Ashville, and was greatly sought as a director in any club work or charitable enterprise planned by the club women of the city.

Her papers, read before the various clubs to which she belonged, were masterpieces of wit and brilliancy and her name on the program of any club meeting

FOR SALE—QUICK.

Six room house in Big Stone Gap, good location, modern conveniences. Will be sold at the right price if sold within thirty days. R. C. Williams, Box 25 Big Stone Gap, Va.

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was enough to attract a large portion of the membership.

Mrs. Winston was a devout Episcopalian, a member of Trinity church, and it is from the church she loved and attended that the funeral will be held this afternoon. Rev. Willis G. Clark will conduct the services.—Ashville (N. C.) Citizen.

The deceased is well known to many persons in the Gap, as she has visited her son, Mr. Lewis T. Winston, here a number of times during the past six years.

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Wheatcraft-Mullins.

A wedding, which will be of much interest to many readers of the Post, is that of Miss Winifred Mullins to Mr. Bradford T. Wheatcraft, of Greenwood, Ind., which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents at this place Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. C. W. Dean, of the Methodist church officiated, using the impressive ring ceremony. Only the members of the bride's family were present.

The attractive bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mullins. She wore a becoming traveling suit of taupe gray with accessories to match and carried bride-roses. She is a graduate of the Roanoke Women's College and for the past two years has taught in the public school at this place.

The groom is a prosperous young farmer of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Wheatcraft left immediately after the ceremony for the Louisville and Nashville for their home in Greenwood. The Post joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.

FATHERLESS CHILDREN OF FRANCE.

Some time ago the ladies of the Community League became interested in the fatherless children of France and decided that our town ought to support at least ten of these children. A committee was appointed to look after the work, with Mrs. E. J. Prescott, chairman. With little effort, but much enthusiasm, the committee has secured the promise of the support of eight of these children by the following:

School Faculty, 1; School children, 2; Baptist Ladies' Aid Society, 1; Episcopal Guild, 1; Mrs. R. T. Irvine, 1; Mrs. Otis Mouser, 1; Mrs. E. J. Prescott, 1.

The other church societies are considering the adoption of one of the orphans. The committee believes that there are other people in town who would be interested in supporting this cause if they knew more of it. The cost for one year of keeping a child in France, in its mother's home, is \$36.50. This means only ten cents a day. The payments may be made monthly, quarterly, or for the whole year. Groups of people in a section of town, or on a certain street, or members of an office force could easily join together to raise the \$36.50. The members of the committee will gladly help organize for a plan of this kind.

Send your check to Mrs. E. J. Prescott, or call her on the phone for any information wanted about the French children.

GOOD BUILDING FOR SALE

I am offering for sale with the understanding that it will be removed from the lot on which it stands, the building known as The Mullins Store Building, corner of East Third street and Wyandotte Avenue, in Big Stone Gap. The lumber used in this building was first class and is still sound. The roof is Taylor's Old Style Tin, and is as good now as when put on.

If you are interested in building call and look it over and make me an offer.

Mr. M. V. Wells.

Birth Announcement.

Rev. and Mrs. P. P. Martin, of Jefferson City, Tenn., announce the birth of a ten pound son Saturday January 25. Mrs. Martin was formerly Miss Matt Brown, of this place.

Young Men's Club

A meeting will be held in the display rooms of the Mineral Motor Company Wednesday night at eight o'clock, old time.

This will be an important meeting owing to the plans on foot for the formation of a building company. Let us have every member there to have a voice in the matter.

Go to church next Sunday.

Red Cross Notes.

Your services are needed at the Red Cross work room. If you can't sew at work room phone me and the distributing committee will bring work to you and call for it when finished.

The number of comfort kits made and turned in last week are as follows: Mrs. R. E. Taggart, 25; Mrs. H. A. W. Skoon, 25; Appalachia, 150; Mrs. T. J. Christy, 25; Mrs. Rogers, 12; Mrs. D. B. Sayers, 18; Mrs. W. B. Kilbourne, 25; Mrs. W. D. Bunn, 9; Mrs. W. F. Baker, 25; Mrs. W. T. Goodloe, 4 shirts; Mrs. E. F. Burgess, 4 pajamas.

REGISTER.

Mrs. S. Polly, 12 hours; Mrs. E. J. Prescott, 11 hours; Mrs. E. F. Burgess, 5 hours; Mrs. R. W. Flannery, 3 hours; Mrs. W. D. Bunn, 2 hours; Agnes Burgess, 2 hours; Miss Ruth Prescott, 1 hour; Miss Christine Miller, 1 hour; Mrs. C. C. Long, 1 hour; Mrs. Sam Carter, 1 hour; Mrs. H. W. Gildart, 1 hour; Mrs. T. J. Christy, 1 hour; Mrs. J. B. Wampler, 1 hour; Mrs. H. E. Fox, 1 hour.

Mrs. C. C. Long, Superintendent Work Room.

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Robert J. Anderson.

Robert J. Anderson was born February 28th, 1861, and died January 20th 1919. In 1883 he was married to Mattie Nicholson, and to this union were born five children, two of whom are still living. She departed this life in 1894. In 1895 Mr. Anderson married Maggie Elkins, and to this union were born ten children, one of which preceded him. Mr. Anderson was a member of the Southern Methodist Church, and also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

At the time of his death he lived near East Stone Gap. Funeral services were held at East Stone Gap cemetery at three o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, January 23rd, conducted by Rev. J. M. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place.

Go to church next Sunday.

WEDDING BELLS RING

Tuesday evening at 9:30 o'clock at "Sunset Lodge" on Proctor Street a beautiful wedding was "pulled off" against the will of the bride and groom.

The bride was a retired stenographer on a pension and the groom was a retired loafer on the town of Big Stone Gap.

The bride was dressed in a beautiful pink cheese cloth midy with a blue skirt to match.

The loafer was dressed in a swell scissor tail suit. Only a few friends were obliged to witness the ceremony.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ben and little daughter, Hazel.

An Eye specialist from New York played the famous wedding march, "Turkey In The Straw."

Their many friends in Big Stone Gap wish them a merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and may all their joys be as numerous as the sands of the desert.

They left for their honeymoon in a retired Ford, visiting places around Cripple Creek, Roaring Fork Branch, and Coon's Eye Post Office, which are noted for their scenery and fresh air camps.

They left many sad friends and debtors behind them.

DEATH OF MRS. MOORE

Mrs. Herbert Leslie Moore, after several months illness passed away Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock at her home 301 E. Unaka Avenue. Mrs. Moore was taken ill at Jersey City last spring, where she had gone to bid her son good-bye upon his departure for Army Service abroad. As soon as her illness became known, everything possible was done for her relief, all efforts proved unavailing. Mrs. Moore was brought home the first of November and has bravely borne her trials and sufferings during the period of illness.

Mrs. Moore was born in Jersey City on February 27th, 1870. As Miss Eva Priscilla Davies she was prominently identified with educational circles in Jersey City for several years and today she is often referred to in connection with school work as "Miss Davies of No. 11."—the building in which she taught Mrs. Moore had the distinction of teaching in the school on which spot was erected the first school in New Jersey and it was through her suggestion that the custom of the pupils pledging devotion to their flags was instituted, and this custom was adopted by other schools and is now a regular feature of the school routine.

On October 25th, 1893, Miss Davies was married to Mr. Herbert L. Moore. To this union was born one son, George Edmund Moore, who is now in service aboard, being a Lieutenant in the 33rd Field Artillery.

Mrs. Moore has been living in Johnson City for three years and has made scores of friends through her charming and magnetic personality. During the period of war, Mrs. Moore has taken an active part in all the phases of relief work and has brought comfort to many of our soldier boys. Especially active was she in her attentions to the boys of Battery "C" while located at Camp Sevier, and to which company her son belonged.

At an early age Mrs. Moore became a member of the Summit Ave., Baptist Church in Jersey City and has since been an active and faithful worker in church circles. Shortly after moving to this city, her membership was transferred to the First Baptist Church.

Besides her husband and son, Mrs. Moore leaves to mourn her death, her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Davies, who made her home with her for several years.

The funeral services, which will be private, will be conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, and interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery.—Johnson City Staff.

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Protestant Episcopal Church.

Rev. F. W. Bliss in Charge. Services as usual next Sunday. Sunday school 10:00 a. m. old time. Morning prayer and address 11:00 a. m. old time.

Everybody cordially invited. This church is your church. Your church should be in a sense your home.

We want to make everybody feel at home.

Come and help us make our churches true places of worship and prayer.

At least go to your own church.

All churches will soon be one church.

Then there will be room for all differences of opinion, all differences of creed, all differences of practice.

Come and help the churches out.

Help us solve the problem. You cannot help us by staying at home.

There is very little excuse except sickness for staying at home from church.

Yet many people think of their money, their clothes and their stomachs too much these days.

Lloyd Guild, Christ Episcopal Church, meets at Mrs. J. L. McCormick Thursday afternoon at 3:30 old time.

At present corn is going down, and it will be some time at that before a new crop is coming up.