

GAP BOY GOES TO BIG LEAGUE

Wayne Wright, Star of Louisville Club, Goes With St. Louis Browns.

Wayne Wright, who spent the winter in Big Stone Gap with his father-in-law, W. H. Carnes, left about two weeks ago for Mobile, Ala., where the St. Louis Browns, a team of the American League, are in training. Manager Lee Fohl of the Browns has great hopes in the Big Stone Gap slab artist, and considers him as one of his most promising pitchers. Wright began his baseball history while attending the Ohio State University. During one of the summer vacations he came to Big Stone Gap to play in the coal field league and met Miss Margaret Carnes. Later they were married and he continued on at school where he was studying medicine. His ability as a ball player soon convinced him that his future was in the great American game and he turned all his attention to it. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is rapidly finding his place among America's most popular stars.

The Washington Daily News has the following to say regarding Wright in an edition of last week:

The St. Louis Browns have 14 recruit pitchers in camp at Mobile and Manager Lee Fohl hopes to add considerable strength. Wayne Wright, former star of the Louisville club and Dave Danforth another associated star, seem to be the most promising candidates. If they come through Fohl will have seven pitchers of pretty reliable caliber.

Specialist Will Examine Children Free.

Saturday, March 18th has been set for the first of a series of free eye clinics for the children of the schools of the Richmond District. The work will be under the supervision of the local Red Cross, who will have the full cooperation of Supt. of Schools J. J. Kelly, Jr., Community Leagues, Associated Charities and numerous of other organizations.

The plan of the Red Cross is to make an intensive effort to have corrections made for every child in the Richmond District with defective vision before June 1st of this year.

Children who need the expert attention of an eye specialist will receive the best of attention without charge where it is necessary. Arrangements made by the Red Cross with Supt. Kelly to use the balance of the funds left on hand from the recent dental clinics will be used. If this amount is not sufficient the numerous county societies will furnish the needed money.

The children of Appalachia were taken to Norton Saturday, March 18. Dr. Miles, prominent specialist of that city will make all tests and fit the glasses free of charge. The truck which was used to convey the children to Norton was furnished by the Presbyterian church, of Big Stone Gap, for all occasions.

The children of East Stone Gap and Cracker's Neck will be taken to Norton, March 24, and the Imboden children March 31.

Other schools will be taken on dates to be decided later.

Keeping our best foot forward may be good advice, but it is a difficult method of progressing.

THE BUSIEST MAN IN WISE COUNTY

Knows When You Pawn the Old Homestead to Purchase a Twin Six or Rush to the License Bureau to Clinch the Promise of Your Best Girl.

With the docket jammed to record-breaking proportions another session of the Circuit Court of Wise county has gotten underway. With man asking for justice in this and that the path of the clerk of Wise county is a series of baffling twists and turns. Without Rich Roberts, clerk of Wise county, ex-officio clerk of the Board of Supervisors and ex-officio clerk of the Board of Revisors, acting as a sort of a high speed information bureau for all and sundry the lives of lawyers and clients would be sad indeed.

Rich Roberts Knows.

The duties of Clerk Roberts are too complicated and too numerous to record. A few of the more familiar ones are as follows: If you want a marriage license to knock the twilight out of a bad case of love sickness he is the man who issues the fatal instrument. If you give a deed of trust on the old homestead to buy a twin six he records the deed. If you find yourself facing a jury for criminal or other reasons he enters the proceedings in a huge book about the size of the original Oxford Bible. If you have reasons to believe your

best girl has eloped with the other fellow Clerk Roberts will show you whether the license has been recorded. In the old days there was a charge of twenty-five cents for this service, but Mr. Roberts has eliminated it. If you want certain information about deeds he will give it to you, and without charge. If you are a lawyer, and especially a young one, he is your best friend, for the clerk of Wise county has to know more law than the celebrated Philadelphia lawyer.

A Third More Work.

Since going into office on January 1, 1920, the work in his charge has increased one-third. Where one stenographer was able to turn out the work in 1919 three are now required, and often find it necessary to work eleven and twelve hours per day. Mr. Roberts might be able to turn out the work with less help, but has adopted the policy of public first. It is no longer necessary to wait for vital information.

Deputy Clerk C. A. Johnson is in charge of the court work.

He is a man who has exceptional ability for handling the

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Gilly Bros. Buy Norton Laundry Site.

Gilly Brothers Motor Company, of Norton, have purchased the building and lot of the Norton Laundry Company at 10th and Park avenue and will build a modern garage and service station.

The Norton Laundry Company will build a modern laundry building near the Interstate Coffin & Casket Company and will leave their present site as soon as the new building is completed.

Gilly Brothers are agents for the famous Buick and Overland cars. The Norton Laundry Company, Garner Stidham, president, is the largest establishment of its kind between Bluefield and Bristol. They employ nineteen people and have more than \$30,000 worth of up-to-date machinery.

D. C. Wolfe is On Jury.

D. C. Wolfe, of this city, is serving on the jury during the present session of the Circuit Court of Wise county. More than 900 cases are on the docket. At the present rate of progress it will require more than six months continual work to clear the docket.

CHRIST CHURCH

Lenten services on Wednesday, March 22, at 5:30 p. m. conducted by the Rev. Paul Huntington. All welcome.

WILL ASK PERMISSION TO HOLD ELECTIONS

Death of George L. Litton.

Friends and relatives of George Leonard Litton were grieved to learn of his death which occurred here at his home on Tuesday at 5:30 a. m., March 14, 1922.

He had been an invalid for more than three years, and while his death was not unexpected, it brought sadness to his loved ones and his friends. He was 30 years of age having been born in Lee county, August 21, 1891. At a very early age he was converted and united with Friendship Baptist church, near the home of his parents where he held his membership until his death. He and his family had only a short time ago moved to the Gap, with the hope that he might regain at least a part of his once vigorous health, and although loving hands administered unto him and best of medical skill was sought, he gently fell asleep in the morning of life. He was buried from Friendship church, Lee county, Va., on Wednesday at 2 p. m. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. M. Gibson, who had known him from boyhood. Bro. Gibson spoke of his sterling qualities and of his devotion to his family.

He leaves a wife who was formerly Miss Hallie Perry, of the Gap and two children, Geo. Leonard, Jr., and Betty Sue, aged 8 years and 2 years respectively to mourn his loss.

Those attending funeral services and burial of Mr. Litton from the Gap were: C. L. Perry, F. L. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hilton, Leonard Litton, Jr., I. C. Taylor.

From Dryden, John P. Herndon and Charles Herndon, Ira Skaggs, who had been a family servant for many years.

Knight Templers Will Banquet Easter.

The Knight Templers will hold their annual banquet at Norton Easter.

The exact date of the affair is not known, but will be made public in a few days.

A number of men from Big Stone Gap, Appalachia and Stonegap went to Norton Thursday night when the plans were being perfected by the organization.

NEW AUTO CONCERN FOR BIG STONE GAP

Lonesome Pine Motor Company Will Sell Durant Four—Building Under Way.

The Lonesome Pine Motor Company, a new concern which will sell the Durant car, expect to be in their new building which is being erected on East Fifth street, in about sixty days.

The first shipment of the new Durant line was received last week and Dr. J. W. Kelly, president of the company, has expressed himself as being well pleased by the reception the cars received.

The Durant is a beautiful four cylinder machine and will sell for \$1,000. Dr. Kelly pointed out that the Durant has features that are only found on much higher priced cars. The car has handsome lines, is elegant in its appointments and will probably become popular among the great masses who do not wish to put a great deal of money in automobiles.

R. B. McGeekin, well-known architect of Big Stone Gap, planned the new building which will comprise an up-to-date show room and filling station. The structure will be 48x48 and of brick construction.

The officers of the new company have not been selected as yet, but Dr. J. W. Kelly will probably be president and A. P. Hammond, secretary.

Roberson and Lipps District Would Vote for Bond Issues—\$261,000 Involved.

Formal petition will be made this week by the County Board of Supervisors to Judge H. A. W. Skeen for permission to hold bond elections in Roberson and Lipps Districts.

The Roberson District wants to vote on a \$136,000 bond issue to build roads from the Pound to Wise. The Lipps bond issue will be for \$125,000 and the money used to build roads in and around Coeburn and St. Paul.

The resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors at their regular monthly meeting at Wise on Tuesday, March 14th.

The following members of the board were present: A. L. Witt, Big Stone Gap, W. C. Franks, W. S. Barker, J. H. Stanley and R. R. Roberts, ex-officio clerk of the board.

Major W. A. Stuart Busy at Wise.

Major Wm. A. Stuart, of this city, is busy this week in Judge Skeen's court at Wise. He is taking an important part in a case between the Beaver Coal Company, of Norton, vs. a widow lady who lost her husband while working on electric wires of the Beaver people. \$10,000 is the amount of damages asked for by the woman.

During the last term of court the case occupied four days and resulted in a hung jury.

Advice has been received that the second trial has resulted in a hung jury. The case has been continued over to next court.

Mayor Horsley Pleads at Wise

Mayor W. J. Horsley, of Big Stone Gap, was one of the prominent lawyers to appear in Judge Skeen's court at Wise during the first week of the spring term of the Circuit Court of Wise county.

THESPINS TO GIVE STRUTTER REVUE

Prof. Garrett's Hi Boys to Produce Great Show

"The Dark Town Strutter Revue" is the name of the big minstrel show which is to be produced by the local high school boys March 31.

The rehearsals have been under way for quite a while under the expert direction of Prof. Garrett, and everything is shaping up nicely for an evening of genuine fun for the Big Stone Gap theatre goers.

The Strutter Revue is a breezy farce in three side-splitting scenes. The first, of course, will be the time-honored circle. The end men are none other than Rudolph Youell and Carl Banks. They will be assisted in poking fun at the local celebrities by a complete circle of about 30 men. The last scene is laid in a barber shop, and those who have seen the rehearsals declare that the original barber shop scene of Lew Fields is not in it.

The proceeds of the show will be used to help the athletic department of the high school win new honors in Wise county this spring.

No one doubts that the Strutters will ring up on a full house and deliver the best kind of a show for the small admission fee asked.

Revival at the M. E. Church, South.

Beginning Sunday, March 25 the public and all the churches are asked to co-operate.

Rev. R. G. Reynolds, the pastor, will do the preaching and Prof. T. J. Scott will have charge of the music.

Rev. Reynolds has had considerable experience in revival work, having held successful revivals in many of the leading churches of the conference and always doing the work in his own pastorate.

Prof. Scott comes here very highly recommended. For years he has been singing for all denominations.

He is a real Gospel singer.

The most useful of all libraries is a man's thinkery.

Music Study Club

The Big Stone Gap Music Study Club met on Wednesday, March 15th, at the home of Mrs. J. F. Bullitt, Jr., and enjoyed a most interesting program of Grieg as follows:

- Reading: "Sketch of Grieg's Life" Mrs. Malvina Smith
- Reading: "Sketch of Grieg's Music" Mrs. E. E. Goodloe
- Piano Solo: "The Butterfly" Miss Ruth Smith
- Vocal Solo: "The Swan" Mrs. L. C. Taylor
- Piano Solo: "Minuet" Mrs. Sara Williams Black
- Vocal Solo: "The First Primrose" Miss Phlips
- Piano Solo: (a) "Peer Gynt" (b) "To Spring" Mrs. Black

The reading of "Grieg's Life" was most interesting, and the short sketch of "Grieg's Music" especially the description of the Peer Gynt suite, with its trolis and dark caves, aided greatly in a better understanding of his weird music. The "Papillon" (Butterfly) was familiar and charming. The "Swan," though not so familiar, has the same weird melody of his other pieces, and the song, "To a Primrose" was very beautiful. Mrs. Black's piano solos were very fine, "To Spring," especially bringing hearty applause.

Members and guests enjoying the afternoon were: Mesdames, E. E. Goodloe, Otis Mouser, D. B. Pierson, J. L. McCormick, J. H. Mathews, I. C. Taylor, Malcolm Smith, Will Goodloe, S. H. Goodwin, Will Rush, J. F. Bullitt, Jr., Mrs. S. W. Black, Dorothy Owens Brown, A. D. Owens, and Misses Ruth Smith and Nita Goodloe.

Miss Mary Ramsey having declined the office of president of the music club, Mrs. Sara Williams Black was nominated and elected president with Mrs. J. F. Bullitt, 1st vice president, and Mrs. J. L. McCormick, 2nd vice president.

After the business of the day was finished, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Goodwin and Miss Nita Goodloe, served delicious refreshments. Meeting then adjourned. The next meeting will be with Mrs. A. D. Owens and Dorothy Owens Brown on the third Wednesday in April.

LIVESAY INJURED WHEN BARN BURNS

Gasoline Explosion Results in Loss of Car and Barn—No Insurance.

The barn of J. M. Livesay, a taxi driver of place, was completely destroyed by fire about 9:00 o'clock Wednesday evening. A Ford touring car which was also stored in the building was also a total loss.

The fire is said to have started from an explosion of gasoline which Livesay was pouring into the tank of the car from a hand container. He had just arrived home from Norton and intended to leave at an early hour Thursday morning for Pennington Gap and was filling the gasoline tank before going to bed. The heat from the engine is thought to have caused the explosion which burned his arm and set the building in flames.

All efforts to save the barn were useless. Fanned by a light breeze the fire had practically gutted the building before the fire apparatus reached the scene.

It is understood that neither the car nor the building were covered by insurance.

Public Responds to Bigger Post Idea and Back Promises With Cash

That Wise county is eager for a live up-to-date weekly newspaper is no longer in doubt. Following the announcement last week that the Big Stone Gap Post would be enlarged to eight pages has met with enthusiastic approval.

The conservative record of the Post as a medium for clean, unbiased news was accepted by the public as a guarantee for the promises made. The best evidence of this faith is the unusual number of subscribers who have voluntarily come in and paid

Dixie Christian Endeavor Day Last Sunday

Special services were held in the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening in the interest of the Christian Endeavor which is the largest inter-denominational young peoples' movement in the world.

Regardless of the bad weather there were but four members absent with several visitors present. The leader, Peter Wolfe, Jr., had arranged a very enjoyable program for the evening which consisted of interesting talks on the organization and progress of Christian Endeavor in Dixie. The special music for the occasion were vocal solos by Misses Gertrude Snodgrass, a member of the East Stone Gap faculty, and Juliet Knight, of the Gap; a violin solo by Mrs. N. H. Salyer and a special song by the boys.

O. W. Rhodenhiser Goes to Bristol.

O. W. Rhodenhiser, superintendent of the telephone department of the Stonegap Coke & Coal Company, was in Bristol last Saturday on business.

Mary Alice, his daughter, accompanied him on the trip. They returned to Stonegap, Saturday night.

their subscriptions and expressed their good wishes for the success of the new paper.

The success of the new Post will naturally mean the outlay of considerable money and the management has been gratified at the response made by the public to its call for support. Letters are now being sent out to all subscribers asking that they remit for subscriptions past due and for a year in advance. The subscription price will remain \$1.50 until it is found that such

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