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YET MORE HOMES FOR BIG STONE GAP

The growth of Big Stone Gap as a residential town entered upon a new phase last week when at a meeting of the board of directors of the Big Stone Gap Home Building Corporation, it was decided to make the first call upon the stock subscriptions at once. This call in accordance with the terms of the subscriptions will be for ten per cent. of the amount subscribed.

This company was organized, it will be remembered, by the Young Men's Club in the spring with a total subscription of \$13,000, the object being to assist the building of residences in order to reduce the shortage of houses in town which was very acute at that time and which still continues. It was at first the intention of the promoters for the company to enter upon active building operations on its own part, as well as to lend money upon approved security to persons who might want to build for themselves. It later became evident, however, that so small a company would not be able to maintain a sufficient organization to supervise actual building operations of its own. Accordingly, the second part of the company's program; namely, the lending of money to help persons build for themselves, became the principal object of the company.

For sometime no applications for loans were submitted, and, consequently, the stock subscriptions were not called. There was a very wide demand for houses to rent, but on account of the high prices of materials no one wanted to build for himself, the idea seeming to be prevalent that it would be better to wait until prices went down. Since that time, however, prices of materials instead of going down have continued to rise, and several citizens of the town who have been intending to build, have now decided not to postpone the matter any longer. Two applications for loans from thoroughly responsible citizens, for the purpose of building homes for themselves, have already been submitted to the company, and other applications are understood to be pending. For this reason the call was made by the directors.

It is felt that this company can do a great deal of good to the town by helping building operations in this way. The town is growing more and more popular as a residential town on account of its fine schools and cultured people. It has been estimated that if one hundred new houses could be built, they could be filled immediately, so great is the demand.

In view of the gilt-edged character of the security, the stock of the Home Building Corporation is an entirely safe investment and is expected to pay very well, on account of the possibility of a rapid turn-over of the capital. It is understood that if the directors receive more applications for loans than they can supply from the amount of stock already subscribed, that they will put more of the stock on the market. The present subscribers are more than one

hundred in number and are all citizens of the town, thus making the company a real co-operative enterprise.

Work of Council

The old council held their last meeting Saturday night. This has been a very efficient council. They have spent on roads and streets in town over three thousand dollars. The greater part of this sum was used in repairing the wash out and roads in the Gap. By turning over a part of the Gap road and other parts of roads on outskirts of town, to the county will lessen the future expenses in keeping up roads. Appropriations to school board of sixteen hundred dollars in excess of the previous amount of three thousand dollars helped to improve the school and build a cement fence around the school building.

Two hundred dollars was spent on a foot bridge at the ball grounds. Two hundred and fifty dollars was paid to help lot owners in Imboden addition to get a water line. Many other improvements have been made. By purchasing three thousand acres of land above the water works, insures a perpetual supply of pure water for the town. This tract of land cost about twenty-four thousand dollars. Four thousand dollars have been paid and notes given for twenty thousand dollars. Including the old indebtedness of the town for bond issues and other debts, the town now owes ninety thousand dollars. The annual interest on this sum is four thousand four hundred dollars.

The sinking fund committee have in the past two years paid and retired twelve one thousand dollar bonds. The yearly tax receipts amount to fifteen thousand dollars. The mayor's reports show he has collected and turned over to the treasurer two thousand four hundred dollars since July, 1918. This is the first council for many years that has not borrowed money. They have purchased asphaltum and rock, ready for street improvements, which will be carried on by the new council.

U. D. C. Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held at the attractive home of Mrs. J. A. Gilmer, August 13th. The following officers were elected for the coming year. President, Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen; vice-president, Mrs. E. E. Goodloe; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. George L. Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Wolfe; recording secretary, Mrs. J. B. Wampler; correspondence secretary, Mrs. W. T. Goodloe; historian, Mrs. L. O. Pettit; registrar, Mrs. J. L. McCormick. Reports for the year were read. Mrs. Long reported 17 pairs socks knitted for old soldiers at Confederate home. Mrs. Wren sang two very pretty selections. The hostess served a delicious salad and ice course. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. A. Alexander the second week in September. All members who have not ears are requested to be at Daugherty's store and a way will be provided to take them to Imboden to the meeting, three o'clock being the appointed hour.

Uncle Sam has received a good many jolts in his day, but he generally manages to land on both feet with his head up.

A Great County Fair

Wise county, situated in the heart of the coal fields in the beautiful mountains of Virginia, has one of the most successful fairs in the Old Dominion. Great strides have been made in the development of this section in the last twenty five years. Rich in bituminous coal deposits and virgin forests of excellent timber, railroads were extended into the county some thirty years ago and now reach into almost all sections of this rich country. The Norfolk & Western, Louisville & Nashville, Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio and Southern all traverse the county having numerous branch lines and spurs reaching out to one or another of the various coal mines. Thousands of tons go out daily over these lines. While Virginia is not rated high as a coal producing state yet Wise county ranks with the greatest coal producing counties of the United States. Perhaps one-half of the coal produced in Virginia is mined in Wise county.

The population of Wise county has grown by leaps and bounds. The county had in 1890 less than ten thousand people, while today she can boast of over fifty thousand, who are as a whole a happy, prosperous people.

Seven years ago a great good roads movement was started and carried to a successful finish. Over one and one-half million dollars was spent for macadam and graded roads and today they reach to almost every nook and corner of this great county and connect with pike roads from other counties of the state.

With all this great progress it seems that something should be done to encourage the farmers of the county to greater and better farming. The Board of Supervisors employed a farm demonstrator some five years ago at considerable expense to the county. This demonstrator, Mr. J. C. Stiles did a wonderful amount of good for Wise county agriculture and made himself very popular among all classes. He started the people to farming along new and approved methods. It is he who perhaps deserves the credit for the establishment of the Wise County Fair, which is doing more to stimulate good farming in Wise county than any other one thing.

The Wise County Fair should be proud of the record it has made. It is no exaggeration to say that it is one amongst the foremost fairs in the state of Virginia—and that is saying a good deal. It began its existence in the summer of 1914, the year the world war started. The farmers who want to keep pace with the fast moving times, take great interest in the County Fair, and their liberal patronage and support are among the chief causes of the success thus far made. It will be beneficial to both the farmers and the fair to continue this friendly relationship. The fair was started as a farmers' aid and has grown bigger every year because of this purpose being steadily kept in mind and carried out. The future of the County Fair is in the hands of the farmers. If they lose interest the fair will go down. If they continue their support and in greater measure the fair will grow right along as it has done from year to year.

Another thing that helps the fair is its location and the ground chosen. High up on the top of Guest's Mountain in the center of the county in the beautiful little town of Wise, twenty-five hundred feet above sea level where the air is pure and the climate is healthful several acres of beautiful, level woodland was chosen by a representative committee selected from all sections of the county as the most suitable in the county for a fair. A very large sum of money has been spent on fair-ground improvements until now it has become one of the prettiest and most visited places in this whole section. In fact it is a veritable little park elec-

tric lighted with a first class race track, beautiful groves and ample space for show ground and other amusements. Two wells and a stream afford plenty of water, and the buildings and grand stand are ample to take care of people and all exhibits.

It will pay you to visit your county fair this year. You will be agreeably surprised with the display of exhibits that will be there, if all signs do not fail. Already the greatest program of amusements ever staged in Southwest Virginia is practically complete.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sayers Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sayers were the delightful host and hostess of an enjoyable party at their home in the Gap last Thursday evening, complimentary to the boys, who have been playing ball on the Keokee and Stonega baseball teams the past season from the University of Ohio, at Columbus, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Sayers are alumni.

"Progressive Hearts," the mode of entertainment for the evening, was played at card tables arranged on the veranda, in the living room and dining room. The veranda and rooms being very attractively decorated with Japanese lanterns and a profusion of late summer flowers.

After the game and the scores were counted Mr. Byron Rhoads, Jr., had received the smallest number of hearts and was awarded the price, a box of cigarettes, while Miss Janet Bailey had received the largest number of hearts and was awarded the "body" prize, a beautiful box of Symphony lawn correspondence cards. All the guests cut for the consolation prize which was a large box of Whitman's candy, and was won by Mr. Bob Christian.

Luncheon cloths were then placed on the card tables where a delicious salad course was served, followed by an ice course and coffee.

The university boys and Mr. Sayers then delighted the guests by singing a number of their Ohio State University songs. The honor guests invited for the occasion were Messrs. Fenner, Bliss, Kime and Davies, of the Keokee base ball team; Metzger and Fuller, of the Stonega base ball team, and Johnny Jones, of the Gap. The guests invited were Misses Beverly Bane Taylor, of White Gate, Adelaide Pettit, Christine Miller, Ruth Prescott, Mabel Willis, Janet Bailey, Clara Lou Burchfield, Peggy Pettit, Bruce Skeen, Dorothy Owens and Florence McCormick; Messrs. Byron Rhoads, Jr., and Bob Christian.

Personnel of the Wise County Fair, Ladies' Department.

Special attention is being given to the ladies' department of the Wise County Fair. Mrs. Carrie F. Alderson, of Wise, is chairman and is now devoting a good portion of her time to fair work. Associated with Mrs. Alderson on her supervising committee are the following ladies: Mrs. R. W. Holly, Appalachia, Mrs. H. E. Fox, Big Stone Gap, Mrs. G. E. Hueser, Coeburn, Mrs. Napoleon Bond, Toms Creek, Mrs. Tom McKelvey, Norton, Mrs. R. Schwank, Glamorgan, and Mrs. C. J. Creveling. These are the ladies who will have general charge of all branches of the ladies' department.

There are several departments or branches for which there has been elected a special committee who will carry on the work in detail as may be required. The ladies' department consists of four separate branches, namely: Fancy work, cooking, flowers, and for girls under sixteen years.

The fancy work branch is headed by Mrs. M. E. Lipps, of Wise, with very competent assistants in the following person-

nel: Mrs. H. M. Miles, Mrs. W. B. Fulton and Mrs. Sam L. Stallard.

The girls under sixteen years branch will be in charge of these ladies: Mrs. H. C. Williams, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Vicars and Mrs. Reva Dotson. This should be a very interesting part of the work, as no doubt the girls under sixteen will manifest a keen interest in competing for the premiums offered them.

The flower committee is an appropriately selected one, it being composed of the following ladies: Mrs. W. H. Roberts, chairman; Mrs. W. J. McLenore and Mrs. N. B. Dotson.

The cooking department committee is exceptionally well made with the following ladies in charge: Mrs. R. L. McLenore, chairman; Mrs. E. B. McElroy, Mrs. H. A. Leay and Mrs. W. B. Hamilton.

The Wise County Fair Association should feel confident of its ability to please the public in the ladies department with an organization like the above. The fair is to be congratulated on the selections made.

W. G. Courts is making an exhibit of the Caloric pipeless furnace at the Wise fair. One of the men from the factory will be on the grounds to demonstrate it. This furnace is revolutionizing the heating business and is meeting with big success. In every case where this furnace has been installed in this field the owners are big boosters.—adv.

Public Health Nursing Service

Following is a report of work done by the Big Stone Gap Public Health Nursing Service from August 1st to September 1st.

206 mothers attending meetings; 196 girls attending meetings; 202 babies attending meetings; 307 instructive visits, including: 5 typhoid, 1 syphilitic, 3 tubercular, 37 prenatal cases, 92 sick babies, 6 new born, 3 child-welfare, 3 cases referred to other agencies, 12 social welfare, 19 health talks to mothers, 21 health talks to girls, 12 classes in care of sick for girls and mothers. Educational slides shown, danger of wood alcohol to eyes, fly campaign, scenes of American Red Cross in France, educational films shown, kiddies of no man's land, good Samaritan. Visitors—Nora Spencer Hamner, Virginia Tuberculosis Association.

NOTICE!

To the voters of the Richmond Magisterial District of Wise county.

After receiving numerous applications from a large number of the voters of the district I have consented to make the race for Supervisor of this district to be voted for in the November election, 1919, subject to the action of the Republican delegation in this district. I respectfully solicit the support of all the voters in the district, and if I am elected I shall endeavor to fulfill the duties of this office on a business basis and for the best interest of the district.

Respectfully,
A. L. WITT,
Big Stone Gap, Va.

In modern parlance a successful business man is one who gets the other fellow's money and hangs onto it.

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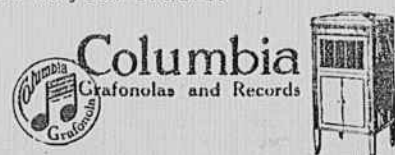
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