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## Salvation Army

### Extending Its Home Service Program Throughout Southwest Virginia.

Encouraged by the proffers of assistance received on every hand from prominent Virginians, the Salvation Army announces that it is endeavoring to curb social unrest at its very source by checking the causes of the peril, which so frequently lead to Bolshevism and "I. W. W. ism." While the scheme is unique and unusual, Major Henry D. Dale, divisional commander and state director, R. S. Voorhis, of the army, claim that it is entirely practicable and relies for its success only upon the cooperation of the most substantial citizens of the communities of the state.

Backed by forty years of experience the army has brought its plan of social welfare work into Virginia, and is endeavoring to establish more than a hundred community advisory boards, which will aid the army in the fulfillment of its hope and bring its service closer to the people of the communities who are in greatest need. Its home service program, already advanced and proven a success in the west, was launched in Virginia a month ago, and boards have been formed in Southwest Virginia at Wytheville, Marion, Abingdon, Appalachia, Norton and Big Stone Gap as well as forty or more other towns and cities in the state.

Each phase of its social welfare work, sixteen major activities, is thus brought into every part of the state. Among these activities in Virginia are the army's maternity homes and hospitals, and the fresh air camp at Chester, near Richmond, where many worn, weary mothers and their children will be offered free vacations this summer. The camp has a capacity of fifty, and will provide these heat-jaded, weary mothers and their tots with wholesome food and recreation and aid in building up their bodies and minds for the struggle of life. Last year some 6,000 mothers and almost 35,000 children were given vacations at the army's camps. The homes and maternity hospitals are at Roanoke and are filling a long felt need for this part of the state.

The home service program of the Salvation Army was represented here last week by Field Director J. B. Keesling, social research bureau, of Richmond, resulting in a community advisory board being successfully organized in Big Stone Gap. The following officers were elected: Ezra T. Carter, president; Mrs. D. B. Savors, vice president; Mrs. R. E. Taggart, secretary; and J. B. Wampler, treasurer. Prof. H. L. Sulfridge is president of a general educational committee consisting of fifteen ladies and gentlemen divided under three subheads of meetings, with Mrs. John W. Chalkley, chairman. Speakers will be Dr. W. A. Baker, chairman and publicity with G. N. Knight, chairman.

Rev. J. M. Smith is chairman of the service committee and J. B. Wampler that of finance. A strong advisory board and organization committee are back of these officers and there is no doubt but that the interests of the community and the Salvation Army will be cared for in an efficient manner.

### Medical Society Meet at Norton.

Norton, Va., April 29.—The Wise County Medical Society met at the Norton Hospital for their regular monthly meeting and elected officers. Most all of the physicians from all over the county were in attendance and a most enjoyable and profitable meeting was held. Dr. J. A. McGuire was elected president and Dr. C. B. Bowyer, of Stonegap, was chosen secretary and treasurer.

T. H. Payne is erecting a new frame building on East Fifth street opposite the Mineral Motor Company, which he will occupy as a shoe repair shop.

## School News

(Edited by the Senior Class.)

Mrs. Margaret Hoff has been with us every day for the past week training the school on several new choruses. The school is progressing well in the chapel singing and our citizens are urged to visit the school. Chapel is from 8:45 until 9:00 o'clock.

There are only seventeen more days of school and this time will be used in finishing our work for the term. We are hoping to close school this year with a larger attendance, and after a more successful year than has ever been witnessed in this school before.

The Big Stone Gap High School base ball team won over the Appalachia boys on last Wednesday afternoon with a score of 25 to 1. Batters, Bird and Hamblen for Big Stone Gap High School; Strong, Collier, Miller, Brotherton, Waskin, Fleener for Appalachia. Youell from Big Stone Gap knocked a home run. This makes four home runs Youell has made this season.

Edward Bird, Letcher Bunn, George Goodloe, Pat Youell, James Little, Max Lile and Mr. Garrett will leave Thursday for University of Virginia, where they will represent Big Stone Gap High School and Wise county in the meet of the state track teams.

Miss Della Jennings left last Friday morning for Pattonville, Va., where she attended the commencement exercises of the high school at that place.

On Thursday afternoon, the second team of the Big Stone Gap High School was defeated by the first team of the East Stone Gap High School with a score of 14 to 10 on the East Stone Gap ball diamond. Although our boys played well they found the East Stone Gap team hard to defeat. The other team showed they had a great deal of practice since our boys played them at East Stone last time.

The honors for the best lines during the week ending Friday April 29th were given to the eighth, fifth and second grades.

Dr. Staley, of Bristol, will be at the Red Cross office Thursday for the benefit of those who wish to have their throats examined.

Many interesting papers are being handed in on "The History of Wise County" and we believe it will be difficult to tell just whose papers get the prizes.

Mrs. C. C. Long, Mrs. Jeff Wardle, of Tazewell and Miss Frances Long, were visitors at school Monday.

### Sophomores Entertain.

The Sophomore class gave a party at the attractive home of Miss Jimina Willis Friday night in honor of Letcher Bunn, Max Lile and Patrick Youell, the boys from their class, who will go to the University on the track team. Many interesting contests and games were played during the earlier part of the evening. Among them were: "What you Ought to Know" was won by Ralph Showalter. The booty was won by James McCormick. A very exciting incident was the spelling of words backward. Mesmerism was carried out in a very interesting and successful way. Fruit salad, sandwiches and punch were served during the evening.

Those present were: Mattie Burke, Evelyn Early, Mary Lile, Lovely Littrell, Virginia Seaton, Gertrude Sine, Ruth Sine, Ruth Smith, Juanita Taylor, Jimina Willis, Beth Shugart, Carolyn Goodloe, Thelma Kennedy, Carl Banks, Letcher Bunn, Schemel Daugherty, Charles Dean, Max Lile, James McCormick, Stewart Qualls, John Rhea, Ralph Showalter, Bascom Taylor, Benton Witt and Patrick Youell, Mr. and Mrs. Sulfridge, Misses Lay, White, Horton and Mr. Garrett.



KENNETH N. GILPIN  
Candidate for Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia.

## Singing Convention

### Will Meet at Athletic Park on Next Sunday.

The tri-county singing convention, composed of the leading singers from the counties of Lee, Scott and Wise, will meet at the Ball Park at this place on next Sunday and engage in an all day singing.

Refreshments will be served on the ground and a large crowd is expected and some fine singing will be heard. L. J. Jones, of St. Charles, is manager of the convention and assures us that some of the best singers in the three counties will be here to entertain all who come.

## Gilpin is Confident

### He Will Carry Southwest Virginia for Lieutenant-Governor.

Bristol, Va., April 30.—Expressing confidence that he will carry Southwest Virginia by a record majority, Kenneth N. Gilpin, of Boyce, Va., candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, has issued a statement declaring that he intends to return to this section of the state before the close of the campaign.

In the course of his recent tour of the Ninth district Mr. Gilpin visited the following places in the order named: Elverton, Norton, Wise, Big Stone Gap, Appalachia, Tazewell, Coeburn, Shannon, Fremont, Clintwood, St. Paul, Tazewell and Pearisburg. Bolting H. Handy, of Bristol, is Mr. Gilpin's manager in the Ninth district.

During the past three weeks notable gains have been made by Mr. Gilpin's campaign and his managers believe that most of these accessions are due to his past legislative record which is being given close scrutiny by the voters at this time.

Mr. Gilpin's first bill in the legislature was to prohibit constant and useless change of text books in the public schools so that the books might be handed down from the oldest child to the youngest ones. This measure found warm commendation all over the state. Mr. Gilpin's record on matters pertaining to good roads is unimpeachable and has given his candidacy great momentum. As a result of his tireless fight in the legislature for better roads he is recognized as one of the state's foremost road enthusiasts.

Reports received from Giles county say that the Clarke county candidate has registered remarkable gains there and that the county will give him a royal "send off" on election day. Mr. Gilpin was recently guest at a big dinner given there by A. E. Shamate, Democratic county chairman.

J. B. Keesling, of Richmond, field director of the Salvation Army, spent a few days last week in the Gap in the interest of his organization.

## Successful Meetings

### Southern Methodist Church Declares War on Ignorance and Godless Education.

Former Secretary Lane recently said, "If the 5,500,000 illiterates in the United States were stretched in a double line at intervals of three feet, and were to march past the White House at the rate of 25 miles per day it would require more than two months for them to pass."

The curse of our fair land is ignorance, but a better day is dawning, for both church and state are beginning to realize that America's salvation lies in educating the masses. All the leading churches in our southland are putting forward great educational movements, and now the Southern Methodist church is stepping into line. Instead of thinking in terms of thousands as in the past they are counting their aims with millions to forward Christian education.

Our educational history has been glorious, but we have not kept pace with the world of events in the matter of Christian education. In the past we have sent out from our church schools some of the greatest men of the nation, and this movement now seeks to place our church schools in such a position that they can continue to send out these men and women of noble and gigantic Christian character.

Big Stone Gap district which includes Wise, Lee, Scott and the portion of Tennessee surrounding Kingsport is marching right at the head of the columns in Holston in the education movement. Presiding elder Sluigart is now touring the district with a strong team of preachers and laymen in an effort to fully arouse the people of their obligations and grand privilege of making this a truly Christian country. Education is power, but all of us are vitally concerned as to whether that power shall be good or evil in its effect on the human race.

The team started at Wise April 18, with M. A. Stevenson, J. F. Benton, F. B. Shelton and C. G. Counts as speakers. The next night Norton was visited where W. H. Briggs was added to the list. The team reached Coeburn and Tom's Creek on the 20th, and here C. E. Painter and H. G. Gilmer joined the ranks. E. L. McConnell and U. W. Dean were taken on at Appalachia the 21st. G. L. Stradley became a member of the team at East Stone Gap on Friday night. Saturday night found them at Stonegap.

The team reached Lee county April 25, and opened the campaign at Dryden where an all day meeting was held. Tuesday found them at Pennington Gap, and here W. D. Farmer, W. C. Harris were added to the list of those already having rendered service. When they arrived at Jonesville on the 27th R. M. Walker was put into service and an all day meeting following. They reached Ewing on the 28th, and from there went to Cumberland Gap where S. L. Hoekenberry joined the team.

Scott county was invaded with an all day meeting at Clinchport May 2nd, where Priddy, Dean, Wagner and Stradley presented Christian education. Brooks and Stevenson returned to the team here, and Dunganon will have an all day rally May 14th. On the same day another team will visit Nickelsville composed of Evans, Wagner and Houts. The team will arrive at Gate City on May 5 for an evening service with Benton, Dean, Priddy and Stevenson as speakers. Look out for some strong addresses. The tidings will be carried to Kingsport on the night of the 6th, where Benton, Wagner and Stevenson will speak.

## Fruit Crop

### In Virginia Almost a Total Failure.

Virginia fruit crops have the poorest prospects on record, according to a survey just completed by Henry M. Taylor, agricultural statistician, U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates. It is still too early to make an accurate forecast of the production of apples, for the number of blossoms that survive the "June drop" will determine the crop. However, reports from 200 orchardists in all parts of the state indicate that only 7 per cent. of the apple blossoms are still alive, and with the most favorable conditions not over 10 per cent. of a full crop will be produced. Even at this early date it may be said that commercially the crop is a failure except in a few localities. Peaches, other stone fruits and pears are almost a total loss all over the state, and only in well protected spots are there any prospects for fruit. Grapes, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries have been injured but still promise a good yield in most sections.

The production of apples has been recorded annually since 1889, and from present indications this year's crop will be the smallest on record. In 1894 the crop was almost a failure, and the crops of 1897 and 1913 were very small. The annual production of peaches has only been recorded since 1909, but the crop will probably be one of the smallest ever known.

The freeze during the last week of March killed from 15 to 50 per cent. of the apple blossoms, and nearly all of the peaches. Late buds came out after this, so it was believed that there would be 25 per cent. of a crop for the state, but the April freeze has nearly destroyed what was left.

Some varieties have survived much better than others. Pippins and York Imperials show the best prospects of the winter apples, and Rome Beauties and Jonathans of the fall varieties. Ben Davis, Black Twigs, Staymans, Grimes' Golden and Benjamins are practically all killed. There are very few Winesaps.

Reports from Frederick county, which normally produces one fourth of the state crop, vary from 5 to 25 per cent. of a crop, the average being about 10 per cent. York Imperials have been the least injured, and this is the only variety that promises a partial crop. In Augusta county less than 5 per cent. of the blossoms have survived, and in Albemarle, the third largest producing county, less than 10 per cent. of the apples are alive, but on account of unfavorable conditions for pollenization not more than 5 per cent. of a crop is expected, and this will be mostly Pippins and York Imperials. Rockingham and Shenandoah counties have prospects for less than 10 per cent. of a crop. In Nelson county the Pippins and York Imperials have survived fairly well in some sections, so 10 per cent. of a crop is promised. Rappahannock and the upper Piedmont districts report the best prospects of any district in the state, but even here there are only from 15 to 20 per cent. of the blossoms still alive. The Roanoke districts and the Southwest report all varieties practically a total loss. In Patrick and Henry counties less than 5 per cent. of the blossoms are still alive.

### Doing Good Building Business

The Berks Construction Company, of this place, has contracts covering a large amount of work in Wise county, among which are building an addition to the court house at Wise, building a concrete road from Norton to Esesville, and a macadamized road from Esesville to Wise, building the new bank building for the First National Bank at Appalachia, and the following residences in Big Stone Gap: One for E. M. Gilly, one for A. R. Gordon, one for Clarence Bailey and one for R. P. Barron. All the above work is now under way and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

### Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Side Land Company, Incorporated, will be held at the office of C. F. Blanton, in the Minor Building, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, on Wednesday, May 4th, 1921, at 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and transacting any other business that will properly come before the meeting. 15-18 R. R. CASPER, Secretary.

## Davey Wallen

### Given Twenty-Years for Killing Policeman Littrell.

Wise, April 27.—The jury in the case of Davey Green Wallen, charged with the killing of Policeman D. W. Littrell, at Big Stone Gap, found the accused guilty and fixed his punishment at twenty-years in the penitentiary. The jury was not long in reaching a verdict, being out less than half an hour.

The trial lasted three days and was a hard fought legal battle from beginning to end. The defendant was defended by Morton & Parker, of Appalachia, and Wright Cox, of Gate City, while Commonwealth's Attorney McCorkle was assisted in the prosecution by R. P. Bruce, Ezra T. Carter, O. M. Vickers and G. L. Taylor.

This was the second time Wallen has gone on trial for the offense, the first case resulting in a hung jury. His attorneys immediately made a motion for a new trial, but the judge remanded the prisoner to jail, refusing bond.

The consensus of opinion is that the jury returned a verdict in keeping with the evidence, showing much mercy in the term being no longer than twenty years. Life imprisonment was confidently expected.

## BRAD HAROLD BADLY INJURED

### When He Attacks Merchant at East Stone Gap.

Brad Harold, a young man of East Stone Gap, was badly injured on Tuesday of last week when he attacked J. M. Elliott in his store at that place, being cut several times and stabbed once in the back with a knife. Harold entered the store late that evening and said Elliott had accused him of robbing a man the night before. Elliott denied the charge but was knocked down by Harold and he arose with a knife in his hand and slashed Harold across the back.

On the night before Andy Collier, a merchant, was held up and robbed of \$111 by two men about 9 o'clock as he was going home from his store. Collier recognized one of the men and told some of his friends who he thought got the money. Harold heard this, it is supposed, and threatened to whip his accusers on sight.

Harold's condition was thought at first to be dangerous as a result of his mizup with Elliott and in view of this he called Mr. Collier to his bedside and gave him \$50 and said Wood McElroy had the balance. McElroy was arrested and in default of bond was taken to jail at Wise. By last Saturday Harold had partly recovered and being unable to furnish bond, was taken to Wise also.

I will have several thousand sweet potato plants ready for delivery inside of ten days. Any kind and any amount you want. Special attention to mail orders. Phone or write Lindsey Horton.—adv.