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THER LIQUOR TRAGEDY OCCURS

Brittain Killed in Front of me of Dick Williams, Notorious Blockader; Williams and Wife in Jail

hade liquor is directly responfor another entry on Burke's al record, Pink Brittain having illed Tuesday night in front of me of Dick Williams, notorious der and law breaker, a few from Morganton.

story as told yesterday by ofwho visited the scene and as to Solicitor Huffman, who at once an investigation of the is that Brittain and his son, young man possibly eighteen of age, stopped about dusk at Williams home, on their return a day's wood chopping, to get Dug Mitchell had been cutwood with them and one report hat both Dug and Pink Mitchere with the Brittains at the ms'. The Brittain boy, however, e officers that he and his fathnt to the place to get "some ci-, nd that from the porch they to Dick Williams what they . The answer came with an e claims, that they could get to drink there. Immediateavy gun was fired through the acing, the door still shut, one loads passing through the f the elder Brittain and causstant death. Ed Brittain repowder burns.

boy says he was frightened to death and ran away as s he could. He went to Dug ll's first and they got Frank o notify the officers. For sevours the body of Brittain lay it fell, no one in the neighborbeing bold enough to venture the Williams house. When s Ward and Scott arrived ms and his wife were not to be but were afterwards located home of Mike Branch, a brothw, living about a mile away. had with them the gun, an untype of Swiss make and extra The load in it corresponded hat taken from Brittains' clothThe officers also deprived them e quarts of liquor. "Mary as the Williams woman is begged for another drink behe was put in jail.

ill be recalled that Pink Britas one of the participants in tt that occurred in this same last winter in which Lenoir lost his life, Andrew Lefever eriously cut and others were in-Liquor was at the bottom of fair.

funeral of Brittain will be day and the preliminary hearf his alleged murderers has et for tomorrow (Friday) afn at 2 o'clock. Avery and ld have been employed to dehe prisoners.

SET-UP MEETING OF DUCATION MOVEMENT

erence For the Marion Dist Was Held Here Monday and Tuesday.

set-up meeting of the Chrisducation movement held in the dist church Monday and Tuesorning was very successful. of the twenty-five pastors of arion district were present. D. M. Litaker, presiding elder, arge as chairman. At the g session Monday Dr. T. F. conference educational secredelivered a strong address, in a general way the objects ill be sought in the movement. set forth that the churches whole connection are expected attention to spiritual resour-January and life service in ry and stewardship in March. ing the address of Dr. Marr P. Hipps of Marion delivered nest appeal on the subject of al Resources with particular sis on the reading of the Bible rayer. Tuesday morning Dr. onducted a round table conferith the pastors on the best s of placing these subjects beil the churches, especially the churches. Dr. W. P. Few, nt of Trinity College, who pected to discuss life service the body, was not able to be but sent Dr. E. H. Spence in ce. Dr. Spence is the head of iblical department of Trinity. ought a stirring and moving e to the meeting on the genubject of Christian Education. M. Pickens, of the local closed the discussions with eal for stewardship. The visere served lunch at the church ladies and most of them left in No. 11. The meeting was nced by all the leaders to be satisfactory.

R. McDOWELL BETTER

Manly McDowell, who returnme from Greensboro last week as since been in critical conhaving suffered a relapse from ent illness, is beginning to signs of improvement again pe is now entertained that he ecover. Mr. McDowell's friends een much concerned because of ndition of his health but are that his wonderful vitality t pull him through.

DR. LINGLE TO BE HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Will Preach at Regular Morning Service and Address Christian Endeavor in Evening

Dr. Thomas W. Ingle, of Davidson College, will preach at the First Presbyterian church here next Sunday morning and in the evening will address the Christian Eendeavor

Dr. Lingle is not a stranger in Morganton and the mere announcement that he will be here will doubtless draw a crowd to hear him. He is a most interesting speaker.

LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

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

The School fo the Deaf contributed $25 to the relief fund for European children.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Denton have moved to the Hildebrand house on Valdese avenue.

"Ida Marie" is the name of a little daughter born recently to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rhyne.

The Overland automobile raffled off by the Standard Motor Co. was won by Mr. Ed Hern, of Morganton. The chances were sold at $2 each.

The registration books for the school bonds election can be found at Cox's store, Mr. J. L. Nelson being the duly appointed registrar.

Miss Minnie Perkins is at Statesville at Dr. Long's hospital where she underwent an operation Monday morning and is getting along nicely, as well as could be expected.

Friends of the family will regret to learn that Mrs. John Sparks is not at all well and plans are being made to take her Saturday to Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore.

Mrs. M. P. Hildebrand and children, Edna and Miles, leave today for Kinston. Mrs. Hildebrand will be matron for the Kennedy Home, a Baptist orphanage in that city.

Miss Vera Asbury arrived Sunday morning from Washington, D. C., on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Asbury. Mrs. Asbury, who has been quite sick, is better, her friends are glad to know.

Miss Sybele King, formerly a teacher in the School for the Deaf, but more recently of New Work, will substitute at Goodwin Hall for the remainder of the year, according to an announcement in The Deaf Carolinian.

Mr. Clifton Erwin, of Rutherford College, will address the Epworth League at the Methodist church next Sunday night at 6:30. Everyone is cordially invited. The young man, who is a ministerial student, is only in his "teens" and has won quite a reputation as "the boy preacher."

In renewing his subscription Mr. J. L. Hudson, of Route 5, Hickory, writes that he does not want to miss a copy and adds that he thinks every family in the county should take the county paper. Of course we quite agree with him and hope that he and other good friends will help us by speaking a good word to their neighbors about the paper whenever they have the opportunity.

MR. M. F. SCAIFE COMMITED SUICIDE

Hallucination He Had Foe in North Carolina Leads Him To Take His Life.

Just before we go to press the news comes from Miami, Fla., that Mr. Marvin F. Scaife, of Pittsburgh, Pa., well known here, committed suicide early yesterday by slashing his throat with a sharp knife. A long letter found on his person told of hallucinations that he was being pursued by an unnamed enemy in North Carolina.

Details of the tragedy are lacking but it is known here that Mr. Scaife has been in ill health for some time.

SOLICITOR REQUESTED SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

Asks County Commissioners to Petition Governor to Order Two Weeks Special Term

Solicitor Huffman has asked the county commissioners to request Governor Morrison to order a special term of Burke county court in February, designating it to begin on February 14th.

Mr. Huffman has pointed out to the board that the cases growing out of the Lippard case will take several days to dispose of, that the E. P. Dale case will take a week or more, this latest murder trial probably four or five days, to say nothing of the many cases of a more or less minor nature.

ATTENDING BIBLE LECTURES

Rev. J. A. McLean, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has gone to New York to spend the month. While away he will attend a special series of Bible lectures.

THE DEADLY PERIL

HARDING HAS RESIGNED SEAT IN U. S. SENATE

Electoral College at Harding Inauguration on March 4 Planned—Harding Approves.

President-elect Harding has resigned as United States Senator from Ohio. He resigned as soon as the newly elected Republican governor of Ohio assumed office, having waited so that he might have a Republican successor. His resignation will take effect on January 15. The last six weeks before his inauguration will be devoted to preparation for his administration.

An innovation may be introduced into the inaugural ceremonies on the 4th of March, it having been suggested that the members of the electoral college, both Democrats and Republicans, be extended an special invitation to be in Washington. The plan, which Harding approves, was proposed by a group of Ohio electors.

CAMERON MORRISON IS GOVERNOR MORRISON

Inaugurated Yesterday — Ceremony Attending Event Was Very Impressive.

Cameron Morrison, private citizen, became Cameron Morrison, Governor of the State of North Carolina yesterday, receiving the oath from the hands of Walter Clark, chief justice of the Supreme court of the State at noon in the city auditorium.

The inaugural ceremonies and the events followed were the most notable in the history of the State, combining the pomp and circumstances of American army with the simple dignity of the civil procession of government.

Raleigh was packed with visitors and the line of march of the procession as the inaugural party moved to the executive mansion and the auditorium was densely peopled.

The governor-elect arrived in Wake county shortly after dawn yesterday morning on a special train, taking with him his household and three hundred citizens of Charlotte. The train was parked at Cary at 6 a. m. and breakfast served in a dining car carried with the train. At 9:30 the party was joined by the inaugural committee from the general assembly

Three massed bands and a company of 16 buglers from the Seventeenth Field Artillery, a thousand cadets from State College and a detachment of artillerymen from Camp Bragg conducted the Governor-elect on the march to the executive mansion.

The inaugural invocation was offered by Rev. A. A. McGeechy, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, Charlotte, of which Mr. Morrison and his family are members. Senator J. L. DeLaney, chairman of the Legislative committee, presented Governor Bickett, and the State officials. Governor Bickett then presented the Governor-elect, and the oath of office was administered to him by Chief Justice Clark.

MRS. ROSS SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. W. A. Ross continues critically ill at her home on Avery avenue. At times her life has almost been despaired of but she is making a brave fight and it is hoped that she may yet be spared.

Trade at home.

LOCAL BANKS HELD STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

In Each of the Same Officers Were Re-elected; The Directors and Officers Named

The First National Bank of Morganton held its annual meeting of stockholders on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The old board of directors was elected as follows: A. M. Kistler, I. I. Davis, S. R. Collett, W. C. Ervin, R. T. Claywell, J. H. Giles, Francis Garrou, K. C. Menzies, C. H. Geitner and A. M. Ingold.

At the directors' meeting immediately following the old officers were also reelected: A. M. Kistler, president; I. I. Davis, vice-president; A. M. Ingold, cashier; J. A. Claywell, assistant cashier; R. M. Davis, teller, Miss Sallie Hogan; teller; Mrs. P. R. Brown, teller.

At a meeting of the stockhoders of the Bank of Morganton January 4th, a four per cent semi-annual dividend was declared.

Officers for the ensuing year were eected as follows: President, C. A. Spencer; vice-president, F. P. Tate; cashier, W. E. Walton; assistant cashier, R. C. Huffman; bookkeeper, Miss Eva Walton.

The directors are: C. A. Spencer, F. P. Tate, W. E. Walton, J. L. Morgan, A. C. Chaffee, B. S. Gaither, E. J. Golloway.

Both banks stated that the year's business just closing has been very satisfactory.

REV. R. S. ABERNETHY DIED SUDDENLY

A card Monday to The News-Herald from Rutherford College says:

"Rev. R. S. Abernethy died suddenly at his home here 4:45 p. m. today. The interment will be at the college cemetery. He was standing at the mail box in front of his door when the heart failed to beat, just as the postmas passed. His last act was to mail a letter to his son who is sick in Gastonia."

Deceased was for many years in the active ministry, being a member of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Southern Methodist church. Several years ago he took the superannuate relationship because of ill health.

One daughter, Mrs. Anders, and a son, Prof. E. J. Abernethy, live in Gastonia. Another daughter Mrs. David P. Dellinger, lives in Cherryville.

GARMENT FACTORY FOR RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Announcement Made That Work Will Be Started on New Enterprise This Summer.

The Universal Work Garment Corporation, with an authorized capital of $100,000.00, will start a factory at Rutherford College sometime during the summer of 1921.

The factory will make a standard working garment for women and play garments for children. There is no manufacturing of this kind done in Western North Carolina. The management requests the interest of all citizens of Burke county in this connection for with proper help and spirit this enterprise will not alone make a good investment but be a big thing for Burke county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCall and children left last week for a two weeks' visit in Maysville, S. C.

COUNTY BONDS TO BE SOLD SECOND TIME

Payment Delayed, They Have Been Withdrawn and Will Be Resold.

The $65,000 in county bonds which were sold by the old board to Weil, Roth & Co., at a discount, and upon which payment was delayed on account of a technicality, have been withdrawn and will be advertised for sale again. At the time that they are resold it is hoped that a better price can be secured—at least par value.

HARDING IS OPPOSED TO BIG INAUGURAL

Abandonment of All Frills For Inauguration Ceremonies is Asked by President-Elect

If President-elect Harding has his way, the inauguration of March 4 next will be as devoid of frills as a frontier wedding. Having overturned plans for a revival of the inaugural ball, and a spectacular parade, he has indicated that, so far as he could consistently, he would keep away from whatever crowds assembled in Washington for the event and make the change of administrations just a matter of taking the executive offices under new management.

The president-elect's preference was made known in telegrams he sent to inaugural officials in Washington, asking that, in the interest of public thrift, the ball, the parade and every other show of pomp and festivity be omitted. Instead of taking the oath from a specially-built platform on the capitol steps, he suggested that it be administered quickly within the capitol itself and that he be left free to go to work without more ado.

The time-honored custom of delivering an inaugural address, which has been observed since the formation of the republic, is to be retained as a part of the day's ceremonies, but it is considered likely that it will be very brief and couched in general terms.

By his action, the president-elect ended a bitter row in congress, where several influential Republicans had protested vigorously against the plans of the inaugural committee to make the inauguration one of the biggest quadrennial celebrations the capital had ever seen.

Not only did Mr. Harding request that the $50,000 appropriation for grandstand seats on the capitol grounds be dropped, but he asked that not a cent of money be spent on his induction into office. How far the inaugural officials and public will let Mr. Harding have his way remains to be seen. Unless it can be financed and managed in an unusual manner, it is considered certain that the inaugural ball, which went out of the program when Woodrow Wilson first took office, will not come back this year. To prevent a street parade in honor of the new president may be more difficult. Thousands already have made their plans to see Mr. Harding ride down Pennsylvania avenue and in their number are the members of many Republican clubs the country over who feel they cannot miss the opportunity to march from the capitol to the White House when their party comes once more into power.

GOVERNOR BICKETT'S FINAL MESSAGE

In Parting Message to General Assembly, Governor Made Specific Recommendations

Governor Bickett addressed his final message to "Lady and Gentlemen of the General Assembly" last Thursday, in which he made four specific recommendations:

1. Increase the salaries of State officers from $3,500 to $5,000.

2. A constitutional amendment providing for the short ballot the primary selection of candidates for governor, and givng the governor authority to appoint administrative heads of the departments of the State government.

3. Enactment into law of the recommendations of the commission of negro welfare. This includes tubercular sanitorium, reformatory for negro boys and betterment of transportation accommodations for negroes on trains.

4. An amendment to the revaluation act to provide decreases in actual values of land caused by the depressed prices of products of the land

WOMEN ARE GROWING TALLER AND HEAVIER

Women are growing taller and heavier, according to R. Tait McKenzie, director of physical education at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Statistics of women's colleges covering a period of 60 years show the average college girl of today is an inch taller than the college girl of 1860," he said. "These statistics also prove that the modern girl is six or seven pounds heavier."

Dr. McKenzie attributed this increase in stature and weight to the increased interest in sports and outdoor life.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

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

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Our town was saddened Sunday to hear of the death of one of our former citizens which occurred at a hospital in Charlotte when Dr. G. M. Chapman passed. His mother died here only a few days ago. He was buried at Morvin Monday. His sister, Miss May, was with him for the last few days.

The health of the community is good, except a few cases of mumps, which are under strict guard, and it is hoped will not spread.

Mr. Rolly Morris, after completing a large job of railroad construction work in Kentucky, has moved back to his home here.

Mr. Brooks Kaylor, of Caldwell county, passed through here one day last week moving to the home of his father-in-law, Mr. G. Lutz, near Icard.

Mr. Harvey Abernethy, of Granite Falls, and friend, Mr. Rock Johnson, of Detroit, Mich., spent several days here last week with Mr. Abernethy's sister Mrs. M. I. Feimster.

Mr. E. T. Estes has just returned from a somewhat extended trip to Norfolk, Va., and Raleigh and Durham, N. C. He is smiling as if he had seen something or somebody "very attractive" while away.

Well, the snow was beautiful, but both the college and high school opened on time with a good attendance. However only one room of the new school building was ready for use. The three teachers and over fifty pupils were at the opening of what we hope is the beginning of many years of valuable work.

Mrs. J. D. Cassels, nee Miss Laura Johnson, one of the most worthy and best loved women of our community, died at her home here on the 6th instant, after a weeks illness, and was buried in the college cemetery at noon on Saturday in the presence of a large concourse of kindred and sympathizing friends. Deceased was 70 years old and was in the 50th year of her married life. The husband, two sons, Claude C., of South Carolina; Oscar, of Florida, and Mrs. Jennette Goode of Texarkana, Tex.; four sisters, Mrs. J. D. Glass, of this place; Mrs. Ada King, of Concord; Mrs. Mattie Hoyle, of Newton, and Mrs. Ida Devault, of Lone City, Texas, survive. The pall-beareres were D. W. Alexander, Horace Goode, Harley Goode, A. A. Godfrey and A. L. Lefevre. Mr. T. R. Glass and family, of Morganton, and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, of Lenoir, attended the burial of Mrs. Cassels. Mr. and Mrs. Seagle, of Hickory; Mrs. Edith Minish, of Lenoir, and Mr. Eugene King and wife and Mr. King's sister, of Concord, were among the kindred who arrived too late for the burial.

CHESTERFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kincaid had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lackey.

Mrs. Ed Throneburg spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Conley have been visting Mr. and Mrs. Amos Conley near Glen Alpine.

Mrs. Willie Mae Bowman, after spending some weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Puett, has returned to Richmond, Va.

Mr. Thomas Garrison, of Salem, was a guest Monday of Mr. J. V. Powell.

Misses Susie Crouch, of Quaker Meadows, and Lizzie Rader, of Morganton and Mr. Garland Crouch spent the week-end with their aunt, Miss Minnie Rader.

Mrs. Robert Kincaid has been very sick for a few days. Her daughter, Mrs. John Chapman, has been with her. Hope she will soon be well.

Miss Fannie Whitley spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hallyburton.

Mr. William Kincaid spent a few days at Worry last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lamberth, after visiting relatives at Huntersville, returned home Friday.

Mr. Edison Hood went to Hickory Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Puett, Mrs. Willie Bowman and daughter, Miss Louise Bowman, visited relatives in Morganton recently.

Mrs. J. A. Lowdermilk and little Billie and Ruby Lowdermilk were visitors of Mrs. Vance Powell Saturday.

Mr. Carl Throneburg is spending some time with relatives in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bentley, of Tennso, Va., are visiting Mrs. Bentley's brother, Mr. J. G. Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Rader spent Saturday in Morganton with relatives.

Miss Louise Bowman, who has been with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Puett, for some time, has returned to school at Banner's Elk.

AMHERST

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Whetstine and Miss Lola Bradshaw went to Morganton Saturday to see Mrs. Whetstine's sister, Miss Troy Moore, who is now in Grace Hospital.

Miss Nell Baker, of Drexel, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Baker.

Mr. Joe Baker went to Morganton Saturday on business.

Messrs. Charlie Eller and Fred

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