Appalachia, Wise County, Va
Appalachian Prosperity Project
A Collaborative Model for Advancing Education, Health, and Economic Prosperity in Southwest Virginia

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“A restaurant that we all enjoyed called the Chat & Chew... This was a local turnout.”
“It was a good place to live... It was a boom town. It was fun.”
1964 ~ LIFE
The Valley of Poverty

"An Appalachian man leans against a shelf clutching a cup. The men had little work after the region's mining industry collapsed."

“a mothers [sic] feeds her baby by a roaring fire as her husband looks on”
“You build a town like Appalachia one brick at a time...”
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