

ROAD WORK TO START IN JUNE

Bids on Bonds to Be Received by Sinking Fund Committee Up to May 10th.

Work of rebuilding the road from depot to depot will be in full swing by June 1st if the present plans of the Sinking Fund Commissioners are carried out.

At a special meeting on last Thursday night the Committee passed a resolution to offer the bonds for sale. The bids will be received up to and including May 10th, when they will be disposed of to the lowest bidder. J. B. Wampler of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, stated Friday that the town would receive a better price than when the bonds were sold and turned back on the town for a vote of the people. He said that the bond market was in much better shape now and that it was probable the bonds could be sold for about 5 1/2 per cent. interest rate. They also expect to sell the greater part of them at par now that firmer bond market is in evidence.

Those attending the meeting were J. B. Wampler, A. L. Witt, W. J. Horsley and Max Graber. W. S. Rose was the only member of the Commissioners absent. W. T. Goodloe, while not a member, was present.

It has not been decided yet which link of the road will be built first. While the L. & N. route is being built the old Dummy line road will be used as a detour.

The following road improvements are planned by the council: An 18 foot concrete road from the Southern depot to the L. & N. depot; repair East 5th street from bridge to Wyandotte avenue; widen Wood avenue between Je-

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FEAST AND ORATORY MARKS COEBURN RALLY

Newly Organized Chamber of Commerce Entertain 200 Guests as Plans For Industrial Awakening Are Laid—Booster Counts Was There and Happy.

The newly organized Chamber of Commerce, of Coeburn, entertained two hundred guests at an elaborate banquet in that city on last Saturday night. J. L. Camblos, Norton's newest aspirant for mayoralty honors, acted as toastmaster. Many other prominent speakers were present from out of town.

From the Gap was present that tireless promoter of progress, William Gibbs Coatts, to whose indefatigable efforts the new Chamber of Commerce owes its existence.

The boosters met in a large garage where two tables one hundred feet long were set for the occasion. From eight until eleven the evening was devoted to speech making and the planning of a general industrial awakening for Coeburn. Music and some excellent singing helped to make the evening a great success. Promptly at eleven o'clock the banquet was served.

Six weeks ago the Chamber of Commerce was organized in the office of W. S. Murphy, with six members and Booster William G. Coatts. They have sixty today and expect to have a hundred within sixty days. J. P. Lay, father of Miss Kate Lay, one of the attractive teachers of the local school, is the president, and A. B. Tate, a lawyer of Coeburn, is the first secretary. Other prominent Coeburn men who are actively connected with the organization are C. O. Ramsey, banker; I. N. Mills, real estate man; J. D. Clay, of the Coeburn Wholesale Grocery Company; J. L. Lutz and many others.

They meet on Friday afternoon of each week.

INTER HIGH ATHLETES TO BATTLE FOR COUNTY HONORS HERE SATURDAY

Stars of Diamond and Track Will Gather at Gap for Elimination Contests Which Will Decide Who Will Represent County in State Meet at Charlottesville.

CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL GAME A FEATURE

Local Boys Confident They Will Carry Off Honors for Third Time—Trigg Miller and Letcher Bunn Will Provide High Jump Thrills—Both Hold High Records

The Inter-High School track meet and Field Day will be held on the local ball ground next Saturday, April 29th. Teams from all High Schools in the county have been entered to compete for the honor of representing Wise county at Charlottesville in May.

One of the leading features of the day will be the championship ball game between Big Stone Gap and Wise. To date neither team has been defeated, and a great game is expected. The winner of this championship contest will represent the county at Charlottesville. H. L. Sulfridge, principal of the school here, is confident the Gapites will down the Wise aggregation with ease.

For the past two years Big Stone has won the championship of the county. This year, they expect to do it again, but they are contending with stronger teams both in baseball and the track events.

Letcher Bunn, star high jumper of the Gap, is expected to do great things this year. Last year he went to Charlottesville for the county and lost the high jump by only 7 and 3/4 inches. He has worked steadily and hard during the past year and will easily beat his record of 67 inches for last year. In Trigg Miller, Norton's polished orator, he has a dangerous rival in Wise county. Miller can jump like he can talk, and he holds the county record for shooting a mean line of eloquence. Norton is placing their hopes on him in next Saturday's battle. He is also a star on the track and the local boys are expecting some trouble from him.

Wise swept the county before them in the preliminary debating and reading contest at Norton this year. They won in practically everything but the oratory contest, and the fiery Fulton lost to Trigg Miller only by a narrow margin. They are coming to the Gap with blood in their eyes. Their ball team is championship

timber, and they have the added confidence of not losing a game this year. When they cross bats with Coach Garrett's pill tossers at 3:30 next Saturday afternoon something is confidently expected to happen along the lines of the unusual.

"Y. M. C. A." (John L. Turner, of Norton, will be director of the event. He is an experienced handler of boys and athletics and his name is a guarantee of fine sport and a large day for all supporters of county athletics. He will be assisted by numerous representatives of the various competing schools.

The field events will begin promptly at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning and run through until 3:30 when the championship ball game between Wise and the Gap will get underway.

Extensive preparations are being made to accommodate the large crowds expected. The track will be whipped into shape and the diamond cleaned and rolled.

An admission of thirty-five cents will be charged for adults, which includes a seat in the grandstand for the entire day. Children will be admitted for fifteen cents. One ticket is good for all events, including the ball game. The money thus taken in will be used to help defray the expenses to the winning teams to Charlottesville where they will compete for state honors.

The following is the list of events:

- 100-yard dash
- 220-yard run
- 440-yard run
- 880-yard run
- One mile run
- 120-yard low hurdles
- High jump
- Board jump
- Pole vault
- 12-pound shot put
- Javelin throw
- Relay race

IS IT NECESSARY TO LIE IN BUSINESS?

That is the Theme of the New High School Farce, "Nothing But the Truth," Which is to Be Presented Soon.

H. L. Sulfridge, principal of the High School, was the guest at a special rehearsal of "Nothing But the Truth," the famous Willie Collier farce, in the school auditorium last Tuesday evening. The farce is being staged under the direction of Miss Rice, one of the teachers, and will be presented by the Senior class on the evening of April 28th.

Many people in the Gap who follow things theatrical will recall "Nothing But the Truth." Willie Collier played it for two years in New York and for several more seasons on the road. It was the first of the type of play known as the "American farce." It is typically American in construction, treatment and subject, and is one of the most amusing and surprising plays written in any language.

The story of "Nothing But the Truth" opens in the Wall Street office of an American business man who is rather careless with the way he handles the truth. It is his belief that a man cannot do business without lying. In his office he has a young man who still clings to the ideals of his boyhood and stoutly maintains that he can do business and not lie. The older man offers to bet him ten thousand dollars that he cannot do business for twenty-four hours without telling a lie. About this time the daughter of the man who has little faith in the truth turns up, sorily in trouble, having just lost ten thousand dollars. Unless she can replace the amount serious trouble will follow. She must have it within twenty-four hours. The younger man, who is in love with her, takes her father's bet that he can go for twenty-four hours and not tell a lie.

The rest of the play is a scream. It would spoil a great evening for any one not familiar with the story to give it away. Suffice it is to say that no man ever lived with so many chances to lie. He almost loses everything, friends, sweetheart and reputation during the twenty-four hours that follow, but that's the story you'll want to see.

Rehearsals have been going on for some time. The special rehearsal witnessed by Mr. Sulfridge was almost perfect, he said, and he has great hopes for the final production.

Since it has outgrown the boot-leg stage, we ought to call it by another name.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE HOLDS MEETING

H. L. Sulfridge Elected Chairman of District K.

On last Monday afternoon at the School Auditorium, the Community League held a very interesting meeting. This meeting started their work anew because it had been discontinued during the winter months on account of the weather and illness. New officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Mrs. L. C. Taylor, one of the leading workers of the Gap was elected president, Mrs. J. W. Chalkley, vice-president of the Senior League, Prof. H. L. Sulfridge was elected chairman of District K. This is one of the most important offices of the league. This district includes the counties of Wise, Lee, Scott, Russell, Tazewell, Buchanan and Dickenson. Prof. Sulfridge is a very capable man and his district will be well taken care of. Mrs. H. E. Fox, Chairman of the Parent-Teachers' Association, Mrs. D. C. Wolfe, Secretary and Mrs. A. D. Owens, Treasurer, Mrs. N. H. Salyer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Otis Mouser, Chairman of School Yard Committee, Mrs. R. T. Irvine, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, Mrs. J. L. McCormick, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee and Miss Juliet Knight, Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

It is the duty of every citizen to take interest in this work and especially the younger citizens. The league needs their interest and aid. The first Wednesday afternoon in every month, the Community League will meet at the School Auditorium. The vice president's report for last year's work will be published in our next week's issue.

W. D. FULLER WEDS SCOTT COUNTY GIRL

Norton Merchant and Miss Margaret Williams of Gate City Were Married Last Wednesday—Spending Honeymoon in Florida.

The many friends of W. D. Fuller, one of the partners of the famous Fuller Brothers chain of department stores, with headquarters in Norton, were surprised to hear of his marriage to Miss Margaret Williams, of Gate City, last Wednesday.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. Williams, and for the past three years has been a teacher in the schools of Kingsport, Tenn.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy pair left for an extended honeymoon trip to Florida. They will be at home in Norton after May 15th.

MRS. E. E. GOODLOE ENTERTAINS

Mrs. E. E. Goodloe entertained delightfully Friday afternoon with six tables of cards at her handsome home on Poplar Hill, complimentary to her niece, Mrs. Jess Smith (nee Miss Marguerite Goodloe), of Detroit, who is spending some time in the Gap.

Mrs. D. B. Pierson won the prize and Mrs. B. F. Warner cut the consolation prize.

Following the game a delicious salad course was served the guests at the card tables.

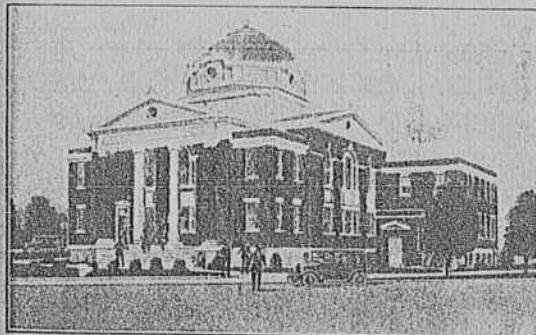
The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with bowls and vases of spring flowers.

DEATH OF MRS. LEONARD

Mrs. B. F. Leonard died at her home here Sunday night at 11:45 o'clock following a lingering illness at the age of 36 years. The body was taken to Kingsport, Tenn., Monday afternoon for burial near the old home place of the deceased. Funeral services were conducted at the Broad Street Methodist church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The deceased is survived by her husband and three children.

There is one common ground upon which we can all agree. That is our inalienable right to disagree.

First Baptist Church of Norton



Congressman Upshaw, of Georgia, Known as "The Georgia Cyclone," to be the Speaker at the Opening of the New Baptist Church at Norton

The new Baptist church at Norton will have its opening day April 30th. Congressman W. D. Upshaw, of Georgia, known as the "Georgia Cyclone" will be the speaker for the occasion. He will address the mass-meeting at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. on Sunday and will give his famous lecture "John and His Hat" in the church Monday, May 1 at 8 p. m.

The Baptist churches of all the surrounding country have been invited to attend these meetings and hear this distinguished speaker. Many of the Baptists of this section will take advantage of the opportunity to hear this great Baptist statesman. Some of the churches will come in groups, others will have representatives present as can be arranged for conveniently.

All the churches of Norton of all denominations have been invited. Probably all of them will leave off one of their services and some of them leave off both services on Sunday in order that their people may have the privilege of hearing this distinguished orator.

The new building is one of the most complete church plants in all this section of the country. It expresses the last word in Sunday School architecture. It is built for a complete graded Sunday School, with a class room for every year of child life from three to seventeen and with sexes di-

vided from nine to seventeen. There are two senior and two adult class rooms, a total of twenty-seven regular class rooms. The general appearance of the building gives the impression of beauty, strength and efficiency.

The committee is especially fortunate in securing this distinguished orator, statesman, publicist as the speaker for this auspicious occasion. It will be a great treat for the people of this section to hear him.

It looks as though we are to have a great day. Every prospect pleases. For the vast throng that will surely hear these messages there is a great feast in store. All the visitors will have the privilege of seeing through this great plant and rejoicing with the Baptists whose wonderful work and sacrifice have transformed this beautiful dream into a charming reality.

Every one is invited to attend these meetings. And every one up to the very limit of the capacity of the building will be given an opportunity to hear this distinguished orator.

MUSIC RECITAL

Mrs. Sara Williams Black and pupils, assisted by Mrs. J. F. Bullitt, Jr., soprano, will give a recital in Appalachia school auditorium on Thursday night, April 27, eight o'clock, central time.

BIG STONE STIRS FROM ITS APATHY

George Roebuck is giving the Big Stone Gap Post new life since he joined the staff as editorial writer, reporter, and business solicitor. With the new linotype which Mr. Knight installed a few weeks ago, the Post is equipped to maintain a pace that the other papers will find zestful to follow, and George is filling eight pages each week with spicy news items, pertinent and conservative editorials, and advertisements that face you with the mien of a good salesman.

Local issues are being aired, to the satisfaction of those progressively bent, and the disquietude of those wrapped in the cocoon of foggyism. The bond issue for the building of new streets was a hard fought question, but it is safe to say that had the Post used the soft pedal instead of the megaphone the bond issue would have fizzled and John Ed's criticism been deserved more than it was. Any sort of activity is better than stagnation. The man who is on his feet running every which way can reverse himself and go in the right direction, but the fossilized fog sitting down and twiddling his thumbs can't start in any direction without an effort almost beyond his strength. Go to it, Post!—Crawford's Weekly.

We have no objection to the army and navy being reduced in size, provided congress agrees to do the fighting the next time we get into a scrap.

SCOTT AND TRINKLE TO BID ON STREET WORK

Prominent among the many bidders for the contract for constructing the new concrete road from depot to depot will be Scott and Trinkle, road builders of Norton.

In the last three years this firm has built over thirty miles of road in Wise and Lee.

Within the past two years they have built nine miles of road between Kent Junction and Pardee; 3 miles between Appalachia and Linden; 7 miles between Imboden and Winding Ridge; 3 miles between Esserville and Wise, and other important pieces in both counties.

MRS. R. E. TAGGART RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Ralph Taggart and three attractive children, Ralph, Jr., Virginia and Dan Reeder, returned Thursday to their home in the Gap after an absence of nearly a year which time has been spent at Oceana View, Va., and Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. Taggart met them in Knoxville and accompanied them home.

Would you pick up a dime on the street? Then read the ads in this paper. They guide you to merchants who save you dimes, and dollars, too. When it is worth advertising it is worth having.

ORDINARY IS A WISE COUNTY TOWN

But it might have been Ordinary, U. S. A., for human nature in New York City or Ramsey, Wise county, Va., is just human nature. Orphans and Small Town people live and breathe in

"UP BOBS ZIPPIE-ZIP"

The first book-length novel by George Roebuck, which starts on page 3 of this issue

George Roebuck needs no introduction to fiction readers or theatre goers in the south. People have laughed at his plays from Richmond to the Pan Handle of Texas, and paid real money to do it—thousands of them.

But here is his first novel, laid down in Wise county, and the orphanage in which he was raised, move people and events with which you are familiar. Oliver Underwood Remington Smith is the hero, but who in Wise county is not acquainted with him? And Zippie-Zip? A wise county girl you will love and want to know. Ordinary is the name of a Wise county town known the country over.

Start the first chapter today. After that it will make you finish it.
G. N. KNIGHT, Editor.