

Club Meeting

At the regular meeting of the Young Men's Club, held at the town hall last Friday night, it was reported that the building syndicate was organized at a special meeting on Thursday night and they would now proceed to get the necessary money so the building program could get under way as soon as possible. The Big Stone Gap Land Company has let the contract for the construction of two houses and work on them will commence at an early date, W. E. Baker being the successful bidder.

The committee that was appointed at a recent meeting of the club to look into the condition of the town's streets, roads, roads and other betterments reported that they had held one meeting. The committee was addressed by Lieut. Story, sanitary engineer, who was appointed to make a survey of the sanitary conditions in Southwest Virginia. Lieut. Story's talk consumed most of the evening and therefore little work was accomplished by the committee, but they were, however, much pleased to have this gentleman with them, whose talk was interesting and helpful.

A good roads meeting will be held at Wise on Monday, April 19th, and it promises to be a genuine rally as the good roads enthusiasts in this section are looking forward to this meeting with great anticipation. It is understood the meeting will be attended by members of both Kentucky and Virginia highway commissions, a not prominent speakers from over the state will address the gathering. The Young Men's Club went on record as heartily endorsing the meeting and to extend its fullest cooperation for the furtherance of its success.

A general discussion was indulged in by members of the club in regard to the sanitary conditions of the town. Mayor Hordley reported that the town officials were diligently enforcing the local health laws with a view towards placing Big Stone Gap on a sanitary basis. In this, however, he said they were meeting with a few obstacles in the way of technical points that arose, their work would continue as rapidly as possible, as the fly season soon would be here.

Bond Election

For Richmond Magisterial District Will Be Held on April 24th.

The bond election to ascertain the wishes of the voters of the Richmond Magisterial District regarding the issuing of bonds for the improvement of the roads of the district will be held on Saturday, April 24th, instead of the 20th as stated in our last issue. It is thought there will be very little opposition in this election and that the large majority of voters of the district are in favor of those bonds which will put our roads, now badly in need of repairs, in first class condition.

Time was when we Americans were a remarkably healthy people. But judging from the number of those who have developed acute "stomach trouble" in these "dry" times, one is forced to the sad conclusion that we are a disintegrating race.

RICHMOND DISTRICT SCHOOL LETTER

Dear Fellow Workers:
A Little Incident.

Some days ago the supervisor visited a school where he missed one of the older boys whom he had previously noticed as a serious and studious fellow. On inquiry he found the boy had gone to work. A few hours later the supervisor happened to call at the boy's home to inquire where another party lived. The boy had been sick and was at home. A few words were spoken of appreciation of the boy and of encouragement. The lad was invited to return to school. And he did. When the supervisor visited the school again there was the boy working hard and cheerfully. This chance word may mean much to the future of this boy. And, fellow teachers, your friendly visits and kind words are meaning more than you know in shaping the lives of the children in your classes.

Closing Exercises.

We hope no school will let the year close without some form of closing exercises. The more that is made of these the better. They need not be elaborate. Nor need they be exhausting. Begin now to select anti-bullying material and to have it prepared. Thus there will be no rush at the last of the year. Every grade should be represented in this work. There should be singing and recitations, drills and perhaps a short play. And much should be made of the pupils who have completed the work of the grades.

The County Fair.

And every school should be planning to do something worth while at the fair. Let every pupil have a chance to show what he can do.

Mr. Worell's Visit.

It was a real treat to have with us E. E. Worell, state supervisor of rural schools. He spent last Thursday in the county. Supt. Kelly brought him to the district and we visited Ambler, Osaka, Koda and Exeter sawmill. More schools would have been visited had the time sufficed. Mr. Worell seemed much pleased with the work he witnessed. Another year he hopes to make two visits to some of the schools to see how much improvement is made during the year.

Among the Schools.

Miss Virginia Baker will take up the work at Imboden left by Miss Huddle, beginning April 1. Prof. Seyver H. Meade will reopen the school at Inman next Monday.

Mrs. Taylor is giving up the primary department at Arno. The vacancy will be promptly filled. East Stone Gap High School is to have one of its unique and interesting entertainments next Saturday, April 3.

Supt. Kelly at Roanoke.

Supt. Kelly went to Roanoke early in the week to attend a conference of superintendents. Wild Cat Community League.

The people at Oretan are to be congratulated on the interest they are taking in the school and community. Miss Verdi Giles, of Big Stone Gap, has been in charge of this school during the year and has done good work. Several months ago a community league was organized and it is doing some real things for the school. Lamps have been purchased for the school. A new bridge has been built across the creek that flows by the building. Other things will be planned. All citizens interested in the progress of the school are given a cordial invitation to join their fellow citizens in this work.

Geo. A. Jordan,

Rural Supervisor.

NOTICE

A dividend of one and one half per cent (1½) on the par value of each share of Preferred Stock of this company for the quarter ending March 31, 1920, has been declared payable on or before April 15, 1920, to preferred stockholders of record at close of business March 31, 1920. KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY, 11-14 A. A. Tuttle, Secretary

School News

Edited by the Senior Class

The following Easter program was rendered by the Big Stone Gap High School Friday morning:

1. Alleluia Chorus. Juniors
2. Story: A Sunday of Joy. 7th Grade
3. Song: Waken Robin. 4th Grade
4. A Child's Story of Easter. 4th and 5th Grades
5. Song: Christ Arose. Faculty
6. Bible Reading. 7th Grade
7. Reading: Love Immortal. 6th Grade
8. Song: Easter Lilies. 3rd Grade
9. An Easter Story. 2nd Grade
10. Easter Carol. Faculty

The stage was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and dotted plants.

"Uncle Josh," a play to be given for the benefit of the athletic association, is almost ready for presentation. If you like plays full of pep and fun mixed with real philosophy, there is a real treat in store for you. Be sure not to miss it. This play will be given first at Stonegap on the night of Wednesday, April 7 at the theater, and later it will be given at the Appalachia and Big Stone Gap High Schools.

Our girls played a challenge game at Wise Saturday with the school basketball team there.

Among those whose opinions are of real value, there seems to be a splendid school spirit now. If you know as much as you should know about our school, you know it is hard to beat. We are always glad to have you help us—either by criticism, or by the good old way of putting a shoulder to the wheel and making things go. How much of your duty are you leaving undone?

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Gilly.

In the passing away of Mrs. Elizabeth Gilly Big Stone Gap lost one of its oldest and most loved citizens, being 89 years of age. Her death occurred on the night of March 16th, 1920.

She was the daughter of Isaac Jones and Polly Watson (Davis) Jones. Her father and mother moved from Turkey Cove, Lee county, to the head of Powell's Valley, Wise county, in 1836, where Mrs. Gilly was born. There were four children in the family, Virginia, Elizabeth, Polly Ann and B. F. Jones, all of whom have passed on to the other world.

On the 11th day of December, 1859, she was united in marriage to John B. Gilly by Alex. Vance, an old pioneer preacher. They began housekeeping here in the Gap, but soon the Civil war came on and her husband volunteered for service in the Confederate army and for four long and dreadful years they were torn apart. She went back to the valley and lived near her relatives during the four years her husband was in the army. There she faced bravely the hardships and perils so common to those trying years. One of the most valued possessions left to her children is a number of tender love letters written to her by her husband during those four years of separation and great danger.

She was the mother of nine children: Alpha Meriam, Gordon Early, Frances Omega, Millie Virginia, Nancy Venus, Sallie Elizabeth, Isaac Tilden, James Flanary Shaler and Edna Watson, all of whom are living except Alpha Meriam, who died about twenty years ago. In the fall of 1881 they moved to Big Stone Gap which has been the home of the family since that time. Mr. Gilly died about 31 years ago, hence was placed upon the mother's shoulders the entire responsibility of raising that large family. And like a true mother in Israel she faced the responsibility unflinchingly. With an unflinching courage and unshakable faith in God she reared those children to honorable and useful manhood and womanhood. A few days before her death she related to her pastor the story of her life. She spoke of her husband's death thirty-one years ago and how she had missed him through all these years. She

told how she trembled in the face of the great responsibility placed upon her. And then she told how her husband, who was an earnest Christian, prayed before his death for her and the children, that God would take care of them and give the mother grace and strength to raise them right. Then, with shining face, she added, "God has graciously answered those prayers. I believe it was by my husband's prayers and God's guiding hand I have been able to bring up my children. Here they are and I am not ashamed of them." And in witness of that all of the children, with very few exceptions, are earnest Christians. She expressed the conviction that during those thirty-one years her husband's angel presence had hovered near her.

The deepest satisfaction of her old age and last days came from the fact that her children and grandchildren could be with her. The tender ministries of her children during her declining days bear witness to the deathless hold that saintly mother had upon their hearts. Night and day they ministered to her as tenderly as if she had been an infant in their arms. She leaves behind eight children, twenty-eight grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. Forty-eight years ago at the old church in Buffalo Gap she was converted under the preaching of Reuben Steel, one of the old Methodist pioneer preachers in the country. She lived and trusted in God and walked with God by faith and when the end of her earthly life came it brought beautiful visions of the great life ahead. She called the children to her bedside and told them, or tried to tell them, of the wonderful things she saw in the spiritual world opening up to her, and when the end came she was not afraid.

The Passing of a Soul.

A soul passed out on its way toward Heaven.
As soon as the word release was given,
And the trail of the melissa swept around,
The lovely form of the honored soul behind
Glimmering shimmering, where on high
The stars grew dim, as she passed them
by.
And the earth was never again so bright,
For a soul had slipped from its place
that night.

Electric and Water Plant Shut Down.

Clinton, Kentucky, a city of 2500 population in Western Kentucky, is without water and electric lights after enjoying these utilities for more than 20 years. The people are using kerosene lamps, carrying lanterns at night and packing water from nearby springs and wells.

The local company was unable to cope with the increased cost of coal, labor and operating supplies and had to shut down the plant. The city then undertook to operate the property, but found it too expensive and closed down. It is reported that the local commercial club has raised \$10,000 which will be offered as a bonus to any one who will purchase and operate the plants. A well known business man of the town stated that real estate has depreciated very much in value and that people are leaving for places that can afford substantial utility service.

GOVERNMENT LANDS

Applications having been made for all the irrigable farms available this month in Wyoming, it is necessary for those wanting such farms to await another opening.

There are available at all times, however, cheap government lands, which may be obtained on easy terms, through suitable application and residence, and other opportunities, especially favorable for ex-service men, may be offered during this year.

Home Service Section, A. R. C. later will be glad to furnish such information as it has, or may require, to those who apply for it.

FOR SALE.—Five passenger 1918 model Ford touring car. Apply to W. T. Goodloe, city.—adv.

County Police

At the special term of the Circuit Court for Wise county, held on last Thursday, the 25th of March, Judge Skeen directed an order removing from office all county police heretofore appointed for Wise county, except those who have been appointed since the new Code went into effect. The new Code which became effective on the 15th day of January, 1920, changes the former law governing the appointment of county police by providing that they shall execute a bond in the penalty of five hundred dollars before entering on the duties of the office. Another change made by the new Code is that such officers may now be appointed either by the court, or by the judge in vacation. The provision of the new Code requiring the execution of a bond, as construed by Judge Skeen, has the effect of depriving such officers of any authority to act, until after they have executed the required bond.

It was stated by Judge Skeen in connection with this order, that since all such officers will have to execute the bond required by the new Code before they have any authority to act, and inasmuch as a great many of such officers appointed in this county during the past few years have ceased to be active, it would be best to wipe the slate clean, and make new appointments under the provisions of the new Code.

All mining or manufacturing companies requiring additional police protection at their plants, and all interested citizens in communities where additional police protection is needed, should apply to the Circuit Court, or to Judge Skeen in vacation, for the appointment of such officers.

Theatrical.

"Auction of Souls" which is to be presented at the Amman Theatre tomorrow (Thursday) has the unusual distinction of having a leading woman who actually enacted the original scenes which the motion picture reproduces. Miss Aurora Mardiganian, the girl who has the leading role, is not a motion picture actress, but was induced to act for the films just what she personally passed through in Armenia in 1915.

Miss Mardiganian's inexperience before the camera is not apparent in the picture for she holds up her own end as well as any of the regular actors. Perhaps her art is that born of the vivid memory of the horrible scenes through which she passed before escaping from her native land to come to America for further relief.

She is the daughter of a former prosperous banker at Harpout, and was thirteen years old when the war broke out. Being a beautiful girl she attracted a Turkish official who wished to make her his wife, imposing upon her his own religion and the lowly state of Turkish woman.

Her father refused to give her up. When the massacres of the Armenians started, carried on by the Turks under a secret agreement with the Germans, the Mohammedans made further efforts to get possession of the girl. After seeing her father, mother, two brothers and three sisters brutally slain, she entered upon a series of adventures which prove that life may be more exciting than the wildest dream of the fictionist.

She goes through an untold succession of horrible scenes, escapes from the Turks, is captured by the wild Kurds, of the desert, sold as a slave, put in a harem, takes refuge with monks, and at last is saved by the British, who sent her to America where she has talked and written of and finally acted out her experiences.

In "Auction of Souls," which is the story of her harrowing years in Armenia, every detail of the story follows the actual experiences of Miss Mardiganian, and the report to the United States of Viscount James Bryce, former English ambassador to the United States, who directed the investigation of the Armenian atrocities.—adv.

Death of Mrs. Kibler.

Sunday morning, March 28th, at 9:30 a. m., death entered the home of the Kibler family at Appalachia and claimed all that was left to their children, their mother. It was very unexpected, both to her family and attending physicians. Although she seemed to realize the end was near, as she often spoke of going and left the bright testimony that all was right between her and her Creator. Life's burdens seemed greater than she could bear since her loved companion had gone for she was so dependent on him for comfort and consolation. She felt she could not go further alone. Although she was a devoted and loving mother, self sacrificing in every respect for their happiness she felt like their young shoulders were better able to bear the burdens of life than hers.

She had been in poor health for the past ten years, seldom able to perform her household duties. Her death has cast a gloom over the entire community and surrounding towns. All who knew her loved her for God never made a truer, nobler friend, wife or mother. It seemed hard when the father was so suddenly taken just ten weeks before, but with the mother left the home was still there, but now the home is completely broken up.

We often wonder why that both had to be taken, but it is not for us to question the will of God.

Mrs. Kibler was a great sufferer during her last illness as she was afflicted with asthma, but her death was caused by heart failure, and the end came peacefully and quietly while she slept.

Mrs. Kibler was born November 26, 1867, at St. Albans, W. Va., married December 25, 1890, to Benj. F. Kibler. To this union eleven children were born, husband and two children, Hannah and Donald, having gone on before. The remaining children, W. E. Kibler, Mrs. W. F. Conner, Frances, Helen, Blanche, Bruce, Alma, June and Nell, were at her bedside when the end came. Besides her children she leaves one daughter in law, two sons in law, six grand children, who were present at the end. She also leaves four brothers and two sisters. One brother, C. G. Webb and one sister, Mrs. W. A. White, of Huntington and St. Albans, W. Va., attended her funeral. She was laid to rest beside her husband in Highland cemetery at Norton under a floral bower moistened by tears of loving friends and loved ones. This is indeed a sad day for this once happy home, but there never was a cloud so black that did not have a silver lining.

Card of Thanks.

Words are inadequate to thank the many friends for their kindness and help during the illness and death of our darling mother, Mrs. B. F. Kibler, and for the beautiful floral offerings. Especially do we wish to thank those who so kindly volunteered the use of their cars. May each of you be long spared such agonizing sorrow.

Her Children:

Brother and Sister.

Now at Belgrade.

Miss Eugenia Bumgardner, formerly of Big Stone Gap, who has been in France since the beginning of the European war engaged in war work and assigned to the clerical department at a Paris headquarters, has entered the Red Cross activities and is at present in Belgrade, Serbia, where she expects to remain for several months before being transferred to a post in Constantinople.

Notice to Physicians of Wise County.

We having been appointed sole distributors of the Gilliland Laboratories, biological products, we beg to announce that we have now a complete stock of these products on hand. Orders will receive our most prompt attention and will be filled only with the freshest and therefore the most effective product in this line. 11-14 KELLY DRUG COMPANY.