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## MORE HOUSES IS MORGANTON'S NEED

Member of Commerce Looking Into Matter and Efforts Will Be Made to Relieve Situation — Two Plans.

For several weeks the board of governors of the Morganton Chamber of Commerce has been giving serious consideration to what is recognized as Morganton's greatest present need — more houses. At a meeting of the board last Friday night a committee composed of Messrs W. C. Ervin, H. Miller and Dr. I. M. Taylor, appointed at a previous meeting, made report substantially as follows, submitting two plans for consideration: "Under 'Plan A,' a canvass of the town will be made to ascertain what reasons firms and individuals interested in the development of the town and its industries will pledge themselves to build within one mile of the city house in Morganton and, if possible, before July 1st, 1920, one more dwelling of not less than four rooms each. The agreement will not be binding until the building of at least 20 houses shall have been pledged.

## DEATH OF AGED LADY.

Mrs. Lizzie Ross, widow of the late Stephen Ross died Monday about noon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. Denton, at an advanced age. She had been ill for several months and the last week or more death was expected any day. Mrs. Ross had made her home with her daughter for a number of years. She was a good woman, holding the respect of all who knew her. Her funeral and burial services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. F. A. Bower. Surviving are the following children: Messrs. W. A. Ross, Jr., Frank and Tom Ross and Mrs. D. F. Denton. Mrs. Jane Deal, Mrs. Lydia James and Mr. Mac Ross stepchildren, and a number of grandchildren also survive.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Last Sunday Dr. R. P. Moale and W. Redwood, of Asheville, gave inspiring addresses in Grace church in Saint Margaret's church on the occasion of a campaign. This movement is arousing unprecedented enthusiasm in the church. Next Sunday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Stephen's (colored) church at 10 a. m. At the request of the bishop the Rev. George Hilton has undertaken to work as priest-in-charge of Saint George's, Burkemont. A preliminary meeting for women will be held there next Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

## DEATH OF MISS SWIFT.

Mrs. A. M. Ingold received a message Saturday announcing the death of Miss Edith Swift, of her sister, Miss Edith Swift. Joined her Sunday morning by another sister, Mrs. Morris Myers, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Ingold has gone to Wisconsin. Miss Swift has visited Mrs. Ingold several times and was an attractive and accomplished young woman. Friends here regret exceedingly to hear of her untimely death.

## PERSHING WILL MAKE TOUR OF INDUSTRIES

Will Make Recommendations As to What Portion Shall Be Maintained Intact.

General Pershing has announced he is planning a tour of inspection of the war industries built up during his campaign in France for the purpose of formulating recommendations to Secretary Baker as to what portion should be maintained against another national emergency. His trip will take him as far as the Pacific coast, and while away he will visit his home in Missouri.

The route and time of departure have not been fixed. General Pershing expects to appear before the congressional military committees during the current week. He said he preferred not to discuss military matters in advance of the hearings.

The general has already prepared recommendations dealing with the organization of the army and other phases of the military establishment, including the question of increased pay for all ranks to meet the high cost of living.

## FREIGHT SERVICE BY AIR INAUGURATED

Airplane Carrying Fountain Pen Cargo Leaves New York For Havana, Cuba.

The inauguration of an aerial freight service between New York and Cuba took place yesterday when a seaplane, carrying \$100,000 worth of fountain pens, left Bath Beach, Brooklyn, for Havana. Stops will be made enroute at Atlantic City, Norfolk, Va., Wilmington, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., Jacksonville, Miami and Key West, Fla.

At each of these cities a gold fountain pen will be presented to the mayor and a silver one to the president of the local Rotary club. The seaplane was piloted by James Farnham and Robert Hewitt, former military aviators, and carried three passengers.

## RULERS OF BELGIANS VISIT WASHINGTON

King Lauds American Army, in Address to House — Makes Longest American Speech

King Albert, of the Belgians, paid homage in the house of representatives Tuesday to the American army which he described as "the decisive factor in determining the victory."

In an address to the senate a few minutes earlier he had asserted that "nothing could better characterize the reign of Universal democracy," than the friendship between his country and the United States.

The address of his majesty were the longest and most important he has made in America, they were intended as messages to the entire nation and his sincerity in expressing the thanks of Belgium to Americans for their aid was plainly evident.

Concluding his remarks he said: "I hope with all my heart that these relations which go back as far as memory, which have been fortified during the war as well as by the admirable assistance which you rendered Belgium by feeding her people, by fraternity in arms, will never cease to develop for the great good of the two peoples."

## ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL FUND IS INCREASING

Local Contributions Are Being Made and Campaign in Burke County is Well Under Way

The Burke County Roosevelt Memorial Fund campaign is well under way and substantial donations are being received.

Every patriotic man in the county should contribute to this fund. At the home of Colonel Roosevelt's mother in Georgia there is to be erected the largest college for boys in America as a memorial to Roosevelt, so your contribution is for a good cause and will help generations to come, as well as preserve the memory of the great American, Theodore Roosevelt.

The fund is being subscribed to by men of all political parties who recognized Roosevelt's great stand for Americanism.

Mr. Manly McDowell told me personally he felt proud of the privilege to subscribe to this fund in memory of the Great American Patriot.

Mr. A. C. Avery, in subscribing, stated that Roosevelt's patriotism in the last war alone would make him worthy of a lasting memorial—as Mr. Avery expressed it, 100 per cent American.

We have had similar expressions from every man approached, both Democrat and Republican.

While the campaign will extend thirty days and we have not been able to compile full lists of contributors, we give below a list of the early subscribers who have donated substantial amounts:

A. M. Kistler, A. C. Chaffee, E. M. Hairfield, J. E. Erwin, S. J. Erwin, Manly McDowell, B. F. Davis, F. P. Tate, J. P. Brittain, L. G. Brittain, Sam McDowell, Mrs. Georgiana Bowditch, R. Williams, W. C. Ervin, O. T. Webb, R. L. Duckworth, E. A. Green, Frank McDowell, W. I. Davis, J. R. Patton, Lazarus Bros., A. C. Avery, J. R. Howard.

Send all contributions to L. E. Webb, treasurer.

## COUNTRY IS FACING A BIG COAL STRIKE

Efforts of Government to Prevent Walk-Out of Half Million Miners Seems to Fail

The last government effort to avert the coal strike set for November 1 failed utterly and half a million miners will quit work on the very eve of winter, with the nation's bins running dangerously low.

Even an appeal from President Wilson, sick in bed at the White House, was not enough to bring peace to a conference that was torn and on the breaking point half a dozen times during the day. Charges and counter-charges flew thick and fast as the groups of operators and miners filed out of the meeting which began somewhat hopefully a few days ago.

While the operators announced that they had accepted the President's offer to wipe the slate clean and negotiate a new wage agreement, the miners charged that the operators had booted without the consent of Secretary of Labor Wilson, the storm center of an extraordinary fight to save the country untold distress and suffering.

## "THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN"



## METHODIST PREACHERS IN THE MARION DISTRICT

Appointments Were Made Monday — Rev. C. M. Pickens Returns to Morganton.

The Western North Carolina Methodist conference adjourned in Greensboro Monday night after the reading of the appointments for the year. Morganton Methodists are rejoicing that Rev. C. M. Pickens was returned to the local church, as it was expected that he would be. Rev. J. B. Tabor also returns to Table Rock circuit but Rev. N. M. Modlin on the Morganton circuit was moved to Denton. Other appointments, other than those in the district, of local interest were: Rev. H. Jordan as presiding elder of the Shelby district; Rev. E. E. Williamson returned to Spencer; Rev. T. E. Wagg, Jefferson; Rev. A. C. Swofford, Salem; Rev. R. D. Sherrill, Lenoir; Rev. W. O. Goode, Hickory.

Appointments in this district were as follows:

- Parker Holmes, presiding elder.
- Bakersville, M. G. Ratledge, supply.
- Bald Creek, J. S. Mitchell.
- Broad River, D. S. Richardson.
- Burnsville, J. P. Hornbuckle.
- Cliffside, A. J. Burrus.
- Connelly Springs, M. B. Clegg.
- Enola Circuit, D. A. Oakley (supply).
- Forest City and Pleasant Grove, W. L. Dawson.
- Forest City Circuit, W. C. Jones.
- Glen Alpine, A. H. Brantley.
- Henrietta-Caroleen, J. L. Harmon.
- Marion Station, W. L. Hutchins.
- Marion Circuit, M. G. Ervin.
- Mill Springs, W. J. Hackney.
- Marion Mills, J. S. Folger.
- McDowell, P. H. Brittain.
- E. H. Harbison, junior preacher.
- Micaville, T. H. Hager, supply.
- Morganton Station, C. M. Pickens.
- Morganton Circuit, J. A. Fry.
- Old Fort, R. F. Mock.
- J. F. Starnes, junior preacher.
- Rutherfordton, T. C. Jordan.
- Spruce Pine, J. C. Pestell.
- Table Rock, J. B. Tabor.
- Thermal City, M. W. Heekard.
- Professors in Rutherford College, W. E. Hauss, J. W. Bennett.
- Student Trinity College, T. F. Higgins.
- Conference Evangelist, Jas. H. Green.
- Student Emory University, E. L. Shelton.

## NEW GARAGE AND MACHINE SHOP

The Oxford Machine Shop and Garage Co. was recently incorporated, the capital stock \$50,000 with \$10,000 subscribed. At a recent meeting of the stockholders a board of directors composed of Messrs. John Oxford, president, J. W. Carter, secretary and treasurer, J. E. Erwin, W. T. Brittain and F. P. Brittain was chosen. The company has bought the E. P. Brittain livery stand near the depot and the building has been thoroughly overhauled and is now occupied by the new business. It is planned to build a modern brick building on the site in the future.

Mr. J. W. Carter is manager, Mr. John Oxford is machinist and Mr. Ed Oxford blacksmith. An advertisement elsewhere in this issue tells of the class of work that will be done.

## TRANSACTS MORE BUSINESS

President Wilson continued to improve and so satisfied was Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, with his condition Tuesday that he was permitted to transact some executive business in addition to the prohibition enforcement bill, which he vetoed late in the day.

Buy more War Savings Stamps.

## PRESIDENT SAYS STRIKE WOULD BE UNLAWFUL

Statement Follows a Cabinet Meeting in Which He Warns Miners Against Striking

President Wilson's cabinet met Saturday to discuss the impending coal strike, and after the meeting President Wilson issued the following statement:

"On September 23, 1919, the convention of the United Mine Workers of America at Cleveland, Ohio, adopted a proposal declaring that all contracts in the bituminous field shall be declared as having automatically expired November 1, 1919, and making various demands, including a 60 per cent increase in wages and the adoption of a six-hour work day and a five-day week, and providing that, in the event a satisfactory wage agreement should not be secured for the central competitive field before November, 1919, the national officials should be authorized and instructed to call a general strike of all bituminous miners and mine workers throughout the United States, effective November 1, 1919.

"Pursuant to these instructions the officers of the organization have issued a call to make the strike effective November 1. This is one of the gravest steps ever proposed in this country, affecting the economic welfare and the domestic comfort and health of the people. It is proposed to abrogate an agreement as to wages which was made with the sanction of the United States fuel administration and which was to run during the continuance of the war, but not beyond April 1, 1920.

"This strike is proposed at a time when the government is making the most earnest effort to reduce the cost of living and has appealed with success to other classes of workers to postpone similar disputes until a reasonable opportunity has been afforded for dealing with the cost of living. It is recognized that the strike would practically shut off the country's supply of its principal fuel at a time when interference with that supply is calculated to create a disastrous fuel famine.

"All interests would be affected alike by a strike of this character, and its victims would be not the rich only, but the poor and the needy as well—those least able to provide in advance a fuel supply for domestic use. It would involve the shutting down of countless industries, and the throwing out of employment of a large number of the workers of the country. It would involve stopping the operation of railroads, electric light and gas plants, street railway lines and other public utilities and the shipping to and from this country, thus preventing our giving aid to the allied countries with supplies which they so seriously need. The country is confronted with this prospect at a time when the war itself is still a fact; when the world is still in suspense as to negotiations for peace; when our troops are still being transported, and when their means of transport is in urgent need of fuel.

"From whatever angle the subject may be viewed, it is apparent that such a strike in such circumstances would be the most far-reaching plan ever presented in this country to limit the facilities of production and distribution of a necessity of life, and thus indirectly to restrict the production and distribution of all the necessities of life. A strike under these circumstances is not only unjustifiable. It is unlawful.

"The action proposed has apparently been taken without any vote upon the specific proposition by the individual members of the United (Continued on fourth page)

## PLOT TO KIDNAP EDEL FORD WAS DISCOVERED

Four Men Arrested By Private Detective; Young Ford Thinks It a Joke.

Statements of a private detective that he had discovered a plot to kidnap Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford, and hold him for \$200,000 ransom, led to the arrest yesterday of four men.

The detective gave his name as Floyd Gray, and he said he came to Toledo from the east in connection with strike disorders and became aware of the plot while stopping at a Toledo hotel.

Young Ford, when told of the alleged plot to kidnap and hold him for ransom, characterized it as "the best joke" he had heard in a long time.

## PROHIBITION ACT PASSED OVER PRESIDENT'S VETO

Wrangle Over Taking Up Measure in Place of the Peace Treaty But Passage Easy

The Senate passed the prohibition enforcement act over the President's veto Tuesday and made immediately effective machinery for preventing sale of beverages containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol.

The vote was 65 to 20, or eight more than the necessary two-thirds majority. While there was a wrangle over taking up the measure in place of the peace treaty, which had the right of way, there never was doubt as to how the Senate stood. It was overwhelmingly "dry" like the House, which repassed the bill within three hours after the President had vetoed it.

Before Congress at 3:40 o'clock finally clinched enactment of the enforcement law, despite Presidential objection to linking war-time and constitutional prohibition acts, there came from the White House the announcement that the war-time law—which was put into effect after the cessation of hostilities—would be annulled the moment the Senate formally ratified the German peace treaty.

## JUNIORS HELD DISTRICT MEETING AT VALDESE

High Peak Council Host to District Representatives—Next Meeting at Clinchfield.

The fourth district meeting of the J. O. U. A. M. was held with High Peak Council No. 355 at Valdese October 16th. The meeting was called to order by District Deputy J. L. Nelson at 3 p. m. A. Peeler, of Rhodhiss council No. 133, was elected secretary.

The following councils were represented:

- Clinchfield No. 502, at Clinchfield, H. L. Noland and Rev. R. G. Short.
- Burkumont No. 44, at Morganton, J. L. Nelson.
- High Peak No. 355, at Valdese, J. C. Brinkley, C. F. Griffin, B. F. Childers, L. E. Buff, F. H. Piercy, Everett Baker and Fred Baker.
- Icard No. 480, at Icard, R. F. Berry, C. E. Moon and H. L. Lutherland.
- Hildebrand Council No. 467, at Hildebrand, F. P. Cook, T. H. Evans and Bryson Setzer.
- Rhodhiss Council No. 133, Rhodhiss, A. Peeler, R. J. Cook, R. L. Herman, F. A. Brown, C. M. Fulbright, E. T. Warlick and Mack Decker.
- Oak Hill Council No. 392, Lenoir, Route 2, Carl B. Watts and T. L. Anderson.
- Glen Alpine Council No. 507, Glen Alpine, not represented. This council was instituted December 26th, 1918, with 25 members; has 52 at present.
- Clinchfield council was instituted October 5th, 1918, with 27 members; has 75 at present.

All the councils in the district have made substantial gains. Some doubling their membership. Gain in membership since last district meeting of April 11th, 1918. The next meeting will be held with Clinchfield Council No. 502, at Clinchfield, at which time Clinchfield council will present a Bible and flag to the trustees of the new graded school building which will be completed in the early part of next year. Numa R. Reid, State councilor, will make an address. The county board of education of McDowell county will be requested to take part in all these exercises.

## MR. HOGAN SUCCEEDS MR. KIBLER ON BOARD

Board Appoints Mr. W. G. Hogan to Vacancy Caused By Mr. Kibler's Resignation.

Precipitating the proceedings entered into in Ward 2 for the recall of Alderman M. B. Kibler, at a meeting of the board Tuesday night Mr. Kibler resigned and acting upon a provision of the town charter the board appointed Mr. W. G. Hogan from the ward to fill the vacancy.

## HALLOWE'EN PARTY AT THE BUMGARNER SCHOOL

There will be a Halloween party and box supper at the Bumgarner schoolhouse Friday night, October 31. Everybody cordially invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Warner and children of Lenoir, have come to Morganton to make their home. At present they are with Mrs. Warner's father, Mr. W. F. Hallyburton. Mr. Warner travels and will make this headquarters.

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

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

### TABLE ROCK

Rev. J. S. Gwaltney preached at Mountain Grove Sunday. His sermon was interesting and impressive. We extend to him a most cordial welcome and are very glad that he has consented to preach for us every fourth Sunday from now on. Next Sunday is the regular appointment, and the services will be conducted as usual.

Saturday was the event of two corn shuckings in our community, one at Mr. A. H. McGimsey's and the other at Mr. W. T. Winter's. Both were occasions of enjoyment.

Last Friday marked the close of the third month of school. The report showed an enrollment of 65 and an average attendance of 49. The honor roll has the following names: Primary department, Genay Kincaid and Max Ramsour; advanced department, has none again. It does seem that some one out of the 30 could make a perfect record of attendance. Several delinquents were reported to Mrs. Avery last week. We intend to report as is required by law, and to excuse only those we believe to have a lawful excuse, which is sickness. I do not know Mrs. Avery personally but I do believe she is well qualified to fill her position as superintendent of public welfare, and I pledge to her my hearty cooperation in any way that I can be of service.

Last Wednesday night Mrs. Amos Page gave a supper in honor of Miss Fannie Williams' birthday. Some nice 'possums were a feature of the supper. On account of bad weather some of the invited guests could not attend. They report a very pleasant time.

The many friends and relatives of Mr. McGimsey, Uncle Theodore, as he is familiarly known, are glad to know that he is improving and that he is able to sit up for several hours at a time.

Little Miss Belva Riddle Kincaid is improving steadily and with the excellent nursing which she is receiving from Miss Frances McGimsey, we hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin B. Kincaid and Miss Lou Harris, of the State Hospital, visited here last week on account of Belva's serious condition.

Mr. T. M. Kincaid had the misfortune to lose his fine horse last Friday night. It had been sick several days.

Miss Ruth Hartley, who has been quite sick, is much better now.

Miss Hattie Cowan spent the week end with Miss Pansy Kincaid. They made a business trip to Morganton Saturday.

Mr. J. A. McGimsey spent Saturday in Morganton in the interest of the school.

Mr. Donald Hartley returned Monday to Newport News, Va., after spending a week with his mother, Mrs. Max Ramsour.

Rev. J. S. Gwaltney, Misses Hattie Cowan and Pansy Kincaid were dinner guests at the home of Mr. T. C. McGimsey Sunday.

Mr. R. L. Dietz and son, Russel, spent the week-end in Hickory.

Miss Junie Avery returned Monday from an extended visit to Rutherford county. She was accompanied by her sister and children.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dedbetter, Mrs. D. A. Wakefield, Mr. Logan Wakefield and Mr. Max Ramsour spent Monday in Morganton.

Mr. Aaron Pitts, of Glen Alpine, was here on business Monday. Mr. Bee a Sisk, of Rutherford College, spent the week-end at home.

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## DEATH BLOW WAS AIMED AT LABOR

Big Business Determined to Kill Organized Labor, Declares President Gompers.

Thousands of organized workers of the District of Columbia who paraded down Pennsylvania avenue in honor of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, later heard the veteran labor leader assert that "big business" definitely had determined "to give labor because of its growing strength, a blow between the eyes."

The attitude of the United States Steel corporation toward the steel workers' union, he added, was only one manifestation of this determination on the part of industry. Mr. Gompers said that while at the beginning of the steel strike he considered it "untimely" since learning of the plans of the steel companies, in common with all large employers, he had changed his mind and now the steel strikers had his utmost sympathy. As evidence of this sympathetic attitude, he appealed to the District of Columbia workers to contribute to the support of the strikers.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

J. R. Waters and Levassa Gross. Monroe Lowman and Hettie Lowman. John G. McGalliard and Mrs. Ollie Turner. Alvin Absher and Lillie May McCall. W. H. Brittain and Mrs. Gertrude Bumgarner.

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