

LEE COUNTY OPPOSES ROAD

Mayor Horsley Says Five Mile Stretch in Lee Makes Work of Wise County Useless.

The much talked about road between Appalachia, Big Stone Gap and Bristol, via the Natural Tunnel, will never be realized until the supervisors of Lee county locate and establish the five mile stretch of road between Oretan and the Scott county line, thinks Mayor W. J. Horsley.

"The main trouble in getting this road completed," he said, "is the five miles in Lee county between Oretan and the Scott county line."

"If the Lee county supervisors will locate and establish this part of the road, outside help can be secured to build it. It cannot be built until it is located by the Lee county board of supervisors."

He says Lee county derives a big revenue from taxes of the Southern Railway which runs along the route of the proposed road. The money, however, is used on roads in other parts of the county.

"All the banquets, clubs and speeches will avail nothing until this road is surveyed and located by officials of Lee county. They have promised to do this but so far have failed."

He thinks that the growing sentiment in Southwest Virginia for an outlet by way of Bristol will soon bring some action from the Lee county supervisors.

Road Work Started

Convict Labor to Build Section From Dooley to Appalachia.

The State Highway Department is beginning the reconstruction of the pike road from West Norton to Appalachia on an improved grade. The work will be done with convict labor, and camps have already been started.

The numerous sharp curves on the road will be straightened and the road widened to sixteen feet.

That section between Norton and the forks west of West Norton is to be concreted. Surveys and estimates are being made and it is expected that the contract will be let in time for the work to be begun within 30 days. This is a very bad stretch of road and as it is subjected to very heavy traffic, concrete has been decided upon as a surface.—Crawford's Weekly.

Dead Man May be J. J. Davis of Norton

Littleton, S. C., March 9.—A coroner's jury found here today that a man believed to be J. J. Davis, presumably of Norton, Va., found dead near here yesterday came to his death at the hands of unknown persons.

The man had been dead ten days or two weeks when found yesterday and had evidently been murdered. His body bore gashes and his pockets were turned out. A duplicate slip was in his pocket from the National Bank of Norton, Va., and he had also in his pocket a receipt for rent paid at Spartanburg, S. C., evidently to J. F. Burgess. He was about 50 to 55 years of age. It is possible that he was killed and the body thrown into the river to be washed up here.

Educational Bill Passes

All Children Between Ages of Eight and Fourteen Must Attend School Throughout Session.

Richmond, Va., March 2.—By a vote of 25 to 11, the Senate late today passed the compulsory educational bill, known as the committee substitute for House Bill No. 8. Having been amended in important particulars, the measure must now go back to the house for final action. Senators from the so-called black belt sections were practically a unit against it. Senators Byrd and Paul of the valley section voted for it, but Senator Leedy tied up with the opposition. The entire delegation from the southwest voted for it.

The bill provides that all children between the ages of eight and fourteen must attend school throughout the session. An amendment cut the penalty to be imposed on parents down to a fine not to exceed \$25. Several amendments designed to give county supervisors and municipal authorities the right to determine when school sessions shall begin and end were lost. Another according local option to county or city was also voted down.

Criminal officers were eliminated from enforcement of the law and private schools were removed from control and suspension of public school boards. A provision making children failing to attend school subject to reformatories was also cut out. Oliver, of Fairfax, and Epes, of Nottoway, led in the fight for elimination of objectionable features.

RED CROSS TAKES THREE CHILDREN

As Mother Enters Jail to Serve 30 Day Sentence.

Liza Fogarty, 35, of near the L. & N., was declared unfit to care for her children by the local court and given 30 days in jail.

The three children, all boys, age 6, 7 and 9, were turned over to Miss Jane Morgan, of the local Red Cross service, and sent to an orphanage in Roanoke where they will be kept until suitable homes are provided for them.

Prof. Graham Buys Brewster Avenue House.

Prof. Palmer H. Graham, of the faculty of New York University has purchased through the Halleran Agency from Theodore M. Lay, Inc., the colonial dwelling recently erected by Mr. Lay situated on Brewster avenue, Flushing.

The house contains six rooms with tiled bath, hardwood floors, open fireplace, all modern improvements with sun porch. There is also a one car garage. The plot is 50x150 feet.

Mr. Graham, after inspecting the many suburban towns adjacent to New York decided on Flushing. Mr. Graham was a former resident of Georgia, where he taught in Agnes Scott College at Decatur.—Flushing (N. Y.) Evening Journal.

Mrs. Graham will be remembered as Miss Kathleen Knight, daughter of the editor of the Post.

Knights of Grip Elect Officers

A Dozen Strangers Enter Mysteries of Order—Hold Annual Banquet.

Norton, Va. (Special)—Saturday afternoon, March 4, from 2:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m., there were big things doing in the Virginia Council 242, United Commercial Travelers.

Twelve strangers, claiming to be Commercial Travelers, presented themselves for initiation. They were accorded a hearty welcome at the door by our worthy sentinel, Sam Sullivan, who after a short parley, turned them over to Conductor A. F. Snodgrass. They were then inducted into the mysteries of the order, and everybody seemed to be well pleased with the ceremonies—especially Erskine Wassum. There seemed at one time to be some clouds gathering on the horizon, but through the timely interposition of Richard Lampkin, visiting councillor from Roanoke, Va., Mr. Wassum was fully exonerated.

The closing ceremonies were made exceedingly impressive by Captain H. E. Hyatt, who presided as Senior Councillor pro tem.

The names of the twelve strangers above referred to, follow, viz: F. D. Kitts, Ralph Seaver, C. C. Fngate, John Davis, Eddie Carter, M. Cecil, W. L. Arthur, H. A. Swann, Eura Bolling, R. D. Alderson, O. C. Gibson and Erskine Wassum.

The annual election of officers followed the initiation of the candidates, and resulted as follows: George Blake, Senior Councillor, A. F. Snodgrass, Junior Councillor, O. C. Gibson, Secretary and Treasurer, Sam Sullivan, Conductor, C. T. Braswell, Page, Sanford Johnson, Sentinel, H. W. Meade and P. D. Greover, Executive Committee, H. E. Hyatt, Chaplain.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion served a banquet at Hotel Norton at 8 p. m., at which about eighty-five Commercial Travelers, their wives and sweethearts spent a delightful hour. The program was arranged by Mr. McKelvey, who served as toastmaster. Everybody enjoyed Mack's quaint humor and original jokes.

After the banquet the tables were removed and several couples tripped the light fantastic.

Those attending expressed themselves as highly pleased with the whole program.

It is the purpose of the Virginia Council to give a banquet hereafter annually.

Theatrical

That incomparable novel of boy life, "Huckleberry Finn," has been put into what is declared to be truly great photoplay. It will be shown at the Amuzu Theater Saturday, March 18th next. The motion picture producers say that no stories lend themselves so admirably to production on the screen and do the humorous works of the inimitable Mark Twain. "Huck and Tom" and "Tom Sawyer" were earlier photoplays successes. Now the same director, William D. Taylor, has taken the beloved vagabond, Huck Finn, and made him the hero of a film that is said to be more enjoyable than its predecessors.

Lewis Sargent, a boy actor, red-haired and freckled faced and an experienced pantomimist, appears as Huck Finn. Gordon Griffith is Tom Sawyer and the rest of the cast maintains the same high standard. Julia Crawford Ivers, one of the cleverest of scenarists, adapted "Huckleberry Finn" to the screen and throughout has maintained the true Mark Twain flavor. It is a Paramount production.—adv.

Mines Opened By Virginians

Pikeville, Ky., is the Scene of Latest Operations.

Whitesburg, Ky., March 9.—Virginia people including S. L. Robinson and W. S. Elliott, of the state, have just organized the College Coal Mining Company at Pikeville, in Pike county, with a capital of \$100,000 after announcing a first-class development for the Little Creek section of Pike county. It is given out that two thousand acres or more will be developed, the initial work to start at once. It is planned to start the initial shipments by May 1.

This is one of the most important of corporations in which Virginians are interested in recent months.

The Blackwood Coal & Coke Company, operating on the Virginia side around Blackwood, have punctured the Big Black Mountains, having reached the Kentucky side on Cumberland river. Mining has come through the mountain at several different points. This is one of the veteran companies operating in Southwestern Virginia.

The Harlan Coal Company, one of the largest Louisville dealers handling Eastern Kentucky, have announced that they will open offices in this city with A. B. Ewen as manager. Other agencies will be established in this city as Whitesburg is the central point for the Elkhorn and Hazard fields.

The Elkhorn Collieries Company at Thornton Creek near Sergeant in this county have just completed a modern new tippie and have installed conveyors. New mines have also been opened by this company and it is expected that they will be able to double up on production within a few more days.

Wins in Damage Suit

R. L. Bowles, a resident of Big Stone Gap for many years, but who is now residing at Elizabethton, Tenn., was awarded \$5,700 in a damage suit last week in the Carter county circuit court at Elizabethton against the Southern Railway, as a result of serious injuries Mr. Bowles sustained when his automobile was hit on a railroad crossing at Bluff City, on January 12th, 1920. Mr. Bowles was confined in the hospital for several weeks and for a while it was thought his injuries would prove fatal. He says, however, he never fully recovered and suffers yet from the injuries.

The jury's verdict was sustained by the court, but it is understood that the Southern will probably make an appeal to a higher court.

Mr. Bowles was a visitor here a few days this week having come up to close a real estate deal. He was formerly in the garage business in Tennessee, but has sold out and is now dealing in real estate only. He owns quite a bit of desirable real estate and business buildings in Elizabethton from which he derives a handsome revenue.

CHRIST CHURCH

Lenten services every Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. conducted by the Rev. Paul Huntington, of Norton, Va. All welcome.

Disturbs Worship; Gets 30 Days.

Babe Wilder, 19, was fined \$16 and given 30 days in the county jail for disturbing services at the Primitive Baptist church near the iron furnace last Sunday.

A LARGER AND BETTER PAPER FOR WISE COUNTY

After Twenty-Seven Years of Continuous Publication The Post Will Be Greatly Improved

NEW EQUIPMENT

Nothing To Be Left Undone To Make The New Post Attractive and Useful to County

The Big Stone Gap Post holds the unique distinction of being the oldest paper in the county. When most of our young business men were children Mr. G. N. Knight issued his first copy of the Big Stone Gap Post. That was twenty-seven years ago. Except for eleven months in 1905, when the paper was leased to Dr. Larry, Mr. Knight has run it continuously and has never missed an issue.

To Enlarge Post.

With such a record behind him the public will welcome the announcement that the Post is going to be enlarged, and every effort made to bring it up to the standard the supporters of the paper deserve.

For twenty-seven years it has been issued as a four-page paper. About May 1st it will be enlarged to eight pages, and a county-wide campaign made for new subscriptions and advertisements. Mr. Knight has secured George Roebuck to look after this end of the paper and he will devote his entire time to this department. New features never used by papers in the county will be introduced, and nothing will be left undone to make the enlarged Post attractive and useful to the county.

Standard of County.

During the past twenty-five years Mr. Knight has built up the best equipped printing establishment in this part of the state. He has been fortunate in securing expert printers and layout men like Lindsey Horton, assistant editor of the Post and foreman of the mechanical department. He has grown up in the business right in the office of the Post.

J. W. Bish, a Big Stone Gap boy, will operate the new Linotype machine, which is a Model 14, and is a type foundry in itself. The Linotype was bought for two reasons; first, to make it possible to issue an eight page paper, and second, to take care of the job work, especially pamphlets, circulars and numerous other work not solicited by the company heretofore.

Hermon Felts, another Big Stone Gap boy, is the pressman and is responsible for the high-grade press work of this office. He will continue in this position on the enlarged paper. Another man in our mechanical department, an expert compositor and advertising man, is F. B. Stone, known throughout the county as manager of the Stone Poster Advertising Service. In the office Mr. Knight is assisted by Miss Parilee Bickley, who is bookkeeper and assistant secretary and treasurer. Two more important members of the staff are Miss Juliet

Knight and Mrs. Fred L. Troy, both reporters. With a staff like this the Post has long been accepted as the standard of the county.

Will Hold Same Ideal.

With many improvements in view the Wise Printing Company, publishers of the Post, will hold the same ideal which has made their reputation for expert workmanship and clean, healthy news matter. As in the past a "job" will be delivered when promised, the paper will be issued on schedule. The equipment in the offices consists of one Babcock cylinder press, four job presses, one of which is equipped with a Miller automatic feeder, a linotype and every convenience for a modern printing shop.

In making the improvements which naturally meant the outlay of several thousand dollars, the Wise Printing Company is confident that the public will lend their support as heretofore, both in advertising and subscriptions.

The new Post will make its debut about May 1. Watch for it; we believe you will find in it an unusual surprise.

WE EXPECT MORE YET BUT REVIEW THE SIGNS

Rastus Darkboy and His Yaller Dawg Vie With the Robbin to Prove it is Spring.

The rather nipping winds of last week failed to drive away the unmistakable signs of Spring.

The evidence was everywhere. Rastus Darkboy and his yaller dawg sat at the end of a birch fishing pole and thrilled to the first inquisitive nibble of a three inch perch. Between thrills he shivered and hugged close to a fire on the bank.

Marbles came out of the closet and down to the school lot. Many sensational shots were registered amid the cries of "Don't ye fudge!"

And for the folks who pick a dream from the robin's first call Spring was here. Here in the Gap more birds are to be found than in any other town in Wise county. For one familiar with bird notes last week told much. Hundreds of our northern friends were going north and they were not worrying about railroad rates.

Another sign was the numerous spirals of blue smoke rising from almost every back yard. Leaves and trash were being burned.

And this sudden optimism of almost all regarding the return of our old friend Business—reckon on it's just another sign? Maybe so, but the black diamond seems to be rolling east a little better these days.

CHRIST CHURCH

Services Sunday, March 19th, Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the Rev. E. C. Burnz. Everybody welcome.

The thief in the night is becoming a back number. Most of them are now pulled off in daylight.