

Good Roads

Jenkins, Ky., Jan. 29.—The mountain counties of eastern Kentucky are getting very enthusiastic about building good roads. A highway up the Big Sandy Valley called the "Mayo Trail" is now definitely assured. This will pass through Boyd, Lawrence, Johnson, Floyd, Pike and Letcher counties. Boyd has already built a well graded road up Sandy River to the Lawrence county line, though the surfacing is not yet completed. Lawrence, Johnson, Floyd and Pike counties having heretofore voted favoring bond issues, recently took steps to secure the state and Federal aid, and to get the actual construction work started.

Letcher county, which is drained by Big Sandy, Cumberland and Kentucky Rivers with an unconnected railroad in the valley of each and rough mountains between, has voted a \$300,000 bond issue for roads, subject to getting the state and federal aid, and County Judge Fess Whitaker, who is an ardent advocate of good roads, plans to do much road building this year. No work of any magnitude will be undertaken without supplementing the county's \$300,000 by twice as much more from the state and national governments, but when this is secured it is planned to start at the Pike county line and continue the "Mayo Trail" over the divide and down the waters of Kentucky River to the Perry county line. Judge Whitaker says he will also build a road from Whitesburg, the county seat, over the mountains to the Harlan county line.

The two roads will give a short and direct highway connection between the Big Sandy, Cumberland and Kentucky Rivers, making a saving of hundreds of miles by rail from one valley around to the other.

What is perhaps of more importance still, is the connection of this "Mayo Trail" through the model mining town of Jenkins and the famous Pound Gap in the Cumberland divide to the improved highways in Wise county and other counties in Virginia. County Judge Whitaker, of Letcher county, Kentucky, has recently caused an order to be entered for immediate construction of the section of this road from the Pound Gap along the Kentucky side of the Cumberland Mountain down to the corporate limits of Jenkins, and the Consolidation Coal Company has agreed to build the remaining section into the heart of the town.

The new road from Pound Gap down to Pound on the Virginia side is not built yet, but it is understood that the funds have been procured and construction work will begin with the opening of spring. From Pound on eastward, Virginia has good roads for the most part, and these are constantly being improved.

These road activities are of special interest and of value to Wise, Norton, Big Stone Gap, Bristol and other Virginia towns, and Johnson City and Knoxville in Tennessee, and are of tremendous importance to all of eastern Kentucky.

There is nothing to fear but fear. Self worship is the only unpardonable idolatry. This is the lesson that is smashed to home by "Once to Every Woman."—adv.

Commits

Terrible Crime

Will Willis Kills Wife From Whom He Had Been Separated

Probably the most brutal crime that has occurred in the annals of Big Stone Gap's history happened here last Wednesday at noon when Will Willis shot and instantly killed his wife from whom he had been separated for several days, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pannell on Imboden Hill. The crime was committed within a few minutes after Willis had entered the home presumably for the purpose of affecting a reconciliation with his wife, members of the household thought, therefore they did not regard his visit as anything serious. Shortly after entering the home he opened fire on his wife with a 32-special revolver and shot her three times, two bullets entering her side and a third pierced the forehead. After firing the first two shots it is said Willis pushed his wife into another room and fired the fatal shot into her head. Judging by the time elapsed between each report of the gun the would-be murderer was taking deliberate aim at his target. The only eye witness to the tragedy was an eighteen year old brother of the wife, but whether he attempted to interfere in behalf of his sister is not known, but as he was unarmed it probably would have been equally disastrous for him had he attempted it. Mrs. Pannell was with her daughter when Willis came in, but had gone to another room when the shooting took place. She began to scream for help upon learning what had happened and her cries were answered by Robt. Bounds, son of W. B. Bounds, the nearest neighbor. Arming himself, Robert followed Willis, who was seen to jump the fence in the rear of the home and enter the woods and succeeded in cutting him off on top of Imboden Hill. This was accomplished by a bit of strategy on Robert's part. Although a young man and inexperienced in this kind of business he kept a cool head and had little difficulty in effecting a capture. Willis was in a trot when young Bounds suddenly appeared before him with a drawn revolver and demanded his surrender. This he quickly did and pleaded not to shoot and he would give up. Robert did not attempt to search Willis for a gun, but marched him back to town with his hands high in the air. They were met at the foot of Imboden Hill by members of the police force and Willis was lodged in jail and a few hours later was taken to jail at Wise by Sheriff Corder. Willis must have thrown his revolver away on leaving the house, as he did not have it when captured.

According to reports being circulated here it is believed Willis went to the Pannell home with no other purpose than to commit the crime. Before separation Willis and his wife had been living near the furnace and on parting he went to work at Josephine, near Norton, and his wife moved to the home of her parents at this place together with her three year old daughter.

Willis rented the home furnished and sent to his wife her part of the household goods. Mrs. Willis had other belongings at the home she claimed was not sent and on the following day sent a wagon for the remainder. The center, it is said, went to Willis and told him of this occurrence and Willis borrowed a revolver from a friend at Josephine and hurried to Big Stone Gap to "settle the matter" as he explained it, although no one had an idea as to his purpose.

Mrs. Willis lived a little more than an hour after being shot. She was married to Willis about eight years ago and to them was born one child. The body was buried in Glencoe cemetery at this place Thursday afternoon.

F. L. Morton

Dealer in High Quality Groceries, Fresh Meats and Provisions.

Mr. Morton believes his patrons are his friends and deals with them accordingly.

There is to be found in every branch of trade, in every community, some house which stands out from the common level illustrating in its own way the high possibilities of its particular line, and as an example of this fact we take great pleasure in calling the readers' attention to the enterprising establishment whose business title forms the subject of this brief sketch.

For a hundred reasons, the grocery and meat market that is neat, clean, flyless and otherwise sanitary is the one above all others to patronize. This is the kind of a grocery and meat market F. L. Morton conducts in Big Stone Gap and the kind he will always conduct so long as he remains in business. Our local people have long since learned that when they order from this store, whether in person or by telephone, they are certain of receiving the choicest groceries or meats obtainable anywhere and at a moderate price with prompt delivery within all reasonable distance.

Mr. Morton handles all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, fresh and salt meats, and deals in fruits, vegetables and country produce in season. This establishment is equipped with fixtures of the most modern type and absolute sanitation prevails in every department. Mr. Morton handles only western killed meat and has a refrigerator which has a 2,000 pound ice capacity.

Besides handling the above mentioned lines Mr. Morton carries a big stock of flour, corn meal and feedstuffs.

Mr. Morton is one of our most enterprising citizens and has been in business here for the past six years. He stands high in all circles and is always willing to do his full share towards the advancement of this city and county.

HENRY C. STUART PLEDGES \$100,000

Sum of \$1,705,000 Being Sought by the Holston Conference Educational Committee.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 25.—Ex-Governor Henry C. Stuart, of Virginia, pledged \$100,000 and L. C. Hassenger, of Konnarock, Va., \$30,000 to the educational fund of Holston conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at a meeting of the conference educational committee here this afternoon. The sum of \$1,705,000 is sought for work of Emory and Henry, Martha Washington, Hiwassee and Centenary Colleges in Holston Conference.

United Daughters of the Confederacy Give a Silver Tea.

Among the enjoyable social events of the mid winter season was the "Silver Tea" given by the United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter, of Big Stone Gap, last Wednesday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock at the beautiful home of Mrs. W. T. Goodloe.

Greeting the guests at the door was Mrs. Fred Lee Troy, a recent bride, gowned in her wedding dress of white duchess satin and lace, who then presented the guests to the receiving line stationed in the parlor. Those in the receiving line were the hostess, Mrs. W. T. Goodloe and the U. D. C. officers, who are Mrs. C. C. Cochran, Mrs. George L. Taylor, Mrs. Sally A. Bailey, Mrs. Malcolm Smith, Mrs. D. C. Wolfe, who were handsome afternoon dresses.

Mrs. E. E. Goodloe invited the guests into the dining room which tones of red and white were used in decorating. The center piece for the table was an artistic cut glass basket of white narcissus placed on a cloth of exquisite cluny lace. Surrounding it were crystal candelabras holding red and white candles together with silver appointments on cluny lace pieces which made the scene very attractive. The guests were served delicious tea poured by Mrs. J. A. Gilmer and sandwiches and salted nuts by a bevy of attractive young girls, Misses Ruth Smith, Henrietta Skeen, Grace Long, Caroline and Anita Goodloe. Assisting the hostesses in the dining room were Mrs. J. L. McCormick, Mrs. J. B. Wampler and Mrs. Malcolm Smith.

The floral decorations were artistically arranged in the different rooms. The color motif of red and white being effectively carried out by baskets of poinsettias and artificial roses and vines.

Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen had charge of the really delightful musical program for the afternoon which was as follows:

Duet, "The Wichita Flight" Mrs. Fred L. Troy and Mrs. S. A. Bailey
Vocal Solo, "I Wonder if Ever the Rose" Mrs. Henry L. Lane
Vocal Solo, "Fairwell" Mrs. Ruth Smith
Vocal Solo, "In an Old Fashioned Town" Miss Olga Horton
Violin Solo, "Souvenir" Dolly Miss Beth Shugart
Duet, "Selection" Mrs. J. Proctor Brown and Miss Ruth Smith
Vocal Solo, "To You" Mrs. I. C. Taylor
Violin Solo, "Good-bye" Mrs. F. L. Morton
Vocal Solo, "Military" Mrs. W. H. Wren
Piano Solo, "Chopin" Mrs. J. Proctor Brown
Vocal Solo, "To You" Miss Bruce Skeen
Violin Solo, "To a Wild Rose" McDowell Mrs. Proctor Brown

Among those present during the afternoon were: Mesdames Otis Mouser, D. B. Pierson, H. L. Miller, W. C. Shunk, W. S. Miller, M. H. Graber, K. Stehr, J. H. Mathews, I. C. Taylor, Guy Gilmer, Wyndham Gilmer, McClure, Clement, Rush, F. D. Gibson, J. B. Daugherty, R. L. Hylton, F. L. Morton, C. C. Long, James R. Taylor, I. T. Gilly, L. J. Horton, W. H. Wren, Ezra Carter, J. Proctor Brown, Malcolm Smith, W. G. Hopkins, of Richmond, H. L. Lane, J. A. Youell, T. R. Cochran, J. L. McCormick, C. C. Cochran, G. L. Taylor, D. C. Wolfe, J. A. Gilmer, J. B. Wampler, H. A. W. Skeen, Sally A. Bailey, E. E. Goodloe, W. T. Goodloe, Fred Lee Troy, Misses Freida Graber, Ruth Prescott, Christine Miller, Bruce Skeen, Grace Long, Edna McFaddin, Josephine White, Beverly Taylor, Ila Gwynn, Mary Strouth, May Horton, Olga Horton, Ruth Smith, Henrietta Skeen, Anita and Caroline Goodloe and Mr. C. C. Cochran.

Hale-Anderson
Announcement cards reading as follows have been sent out to friends:
Mrs. Charles S. Hale announces the marriage of her daughter Mary Jane Brown to Mr. Samuel Harold Anderson on Tuesday, the eighteenth of January, nineteen twenty-one Kingsport, Tennessee
At home
After the first of February Kingsport, Tennessee.

AMERICAN LEGION SMOKER

Saturday night, January 29th, a smoker was given for exercise men by the Henry N. Tate Post No. 70 of the American Legion at Appalachia.

Post Commander, W. B. Peters, gave the welcome address, explaining that the primary object of the meeting was to give each man present a good time. Dr. Peters stated that there had been some misrepresentations relative to the attitude of the American Legion towards Union Labor, and explained that there is no reason earthly why any American who did military service in the World War should not become a member of the legion, because the American Legion stands for America, for the rights of the men who were in the service and for better citizenship of the country at large, and is not against any organization that is American in principle.

Drinks, sandwiches, cake and cigars were served and every body had a jolly good time.

The members of the post wish to express their sincere gratitude to the ladies who furnished the liberal supply of sandwiches and cake for the occasion.

The following former service men were present:

R. C. Bray, Wm. Brotherton, O. B. Burke, W. E. Cantrell, G. W. Delph, Sam E. Dickerson, E. P. Duffy, Jr., T. S. Flannery, J. A. Gardner, Lyn Gibson, M. L. Gibson, Festus Ison, I. W. Jesson, H. C. McKinney, G. W. Morton, Wm. B. Peters, G. V. Polly, Howard A. Pritchett, Sgt. Shindle, H. A. Siphers, H. R. Smith, Geo. C. Stone and T. R. Williams, of Appalachia.

Frank Aitman, Clyde E. Crawford, Ed. E. Edens and J. G. Kilbourne, of Big Stone Gap.

S. E. Barker, P. W. Gundry and Robt. M. Miller, of Stonega, Clay Warden, of Rola.

C. A. Hood, of East Stone Gap.

U. E. Sawyer, Jr., Marshall, Mich.

H. S. Frost, Winchester, Ky.

Mr. Irvine

Will Aid in University of Virginia Centennial Endowment Fund.

R. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap, former rector of the University of Virginia, has been named local chairman of the University of Virginia Centennial Endowment Fund. His acceptance has been announced by Bolting H. Handy, regional chairman for the fund in Bland, Buchanan, Dickenson, Grayson, Russell, Lee, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wytch county.

Mr. Irvine is a graduate of the law school, class of 1889 and is one of the institution's most distinguished sons. He served for many years on the board of visitors of the university and was rector for several years.

Because of his intimate acquaintance with the university affairs, Mr. Irvine will be a particularly valuable man in the effort of the alumni and friends of the institution to raise the three million dollar birthday gift to be presented to the university at the centennial in June.

Mr. Handy announced several other local chairmen for the fund, in this region including: P. T. Fugate for Appalachia and Wise county; J. E. Duff for Lebanon and Russell county; R. W. Bell for Abingdon and Washington county; Stuart B. Campbell for Wytheville and Wytch county; J. N. Walker for Bastian and Bland county, and L. M. Robinette and W. L. Davidson for Jonesville and Lee county, and B. W. Straws for Tazewell and Tazewell county.

School News

(Edited by the Senior Class.)

Rev. Burnz was with us on last Monday morning and gave us an interesting talk on "Rewards of Honesty." Rev. Smith on Tuesday morning on "Law of Habit" and Rev. Dean on Wednesday morning with the description of Jacob and Isaac.

Miss Betty Davidson, of Gate City, visited the High School Monday morning.

For the past week the "invisible medals" were awarded to the following grades: In the high school, ninth grade in the grammar grades, high sixth and in the primary department and the high fourth.

Some very high grades were made in the mid year examinations in the high school department which shows that their time has been used to the best advantage.

Miss Tempa Rhea and Mr. David Sergeant have enrolled as pupils in our school for the last term. Tempa is a senior and David a freshman.

Dr. John J. Fix, director of the young peoples' work in the synod of Appalachia, was with us Monday morning and gave us an interesting talk.

Miss Lois K. Rhodes was married to Mr. Norman H. Russell at Appalachia last Saturday. The senior class wishes them a long and happy life together.

Edward Bird substituted for Mrs. Russell on Monday

"Once to Every Woman" to Be Seen Here.

American theatergoers who revelled in the dramatic wealth of the "Heart of Humanity" and capitulated to the irresistible qualities of "The Right to Happiness" are doubtless of the opinion that in these two photodramas Dorothy Phillips and Allen Holubar, star and director, have reached the heights of screen perfection. But the public is asked to reserve its final verdict until it has had a view of "Once to Every Woman," the newest Universal Jewel super production, coming to the Amuzu Theater on Thursday.

The popular appeal of "Once to Every Woman" is heightened because it deals with every day people and treats of a theme that is as old as humanity. Mother love is its keynote, and it shows the utter vanity of worldly ambition when not founded on human affection.

Miss Phillips first appears as a school girl, the daughter of a village blacksmith, who, because of her good looks and sweet voice, is the pet of the family. She accepts the sacrifices of her parents and sisters, and when a visitor from New York offers to send her abroad to have her voice trained she leaves home with no regrets.

After many dramatic episodes she finally reaches the goal of her ambition—the creation of the star role in a new grand opera in New York. Her humble home and family are forgotten. Then a tremendous shock crushes the loss of her voice. Her new found friends and admirers leave her. In her mother's great love she finds real happiness at last.—adv.

Dance to Be Given Friday Evening.

The Big Stone Gap Athletic Club have issued invitations for their mid winter dance to be given at the Armory Friday evening, February 4th from 9 p. m. until 3 a. m. The music will be furnished by Williams' Orchestra, of Winchester, Ky.

The chaperones for the dance are Mr. and Mrs. George L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Winston.

Refreshments will be served during the evening.

She walked with Kings and lost the common touch. Then came an hour when her mother's vine clad cottage was a citadel of love. See "Once to Every Woman."—adv.