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NEW HOTEL IS AN ASSURED FACT

Necessary Stock Has Been Subscribed and Charter for Company Applied For—Site to Be Selected Soon.

At last we can publish the good news that a new hotel for Morganton is an assured fact, the necessary minimum stock having been subscribed. For several weeks committees have been securing stock subscriptions under an agreement that not less than 100 shares, or \$60,000, be taken. This amount was reached Tuesday and at meeting yesterday morning of the board of governors of the Chamber of Commerce it was reported that 18 shares had been subscribed. The subscriptions range from a single share of \$100 to seventy (\$7,000) and represent almost 100 stockholders.

When the report was made that the 100 shares required had been subscribed a committee composed of Messrs. W. C. Ervin, H. L. Miller, F. F. Davis and J. E. Erwin was appointed to collect ten per cent of the stock and to apply for charter of the organization of the hotel company. Messrs. A. M. Ingold and W. J. Walton were named as trustees to handle funds until officers can be chosen. Checks for initial stock payments may be made payable to either of these gentlemen.

As a further step Messrs. A. C. Avery, E. D. Alexander and C. A. Spencer were appointed to secure options on prospective sites for the building. This committee will submit a report on available sites and the prices at which they may be obtained at a stockholders' meeting which will be held in the near future for the purpose of organization and selecting a location for the proposed hotel. After their report has been made a vote will be taken on the site, each stockholder entitled to one vote for each share he holds and upon which he has made a payment of ten per cent.

The soliciting committee, composed of Messrs. A. C. Chaffee, C. A. Spencer and A. C. Avery, was continued for receiving further volunteer subscriptions which may be made. There is no longer any doubt about the new hotel. It's a "go" this time, and soon as preliminaries can be attended to the company will be organized and upon selection of a site the building will be begun at the earliest possible moment.

THE COVENANT IMPOSES NO LEGAL OBLIGATION

Use of American Military Forces in Protection of Other Nations, Says Wilson.

President Wilson, interpreting the League of Nations covenant for the senate foreign relations committee, declared it imposed no legal obligation for the use of American military forces in protecting the territory or independence of any other nation.

But he added that the covenant might involve, in certain circumstances, an "absolutely compelling moral obligation," which might be stronger than a legal promise. He pressed for a more exact definition of the committee members who insisted that the whole arrangement was a "piece of sand," he asserted that on the contrary he considered it as placing the nations in "an attitude of comradeship and protection," which would compel respect for the principles of justice and liberty.

Meeting the committee in a round table discussion in the east room of the White House in contradiction to precedents of more than a century and with the whole nation listening through the medium of a relay of telegraph operators, the president went into many of the details of the hotly debated questions which he divided the senate in its consideration of the peace treaty.

Article Ten of the covenant, guaranteeing the integrity of the league members against aggression, he declared would leave each nation "complete freedom of choice as to the application of force." Even if the American representative on the committee in a unanimous recommendation for military action the final decision for peace or war must rest with congress, he said.

Whatever advice the council gave him his authority to take such action as it "deemed appropriate" must be deemed appropriate by the United States to be binding on this government, he argued, though in the ground would be such a potential moral force that he doubted if nations would often decline to act.

The President revealed that Japan's promise to return Shantung province to China was reduced to a form in the minutes of the conference. He asserted he "every confidence that the promise would be carried out and told the delegates it was "the best that could be" having given notice that she would withdraw from the conference if her demands were refused. The American delegates, he said, had to keep the nation free from entanglements in European affairs "so long as it was honorably possible to do so," but he asserted that it might be necessary to keep some American troops in the Rhine district under treaty for the next fifteen years. He declared the nation would be continued on fourth page)

TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUNG NEBO MAN

Frank W. Wilson Killed By Dynamite Explosion Near Linville Falls Station.

Mr. Frank W. Wilson, of Nebo, was killed in a dynamite explosion in road construction work near Linville Falls station on last Thursday evening at 6:15 o'clock. A number of shots had been loaded to be set off. These being lighted all went off but one. Thinking this one had failed to catch the young man went back to relight it. On reaching the charged hole it went off, killing him instantly.

Mr. Wilson was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson of Nebo, and was 28 years old. He was inducted into service Sept. 6th, 1917, at Marion, one of the first of McDowell's quota to go to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. He was appointed corporal September 11th of that year and served in 316th field artillery, battery D, 81st division, A. E. F., for 21 months. He saw active service in France for 10 months and was discharged at Camp Lee, Va., June 20th, reaching home June 21st. He had accepted a position as construction foreman on road work in North Cove township August 1st, working until the 14th, when the fatal accident occurred.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Ernest Harbison, were held at the home of his father at Nebo on Friday afternoon, and interment made in Nebo cemetery.

He was a member of Nebo Methodist church. His friends were numbered by scores, and all who knew him loved him, as was evidenced by the large sympathizing crowd and the many floral tributes.

He is survived by his father and mother, of Nebo, two sisters, Mrs. H. D. Plant, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. K. E. Simpson of Rutherfordton, and one brother, Mr. R. V. Wilson of Nebo. He was a nephew of Mr. C. B. Kincaid, Mrs. J. P. May and Mrs. T. G. Cobb, of Morganton. They with Miss Lula Kincaid and Mr. J. P. May attended the funeral Friday.

MRS. J. J. HEFNER OF HICKORY, DEAD

Mrs. Willie Tate Hefner, wife of Mr. J. J. Hefner, of Hickory, died Sunday night at her home in Hickory after an illness of several weeks. On last Thursday she seemed to be recovering and her condition was so favorable that it was believed she would recover. She died rather suddenly Sunday night at 10:30.

Mrs. Hefner, who was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Tate, was born in Burke county and was a few months past 47 years of age.

Mrs. Hefner is survived by her husband and three daughters, Misses Gladys, Margaret and Julia, and three sisters and two brothers—Mrs. R. P. Laxton, Mr. McK. Kincaid and Mrs. H. L. Johnson, of Morganton, and Mr. Vance Tate, of Morganton, and Mr. A. F. Tate of Denver, Col.

She was married to Mr. Hefner on December 26, 1900, and was a devoted and consecrated member of the Methodist church. She had many friends in Burke county and those who knew her loved her. The family have much sympathy in their loss.

The funeral was held from the first Methodist church, Hickory, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. O. Goode, assisted by Rev. A. L. Stanford, of Gastonia, former pastor at Hickory church. Interment followed in Oakwood cemetery, Hickory.

MISS GILES DIED SUDDENLY ON TRAIN

Miss Hattie Guy Giles Was Returning to Glen Alpine When Death Claimed Her.

Miss Hattie Guy Giles died suddenly last Friday at Winston-Salem just as she entered the drawing room on train No. 21 on her return from a visit to her aunt, Mrs. N. A. Bost, to her home at Glen Alpine. She had been sick since having influenza last January but her condition was not considered serious. In fact she seemed greatly improved by her 10 days' visit to Winston-Salem.

She was being accompanied by her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Green, Mrs. N. A. Bost, and her uncle, Capt. N. A. Bost, was conductor on the train.

Miss Giles was the daughter of Mrs. Annie Simpson Giles and was just twenty years of age. She graduated several years ago at the Glen Alpine high school and afterwards took special work at Statesville Female college. She had been a teacher in the Glen Alpine school until January of this year, when her illness caused her to give up the work.

Funeral services were held at Glen Alpine Saturday afternoon. Due to the fact that he was out on the road her uncle, Gen. Supt. R. E. Simpson, did not reach Glen Alpine until Sunday morning.

Besides her mother she is survived by two sisters, Misses Annie Edward and Fay Giles, and one brother, Dwight Giles.

She was a bright, attractive young woman and a wide circle of friends join with the family in mourning her untimely death.

REACHING THE LIMIT



LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

Short Items of Local and Personal Interest Gathered During the Week.

The Royal Cafe is a new eating place near the depot with Mr. T. S. J. Williams as manager.

Mr. L. H. McNeely leaves today for Bailey, where he has been chosen principal of the Bailey high school.

Sunday evening services will take place on the lawn at 7:30, Rev. Mr. Nelson, of the Lutheran church, preaching.

Miss Bessie Parks is spending several days in Statesville. She will have an operation on her wrist which was broken sometime ago.

A protracted meeting began at North Catawba church last Thursday. It is being conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory.

In honor of her guests Misses Mary Pipkin, Willie May Maloy, of Smithfield, Ga., and Hilda McAfee of Charlotte, Mrs. R. W. Pipkin entertained Friday evening.

Rev. John A. MacLean will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning, and at Quaker Meadows church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, if it is not raining.

The meeting at Mt. Home Baptist church, conducted by Rev. C. A. Lineberger, of Wyliesburg, Va., closed Sunday morning. There were twelve additions to the church by baptism.

The passenger depot is being repainted. The old paint is being burned off before the new is applied and the entire place given a general overhauling, that has been much needed.

The board of stewards of the Methodist church met last Friday evening and decided to hold special revival services through the week beginning September 21st to be conducted by the pastor.

Misses Effie and Mattie Curtis, who have been living in Hay, Wash., for the past year, spent a week or more this month touring Yellowstone Park and visiting other places of interest in the West.

Rev. George Hilton will hold a preaching service at St. Michael's on Friday, August 29th, at one o'clock. Mrs. Hughson and Miss Shepard will be with him and the women and girls are asked to come to sew.

Court closed finally last Friday night. Just before closing R. E. Coleman and George Erwin were each sentenced to six months on the roads. Coleman has appealed from the sentence and is out on bond.

The third annual session of the Burke County Singing convention will be held in the graded school auditorium the fifth Sunday in August, the 31st. All choirs in the county are invited. A number of visiting singers are expected.

The usual services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday morning. The week of August 24-31 has been set aside for enlistment of those who will agree to take part in intercessory prayer for the success of the great Centenary work.

In view of the fact that a recurrence of the influenza epidemic is being predicted for next winter Grace Hospital offers to take any young women volunteers who will come for practical nursing training. Hospitals in other towns are making the same offer. Any young woman who is interested should see Mrs. Hughson.

LIGHTNING CLAIMED TWO VICTIMS IN LINVILLE

Mr. M. B. Branch and Daughter Mrs. W. F. Dobson, Killed Instantly Last Saturday

Last Saturday afternoon Mr. M. B. Branch, of Linville township, and his daughter, Mrs. W. F. Dobson, of Morganton, were killed by lightning at the former's home, near Bridgewater.

They were standing on the back porch of the home talking, Mrs. Dobson having arrived just that afternoon, when the fatal flash came, killing them both instantly. A little girl, the daughter of Mr. Pink Branch, was in the arms of her aunt, Mrs. Dobson, at the time, but escaped seemingly unharmed except for a slightly burned streak across the body.

Mr. Branch was a native of Linville township, born July 12, 1854. He had spent all of his life in the township that gave him birth and was one of the best citizens of the county.

In 1873 he was married to Sarah Wise, and raised a family of five children, four sons, Messrs. J. B. and Pink Branch, of Burke, and W. H. and John Branch, of Lacroisse, Wash. and Mrs. Fletcher Dobson, of Morganton. Mr. Branch was a member of the Methodist church, a man of high character and splendid qualities, his death is not only a shock to his friends but a loss to his community.

The only daughter, Katherine, with her husband, Mr. W. F. Dobson, was making her parents a visit. She leaves a husband and two sons, Cecil and Walter Dobson, both located at Akron, O. Mrs. Dobson was 42 years old and had been married 22 years. She had been a member of the Baptist church for many years, and was a devoted wife and a loving mother.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of all who know them. Interment was made at Snow Hill church Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends. Rev. F. A. Bower, of Morganton, conducted funeral services.

Real Estate Transfers During Week.

Calvin G. Hill to W. J. Hackney, 8 acres in Lovelady township.

J. H. Giles to E. V. Butler, 50 acres in Silver Creek township.

Lucy W. Falls to Sam Taylor, 3 acres in Morganton township.

Calvin Settlemyre to W. T. Carswell, 42 acres in Icard township.

C. A. Edmonson to Mrs. Cora E. Breen, 23 acres in Quaker Meadows township.

Mrs. Mary Jane Lackey to Berts Lackey, 50 acres in Morganton township.

Mrs. Mary Shuping to C. F. Hall, interest in father's estate.

W. B. Murray to A. B. Murray, 3 small tracts, aggregating 4 1/2 acres, in Morganton township No. 2.

A. B. Murray to W. B. Murray, house and lot in Morganton.

J. L. Rector and wife to Claude Brown, 47 1/2 acres in Lovelady township.

F. T. Piercy to W. C. Hefner, house and lot in Morganton.

W. R. Evans to Wm. F. Warlick, 4 acres in Icard township.

F. W. Hossfeldt et al to Marvin V. Scaife, 59 acres in Morganton township.

Mrs. Ella Cobb et al to First National Bank, lot in Morganton.

Dr. I. P. Jeter to P. H. and C. A. Jeter, house and lot on Union street.

QUICKLY MOVING TROOPS PURSUE MEXICAN BANDITS

Fear That American Aviators Would Be Killed Prevented an Earlier Movement.

Spread out fan-shaped over a wide stretch of Mexican country, south of the Rio Grande, United States cavalry troops, aided by airmen as scouts, are combing the mountains of northern Mexico for the bandits who held the two American aviators for \$15,000 ransom.

After the forward dash over the border, the troops probably were being handicapped by a storm which was reported in messages by field telephone to be raging in the mountains below the border.

It was feared the torrential rains would obliterate trails left by the bandits. The expeditionary force for a time moved forward in the face of high winds, according to the reports.

The two lieutenants, H. G. Peterson and Paul N. Davis, for whom ransom was demanded and who were released early Tuesday, guided the Americans in their quest of the Mexican outlaws.

Bandits Have Scattered.

With nearly six hours start on the punitive expedition, the bandits are believed to have scattered in the mountain passes and canyons, and it probably will be necessary to search every square mile of the rough country below the border to find them, in the opinion of military men.

Despite the difficulty in locating the bandits from the air, American aviators who left the flying field scouted almost the entire Ojinaga district.

It was not known how many are in the bandit band. Lieut. Davis and Lieut. Peterson said they saw six men. There were twenty other bandits at the ranch where the outlaws stopped. Americans aviators were told the band numbered sixty.

Arrangements for nurses, ambulances and surgical dressings for the punitive expedition troops were being made by Elmer Donnell, of St. Louis, for use in case of emergency. A report from the expedition yesterday indicated that pursuit had continued throughout the day but that there had been no contact with the bandits.

NISSEN WAGON PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Two of the main buildings of the Geo. E. Nissen & Company, of Waughton, a suburb of Winston-Salem, were destroyed by fire yesterday evening, a loss of \$500,000 with little insurance. The plant was established 80 years ago and has a capacity of 50 wagons a day.

HARBISON FAMILY REUNION

Sunday marked a most enjoyable occasion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harbison in Quaker Meadows, it being the first time the large family had ever been all together at the old home. Mr. and Mrs. Harbison are the parents of fourteen children, eleven sons and three daughters. They are Robert, James, Waighstill, Moran, Melvin, Lonnie, Earle, Pink, Ralph, Eugene, Ray and Miss Nita Harbison, Mrs. Ben Kincaid and Mrs. M. A. McGimsey. There were present for Sunday's reunion forty of the immediate family, including the grandchildren.

AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

On Sunday, in connection with Divine worship, at eleven o'clock the subject, "The Lamb of God," will be discussed. The administration of the Lord's Supper will also be observed at this service. THE PASTOR.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION OFFICES MAY BE OPENED

Drastic Procedure Against Profiteers Indicated—Page, Hammer and Warren Confer.

The Greensboro News says that a conference of former Food Administrator Henry A. Page, District Attorneys W. C. Hammer and Thomas D. Warren and Special Agent F. C. Handy, of the department of justice, indicated not only prospect of early and drastic procedure against profiteers, but it may result in the re-opening of the food administration and establishment of offices in Raleigh.

Mr. Page could give nothing definite on this, but Attorney General Palmer's mind appears to be moving in that direction. The food administration was abolished last winter when all preparations for a campaign which would last until the present had been made. There was much opposition to it elsewhere in the country though little here.

District Attorney Warren said when the attorneys and Mr. Page went into conference that they would hardly have any statement. The general situation rather than specific violations claims attention of the conference, though they had some rank cases before them. Ever since the President opened on profiteering Raleigh people have been expecting the return of the food administration.

Attention, University Alumni!

All Burke county alumni of the University of North Carolina, including all who have ever attended the University, are requested to meet Friday night, August 29 at Fraternity Hall. Mr. Albert M. Coates, secretary of the Graham Memorial Fund, will be in Morganton on that date. A large attendance at the meeting is desired.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News-Herald Correspondents

CHESTERFIELD.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller spent last Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Nora Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Clark are spending some time with Mr. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Clark.

Mrs. Amos Conley, of Glen Alpine, and sister, Mrs. Charles Dockery and son Herbert, and daughter, Miss Lalla Dockery, of Mount Airy, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Conley.

Mr. T. G. Whisenant and Mr. Marshall Whisenant of Gastonia spent a night last week with Mr. R. M. Smith and family.

Mrs. Sidney Scott and Miss Pauline Scott and Miss Myrtle Godfrey, of Morganton, Sgt. Ernest Scott, of Camp Custer, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Scott, of Winston-Salem, were guests Wednesday of Mrs. F. M. and Miss Sallie Hensley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setzer, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harris, have returned to their home in Caldwell.

Mr. J. V. Powell spent last Monday at Marion.

Master Lynn Baird spent the weekend with relatives at Catawba Valley.

Miss Alice Kincaid, of New York, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kincaid.

Little Miss Pearl Sides of Smokey Creek, spent several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Arney.

Mr. and Mrs. Macon Whisenant, of the State Hospital, are spending their vacation with Mrs. Whisenant's father, Mr. John Baird.

Mrs. Emma Bollinger, of East Arcadia, are guests of her brother, Mr. Walter Stamey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Conley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Hood.

Misses Jennie and Mildred Smith, after visiting friends at Mt. Home, have returned home.

Miss Sadie Stamey, nurse at the State Hospital, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stamey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kincaid, of Hartland, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harris.

COST OF LIVING TODAY HAS UPWARD TREND

An Increase of 80 Per Cent Since Dec. 1914—Largest Increase Shown By Food-Clothing

The cost of living in the principal cities of the country had risen approximately 80 per cent in the last four and a half years from December, 1914, to June, this year, food and clothing showing the largest increases, bureau of labor statistics figures indicate. The South was affected as heavily as cities of the North, while the Pacific coast suffered less than other sections. For various cities the cost of living ranged from 75 to 87 per cent.

Norfolk, Va., showed an increase of 87.05 per cent, Savannah, 79.06 per cent, Jacksonville, 77.48, and Mobile 76.64, while in New York it was 79.22, Chicago 94.47, and San Francisco 65.58. Statistics were not issued for all cities of the country, but only for the shipbuilding centers.

Statistics for other cities showing the increase in the cost of living from December, 1917, to June this year, were announced. They show the increase in Atlanta was 23.27 per cent, food and clothing alone showing an increase of 40 per cent. Birmingham 19.78, with food and clothing 29.84, Memphis 23.25 with food and clothing 38.33, New Orleans 20.73, with food and clothing 48.83, and Richmond 20.60, with food and clothing 42.29.

In the shipbuilding centers during the four and a half year period food and clothing showed large increases. At Norfolk they were 104.8 per cent, Savannah 146.25, Jacksonville 139.76, Mobile 93.99, while in New York they increased 151.60, Chicago 167.08, and San Francisco 134.64.

The advance in men's clothing was greater than in women's clothing in Norfolk, Savannah, Jacksonville and San Francisco, while women's clothing showed a large increase in cost in Mobile, New York and Chicago.

Future Course Undetermined.

No official announcements are being made from Washington of how the United States government intends to handle the bandit nuisance in northern Mexico, but there is every evidence that all preparations have been made to meet future depredations with a swift movement of troops, such as now is being conducted against the desperadoes who held the two army aviators for ransom.

Swift moving cavalry, fully equipped with machine guns and guided by airplanes, it is understood, will be relied upon to move quickly from strategic points along the border of the bandit country on the Rio Grande.

Organization of the border guard to insure the greatest speed in these movements has been completed, the cavalry regiments being so distributed as to place the nucleus of a flying column at carefully selected points along the Rio Grande.

Buy more War Savings Stamps.