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GENERAL BUILDING BOOM IN BIG STONE GAP

Contracts Will Soon Be Let
for the Construction of
Several Fine Homes

The demand for houses in Big Stone Gap continues as much as ever despite the depressed condition that is existing over the country, and realizing the only remedy for this situation is to "build more homes" quite a number of our citizens have decided to build homes of their own. During the past few months a number of real estate deals have been made for residential sites and it is expected by the time spring arrives about twenty new houses will be under construction.

Contractors are now busy submitting estimates on as many as sixteen residences that will cost from \$5,000 up. The Big Stone Gap Land Company will soon commence the erection of two nice bungalows on Poplar Hill to help relieve the housing situation, while practically every one who purchased lots in the Poplar Hill reservation from the estate of John Fox, Jr., intend to build and have submitted plans to contractors for bids.

The following is a list of those who have signified their intention of building: E. C. Taylor, Clarence Bailey, A. R. Gordon, L. J. Horton, Elbert Gilly, R. P. Barron, T. B. Stone, Morgan Anderson, H. L. Sullfridge, G. S. Tate, J. F. Bullitt, Jr., J. H. Catron, H. H. Whitt, H. H. McClannahan, W. R. Otey and T. F. Williams.

MULLINS-ROLLER

An event of much interest to the friends of both parties, was the marriage of Miss Ethel Roller and Mr. B. T. Mullins which took place at Appalachia last Thursday, February 17, 1921. This wedding came as a great surprise to the friends of the bride, who was an East Stone Gap girl. The happy couple, accompanied by Miss Bonnie Roller, sister of the bride, Miss Viola Elhott, Mrs. E. M. Roller, mother of Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Eliza Neely, of Clinchport, went to Appalachia Thursday, where the event took place, at about 2:30 p. m. After the ceremony the bride and groom left for Exeter where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Mullins is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Roller. Previous to their moving to East Stone Gap they had resided at Exeter, and here the romance began. Mrs. Mullins has won many friends among the East Stone Gap people. They wish her a long and happy life, crowned with the best that life offers. She is an attractive young lady, and has won a place in the hearts of all who knew her well.

Mr. Mullins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mullins, of Exeter, and is a young man of sterling character and integrity. He holds a position at Exeter where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Mullins have the best wishes of a host of friends.

New Deputy Sheriff.

Paul B. Jesse was recently appointed deputy sheriff of the Richmond district by Sheriff Corder to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Qualls, who had served in this office for four years. We have every reason to believe that Paul will make a good officer.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS NOTES

Another Good Time for the
Christian Endeavor.

Invitations were issued to members of the Christian Endeavor Society, February 15th to a Valentine social which was given at the Presbyterian Manse. The rooms were tastefully decorated, using the color scheme, red and white, this being the Young People's Christian Endeavor colors.

Many games were played, among them a contest, which were advertisements representing well known articles. Valentines were given out to each person present. The verses, which were on the valentines were read out causing much merriment and many "blushes." As favors, attractive little baskets filled with Valentine candy, hearts, etc., were presented to each little guest.

Refreshments were served about 10:30 o'clock, after which the guests left, each reporting a pleasant and happy time. All will be glad to hear that the social committee is planning for another social to be given March 17th.

Christian Endeavor Going to Norton.

The Christian Endeavor Society, of Big Stone Gap, has been requested by the young people of the Norton Presbyterian church to come to Norton, give a program and help them organize a society, after which an informal reception will be given the visitors.

Plans have been made for going Thursday evening, February 25th and we trust our going may be a means of real service to our young friends of a neighboring church. We are counting on having a good time, so, all who wish to go, be on hand at the Mutual Drug Store at 6:00 o'clock Thursday evening.

MARGARET WOLFE,
Member Press Committee.

Miss Beaman Ill at Denver.

A telegram received here by Mrs. Lindsey Horton states that her sister, Miss Leha Beaman, is seriously ill at Denver, Col., following an attack of influenza which later developed into pneumonia. A number of physicians who were called into consultation state that her case is hopeless, there being no chance for recovery.

Miss Beaman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Beaman who formerly lived in Big Stone Gap, but moved to Anderson, Ind. about three years ago, where her parents now live. She had been in Denver for only a few months.

Must Serve

Wise County Woman Loses
Her Appeal in Liquor
Law Violation.

Richmond, Feb. 15.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today affirmed the case of Alpha Burgner, of Wise county, convicted in the United States District Court of violation of the liquor laws. With her husband and brother she was charged with concealing a quantity of liquor. She was given two months in jail and fined \$200. From this she appealed, but the court was unanimous in approving the verdict of the trial court.

A bill in Congress proposes the creation of a department of public welfare and the addition of a new member to the president's cabinet. But what's the use? The welfare of the public is too vital to receive political consideration.

Southern Railway

Have Moved Division Offices
Back to Bristol.

O. B. Keister, general superintendent of the Southern Railway Company, of Knoxville, who caused the offices of the superintendent of the Appalachian Division to be moved here during the war, came to the Gap last Friday, and directed removal of offices to Bristol immediately. Mr. Keister stated that while they preferred to have this office either at Appalachia or Big Stone Gap the railroad company could save \$500.00 per month by having the office at Bristol and that because of the distressing financial condition of the railroad company brought about by increased costs and decreased traffic he had been instructed and required to make every possible cut in operating costs no matter how drastic. He further said this action would have no bearing whatsoever on the yard location at Big Stone Gap which has heretofore been authorized and which will be carried out when money conditions warrant. We regret, of course, that the employees in these offices are leaving the Gap, but realize that the southern, along with the other railroads in the country must exercise drastic economies.

Mr. Keister authorized us to say that within a few days the old and somewhat battered passenger equipment on the division will be taken off, and the same main line high class equipment used between Chattanooga and Bristol substituted for it.

Party at L. & N.

The ladies of the Methodist church of the L. & N. station held a very successful Valentine party Monday night for the benefit of the Methodist minister in that community.

The community house was very attractively decorated in hearts and many of the young girls wore attractive costumes. Music was furnished by Mr. Lambert and Mr. Wilson.

The L. & N. Betterment club met at the community house at 2 p. m. Thursday.

Plans were made for repairing the new house which has been moved.

The election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

Those attending were: Mrs. Phillip Cogg, Mrs. Trig Garrison, Mrs. Myrtle Messer, Mrs. John Hobbs, Mrs. Critie Hood, Miss Maggie Darnell. The pretty girl cake went to Miss Cecil Fleenor.

The ugly man's cake was awarded to our very popular superintendent, Mr. Harry Zepp. Coffee, chicken, pickles, pies, cakes, apples and sandwiches were served.

\$32.40 was raised. All of this being clear as the people in the community gave all material things.

Shaler Gilly Seriously Ill.

News has reached here to the effect that Shaler Gilly is seriously ill at his home in Boone, N. C., caused by infection setting up following an operation at Bristol two weeks ago for appendicitis. Mr. Gilly had recovered sufficiently to go home ten days after the operation, but shortly after reaching there he was taken suddenly ill and has been in a serious condition ever since. His sister, Mrs. J. M. Young, of Stonega, left Saturday afternoon for Boone, in response to a telegram.

Mr. Sterne Visits Here.

J. A. Sterne, manager of the Matz Hotel at Bluefield, W. Va., was a visitor in Big Stone Gap Saturday and Sunday, being a guest of Manager Warner at the Monte Vista. Mr. Sterne will take charge of the new six story hotel at Norton which is now almost completed and will be ready for business in about two months. He was formerly manager of the Monte Vista and during his stay here was very popular with the local people as well as the traveling public.

J. A. Morris

Distributor of the Chevrolet,
the Motor Car Which Has
Power for Every Purpose.

The rapid development of the automobile and the excellent means of transit it affords for both business and pleasure, makes it incumbent upon any community whose desire is to keep pace with the strides of time to have within its confines one or more garages of suitable capacity and equipment to properly care for this branch of modern business. Big Stone Gap is well supplied with facilities in this line, and an establishment which stands high among similar enterprises of this section is the garage of J. A. Morris. Air Morris holds the sales agency in that locality for the famous Chevrolet motor cars. This car stands the wear and tear of this section, has power for every emergency and comfort for every season. He carries a full line of repairs and parts for this and other machines, also a general line of accessories. The Morris garage makes a specialty of expert repair work on all makes of cars and trucks and no job is too small or large to receive their most careful attention. In this department Mr. Morris makes it a rule to employ only mechanics of the highest qualification. This establishment is the local agent for Columbia batteries.

Mr. Morris established his business in 1915 and since that time has enjoyed a growing and liberal patronage. He is too well and favorably known in the commercial markets of Wise county to need any words of introduction in these columns.

Theatrical.

A raid on a gambling den, the arrest of its inmates and the killing of an officer, presents one of the thrilling action scenes in "The Family Honor," which will be shown at the Amuzu Theater on Thursday. The location is a small southern town, but one that is run "wide open." The reformers finally get the upper hand and the raids on the gambling dens and the dens of vice start.

In one of these raids the youths of the village, society and professional men are discovered present. There is a mad scramble to escape but most of the men are cornered and arrested. The proprietor cleans out his safe and prepares to flee, when confronted by an officer. He shoots him down and gets away, and another man is arrested for the crime.

Another thrilling escape is that of the mayor's son, and a beautiful girl, the daughter of a proud, old, aristocratic family. The two went to the dive to try to save the girl's brother, who has turned out to be a scamp, and they are caught in the net.—adv.

Virginians Interested in New
Coal Company.

Sargent, Ky., Feb. 18.—Virginia people, including F. L. Rodgers, J. R. Kelly and others of Virginia City, Va., have completed the organization of the Letcher Coal & Coke Company, at Whitesburg near here with \$100,000, after making leases of coal lands along Sandlick creek in the coalfields below Sargent, and the announcement is made that active development work will be launched as early as practicable. It is said that the opening of mines and town development will be started by March 1, and that a goodly number of men will be given employment. This is destined to become one of the largest operations in the Sandlick territory.

If our American millionaires continue to spend so much time and money in Europe they will soon be poor enough to go back to work again.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To our friends and customers:

Our representative is now at the Monte Vista Hotel with a complete line of new Spring Woolens, over 400 of them, every one a value.

The New prices are very interesting--not merely lower prices--but considerably lower prices on exceedingly fine quality.

Prices: \$25, \$30, \$35 to \$49

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