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SIDNEY KINCAID IN JAIL FOR MURDER OF WIFE

Member Board of Commissioners and Prominent Farmer-Merchant of Chesterfield, Held on Serious Charge

The entire county has been shocked and horrified by the murder Monday night of Mrs. Sidney Kincaid, stabbed in the neck by her husband at their home at Chesterfield, six miles from Morganton. Mr. Kincaid, who was a member of the board of county commissioners and a prominent farmer and merchant, was placed in jail shortly after the horrible deed was committed. The death instrument was a short-handled knife which Mrs. Kincaid kept on the back porch and used to peel fruit and vegetables.

In former years Mr. Kincaid had been a drinking, reckless man, but, due largely, it is said, to his wife's influence, he had apparently reformed, and his reformation was considered so complete that he had won the respect of his community, and was elected last fall to membership on the county board. He was a good business man and had accumulated property to the value of probably \$30,000.

Recently he had gone to drinking again, this a source of much grief and worry to his wife, who was devoted to him. She worked with him in the store they conducted at Chesterfield, which is not more than 50 yards from their beautiful country home. They had no children, but shared the home with Mrs. Kincaid's mother, Mrs. Bettie Davis, and an invalid brother of Mr. Kincaid.

The neighbors and Mrs. Davis tell that supper was prepared as usual Monday night and Mrs. Kincaid went repeatedly to the store to get Mr. Kincaid to come to the evening meal. She knew he was drinking, it is said, and for this reason wanted to get him home. She and Mrs. Davis sat on the porch at the front of the house waiting for him. A salesman who wanted to demonstrate a lighting arrangement for the house waited for a while, but finally left.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Mr. Kincaid came from the store. Mrs. Davis says that he went around the house to the back porch, and as he did so her daughter went through the hall to meet him and give him his supper, saying as she went, "Oh, will I have to put up with drunkenness in the home again," or words to that effect.

Mrs. Davis heard them talking on the back porch, and though she could not distinguish what was said the tones of their voices indicated that Mrs. Kincaid was remonstrating with her husband about drinking again. She was attracted by what she describes as a gurgling sort of noise and hurried to the porch to see what was happening. As she reached the hall door she says Mr. Kincaid had his hands around Mrs. Kincaid's neck, as if choking her.

She rushed to them, asking, "Sidney, why are you choking Lillie?" As she pulled his hand away the warm blood gushed on her hand and Mrs. Kincaid fell.

The mother cried, "You have killed Lillie, Sidney."

Summoning just strength enough to say, "No, he hasn't," Mrs. Kincaid gasped her last.

Evidently realizing what had happened, and sobered by the realization, the unhappy man threw himself down beside his wife, covered her hands and face with kisses, his moans and screams arousing the whole community. Neighbors were on the scene almost immediately and they tell that he acted like a wild man. They held him to keep him from carrying out his threats of self destruction. He himself suggested that the sheriff be sent for, and when officers arrived came with them willingly. Tuesday he begged piteously for the privilege of seeing his wife's face just once more before she was buried.

Solicitor Huffman is in court in Lincolnton and is not expected home before Saturday. The preliminary hearing will probably not be held until he arrives. That, however, is expected to be nothing more than formal submission and binding over to court.

Mrs. Kincaid's funeral was held yesterday morning at Mt. Pleasant church, Chesterfield, and in spite of the rain there was a large crowd present. The services were conducted by Rev. M. G. Tuttle of Lenoir. Tuesday Mr. Kincaid had asked to be allowed to attend the funeral but Wednesday morning agreed with some of his friends that it would be best for him not to go. He is said to be in a very nervous condition.

The murdered woman was only thirty-nine years of age. She had been married about seventeen years. Mr. Kincaid is fifty-three.

Tuesday morning the knife with which the murder was committed was found in the yard near the back porch. The doctor's examination showed the wound was not long but deep and that one of the main arteries on the left side of the neck had been cut. It is not thought that Mr. Kincaid was choking his wife after he had stabbed her, but that as he drew the knife out he came to his senses and was attempting to stanch the flow of blood. His clothing was literally soaked in his wife's blood.

LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

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

Capt. W. B. Berry is improving rapidly, his friends are glad to know. Mr. John W. Williams is erecting a pretty bungalow on his lot next to the Burkemont Hotel.

Claudia Cristolia is the name of the daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McAllister June 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garrou announce the birth of a daughter at Grace Hospital Sunday night.

"The Perils of Worldiness" is the subject which will be used by Mr. J. A. Robbins at the meeting of the Epworth league on Sunday evening.

Dr. J. H. Aiken who has been druggist for Davis Drug Company during the absence of Dr. E. B. Davis, returned yesterday to his home in Hickory.

There will be regular service at Mt. Calvary Lutheran church Sunday. Holy communion will be administered at the 11 a. m. service. Vesper service 8 p. m.

Dr. L. W. Alston has returned from Baltimore where he underwent an operation. We are glad to know that he has recovered sufficiently to be out again.

Mr. John Harrison has almost finished the construction of a store building on his lot on North Lenoir street. Mr. Harrison will put in a line of groceries.

Misses Naomi A. and L. Fay Roof, daughters of Rev. F. K. Roof of the Morganton Lutheran church, have accepted positions in the high school at Glen Alpine. They will teach in the high school department.

A very important meeting of the Civic department of the Woman's club will be held at the home of the chairman, Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Friday morning at ten o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Miss Sadie Patton who was on a trip through the west, had serious trouble with her foot in Chicago caused from a mosquito bite which made it necessary that she return home. She arrived Sunday.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday morning with Mrs. I. P. Jeter. Mrs. A. A. McFayden gave a very interesting talk on the Mary Erwin Rogers hospital in China. This hospital was built and endowed by Dr. Mitchell Rogers in memory of his wife who was a native of Morganton and a sister of Mrs. Sallie Moran.

MORGANTON BOY LED MEDICINE CLASS

Dr. William A. Kirksey Passed Medical Board With Highest Average.

Following the recent examination before the board of medical examiners of North Carolina for license to practice medicine and surgery in this State, announcement was made that Dr. William A. Kirksey, of Morganton, made the highest grade on examination—95.5 per cent. The next grade was 94. Eighty-two applicants took the examination and only forty-nine passed. Dr. J. J. Kirksey was also one of the successful applicants.

The two young physicians are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kirksey of Morganton. Their friends here are much gratified by their success in their chosen field.

OXFORD SINGING CLASS HERE NEXT MONDAY

Children Will Give Concert in Auditorium Monday Night.

The Singing Class of Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in Morganton at the Auditorium on Monday night, July 25th. This class has made an enviable reputation for giving concerts of a high order—concerts that entertain and edify. From some comments already published regarding this year's concert it appears to be up to the usual high standard, and all who attend can be assured of an evening of real pleasure and profit.

JURORS FOR AUGUST COURT

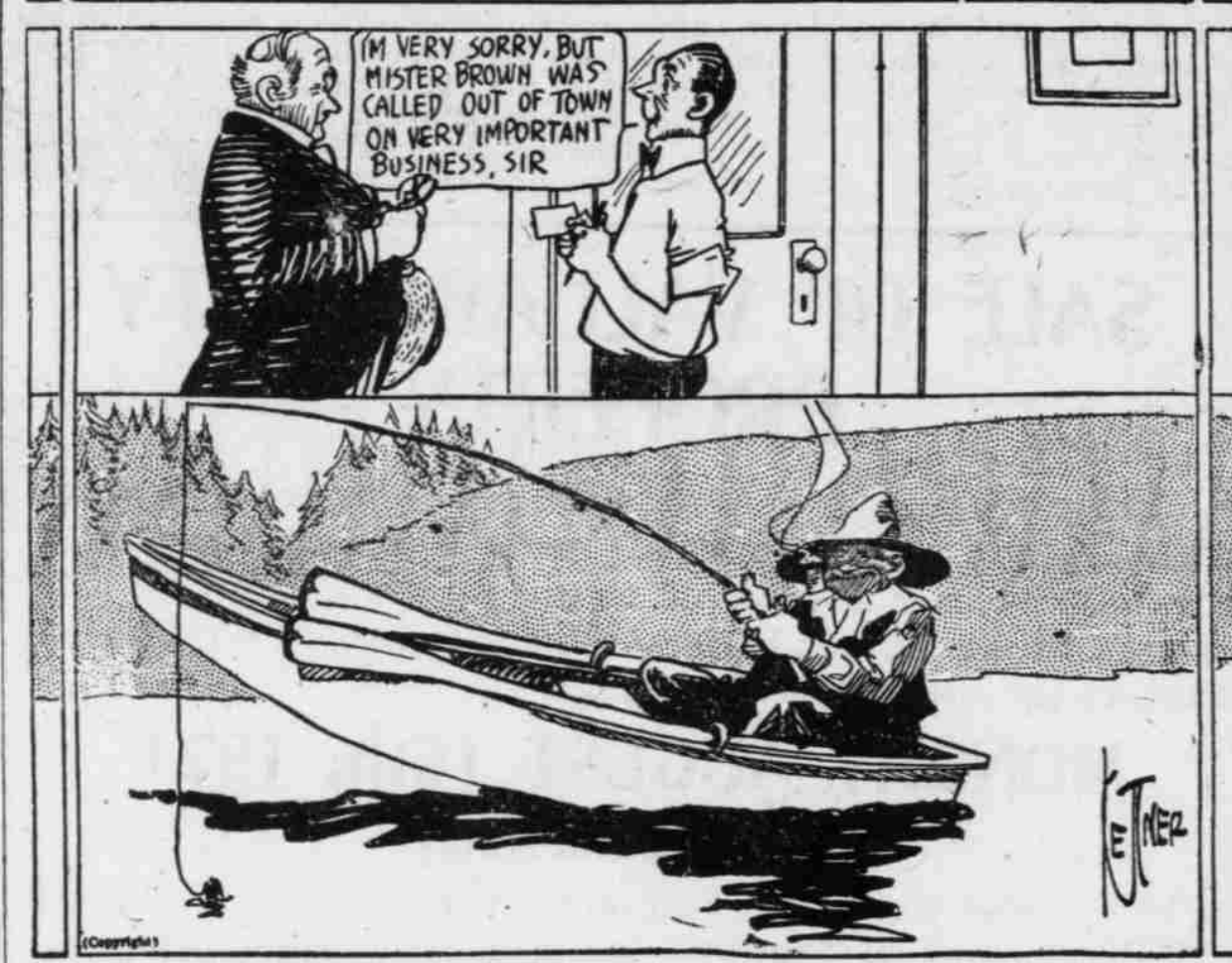
First week, August 8th—W. L. Jarrett, John H. Dale, L. J. Webber, A. B. Keller, Samuel Hildebrand, T. S. Bright, F. A. Denton, U. A. Rhyne, J. Fred Carswell, W. R. White, June McGalliard, Marshal Cooper, Fred Meyre, Logan Huffman, J. H. Barber, William Avery, D. M. Hildebrand, T. T. Hemphill, S. W. White, A. J. Smith, J. M. Lowder, A. E. Janson, S. H. Young, Max Hudson, J. Gordon Queen, R. M. Hudson, W. J. Clontz, J. F. Moore, Pink D. Baker, J. A. Scott, John Miranda, R. F. DeVault, W. A. Lafaver, J. R. Benfield, S. A. Wilson, W. T. Winters.

Second week, August 15th—Thomas Poor, W. G. King, W. M. Powell, C. Max Powell, C. B. Shuping, D. C. Hallman, N. J. Morrison, R. B. Ross, W. A. Coffee, J. B. Powell, G. M. Lowdermilk, J. H. Wilson, J. N. Berry, Frank Pascal, I. F. Potee, R. L. Cline, Max Decker, Butler Causby.

CHURCH DEDICATION

"The Church of God," the church recently constructed on White street, will be dedicated Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The dedication sermon will be preached by Rev. W. L. Shinn of Hickory. The public is invited.

The Port of Missing Men



SIGN POSTS FOR STATE ROADS TO BE PROVIDED

Give Directions and Distances At All Crossings; Mile Posts Will Be Added Later.

The News and Observer gives the information that North Carolina roads are going to have sign posts on them as soon as the district engineers get their maintenance plans into operation and care of the roads will include maintenance of sign posts at every crossing that will give the wayfarer accurate and understandable information as to whether he is headed, how far it is, and if there are any detours to be made, the condition of the detour.

Orders to this effect have been issued to the district engineers by State Highway Engineer Charles M. Upham. The nine district men have been asked to submit to the chief their notions of what the signposts ought to look like and from among the nine one design will be selected and made standard for the whole State. Anywhere the traveler sees one of the signs he will know that it is accurate and official.

With the constantly developing stream of automobile travel in North Carolina the sign posts will be of invaluable help to the people of the State. No concerted effort has ever been made to properly mark roads, although some work in this direction has been left to the whim of the local advertiser and as often as not sign posts get the traveler hopelessly lost.

Mile posts will be added to the roads as permanent construction progresses. The sign posts are for immediate use, and later the roads will be marked with a standard design of stone markers to give the mileage. Mr. Upham hopes to have the placing of sign posts well under way in the State before the first of December. Designs by engineers are to be submitted immediately and after that they will be made in quantity lots.

MEET AT NEWTON FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Hickory Record says: Members of the Burke-Catawba branch of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance association are becoming interested in the lively campaign for secretary-treasurer of the organization and many of them will be at Newton Monday afternoon when the annual meeting and election is held. The office is located at Newton, and this year the annual meeting of stockholders will be held there. The three principal candidates are said to be Geo. W. Rabb, present secretary, and G. F. Drum, of Newton, and Geo. R. Wooten of Hickory. Inasmuch as Hickory is more centrally located, Mr. Wooten is said to have much support from farmers in Burke and the section about Hickory. The association has insurance in force of more than \$3,000,000 and is a fine organization for the farmers.

REV. M. G. ERVIN IS RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

Rev. M. G. Ervin, Methodist minister on the Enola circuit, is at Dr. Long's sanatorium in Statesville recovering from an operation for appendicitis. He writes that it will be several weeks before he will be able to fill his appointments on this circuit. His friends throughout the county will hope for his speedy recovery.

RETURN TO MOUNTAIN MISSION

Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Joyner and little son, who have been living here for several months, Mr. Joyner serving as temporary rector for Grace church, left this week to resume their mountain mission work near Edgemont. Mr. and Mrs. Joyner have a warm place in the affection of Morganton people and it is with regret that they are given up.

DR. DEW AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. J. H. Dew, of Ridgecrest, delivered a helpful and inspiring sermon at the First Baptist church Sunday morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dew who sang a beautiful solo at the morning service.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE DECEMBER 6

Governor Morrison in Statement Explains Reasons For Decision to Call Session.

"The rumors abroad in the State that there is necessity for any legislation with reference to the program of the last general assembly are utterly unfounded," declared Governor Morrison in a prepared statement issued last week explaining the reasons prompting himself and the council of state in deciding upon a special session of the legislature, to be convened Tuesday, December 6, next.

"We do not want the right to sell the bonds of this State at a higher rate than 5 per cent," declared the governor, "and until the money market is such that we can sell the bonds at this price, we will do as the general assembly ordered us to do, borrow short-term money at the lowest rate of interest obtainable. We will have no trouble getting all the money we need in the meantime to carry out the State's program. We have never paid over six per cent for any money yet, and hope we will not have to. If it gets too high and we cannot go forward with our program without paying unreasonable rates of interest, or selling long-term bonds at a higher rate of interest than 5 per cent, we will stop the constructive program and wait until we can."

The governor also took occasion in his statement to declare "that the fear being expressed in a portion of the press of the State that the general assembly will have to convene to provide for carrying on the schools for the coming two years is, of course, unfounded."

The general assembly will meet in special session to provide relief for the North Carolina municipalities suffering from the invalidation of the 1921 municipal finance act, through a clerical error, and to cure a \$700,000 deficit in the school funds of the State.

It was the sense of the governor and council of state that the cities, although thrown back on the revenue encompassed within the limits of a 10 per cent increase over that available from taxes levied in 1918, can get along very well until December when the special session will authorize them to bond the deficit created or to borrow the money to meet it, starting the slate clean again with the re-enacted 1921 municipal act. The \$700,000 school fund deficit the counties will be asked to carry by advancing the State's share of the fund until December, when the legislature can provide for its payment.

The re-classification of the teachers by which North Carolina advanced from the bottom of the list of States to the fourteenth, is assigned by the governor as the reason for the deficit, a reason for which the governor feels no shame. The growth of the schools and the advancement of the teachers were just beyond the imagination of the State superintendent when he made his estimate of expenses.

EDITORIAL CHAIR FOR HARDING

A high backed "editorial chair," presented to President Harding by more than 60,000 fellow newspaper editors has been added to the furnishings of the presidential study in the White House. It is made of wood from the famous old schooner Revenge, captured from the British during the Revolutionary war and was presented through a committee headed by Ernest F. Birmingham of the fourth estate. Senator Kapper, of Kansas, publisher of the Topeka Capital, was selected to make the presentation speech and another member of the committee was James M. Cox, publisher of the Dayton, O., News, President Harding's Democratic opponent for president last year.

ENTERTAINMENT AT VALDESE

A social entertainment will be held in Ribet Bros' garage in Valdese Saturday night to which the public is invited. Music will be furnished by the Valdese band.

Miss Mae Parks is spending the week in Gastonia.

ANTI-TYPHOID CAMPAIGN BEGAN THIS WEEK

Free Dispensaries Opened Monday and Will Continue Four Weeks; Vaccination Free

Would it not appeal to the mothers and fathers of Burke county if their children between six months and six years of age could come to them and say:

"Papa, we want you and mama to save us from so much sickness as you can because we are young and don't know how to prevent diseases. We want you and mama to keep yourselves well, too, for without you how would we get along? We would have no clothes or shoes, toys or candy. We would be little orphans."

"Protect our lives from diphtheria, protect yours from typhoid fever."

The free dispensaries which began in Burke county on July 18, to continue for four weeks, are made possible by an arrangement between the county commissioners and the State Board of Health. As the protection against these diseases are made available to every person in the county, the responsibility of sickness or death from them is put up to the individual and to the fathers and mothers of the children. Central points have been selected in every section, so that each person, regardless of age, race, sex or financial conditions will be able to get what the State and county offer to him without direct cost.

Local physicians ask this paper to again emphasize the fact that each treatment is harmless, causes no sores, and very little inconvenience, but will prevent sickness and death from typhoid and diphtheria. Thus it may save you, not only your life, but also much money. In North Carolina in the past few years, more than three million doses of typhoid treatment have been administered through co-operation with the North Carolina State Board of Health and no ill effects have been recorded. While toxin-antitoxin, which is used to prevent diphtheria, has not been used so extensively because it was the last General Assembly that made it possible for the North Carolina State Board of Health to offer toxin-antitoxin treatment on the same basis that it has been offering the typhoid treatment.

Local physicians ask that every one carefully bear in mind the dates, and that you make a personal mention of this work to your friends. Each one who desires the treatment should meet the doctor promptly and make sure to come three out of the four times.

MRS. CLAYWELL'S SISTER DIED LAST SATURDAY

Mrs. S. H. McKinonn Died At Her Home in Maxton; Funeral Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Claywell received a message last Saturday telling of the death in Maxton of her sister Mrs. S. H. McKinonn. Death followed a short illness of about two weeks.

She is survived by her husband, three boys, Hawley, seven years, Will, five years and an infant, her mother, Mrs. W. D. James of Laurinburg, one sister, Mrs. Claywell of Morganton, and four brothers, A. A. and John L. James of Laurinburg and Doctors A. W. and W. D. James of Hamlet. The funeral services were held Sunday at 5 p. m. from her home and interment followed in Maxton cemetery. Mrs. Claywell went to Maxton Saturday afternoon.

TARIFF BILL WILL BE SURE TO AFFECT U. S. FARMERS

Proposed Duty on Imported Nitrate Will Take \$12,000,000 Yearly From Them.

It appears that the farmer will be the goat of the new tariff law. The following news article, written in Washington, by aPrker Anderson, a nominal Republican, and published in the Twin City Sentinel last Saturday, should cause the farmers of this country to sit up and take notice:

"Congressman-Bulwinkle stated this afternoon that the proposed Fordney tariff bill would cost the farmers of the South Atlantic States approximately twelve million dollars yearly with the duty of \$50 a ton on potash used for fertilizer, and that this protection was being made to aid the little potash mines in Utah, the freight rate making it impracticable to ship across the continent."

MISS EDITH GOODWIN IS SLOWLY IMPROVING

Miss Edith Goodwin, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. E. McK. Goodwin, is slowly improving from what almost proved to be a fatal accident. About two weeks ago she was thrown from a horse but at the time her injuries were thought to be of little consequence. Some time later she was taken suddenly and violently ill and for hours her life was almost despaired of. Dr. Long, of Statesville, was summoned. It was found that she had fallen and injured her internally and it may take a long time for her to recover completely. This week her condition has shown steady and gratifying improvement, friends of the family are glad to know.

Mr. Bill Shiflet, of Marion, spent Sunday in Morganton.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

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

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Grandmother Glass and her daughter Miss Ollie, have returned from a two weeks' visit to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Steel of Happy Valley. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Steel who spent a few days here. Also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glass and family, of Florida, are welcome visitors at the old home. They expect to make a prolonged visit.

Mr. Golden Bright, whose mother lives in our town, was married to Miss Ensie Perkins, the accomplished daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Perkins, of Jefferson, July 12th. Rev. T. E. Wagg performed the ceremony. They paid a flying visit to the old home here and returned Monday to Ashe county where Mr. Bright is engineer for the good roads force now doing work in that section.

Mr. Joe Havner was married in Lincolnton the 11th instant to Miss Ethel Testerman of Jefferson, the attractive daughter of Dr. Testerman, of Jefferson. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. J. T. Mangum, the pastor of Lincolnton station.

Miss Hazel Conrad, bright little daughter of Engineer T. E. Conrad, celebrated her eighth birthday by giving a most delightful hour of entertainment to a dozen of her playmates, closing with cakes and lemonade.

A Sunday school day program was well rendered Sunday evening by the Rutherford College Sunday school. Miss Rachael Elliott did herself honor in giving such good training in so short a time. The collection for the evening amounted to \$6.35.

Rev. J. B. Tiller, who went to visit his sick mother-in-law, Mrs. Kiser, last week, reports the patient improving and himself engaged in revival-meeting work, which will likely hold him until time to return for the school opening here.

Mr. Walter Weaver visited his cousin, Dr. C. C. Weaver, in Monroe, last week.

Revs. Elliott, Hinshaw and W. E. Hauss attended the district conference at Salisbury last week, where they were permitted to say a few words for the college and the new church building at this place.

Mrs. Kate Ramsey, of Lincolnton, is a visitor at Prof. W. E. Hauss's.

Rev. J. A. Sharp was here one day last week looking for a lot on which to build a home. And still they come; just let them come.

If some enterprising man of means would only turn up here and build a half dozen good residences, it is pretty certain they would be filled before Christmas.

Miss Geneva Mackey of Yadkinville, is visiting at President Hinshaw's.

Professor J. D. Rankin returned to his family here Saturday and has gone on to Gastonia to pack up his household goods preparatory to moving them to Boone where he is teaching in the teachers' institute and where he contemplates making his future home. His wife has been here with her mother, Mrs. R. S. Abernethy, quite sick with pleurisy. She is thought to be improving, and hopes to be up soon.

Babe Heavener spent Sunday at home to greet his new sister-in-law, and has returned to his work.

Mr. Lowder is having stone and cement steps built at the street end of his front walk, and President Hinshaw is having walks built and other improvements made in his yard.

It being impossible to get the camp ground at Camp Free in readiness this summer, Evangelist Green has rented the Weaver Hall and the club dormitory for the use of those from a distance who may want to tent on the grounds during the meeting, which it was announced Sunday was to begin the first of August. Just now the most important thing to do is earnest and united prayer for the evangelizing power of God to come upon the work and workers.

STATE HOSPITAL

Mr. Wilson England and Miss Etta Rudisill were married Wednesday the 13th at 11 a. m., Rev. J. A. Frye performing the ceremony at the circuit parsonage. Mrs. Frank Tolbert and Miss Mary Eva England, sisters of the groom, were present. The bride and groom left on No. 11 for Asheville returning Friday. They were guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert. They will continue their positions at the Hospital.

Mr. Junius S. Wall who has been serving in the U. S. army stationed at Marfa, Texas, returned home on Tuesday the 12th. He enlisted for 12 months which expired July 9th.

Mrs. Jarvis Wall and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scott for two weeks near Glen Alpine.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Alexander had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher and children of Morganton.

Mrs. W. D. Clark had as her guest Sunday Miss Mary Lou McNeely of the Hospital.

Miss Gladys Dixon of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end at home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dixon, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Williams had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr.