

## Young Men's Club Discusses Good Roads

At the regular weekly meeting of the Young Men's Club, held with the Mineral Motor Company in its display room, Friday evening at 8:30 last week, the discussion of good roads was most generally in evidence.

### Build Now.

The meeting opened with Mr. W. H. Wren in the chair. After the reading of the minutes which were adopted as read, and the report of the treasurer, Mr. M. E. Oetkin requested the secretary to read a letter from the Stone Lumber Company in answer to a communication from Mr. Oetkin with regard to the prospects of the building situation changing or improving. The general impression created by the letter was that, taking everything into consideration, the time to build was now, and that those who expected to build at all had better begin pretty soon or it would be too late to get any material whatever at a reasonable price. The letter goes on to say "Taking the condition of the United States, the demand that is bound to come from Europe, and the ever-increasing scarcity and high price of stumps, together with the increased freight rates, increased labor and everything along the line increased, we feel absolutely sure that the man who waits for lower prices will in all probability spend his days in his old house."

### Good Roads.

A report from Mr. C. E. Burchfield spoke of the extremely enthusiastic meeting in Appalachia Thursday evening last, under the auspices of the Appalachia Business Club which has been organized to promote the building of good roads throughout the county, but especially a road over the mountain to Lynch, Kentucky.

Dr. R. W. Holly, Mr. S. S. Brooks and Prof. H. L. Sulfridge being present from Appalachia there was considerable talk of the road to Kentucky and a committee of five was appointed, consisting of Messrs. R. B. Alsover, H. E. Fox, D. B. Sayres, J. W. Chalkley, and General R. A. Ayers to co-operate with the club at Appalachia in obtaining all the data with regard to and help to engineer this road.

### School Report.

Mr. Burchfield reported a most pleasant and satisfactory meeting with the School Board at which their plans were carefully outlined and discussed.

Dr. J. W. Kelly then stated to the meeting the facts of the case as they stood, and that a substantial advance had been made over last year. The situation seemed to be a considerable improvement over last year and all present felt the best had been done that could be done at the present time.

In closing, the meeting heard a letter read by Mr. J. M. Goodloe with regard to the government appropriation for the state of Virginia to improve her roads and create new ones. Mr. Goodloe then dwelt upon the needs of the state and, in especial, of our county for good

roads, saying that now was the time to get these roads built. He stated the immediate need for calling an extra session of the legislature of the state, and the secretary was urged to, in writing, endorse the calling of this extra session and also Mr. Goodloe's efforts in the past as in the present towards promoting good roads in this state, and to subjoin the names of every member of the club as being in favor of the extra session which endorsement is to be sent on to the committee of the legislature. The meeting adjourned at 10:20.

### Community League Notes.

The League held its monthly meeting Monday, May 12th at 4 o'clock in the school building. Mrs. Irvine called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The year's report of the standing committees was then given by each individual chairman. Mrs. J. W. Chalkley was appointed chairman of the Health and Sanitation Committee Mrs. E. E. Goodloe, resigning. The time of monthly meetings was discussed and the first Friday of every month voted for. Then followed the election of officers for the ensuing year, which are as follows:

President, Mrs. D. B. Sayres. 1st vice-president, Mrs. R. T. Irvine.

2nd vice-president, Miss Van Gorder.

Recording secretary — Mrs. Proctor Brown.

Treasurer — Mrs. Owens.

Mrs. Ralph Taggart was appointed chairman of membership committee. Prof. Easley presented to us the following resolution:

Resolved—That we the parents of Big Stone Gap school children, recognizing the inadequacy of the salaries paid our teachers, and earnestly desiring our present standard of efficiency at least, be maintained, most urgently recommended to the town council the increase of 20 per cent. the current appropriation for teachers' salaries for 1919-1920.

This resolution was favorably voted upon, and a committee appointed to visit the town council at their next meeting, jointly with a committee from the Young Men's Club. This committee consists of Mrs. J. L. McCormick, Mrs. Alsover and Mrs. E. E. Goodloe.

### Camp Fire Girls go to Clinchport.

A number of the Camp Fire Girls chaperoned by their guardian, Miss Edna Catron, went over to Clinchport last Friday afternoon, where they gave the play, "The Old Maid's Convention," in the school building at Clinchport Friday night for the benefit of the Camp Fire Club.

After spending the night at the residence of Mr. C. Pridemore, the girls boarded the train Saturday morning for the Natural Tunnel, where they spent the day picnicking. They cooked their breakfast and lunch over camp fires from the provisions which they carried from home. They returned to their homes Saturday night, a tired but happy set of girls.

Those in the party were: Misses Edna Catron, Juanita Taylor, Louise Cox, Mae Slemp, Georgia Seaton, Bonna Catron, Ruby Jenkins, Helen Carico, Ruth Barron, Lucile and Irene Draper, Clara Dowell, Polly Kelly and Nora Youell.

T. H. Pugh and L. B. Howard were in Norton and Wise last Friday on business. While in Norton Mr. Pugh handed his resignation to Thomas Andrews and Company to take effect in thirty days from that date. He has accepted a position with the Mineral Motor Company, of Big Stone Gap. — Appalachia Progressive.

## Electric Mail

The business of the country is now seriously hampered by an utterly inadequate postoffice service, not due to lack of efficiency, but to demands which even increased equipment and efficiency could not keep up. A similar condition in England required three years to get order out of chaos.

A new postoffice service is now available which, if adopted by the authorities, will largely relieve this condition. It is the Electric Mail. This service handles the letter or card at both ends by the postoffice just as letters and cards are handled now, but the contents are transmitted by wire between terminal postoffices. The Electric Mail is the last word in postoffice service, as practically all other means of transmission but the wire are now in use.

The Electric Mail will use the Teletype system of Automatic Rapid Telegraphy. This new service is possible because of the general efficiency and especially the word carrying capacity of the Teletype System—1,000 words per minute on one wire.

### How it Works.

Write a letter, put it in an envelope, seal it, write "Electric Mail" on the outside and affix 25c in postage stamps for the first 50 words or less, with 5c for each additional 10 words or less.

Get the letter to the postoffice just as you would any other letter, using the rural delivery mail box, the street corner box, or the mail chute in your building. If you save time, send it directly to the postoffice.

In the postoffice the stamps are cancelled, the contents of the letter wired to the distant city, there typewritten, put in an envelope, sealed, properly addressed and delivered by carrier or put in postoffice box or general delivery, as any other letter.

If 10 words will serve you need write 10 words on a card, and attach 10 cents in postage stamps—all else same as for letter.

10 cents additional secures special delivery for either letter or card.

This service will mean that you and your correspondent, hundreds or even thousands of miles apart, can exchange 3 or 4 or more letters or cards during the business hours of a single day, as train time between cities, bagging, hauling, etc., are all eliminated.

### Postoffice Savings.

If adopted the Electric Mail, while adding to postoffice revenues, will lessen postoffice work, as it will do away with the trouble and expense of putting mail into bags and taking it out of bags, hauling bags between the postoffices and railroad, and the cost of transportation. Also carrier service at one or both ends will be saved, as a large proportion of the letters will be sent directly to the postoffice and many at the receiving end placed in postoffice boxes or in general delivery.

### Teletype Proposition.

The Teletype is ready to handle the wire service of the Electric Mail as above outlined.

The Teletype will pay the usual rental for wire and space to be provided by the postoffice.

The postoffice will retain—All fees paid for special delivery, 3 cents for each letter, and 2 cents for each card, turning over the balance to the Teletype.

### The Electric Mail Means.

#### For the Postoffice:

Ease and nominal expense of introduction, less labor for employees, no change in present postoffice methods, no new methods to be learned, same fees as now received for first-class mail, but far less work, increased revenues:

(a) Savings on present first-class mail transferred to Electric Mail;

(b) Receipts from new business that will be created by this service.

#### For the Public:

A new service almost as speedy as a telegram, costing

but little more than a special delivery letter; giving convenience, speed, low cost and general efficiency.

Example: 50-word telegram, New York to Chicago, \$2.00; 50-words by Electric Mail, New York to Chicago, 25 cents.

If the Electric Mail service appeals to you as desirable, write to your Congressman urging its adoption.

### Y. W. C. A. Holds Enthusiastic Meeting.

The regular weekly meeting of the Y. W. C. A. on Friday evening last was a most interesting and enthusiastic one, in spite of the difficulty encountered in getting the stereopticon views properly focussed upon the screen.

After the pictures, which were illustrative of the work of the Red Cross in the devastated countries of Europe, the interest of the evening turned upon a discussion as to the best place in which to meet, since it had been decided, on a vote, to give up the rooms in the Polly building, owing to the renovations which will soon be under way in that building.

It was decided that for the present at any rate the Y. W. would meet, after next Friday, on the side porch of the Touraine which, thanks to the generosity of one of its members, Miss Holton, they would have free of rental and which it is expected will be far more accessible as well as comfortable and convenient than the present quarters.

Before the close of the meeting Miss Mary Frayser gave a most interesting talk on the possibilities of the members of the Y. W. conducting social work in the mining camps in the form of a Girls' Club which would enlist the services of two members, one night a week in leading the young girls of the camps in games and recreational activities. Miss Frayser then demonstrated her point by playing several most hilarious games with the members present, and the meeting closed to meet next Friday evening to have a "stucky party."

### Mothers Club Invests in War Savings Stamps.

Mothers throughout the Fifth Federal Reserve District are advised to think in interest by the Federation of Mothers' Clubs of Virginia. The suggestion has been made that all organizations of mothers which have invested in Liberty Bonds to convert the coupons, when due, directly into Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps. The Federation of Mothers' Clubs of Virginia, which holds a number of bonds, has directed its treasurer to invest the coupons in Thrift and War Savings Stamps as they become payable. The Federation has sixteen divisions and each is being urged to take similar action, and, because the plan appeals to the Federation as good business, it is advising all other organizations of mothers in the district—those that hold Liberty Bonds—to make their interest coupons earn more interest, by re-investing them in War-Savings Stamps.

Those in charge of the War Savings movement view the mothers of the United States as constituting one of the most potent factors for thrift. The mother, it is urged, is able to inculcate in the child the idea of systematic saving and can accomplish results difficult of attainment by others. The formal action of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs of Virginia is therefore very gratifying, for it not only lends endorsement to the savings movement but gives it substantial assistance, particularly as many of the women are expected to do as individuals what they voted to do as Federation members.

### University of Virginia

Head of Public School System of Virginia Department Represented College, Graduate, Law, Medicine Engineering Loan funds available to deserving students. \$10 covers all costs to Virginia students in the Academic Departments. Send for catalogue. Howard Winston, Registrar, University, Va.

### Protestant Episcopal Church.

Rev. F. W. Bliss in Charge.

Sunday school at 10:00.

Holy Communion at 11:00.

Rev. E. A. Rich officiating.

"He ascended into Heaven." This is what you and I believe. As to the form of this ascension we have no exact and certain knowledge other than the symbolical language of the New Testament furnishes us. But let us not bicker over the form of the ascension, for it is the spirit and teaching of all such statements of fact that it is essential to grasp first. We must remain content, as we do every day of our lives, with the knowledge in our own limited experience of natural phenomena. The teaching of this phase of the Christian life is this, most of us will agree.

The exit from this life is one of dissolution of the bodily state. Jesus' departure partook of this dissolution but in a way which was intended to point out to us that death in bodily, fleshy guise is only a step, a stage in the progress of the human soul. He left us in a manner which leads us all to hope and believe that there is more in store for us than mere bodily dissolution. Otherwise what is the hope of life? Is it merely to eat, drink and be merry; to accumulate goods; to improve social and other conditions; and then to leave everything to rot and decay; to make and unmake character with no hope that character will see even better days and find its fulfillment in a better, a more well ordered, a more certain state of being than flesh and blood knows?

No, the hope of life, of living is more than mere meat and drink, more than mere dressing and undressing day and night, more than mere planning and plotting and scheming to get the better of our neighbor in a deal. The hope of life which leads us on and on and up, and ever nearer to the kingdom, or better, democracy of heaven, is the hope that all our efforts upon this earth for good will find fruition some day, some how, in closer contact, in nobler, more uplifting, more purifying knowledge of God.

The Ascension of the Christ teaches us that this our hope is not in vain, and that we must wait, yes, and work now and instantly, on the watch all the time, for and toward the attainment of and preparation for the Day, that day of all days in which he shall come again to judge the world. We must be common-sense, we must be rational and we must be patient with our present ignorance as to how these things are coming about, but we must live in hope and not live in scorn or unbelief of what we do not know by or through our actual sensory experience. This is a vision of hope. Where there is no vision the people perish.

### Elect Good Officials.

On June 10th Big Stone Gap will elect town officials consisting of a mayor, sergeant, treasurer and six councilmen. For the government of the town's affairs for the next two years, and it is necessary, for the good of the town that the very best men available be elected to these positions. It is very important that a good council be elected and we understand that up to the present only two men have announced their intentions of running, viz: W. J. Rodgers and Wm. Noel. The candidates for mayor are: W. J. Horsley, the present incumbent; W. T. Hudgens and Capt. Henry Taylor. For sergeant, Marshal Belcher, Charles Mahan and P. M. Reasor, and for treasurer, P. H. Kennedy and W. B. Bunn.

Virginia Military Institute Lexington, Virginia The board of visitors, at their Annual Meeting on the 16th of next June, will appoint STATE COLLEGE to fill vacancies in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th. These appointments carry free board and tuition. Applications should be addressed to the undersigned on or before June 15th, on forms that will be sent upon request. E. W. NICHOLS, Supt.

### GOVERNOR WILL NOT CALL SPECIAL SESSION

Hon. S. L. Lupton, chairman, Executive Committee, Virginia Good Roads Association, Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:— I have received the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Virginia Good Roads Association urging that I call a special session of the General Assembly of Virginia "to consider making adequate provisions to meet a part of the Federal aid for road construction now available and to be made available during the year 1920."

After careful consideration I have concluded not to call the General Assembly in extraordinary session. It is proper for me to say, however, that should the members of the Legislature differ from me in the conclusion at which I have arrived that such extraordinary session is not necessary to the public welfare, and shall, in the exercise of their constitutional authority, convene the General Assembly in extra session, I shall cheerfully and earnestly cooperate with them.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) WESTMORELAND DAVIS,  
Governor.

### Delightful Dance at Stonegap.

The boys of Stonegap gave another one of their delightful informal dances in the dance hall at Stonegap last Thursday evening from eight-thirty to two o'clock a. m.

Watkins Jazz Orchestra, of Bluefield, W. Va., furnished splendid music for the dancing all during the evening with the exception of one intermission at twelve o'clock when delicious sandwiches and hot coffee were served.

A large crowd attended this enjoyable affair from the surrounding towns of Roca, Osaka, Appalachia, Norton, Blackwood, Dunbar, Inman, Keokoe and Big Stone Gap.

Those from Big Stone Gap who motored up to the dance were: Misses Janet Bailey, Doris Warner, Adelaide Pettit, Ruth Prescott, Margaret and Christine Miller, Mrs. F. W. Lewis.

Messrs. W. C. Shunk, Bob Christian, T. I. Cantrell, Curtis Robbins, James Bellamy, Byron Rhoads, Ernest Fleming, Guy Patrick, Fred Smith, Major W. A. Stuart and Lieut. George Rhoads.

### Deputies Wounded in Moonshine Raid.

Norton, Va., May 23.—Deputy Collectors B. W. Gardner and H. G. Stultz, members of a raiding party, were wounded near here today when moonshiners fired upon the revenue officers from ambush. Their fire was returned, but it is not known whether any of the moonshiners, who fled were hit. Gardner and Stultz will recover.

Dr. R. C. Bray has bought a controlling interest in the Linton Drug Company and has become president and general manager of the concern. With the exception of eight months spent in the army, Dr. Bray has been connected with this drug company since 1917, and by hard work and close application to business he has established a good and growing business. We predict for him much success in his line of business. He is a young man of ability and energy and deserves success. — Appalachia Progressive.

At a recent meeting of the Norton Athletic Association, C. H. Dickey, of the Old Dominion Power Company, was elected president, and already the organization is astir with new life. Plans are being worked out for a gigantic Fourth of July celebration, and Mr. Dickey is now in Cincinnati and other points for the purpose of securing the greatest attractions that can possibly be had, and interest in the coming event is mounting high. — Norton Coal-field Progress.