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Road Meeting

Held at Jonesville to Boost New Highway.

A mass meeting was held at Jonesville Saturday, June 19th, for the purpose of initiating a movement toward securing state and federal aid on a road leading from Rogersville, Tenn., via Alum Wells, Eidson, Kyles' Ford, Blackwater to Jonesville, Va. Three carloads of enthusiastic road boosters from Rogersville were present, also a number of cars from Kyle's Ford and Blackwater notwithstanding an all day rain which prevented hundreds from attending. Lee county was well represented, the courthouse being full to standing room.

This particular Rogersville-Jonesville road, however, is only a short link in the through cross-mountain highway proposed leading from the Dixie highway near Lexington, Ky., via Pound Gap, Norton, Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Pennington Gap, Ben Hur, Jonesville, Rogersville, Morristown, Newport and Asheville, N. C.

A permanent organization for the promotion of this road was effected, Mr. T. J. Price, of Rogersville, being chairman and Mr. M. E. Testerman, secretary. Vice chairmen from Wise, Lee and Hancock were appointed, the members being John W. Chalkley, C. E. Cauck and Thomas Lavesay.

In the absence of Mr. Price Hon. L. M. Robinette, of Jonesville, presided over the meeting and Mayor Charles T. Duncan was secretary. Following instructions from a preliminary conference held at Big Stone Gap a few weeks previous, M. V. Zoger read resolutions reciting in detail the various sections of such a proposed road, the wonderful resources it would open up such as the great stretch of farming territory between the Southern Railroad at Rogersville, Tenn., and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad near Jonesville and Ben Hur, Va. This territory is wonderfully productive in beef cattle, horses, mules, hogs, sheep, poultry, and also having no railway facilities nor modern highways its timber has also been largely untouched. It was also recited how such a road would give an outlet to the Southwest Virginia coal region into Knoxville and Chattanooga by way of Rogersville over the Memphis-Bristol highway now being completed through Hawkins county at a cost of $20,000 a mile.

It was forcibly pointed out that such a cross mountain road would furnish tourists from Chicago, Cincinnati, etc., a short and direct route into the Carolinas over this Jonesville Rogersville-Morristown highway.

The resolutions, being adopted on the main, petitioned both the Tennessee and Virginia Highway Commissions to take necessary steps and to file for Federal aid on the promotion and completion of this thirty five mile link of road from Rogersville to Jonesville. This link, twenty three miles of which are in Tennessee and twelve in Virginia, when completed will then furnish through service over the entire route from the Dixie highway in Kentucky to the Carolinas since the whole route is already completed or having been provided for except from Norton, Va., to Pound Gap, a distance of seventeen miles which is now being graded and will receive a stone surface in the near future.

Enthusiastic speeches on the project were made by Messrs. Gale Kyle, Rogersville; L. J. Catron, Kyle's Ford; C. M. Snodgrass, and Hon. Ben Sewell, Jonesville; Judge J. W. Orr and James Allen, Norton; M. E. Testerman, Rogersville; W. B. Whitaker, representing the Board of Commerce, Morristown; Gale Armstrong and others.

A finance committee composed of R. B. Atsover, W. E. Wynn, L. J. Catron and Albert Lyons was appointed and Wise, Lee and Hawkins counties assigned $100 each with $50 from Hancock, making $300 for incidental or advertising expenses, etc.

L. M. Robinette, M. V. Koger, C. S. Carter and T. Jeff Davis were appointed on a publicity committee.

Other prominent road boosters present and taking an active part were: R. T. Testerman, chairman court, Hancock; Mr. Andy Baker, Kyle's Ford; W. T. Baker, Jessie Rogers, T. J. Testerman, A. J. and J. W. Testerman, Watt Green, Thomas Livesay, road commissioner; Louis Robinette, James Hickam, Jess Anderson, V. S. Banner, Walden's Creek; Vas Sage, Eleck Allen and many others from over Lee county; M. P. Beasley, Henry Nelson, Frank Fulkerson, of Rogersville were present.

Name of Cross-Mountain Highway.

At a preliminary conference on the Rogersville-Jonesville road project held at Big Stone Gap the matter of naming the proposed cross mountain highway was referred to the committee on resolutions which reported to the Jonesville mass meeting held Saturday last. Also at the Jonesville meeting a separate committee was appointed on naming the highway both of which committees suggested to the meeting either of three names for the proposed road which were:

The Pine Trail
The Lonesome Pine Trail or
The Fox Trail.

It was pointed out by the chairman of the naming committee in the report that any name for such highway

1st. Ought to be short and handy.

2nd. It ought to be suggestive of the route.

3rd. It ought to represent the whole stretch of territory out of Kentucky by way of Pound Gap, Norton, Big Stone, Pennington, Jonesville, Rogersville, Morristown, Newport and Asheville, through which the road is to pass, and

4th. It ought if possible suggest or carry with it some historical significance.

It was further explained in the report that either of these three proposed names would fulfill the requirements. Aside from being short and handy and suggestive and representing the whole cross mountain country through which the road passed, the historical interest attached to the noted author, John Fox, Jr., would lend great worth to the highway. John Fox, Jr.'s stories were read and loved by the reading public of America. Who is not familiar with all the characters of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine, Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come, The Heart of the Hills, Knights of the Cumberland, etc., all of which were taken from the mountainous country through which the road is to pass. If the reading public loved his characters in books would they not be attracted over a national highway through the Cumberland, the Big Black, the Big Stone, and the author's home town, and Powell's and Clinch Mountains if such highway carried the author's name or a suggestion from some of his famous stories?

The Jonesville mass meeting by vote rejected the names proposed by the committee and adopted instead:

The Virginia-Tennessee Highway.

This name was voted on with only two or three minutes discussion and with little consideration as to whether the name applied or represented the whole territory from Kentucky into the Carolinas.

It is now proposed by the committee on publicity appointed by the Jonesville meeting to gather more data on the naming of the cross mountain highway. The boards of trade of Big Stone Gap, Rogersville, Morristown and Asheville, will be asked to pass on the naming of this highway.

Also it is further proposed to consult the wishes of the public in the naming of this route, all of which data will be placed before the two state highway commissions for them to consider before they give the route an official name.

Every one who is at all interested in this cross mountain highway are invited and urged to write on a post card their prefereuce of the four names for the highway listed below:

The Pine Trail
The Lonesome Pine Trail
The Fox Trail, or
The Virginia-Tennessee Highway.

If, after careful thought, anyone is certain they can suggest a better name than the ones given above give it also. But express preference of the four names given. Ask all your friends to contribute to the naming of this highway.

Address all cards for this purpose to

M. V. KOGER,
Vice Chairman Publicity Com.,
Rogersville, Tenn.

Sunday School Work

By Mrs. W. S. Goss.

We want every Sunday school in this county to be represented at our county Sunday school convention, August 10, 1920, at the community center in Norton. The persons in charge of the convention are anxious to secure the exact name of every Sunday school and its superintendent; will they please send their names and addresses to Mrs. W. S. Goss, Wise, Va., so they can be furnished by mail all information concerning the work which the state wishes to send you. Interested people will please send information of surrounding schools.

We especially wish to make an honor list; recording the names of the schools which have not missed a session of their school during the year ending August 1st. Another point for record will be the schools having had regular monthly or quarterly "worker's council meetings."

Be sure and secure from your pastor the number of persons in your school that has been converted and joined some church during the year. In this one point, especially, is the success of our work shown.

When there are so many teachers searching for just the thing that will make their classes a greater success, we are surprised, that even yet, so many teachers in this section do not realize the responsibility of their position as workers together with God, fulfilling the mission that our Master left unfinished for us.

For a great many years the uniform sunday school lessons, prepared by an international committee, were used alone, then persons trained to instruct children at every age of their development began to realize that the child was bigger than the lessons or in other words, the child was first to be studied then the lessons selected from the Bible that would develop in the child the truths that will develop his Christian life.

When a sufficient number of persons became convinced that this should be applied in Sunday school work the same as in week day schools the international people selected the cream of trained workers in each of the children's departments to prepare lesson suitable for children of that age, when prepared and criticised by both international and denominational committees and revised they were accepted as the international graded uniform lessons.

When teachers make a conscientious, thorough study of these lessons and use them as the makers have so carefully planned, they will produce a steady improvement in our school all along the line. Pictures of the very best quality have been prepared for use in presenting the lesson story in each year of each department, and every year new helps that have been tried out and books giving just the information teachers need are being made.

You can call some people hard names without insulting them, though you may give deadly offense. The truth is never an insult.

Airplane Attached

To the People of Big Stone Gap, Norton and Surrounding Towns.

We wish to state that all our dealings throughout more than a score of states in the Union have always been fair and square and within the law, and never before in all of our travels have we been bothered and accused of breaking the law.

Monday morning we were notified that our airplane had been attached because we had been selling photographs of an exhibition which no one else in the world has ever attempted. On these photographs, which is plainly stated, there is a number which entitles the holder to a free chance to draw the airplane when the photographs are all sold. This photograph cost us hundreds of dollars to get and the chance of losing our lives, but we are out to help develop aviation and we find it necessary to take some very hazardous risks in order to keep the game pushing forward.

We thought we were doing the people of this part of Virginia a favor by bringing our airplane in here, as many of them had never seen an airplane. True enough we were paid for our first day here, but we still have to pay our expenses the balance of the time. If we crack up our plane as we did in Jonesville last fall, no one has to pay the bill but us, and in order to prepare for these kind of days, we have to think of many ways to raise money to keep in business and at the same time we try always to stay within the law. In a few years it will be much easier to remain in the flying game, because people will understand it better, but unless we aviators undertake to go where people know nothing of airplanes, how will they ever understand and how can we ever expect to advance in aviation with other countries of the world?

These photographs with a free chance on the plane are being sold because it stimulates further interest in aviation. Is it because we are strangers in here that some one trys to block every move we make? I suppose if we should break our necks while up in the mountains here demonstrating that aviation is a coming business no one would object to that. But we are game, we do not mind coming into a country where no landing fields exist, if we think there is a half chance to get out alive. Both of our exhibitions at Big Stone Gap and Norton were very hazardous and both times if things did not work perfectly it meant complete destruction of our investment and perhaps our lives. Our flight out of Norton, we both thought we were gone, because of the dead air which would not let our ship climb. We missed the telephone wires only one foot.

When we take chances like that to make our expenses so we can bring something in this part of the country where no other airship will attempt to come, can it be possible that the people here will not let us continue the same work we have done in twenty other states? If this be so, all the people who have bought photographs will kindly return same to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and we will return the money to them.

We wish to thank all the people who gave us their hearty cooperation during our stay here. Signed:

HARRY J. RUNSER,
ROSCOE TURNER, } Aviators.

P. S.—We think that we should have been notified that it was not the wishes of the people for us to sell our photos here, in place of attaching our plane while we were in bed asleep.

Mrs. E. H. Ould has returned to Norton, it is understood to make her home. She has moved in her Oak street residence, Mr. Taggart having bought the Cawthorne property on the heights.—Norton Progress.

Base Ball

Keokee vs. Stonega.

Keokee defeated Stonega on the latter's grounds last Wednesday afternoon in an exciting ten inning contest, the score being 8 to 1. In the fifth inning Class, for Keokee hit a home run and in the sixth, Mathews for Stonega also hit for four bases tying the score which remained thus up to the tenth inning, when Keokee landed on the ball fair and hard piling up seven scores. Other features of the games was the fielding of Williams in left field for Keokee, who accepted eight chances without an error.

STONEGA	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hall, 2b	5	0	1	1	1	1
Polly, lf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Mathews, ss	5	1	1	1	1	0
Enzweiler, 1b	5	0	1	9	2	0
Baumgman, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Bell, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Coyle, 3b	3	0	1	3	3	0
Kirby, c	3	0	1	6	0	0
Freels, p	3	0	1	0	3	0
Totals	34	1	7	27	10	1

KEOKEE	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Class, 2b	3	2	2	2	2	1
White, rf	4	0	1	0	1	0
Hatcher, c	5	0	2	8	1	0
Smith, cf	3	1	0	3	0	0
Gainaway, 1b	4	1	1	10	0	0
Arnette, 3b	3	1	2	1	1	0
Williams, lf	5	0	1	3	1	0
Morgan, ss	3	1	1	1	2	0
Williams, p	4	1	2	0	1	0
Totals	36	7	12	30	10	1

Batteries—Williams and Hatcher; Freels and Kirby.
Home runs—Mathews and Class.
Two base hits—Williams and Class.
Struck out by Freels, 6; Williams, 5.
Base on balls off Freels, 4; Williams, 2.
Umpires—C. Polly and Compton.

INNINGS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H
Keokee	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	8	12
Stonega	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	9

Big Stone Gap vs. Norton.

Big Stone Gap and Norton were scheduled here on last Wednesday but rain prevented the game from being played and the Gap team went to Norton on Thursday and were defeated in a very hotly contested game by a score of 7 to 5. Norton staged a rally in the eighth inning and made three scores. Several costly errors were made by the Gap boys which gave Norton most of their scores.

NORTON	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Davis, ss	4	0	1	2	1	1
Jackson, c	2	1	1	7	2	0
McNulty, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Solomon, 1b	4	1	1	12	0	1
Litz, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Emerson, 2b	3	0	0	1	4	2
Hobbie, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Andrews, 3b	3	0	2	0	2	2
Cotter, p	2	0	0	0	4	0
Zimmer, p	1	1	1	0	0	0
*Tucker	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	9	27	13	6

B. S. G.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Harrison, 2b	5	0	1	2	2	1
McClenighen, ss	5	1	1	1	1	1
Kelly, cf	5	0	2	2	0	1
Elkins, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Tate, 3b	4	0	0	0	1	2
Davidson, lf	4	1	1	0	0	1
Frizzell, 1b	3	2	1	8	0	0
Slemp, c	3	1	1	8	0	0
Kelly, p	4	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	37	5	9	21	5	6

*Tucker batted for Cotter in the 9th.
Two base hits—Andrews and McNulty.
Home runs—Zimmer. Base on balls off Kelly, 2.
Struck out by Kelly, 10; Cotter, 3; Zimmer, 2.
Stolen bases—Harrison, 1; Davis, 2; Jackson, 2; Solomon, 1.

INNINGS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Norton	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	x		7	9	0
Big Stone Gap	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	5	9	6

Umpires—Coyle and Bell. Attendance, 500.

Big Stone Gap vs. Stonega.

Stonega administered another defeat to Big Stone Gap Saturday afternoon on the Andover grounds by a score of 5 to 2. They hit St. John hard with men on bases and together with a few costly errors had little trouble in scoring. Stonega gave Coleman errorless support and he held the Gap boys down until the sixth and seventh he was touched with hits that resulted in two scores. Tate made the first score when he hit to right field for three bases and came home on Heber's single. St. John was forced to retire from the mound in the fourth and Kelly went in and allowed Stonega one hit for the remaining five innings.

STONEGA	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hall, 2b	4	0	0	3	2	0
Polly, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mathews, ss	4	0	0	3	1	0
Enzweiler, 1b	4	1	1	9	0	0
Puehl, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Coyle, 3b	4	2	2	1	1	0
Metzger, rf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Kirby, c	3	0	0	7	0	0
Coleman, p	3	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	32	5	5	27	10	0

B. S. G.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Harrison, 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0
Heber, c	4	0	1	8	0	0
Polly, cf	4	0	0	2	0	1
Tate, 3b	4	1	2	1	1	3
Edens, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
King, ss	3	0	0	1	1	0
Rhodes, lf	3	0	0	2	0	1
Bunting, 1b	2	0	1	6	0	0
Frizzle, 1b	1	0	0	1	0	0
St. John, p	0	0	0	0	2	0
Kelly, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	30	2	5	21	5	5

Three base hits—Tate and Coyle. Two base hits—Heber.
Struck out by St. John, 1; Kelly, 1.
Coleman, 9.
Left on bases—Big Stone Gap, 2; Stonega, 6.
Stolen bases—Metzger, 2; Harrison, 1.

INNINGS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Stonega	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	x	5	5	0
Big Stone Gap	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	5

Umpires—Compton and Dr. Hagy.
Attendance 1,000.

STANDING OF LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.
Keokee	4	1	.800
Stonega	3	2	.600
Norton	3	2	.600
Big Stone Gap	0	5	.000

Game Here Today.

Big Stone Gap and Keokee will play here this afternoon and Stonega goes to Norton.

Keokee vs. Norton.

Before seven thousand howling fans the Keokee club was defeated by Norton on the latter's grounds Saturday afternoon by a spectacular ninth inning rally after one man had been retired. Williams' rank error of Zimmerman's fly to left field started the rally which could not be stopped and Jackson's hit which fell safe scoring two men was a piece of poor fielding by the Keokee club. The hitting of Hatcher and Class, of Keokee, and the fielding of Smith, who threw out two of Norton's fastest runners from deep center after making two long running catches and Jackson's hitting for Norton were the features.

It was one grand crowd and a good jolly one. Music was made by Norton's concert band and Turner and Runser's aeroplane stunts thrilled the crowd and held them breathless.

The losing pitcher was Boone, of Keokee, and the winning pitcher was Zimmer, of Norton.

INNINGS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Norton	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	6	12	0	
Keokee	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	7	3	

Umpires—Bruce and Roberts.
Earned Runs—Keokee, 5; Norton, 4.
Base on balls off Hatcher, 2; Zimmer, 2.
Three base hits—Hatcher and McNulty.
Two base hits—Class, Hatcher, Gainaway and Solomon.
Struck out by Hatcher, 1; Zimmer, 10.
Double plays—Norton, 1; Keokee, 2.
Attendance, 7,000.

Road Bond Sale

A. L. Witt, member of the Board of Supervisors for the Richmond Magisterial District, together with H. G. Gilmer, county treasurer, spent several days last week in Nashville, Tenn., where they delivered and closed the sale of the $300,000 of Richmond Magisterial District road bonds to Caldwell & Company, of that city.

It is Mr. Witt's intention to contract as much of the work as possible during the month of July.

The farmers are missing a golden opportunity. They might invite the candidates to give a practical demonstration of their love for the lords of the soil by aiding in the harvesting of the crops. What candidate would dare refuse?

GET UMPIRES

At a meeting of the interpretation committee and club managers of the Coal Fields League held at the office of the Mineral Motor Company last Friday night it was unanimously decided to employ two professional umpires to officiate at all remaining schedule games of the league. They will make their first appearance probably in today's games.