

## E. 5TH STREET AND L. & N. BRIDGES WILL BE REPAIRED SOON

Contract Has Been Let for Concrete Floors and Structural Improvements—L. & N. Bridge Closed Necessitating Detour

Contract has been let by the town for extensive repairs to the East 5th street bridge. The ball used by the old dummy line will be of concrete construction and work will start at once. The portion now used will also be rebuilt, but the floor will be of wood. Repairs to the steel structure will also be made. The cost will approximately be \$3,000.

The bridge at the L. & N. depot has been declared unsafe and closed to the public. The old dummy line route is now being used as a detour to the station and will continue to be used until the concrete road has been built.

The repairs to this bridge will be more extensive than those for the East 5th street crossing. The cost will be about \$3,000.

Bids for the construction of the new concrete street will be opened in the Mayor's office on the evening of May 25th at 8 o'clock. As soon as possible thereafter work will be started on the detour to depot route. Mayor Horsley has expressed himself as being highly pleased with the sale of the bonds by the Sinking Fund Commissioners.

## EAST STONE FINALS BEGIN FRIDAY NIGHT

First Night Will Be Devoted to Students in Lower Grades—Graduating Exercises Take Place Saturday Evening

The closing exercises of the East Stone Gap High School will start Friday evening of this week. The first evening will be devoted to the Primary and Grammar grades. The program will be the work of children of the first to seventh grades. An operetta, songs and drills will make up the interesting program for Friday night.

Saturday will be Class Day for the Seniors. Eight students will graduate. Miss Mildred Caywood is president and valedictorian of the class. Those who will finish in the class of '22 are: Mildred Caywood, Stella Tate, Marie Scott, Sally Gilly, Odette Wells, Anne Caywood, George Buchanan and Jessie Williams.

## KNIGHT AND GUNTNER WINNERS IN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

Miss Ruth Barron and Earl Wilson Lose Only by Narrow Margin—Small Crowd Enjoyed the Debate

Carl Knight and Miss Ruth Guntner, of the local High School, won the \$10 and \$5 gold pieces offered as prizes by the American Legion, Appalachia Post, for the best oration on "Resolved that the National Bonus Bill as Proposed in Congress Should Be Passed." Knight spoke for the affirmative and Miss Guntner for the negative.

The subject was debated, but instead of giving the prizes to the best debating team, the individual excellence of the speaker was judged. Miss Ruth Barron and Carl Knight spoke for the affirmative, and Miss Ruth Guntner and Earl Wilson for the negative. Both Miss Barron and Earl Wilson made splendid orations, and the winners carried off the prize only by a narrow margin.

The audience was small, but those attending were more than repaid. The Judges were J. B. Wampler, W. H. Wren, and George Roebuck.

The American Legion is also offering \$10 and \$5 in gold to the students of the East Stone Gap school who writes the best essay on "What Good Roads Have Done for My Community."

## REVIVAL OPENS UNDER BIG TOP

"Have You Been Born Again?" Dr. Thomson's Subject for First Sermon—All Churches Will Join in Effort to Make Revival Greatest in Town's Religious History

Dr. Harry A. Thomson delivered the opening sermon of the Presbyterian revival in the big tent opposite the Post Office last



DR. HARRY A. THOMSON  
Evangelist

night when his subject was "Have You Been Born Again?" The tent was well filled before the song service was concluded and the speaker started his discourse for the evening.

Dr. Thomson is not seven feet tall, as first reported. The towers above the six foot notch and looks considerably taller. He is a powerful and pleasing speaker, and leaves the impression that his life is wholly dedicated to his cause. He spoke for about one hour.

The revival was brought to the city by the Presbyterian church, and will be a union meeting, as all churches of the town will participate. Services will be held every evening at 7:30 with the exception of Monday, when Dr. Thomson takes a deserved rest. Everybody is cordially invited to attend every meeting.

## APPALACHIA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

The Appalachia Community League will give a musical comedy in the High School auditorium at Appalachia Thursday night, May 25th. "Savage Land" is the name of the comedy and is full of fun and frolic from the rise of the curtain to the end of the play, which lasts two hours. The principals and chorus number about thirty and at no time will the audience be given a dull moment. The proceeds of the play go into the treasury of the Civic League and the money used to finance one of their worthy efforts. The league has been a wonderful help to their town and especially the school. They did exceptionally fine work last year and we predict for them a success this year from the way they have begun. Every one should attend their play and keep this splendid work going. Besides they promise one of the best evenings we can spend this year.

## RAYMOND V. LONG WILL SPEAK FOR HILLMAN

Supervisor of Trade and Industrial Education Will Make Principal Address When Corner Stone of New High School is Laid—Hillman Detained

Raymond V. Long, State Supervisor of Trade and Industrial Education, will make the principal address here on May 27 when the corner stone of the new High School building is to be laid.

J. N. Hillman, Secretary of the State Board of Education, notified Mr. H. L. Sulfridge that urgent business would prevent his coming to the Gap for that occasion.

Mr. Long is a brilliant speaker, a prominent Mason and one of the leading educators in the state.

Never rush into an argument without first counting the cost of defeat.

## CLASS OF '22 WILL GRADUATE 22; ELEVEN BOYS AND ELEVEN GIRLS FORM LARGEST CLASS IN YEARS

Practically One-Fourth of County's Diploma Winners Will Come From Gap—Arthur Foster Will Graduate First in the Class and Is Its Valedictorian

## GREATEST SCHOOL YEAR IN COUNTY'S HISTORY

Total Enrollment Will Be More Than 11,000 With Average Attendance of 8,500—The 250 Teachers Receive \$230,000 Per Year—Property Worth More Than a Million

The graduating class of the Big Stone Gap High School is the largest turned out in this city in years. Twenty-two of the county's eighty-two graduates will come from the local school.

The Senior class exercises will be held in the High School auditorium on the evening of Friday, May 26th. Arthur Foster, valedictorian of the class, will be valedictorian, and, according to custom, graduates first in his class. Ortha Hise comes second.

The Friday evening exercises will formally mark the close of the class activities here. Monday evening, May 29, they will go to Coeburn where Superintendent J. J. Kelly, Jr., will present each graduate with a diploma. This occasion will be attended by all schools of the county having graduates.

## Finals Begin Here Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon Miss Mary Martha Davidson's pupils will give a musical at 5:30 o'clock. The Domestic Science class of Miss Billie Fulton and the Art class of Mrs. H. J. Sulfridge will have exhibits in the hallway leading to the auditorium. The work of both of these classes have excited a great deal of favorable comment this year and those attending the musical are urged to make a careful study of the exhibits on their way in. Mrs. Sulfridge has some very promising talent in her art class. Miss Fulton's girls can hang out the "house keeping" shingle any time they please.

Saturday afternoon, the cornerstone of the new High School building will be laid by the Mayor in order in this place. Raymond V. Long, supervisor of Trade and Industrial Education, will make the principal address. J. N. Hillman, secretary of the State Board of Education, was slated to deliver the address, but a long string of appointments made it impossible and Mr. Long consented to come in his place. The same evening the grammar grades will present an elaborate time.

## J. B. PAYNE ENDS OWN LIFE BY PLACING SHOT GUN IN HIS MOUTH AND PULLING TRIGGER WITH STRING ATTACHED TO FOOT

Body Was Discovered by A. O. Umstead About 5 o'Clock Tuesday Evening—Is a Member of Prominent Kentucky Family—Despondency Thought to Have Led to Suicide

Placing the muzzle of a double-barreled shot-gun in his mouth, and pressing the trigger by means of a string attached to his foot, John B. Payne, dayman, of this place, instantly killed himself some time Monday night or early Tuesday morning. When the body was discovered in the Payne barn by A. O. Umstead, manager of the Electric Transmission Company, about 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a lantern was burning by the dead man's side. His hands still held to the barrel of the gun. Death was instant as the charge entered the mouth and blew away the back of his head.

Payne came to the Gap about two years ago from Lexington, Ky., and located here for his health. During the boom period of the Gap he was at one time cashier of the old Appalachia Bank which was doing business here at that time. He is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Lexington. Prior to coming here two years

ago he spent some time in a hospital in Lexington in an effort to regain his health.

Friends of the dead man say that he has been despondent for some time. He was a bachelor, and never boarded in one place for any length of time. His hearing was affected and he was said to be sensitive regarding the defect, and this is thought to be one of the reasons why he changed his boarding houses so much.

He is survived by two sisters, both of Lexington, who were notified of his death by Mr. Horace Fox, who has been acquainted with the Payne family for a number of years.

The body was viewed by Mayor Horsley, who decided that the man came to his death by his own hand. An inquest was not held. Shortly after Mayor Horsley went to the scene of the suicide the body was removed to Taylor's undertaking establishment where it was prepared for removal to Lexington to which place it was escorted Tuesday night by Horace Fox and R. T. Irvine.

If the dead man left a statement of any kind it had not been found up to the time of going to press. His unexpected end came as a shock and surprise to all his friends.

## Examinations Now On

Final examinations for the term began Monday afternoon in some of the lower grades. The work began in earnest on Tuesday when examinations were started in schools above the county.

Many who are familiar with the educational advancement of the county claim that this year has been one of the most successful the county has ever known. The total enrollment this year was more than 11,000, with an average attendance of 8,500. The county will pay the 250 teachers \$230,000 this year. Of the 11,000 students enrolled, and of the 8,500 who attended regularly, only 82 will graduate. This seems like a small percentage. It is not. The standard has been set as good as the state offers anywhere, and the student who carries a diploma away from Coeburn will also carry the satisfaction of knowing that his preliminary education is as good as the best.

## SUPERVISORS WILL CONDEMN PROPERTY

"Missing Link" in Proposed Big Stone to Bristol Highway Will Receive Prompt Attention of Lee County Supervisors

The "missing link," or that portion of the proposed Bristol to Big Stone Gap Highway between Oretown and Jasper, which seems to have been the stumbling block in the way of boosters of this highway, will be located and condemned by the Board of Supervisors of Lee county at their next meeting in Jonesville May 29th.

This five mile stretch between Oretown and Jasper is situated in Lee county. Wise county has graded and put down macadam almost to the Lee county line. On the other side of the "missing link" Scott county has sold bonds and let contracts for the construction of a road to the Lee county line. It has been claimed that this road was not built because the Lee county road supervisors took the money received from the Southern which parallels the proposed route and applied it to the construction of roads in other parts of the county.

Effort is being made to have a substantial representation of Lee county road boosters at the Jonesville meeting May 29th. The actual construction of the link would cut down into its name between Big Stone Gap and Bristol about fifty miles. At present it is necessary to go to St. Paul and around. During the past winter, and up to now, this has been almost impossible on account of the mud. It is also rumored that definite sentiment for routing of the Lee line one mile north via the Natural Tunnel instead of down by Jonesville is gaining ground.

Christ Church, at the school house on Sunday morning, there will be no preaching. Sunday school as usual at 10 a. m.

## PARAGRAPH HAPPENINGS

R. T. McMillan, of Norfolk, is spending a few days in the Gap this week visiting his sister, Mrs. W. W. Lee.

The Lloyd family will meet with Mrs. E. L. Taylor, Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Miss Samuel McQueen and Mrs. Donald Brecken, recent brides, were the honorees of a home party of lovely appointments at the home of Mrs. C. H. Mowbray on Popular Hill Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Madsen and children, of Appalachia, spent Sunday in the Gap with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hillon.

Mrs. E. L. Norton, delightfully entertained with a dinner party Sunday in honor of her husband's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones and children of Appalachia were guests at the dinner party.

Misses Ala and Ethura Russell, of Conley, Bridget, Va., are the attractive guests of their aunt, Mr. W. D. Burn, in the Gap this week.

Rev. C. W. Deau, of Pulaski, former pastor of the Southern Methodist church at this place, was in the Gap this week, on his return home from a trip to Tazewell.

Miss Cora Griffin left Monday for Louisville, Ky., where she will attend the graduation exercises of her sister.

Miss Ruth Watson, of Norton, who has been working in Kelly's Drug Store for several months left last week for Valparaiso, Ind., where she has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Collier and daughter, of Stonegap, were in town one day last week shopping and visiting friends.

Frank Altmann, who has been employed for some time as truck driver on county road work, will soon take up a new position with the Norton Packing Company at Norton.

Clifford Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Smith, of the Gap, who is attending school at Washington and Lee University, has been elected vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. for the next year. Clifford will return to his home in June for the summer vacation.

## EAST STONE GAP WILL BUILD NEW \$75,000 SCHOOL

Bonds Are Sold and Work Will Begin Soon—Plan to Have it Completed for Next Term—School Holds County Attendance Record

The school board of East Stone Gap are making plans for the building of a \$75,000 brick school building this summer. The bonds for the work were sold last week and the board hopes to have the new building ready for next September. It will have 14 rooms and be two stories.

The rapid growth of the school makes the building of a modern school building necessary. At present 365 students are enrolled, and more would be taken care of but for the crowded condition. About five years ago an addition was made to the present school structure but soon became crowded. The school holds the attendance record of the county, holding an average of 95 per cent. for the term.

J. T. Graham, principal of the school, has been one of the most successful heads the school has ever had. He is a young man, and believes in education first. He is responsible for many improvements in the present term, and is proud of the record the students have made.

## CHRIST CHURCH

On account of the service at the school house on Sunday morning, there will be no preaching. Sunday school as usual at 10 a. m.

On Sunday, June 4th, the Rev. F. C. Burns will preach at 11 a. m. All welcome.

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E. L. Witt, of Jenkins, Ky., spent part of this week in town visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Witt. Mrs. Witt has been in the section for several days, visiting relatives at Dresden.

Paul's beauty, who has the contract to plaster the new Cumberland Hotel at Middleboro, spent Sunday with his family in the Gap. Mr. Chisnolt, only recently completed the plastering work on the new court house at Dresden.

Mrs. Harry N. Lane, who with her husband, has been spending several months at the Monte Vista Hotel in the Gap, left Tuesday for her home in Knoxville. Mr. Lane expects to join her as soon as his work with the Lane Construction Company is completed.

J. T. Graham, principal of the East Stone Gap High School, spent part of last week in Kingsport where he attended the commencement exercises of the Kingsport school.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Church Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Please note the change of time on account of the musical program to be given at the school auditorium at 5:30. Please be on time.

B. E. Witt, manager of the Bena Drug Company at Berea, Ky., is spending this week in town visiting relatives. He is just recovering from an operation for chronic appendicitis and will be here for several days before returning home. Mr. Witt has sold his interest in the drug store at that place and will probably move his family back to the Gap in the near future if his plans work out. He is now considering taking a traveling position. Mr. Witt was at one time manager of the Mutual Pharmacy at this place.

## U. D. C. WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the members of the Community League will observe Memorial Day at Glencoe Cemetery on the afternoon of Memorial Day.

The two societies have invited the American Legion to take part and it is thought that they will. The occasion will be observed by appropriate speeches and by decorating the graves of many.