

FIRST WISE COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING

The first Wise county work conference met in the town hall, Norton, Va., Wednesday afternoon, September 24th, 1919, from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m., with seventeen men present. The following men were present: H. E. Hyatt, F. B. Kline, Prof. J. I. Burton, W. W. Kemp, Rev. Z. B. Randall, Chas. Hall, Jr., John Roberts and Rev. Smith, of Norton; R. Swank, of Glamorgan; Geo. Jenkins, of Appalachia; J. S. Hamblen, of Big Stone Gap; Rev. N. R. Cartright, J. J. Kelly, Jr., W. A. Hash, Rev. H. H. Gibson, and Dr. H. M. Miles, of Wise; A. C. Johnson, of Dooley.

Mr. H. E. Hyatt as acting chairman, took charge of the meeting. The meeting was opened by a prayer by Rev. H. H. Gibson, of Wise. Mr. Hyatt in a brief way told the men present the purpose of the meeting was to consider the organization of a county Y. M. C. A. in Wise county. District Secretary Burrell, presented thoroughly the plans of the county work of the Y. M. C. A. All the men present were heartily in favor of organization and voted accordingly. Secretary Burrell suggested the election of a county chairman and treasurer. Rev. N. R. Cartright nominated Mr. H. E. Hyatt for chairman and Mr. Hyatt was unanimously elected. Rev. Randall suggested that Mr. Hyatt, the chairman nominate a treasurer, and Mr. Hyatt nominated Mr. Geo. Jenkins, of Appalachia, who was also unanimously elected. The question of selecting a local campaign committee was discussed and Mr. Roberts moved that Mr. Hyatt select his own committee, which was seconded by J. S. Hamblen. This movement was favored by all. Industrial Secretary, Mr. Keister, explained the county budget for one year and the men present decided to accept same. Mr. Keister also discussed the state-wide program and District Secretary Burrell spoke briefly of "What Will Wise County Get in Return for Our Share in the State Budget?"

Mr. Hyatt, chairman, announced the Big State Convention at Richmond, Va., October 11th, 1919, and urged all to attend who could possibly do so. Mr. Burrell spoke of the county campaign meeting and it was decided to hold the meeting at Norton, Va., in the town hall, October 18th, 1919.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer by Rev. Randall.

American Legion Meets

The Henry N. Tate Post of the American Legion will meet Wednesday night, October 1st, at 8:30 p. m. Additional officers will be elected, and also an executive committee and delegates to the State Convention at Roanoke. All ex-soldiers and sailors are invited to attend, and learn what the legion stands for, whether they are already members or not.

Girl Scouts of East Stone Gap Attend Fair.

The Girl Scouts of East Stone Gap, with their able leader and captain, Miss Christy Jones, attended the Wise fair Friday in a body. The scouts report this as one of their most pleasant outings. They are planning a trip to High Knob in the near future. The organization of the Girl Scouts has meant much to the young life of this community and others are beginning to see just what it means to be a real scout.

Soft drinks are going up, they say. Of course—before they go down.

Virginian State Teachers' Association.

Wise, Va., Sept. 29.—To the Teachers of Wise County: As your official, I take this method of giving you a short communication.

This is the most critical time in the history of the commonwealth, both for the teachers and the state. The schools of the state are short just 3,000 teachers. About 6,000 teachers in the state are very materially under paid—many of them clearing less per month than will buy one pair of good shoes. The teachers themselves can remedy this situation and it will never be better until the teachers make it better. Other workers are organized, are asking more, and are receiving a living wage. Teachers of Virginia are not organized as they should be and are not in a position to demand a creditable salary.

Let us get together and plan at our November meeting in Richmond this fall to do some things. Let every teacher join the State Teachers' Association. Let every teacher read the Virginia Journal of Education and keep posted. The Journal now belongs to the teachers of the state, is run by them and for them. Your executive committee took this paper over for you last November. The Legislature meets this winter. We should be in a position to impress upon that body as we have never done before the needs of the teachers of the state.

I shall be glad to hear from each principal in Wise county. Have you a subject you would like to discuss or have discussed in our principals' meeting in November? In helping to arrange program, I shall endeavor to carry out your wishes. The teachers are looking to the principals for leadership, and unless we do some planning, very little will be accomplished. Let every one who possibly can plan to be present at our Richmond meeting. H. C. WILLIAMS, Member of the Executive Committee and Vice-President for District K of the State Teachers' Association, also Secretary and Treasurer of the State Principals' Conference.

Enjoyable Hay Ride.

A jolly bunch of young folks from East Stone Gap, under the chaperonage of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gilly, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilly, and Mr. and Mrs. Strale Tate enjoyed a hay ride Friday night. They were transported in the big ice truck driven by Mr. Steve Neeley. The merry party went down in Lee county and when within a few miles of Dryden, a big camp fire was built, and supper served. The cool night made the fire very welcome, while the appetites for toasted marshmallows, were fully tested. After refreshments were served, the party engaged in several games until a late hour and then reluctantly they climbed in the truck for the return trip. Merry songs were sung, and as the party entered the home town, the strains of Home Sweet Home might have been heard, had one listened attentively—but at the suggestion that it was rather late, the voices were hushed. However, all vote it a wonderful trip, thanks to the skilled management of the chaperones and committee. There are vague hopes for another trip in the future.

Shame on the fellow who remarked that "lots of men would be good husbands if they had better wives." That's the time he caught the wrong pig by the tail.

Yes, people will always say disagreeable things about you. But you can console yourself with the knowledge that only a part of them are true.



Richmond, Va., Sept. 29.—Word comes from Sydney, New South Wales, that there are 200,000 cases of "flu" in that Australian city, and that the doctors and nurses are utterly unable to cope with the great volume of disease.

Self-styled specialists in influenza may pretend to knowledge concerning a recurrence this year; but the fact is that no one knows whether we are to be revisited by the plague that swept over the country last fall and winter. The chances are in favor of a second outbreak since previous epidemics of grippe have run two seasons, but it is all guess work. The best that health authorities can do is to warn against a recurrence, and to publish all the knowledge they have on the subject. All that is known is very little, and can be summed up in a single sentence: 'Flu' is carried in the secretions of



the mouth and nose. That is the whole knowledge on the subject.

Now the State Board of Health issues rules, which if followed, will prevent the transference of mouth and nasal discharges, and thus make the spread of "flu" impossible. First—Protect others by using a handkerchief to cover a cough or a sneeze or if no handkerchief is available, when coughing or sneezing, bend your head downward. Second—Protect yourself by avoiding those who do not obey these rules, and do not put anything into your nose or mouth which may have come into contact with the mouths of others or may have been touched by your own or some other hands.

The State Board is confident, as is the U. S. Public Health Service, that "flu" cannot be a menace if these rules are obeyed.

N C FOUR DRIVEN BY FORD MOTORS

"Engines functioned Perfectly," Said Lieutenant Commander Read, Who Commanded Big Seaplane.

The Ford Motor Company has just received official advice from the Navy Department that it was four Ford Liberty Motors—all built in the Ford Motor Company's shops at Detroit—which furnished the power that drove the N C Four to victory in its recent record breaking flight across the Atlantic from Trepassey, Newfoundland to Plymouth, England, a distance of 4,000 miles. They were regular stock motors built during the war as a part of the Ford Liberty Motor production.

Upon his arrival in Lisbon, Portugal, Lieutenant Commander Read said, "The engines functioned perfectly all the way from America to Portugal." And American naval officers who thoroughly inspected the N C Four upon its arrival at Plymouth, England, stated that the big seaplane was in even better condition than when it left America.

The N C Four flight, which has meant a triumph for American engineering skill, also adds another record to Ford achievement.

First Aid Teams Goes to Pittsburg.

Jim and Fred Callahan, Patrick Cress, Alex Nouse, M. S. Pennington and Sam David, who comprises a picked first aid and mine rescue team of the Stonegap Coke & Coal Company, in company with E. F. Tate and Dr. C. B. Bowyer, left Saturday night for Pittsburg, Pa., where they will enter a contest with teams from other states to compete for national honors. They, together with a team from the Clinchfield Coal Corporation, will represent Virginia.

Presidential booms are still pipping, but few of them have reached the hatching stage.

State Horticulture Society.

The Virginia State Horticultural Society and the Virginia State Corn Growers' Association will hold their annual meetings and exhibition in Roanoke, Va., December 3rd and 4th, 1919. The exhibition of fruits and grain will be held in the auditorium, which is admirably suited to the requirements of the two societies.

This show will be what the farmers and orchard men of Virginia make it, as without their co-operation, a successful show is impossible.

One of the features of this year's Horticultural Show will be "Special No. 3—Best two barrels commercial pack of any of the following varieties: Winesap, Albemarle Pippin, Black Twig, Ben Davis, York Imperial and Stayman." The chairman of the exhibit committee, Roy E. Marshall, of Blacksburg, should be notified of intention of entry, and time when the variety will be packed, so he may delegate some neutral party to select two barrels from the daily run. Growers may select day of run and barrels will be taken after they are headed up. These barrels will be so covered by the representative of the committee that stenciling will not show. Names of exhibitors will not be made public unless the exhibit wins first, second or third prize.

First prize, bronze medal and \$30.
Second prize, \$20.
Third prize, \$15.
Fourth prize, \$10.

This class is being entered by orchardists over the entire state and promises some real educational competition.

Select and Save Exhibit Fruit Now.

It is important that exhibit fruit be selected early and a sufficient quantity put away for future entry. Shipping tags will be furnished by the secretary or by Mr. Marshall, the use of which will provide free transportation to Roanoke, free cold storage service, and free delivery to the exhibit hall.

WILLIAM P. MASTREY, Sec'y, Winchester, Va.
ROY E. MARSHALL, Supt., Blacksburg, Va.
Advance premium lists for the Horticultural Show may be had by writing either of the above men, and for the Corn Show to E. R. Hodgson, Secretary, Blacksburg, Va.

Big Fire at Appalachia

Six Business Houses Burn Down, Causing Heavy Loss.

One of the most destructive fires that ever visited Appalachia swept the main business part of town on last Sunday night at 12 o'clock burning down six business houses and severely damaging the front of the Windsor Hotel and City Meat Market just across the street from where the fire started. The loss is heavy and it is said very little insurance was carried on any of the buildings or their contents.

The fire started in the Palace Cafe and had gained much headway before it was discovered. The burned area extends from Gibson's store, a large brick building, to the brick building of W. A. Head. Had it not been for these brick walls probably the entire block would have been destroyed. Also a number of railroad cars in the rear were burned.

Following is a list of the business concerns that were entirely destroyed: J. C. Isaac's general merchandise store, Pastime Theatre, Barker's Restaurant, Ruley barber shop, Alton's grocery store, and the Palace Cafe.

Wise Court is Reversed in Haynes vs. Peterson.

Wednesday a decision was rendered by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia in the case of Rev. J. K. Haynes and others against A. T. Peterson reversing the decree entered by the Circuit Court of Wise county. The suit was over the sale to Mr. Haynes of a boundary of land at Horton Summit by W. P. Peterson under a power of attorney executed by A. T. Peterson. A. T. Peterson entered suit in the Circuit Court of Wise county for the recovery of the land, with Bond & Bruce, Vickers and Cox as his attorneys. The attorneys for Mr. Haynes were Judge S. H. Bond and Coleman and Carter. The Wise Circuit Court entered a decree in favor of Peterson, which decree was reversed by the Court of Appeals, Judge Stafford G. Whittle, president of the court, handing down the decision.—Gate City Herald.

Birthday Party.

Henry H. Naff, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Naff, of Knoxville, entertained a number of his little friends at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willis, Saturday afternoon in honor of his fourth birthday, between the hours of three and five o'clock. The dining room and table were tastefully decorated and delicious refreshments were served by his aunts, Misses Mabel and Jamima Willis.

Henry, Jr., was in receipt of several nice gifts from his little friends and also received checks from his relatives at Knoxville to the amount of nearly twenty dollars. Those invited were: Agnes Potter, Bill Potter, Jr., Carlyle Williams, Frank Nickle, Archie Hamblen, Willie B. Kinder, Chas. Bunn, Jr., Willis Crawford Naff, Henry Hudson Naff, Jr., Harold Nickels, Lethia Witt and Harry Taylor, Jr.

Revenue Officers Capture Seven Stills.

Deputy Collector C. C. Palmer returned Friday afternoon from Wise county and reports one of the most successful week's raiding yet made. The officers engaged, besides Mr. Palmer were C. F. Beverly, W. B. Kilbourn, Sam Hall, the last named being of the Baldwin Agency.

In one day five stills were captured and destroyed, and in another day two. No one was found about any of the stills but fire was under some of them. One of the stills taken was near Wise where the fair was being held. "Moonshining" seems to be on the crest of the wave in Wise and well as other counties.

The officers captured three men who they overhauled in

the act of transporting "booze," Watts and Minnick, of Wise county, and Mutter, of West Virginia.—Gate City Herald.

Y. M. C. A. COMMENDED BY MAJOR FORWARD

State Corporation Commissioner, who served with Red Cross overseas, speaks in high praise of work performed by the Army Y.

"If the Young Men's Christian Association had done nothing in Europe except to provide motion picture theatres and its theatrical entertainments, it would have been worth every dollar contributed to the organization by the American people," asserted Major Alexander Forward, a member of the Virginia State Corporation Commission, in an address in Richmond. This statement is regarded as coming with added force because Major Forward was not connected with the Y. M. C. A., but was in the service of the American Red Cross in Europe.

"But for these entertainments," he continued, "the boys would have had nowhere to go in the evenings, but would inevitably have drifted into a search for diversions that would in many cases have been demoralizing to them personally and disastrous to the cause for which we were fighting. I am under the impression that the number of moving pictures operated each night in France alone exceeded 1,500, and in addition, troops of professional entertainers and theatrical companies constantly visited every camp."

"The large program was very costly by these activities was very costly. Theatres had to be secured, in some cases they were leased, in others, bought; in others, built for the occasion. The entertainers had to be paid, and there was the overhead expense of administration. But it was worth it, every cent."

Major Forward's duties took him to most of the countries of Europe, and he had ample opportunity to observe the work of the various organizations. "The Red Cross," he says, "was engaged in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, healing the sick, among the civilian population in the devastated regions of France and Italy and the Balkans. Its work among our soldiers was to provide wholesome amusement and recreation among our soldiers, and so surround them with proper and attractive diversions. The canteen work of the Y. M. C. A. was incidental to the main purpose of the organization which was to keep our men out of amusements of the demoralizing sort, in the camps and billets and leave areas, a purpose which was splendidly accomplished."

To All Telephone Companies Operating in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 18, 1919. In order that no confusion or misunderstanding may exist with reference to the status of rates to be charged for service of telephone companies in Virginia on and after December 1, 1919, the State Corporation Commission issues this statement to make the situation clear.

The Act of Congress approved July 11th, 1919, providing for the return of the telephone, telegraph, marine cable and radio systems to their owners, stipulates that "the existing toll and exchange telephone rates as established or approved by the Postmaster General on or prior to June 6th, 1919, shall continue in force for a period not to exceed four months after this act takes effect, unless sooner modified or changed by the public authorities—state, municipal or otherwise—having control or jurisdiction of tolls, charges, and rates, or by contract or by voluntary reduction."

In accordance with the terms of the Act of Congress aforesaid all rates, tolls and charges in existence at the time the wire lines were taken over by the United States Government will be the rates, tolls and charges in effect in Virginia from and after 12 o'clock midnight, November 30th, 1919, unless sooner modified or changed by the state, municipal or other authorities having control or jurisdiction of tolls, charges and rates, or by contract or by voluntary reduction.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
By Alexander Forward, Commissioner.