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CONTRACT FOR MORGANTON'S NEW HOTEL LET TO GOODE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Directors and Building Committee of Burke Hotel Company Met Yesterday to Receive Estimates and to Make Contracts For Building of New Sixty-Room Hotel; Building Will In All Probability Be Completed Within Six Months; Work To Begin At Once.

Good news! Morganton's long dreamed of hotel is about to materialize. On several occasions before it seemed about to be across but one thing and another checked it. This time none of the obstacles that interfered appear to be in the way and it is confidently believed that before the beginning of the next summer the new hotel will be a realized fact.

It is going through this time sure enough. Mr. J. H. Giles, chairman of the building committee, told The News-Herald just after the meeting yesterday afternoon. "The hotel will be ready to open next spring," was the opinion expressed by one of the directors.

A joint meeting of the directors and building committee was held yesterday afternoon at the office of W. C. Ervin, presided over by Mr. W. C. Ervin, chairman of the board of directors. Mr. Louis Asbury, architect of Charlotte, was present. Representatives of half a dozen or more contracting companies offered bids on

the construction of the building and a number of bids on the heating and plumbing were also considered. To the Goode Construction Co., of Charlotte, who offered the lowest bid, it was ordered that the contract be awarded. This will be prepared at once and signed next Thursday, September 1st. Mr. Goode who was present in person at the meeting, thought there would be no difficulty in completing the building within six months. His company is building the new high school building.

The specifications for the new hotel as set forth in the contract call for sixty bed rooms. The lobby and dining room will be large enough to take care of the addition later, if they should be needed, of forty more rooms.

Directors present at the meeting yesterday were Messrs. W. C. Ervin, A. C. Chaffee, H. L. Wilson, N. O. Pitts, H. L. Millner, C. A. Spencer and W. A. Harbison. Members of the building committee are Messrs. J. H. Giles, F. P. Tate and J. F. McGimsey.

REV. J. E. GAY DIED TUESDAY IN MARION

Former Presiding Elder Here and Prominent Methodist Minister Died Suddenly.

The daily papers yesterday carried announcement of the death of Rev. J. E. Gay, a prominent Methodist minister and formerly presiding elder in this district. The dispatch sent from Marion under the date of August 23rd.

Rev. J. E. Gay pastor of the Methodist church at this place, died suddenly this morning at 8 o'clock from an attack of heart trouble. He was 72 years old. The remains will be taken to Hillsboro tomorrow, to be buried at 5 p. m. Thursday.

He had been preaching the gospel for the past 37 years and died in the harness, having attended the revival in his church last night and taken an active part in winning souls.

MR. JOE TATE MCGIMSEY, PROMINENT CITIZEN, DEAD

Died Yesterday At His Home Near Bridgewater; Funeral and Burial Today.

Mr. Joe Tate McGimsey, one of the most prominent citizens of Linville township, a former member of the county board of education and a man of influence and high character, died yesterday at his home near Bridgewater and will be buried this (Thursday) morning at Linville church.

Because of limited time before going to press we are forced to delay until our next issue a more detailed account of the passing of this good man.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Luther C. Johnson to Sarah M. Fleming, 2 lots in Morganton.
C. C. Reep to R. F. Johnson, 22 3/4 acres in Silver Creek township.
Mrs. Annie F. Hallyburton to Alexander Taylor, lot in Morganton.
Frank E. King to T. B. Smith, 1.3 divided interest in tract of land in Upper Fork township.
W. W. Avery et al to J. Clyde Garrison, lot in Morganton.
C. A. Poteet to S. W. Hoyle, lot in Morganton township.
Nollie M. Patton, trustee, to P. R. Hildebrand, lot at Hildebrand.
Thomas J. Hallyburton to Alexander Taylor, 4 lots in town of Morganton.

NEAR BOOKS FOR DISTRIBUTION

The News-Herald has received the following letter from Congressman L. Bulwinkle:

"I have several hundred copies of the Agricultural Year Book for 1920 for distribution in the 9th Congressional district. This, as you know, is a very valuable publication for farmers. Will you please announce this fact in your paper?"

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert J. Champion and Maggie Age.
Joseph Wayne Parker and Ocie Anne Shrum.
Boone Littlejohn and Julia Baker.
J. S. Mull and Maggie Wellman.
Paul Stone and Zephia C. Fisher.

NEW DAIRY.

Announcement is made in an advertisement in this issue of the opening of a new dairy, which will be conducted by Mr. J. F. Spainhour, Jr.

LOCAL FIREMEN ARE NOW IN GASTONIA

Left Monday to Take Part in Annual State Tournament in Neighboring Town.

The Morganton firemen left Monday morning in fine spirits for Gastonia to take part in the annual State tournament held there this week. The boys are confident of carrying off some of the best prizes. Reports are that they are having a big time.

The firemen who make up the Morganton teams and the order in which they enter the contests are as follows:

Water Team — Ed Hern, captain; Joe Hern, wrenchman; Ed Hern, buttman; William Ward, slack-puller; Albert Wilson, breaker; Bonner Lane, nozzle man; Russell Green, substitute.

Chemical Team — Gray Lane and Jim Deal, ladder men; Millard Hennessee, climber; H. L. Riddle, substitute.

F. W. Ross, chief of the department, accompanied the team to Gastonia.

SATURDAY WAS BUSY DAY FOR BURKE COURT

Many Cases Disposed Of in Closing Day Of the Two Weeks' Term.

After making disposition Saturday morning of the Kincaid case the court settled down to the disposal of a large number of cases still on the docket, the passing of sentences on some already tried and the continuance of others until the next term of court.

Following is a brief summary of the proceedings Saturday:

Pink Mitchell, retailing, 10 months on Henderson roads.
Alfred Butler, manufacturing liquor, 4 months on Henderson roads.
Frank Mull, retailing, 12 months on roads.
Carl Mull, retailing, 6 months on roads.
Harvey Freddell, manufacturing liquor, 2 years on roads.
Wash Pearson, assault on female, 5 months on roads.
Amos Hunt, manufacturing liquor, 18 months on roads. Other defendants in this bill—Otis and Theo Sigmon and Charlie Stillwell, appealed to Supreme court.

SCHOOL WILL OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 12TH

Second Monday in September Set As Opening Date For Morganton School

The board of trustees of the Morganton graded school held a meeting Monday night and decided on Monday, September 12th, as the opening date of school. The colored school will open a week earlier, September 5.

Superintendent H. F. Srygley has returned from a stay of several weeks in Nashville, Tenn.

OUR AMERICAN SHIPS WILL CARRY FOOD

Once more American supply ships are to bridge the Atlantic—this time carrying food munitions for the American relief administration's war against starvation and sickness among the children of Soviet Russia.

As yet, officials declare, Secretary Hoover, chairman of the administration, has only outlined in a broad and general way the plans for mitigating the Russian famine.

At first, because of the nature of the country, food relief in Russia necessarily must be limited, officials asserted, but as the administration's veteran organization reached its maximum speed they predicted that vast stocks of foodstuffs would cross the seas to Russian children. These supplies have been specially selected to meet the dietary needs of the young. Actual distribution, it was said, would probably be made at but kitchens where the children would be fed twice a day.

Secretary Hoover estimated the cost of Russian relief, when it is well under way, at from \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000 a month. The administration will depend upon its treasury, he said, for necessary funds, and upon current contributions of co-operating organizations and individuals. All American organizations participating in the work under the American relief administration met here Wednesday for a preliminary conference with Mr. Hoover.

Every dollar to be expended by the administration on behalf of Russian children will be spent in this country, Mr. Hoover has announced, and all the food used will be sent from here with the exception of such surplus stocks already abroad.

Mr. Eli Taylor, of Icard, spent Tuesday in Morganton.

KINCAID SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS TERM

Verdict Friday Night, Sentence Saturday; Defendant's Story; Appeal Taken and Defendant Out On Bond

Eighteen years at hard labor in the State prison was the sentence pronounced by Judge Bryson Saturday morning for Sidney A. Kincaid, Burke county commissioner, whose trial on the charge of wife murder occupied the greater part of last week. Attorneys for the defendant immediately gave notice of appeal and the court announced an appeal bond of \$250 and an appearance bond of \$10,000. A verdict of second degree murder had been returned Friday night.

Bond was arranged Monday and late Monday afternoon he was released from jail and will be a free man during the three months requested for the preparation of his appeal to the Supreme court. It is understood that the bond was signed by Mr. Kincaid's sister and brothers and several close friends.

Evidence in the case was completed Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock and arguments by counsel continued from then until late Friday. The first speech for the prosecution was made by Attorney J. M. Mull, followed by S. J. Ervin, Jr. for the defense. On Friday strong speeches were made by W. A. Self, C. A. Jonas and S. J. Ervin, representing the defendant, and J. F. Spainhour and Solicitor Huffman for the State.

Judge Bryson's charge Friday night occupied two hours, reviewing in detail the evidence offered, presenting impartially the contentions of each side and giving clear instructions to the jury as to the elements in the evidence that should guide them in returning first or second degree murder, manslaughter, or acquittal.

The Lincoln county jury which heard the case deliberated for a little over an hour Friday night, announcing its verdict of second degree murder at exactly midnight. They left early Saturday morning for their homes. Before dismissing them Friday night Judge Bryson took occasion to commend them and thank them for their patient hearing of the case.

It is understood that on first ballot the jury stood three for a first degree verdict and nine for a second. In passing sentence Saturday morning Judge Bryson departed from what he said was his usual custom and commented to the throng gathered in the court room on the lesson the tragedy should bring of the effects of blockade liquor, making the statement that on the conscience of the man who sold Sidney Kincaid the liquor should rest much of the blame for the death of his wife.

In the last week's issue of The News-Herald there was given a report of the evidence taken up to adjournment of court Wednesday afternoon. The following account takes the story of the trial from Thursday morning until its conclusion:

The outstanding and dramatic feature of the trial Friday was the appearance of the stand peerance on the stand of the defendant himself.

Since the beginning of the trial it had been a matter of conjecture as to whether the defendant would testify in his own behalf. Though it was more or less expected that he would be allowed to tell the story of the fateful night, since it was known that he was more or less anxious to do so, there was noticeable surprise in the crowded courtroom when at eleven o'clock he was called as the next witness for the defense. He walked unsteadily to the witness chair, the effects of grief and confinement having had marked effect on a formerly robust man. His manner of meekness and humility doubtless elicited sympathy for him and as he talked there could be seen here and there over the courtroom tears in the eyes of many who were merely spectators. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and his answers to attorney's questions were given with deliberation, but without hesitation. Even on cross-examination he was not confused. At times his voice dropped so low that he had to be asked to repeat his testimony and occasionally as he spoke of his wife he was so overcome that he had to wait to compose himself before proceeding.

Court Room Crowded.

There was not a foot of vacant available space in the court room as Kincaid gave his testimony and during the two hours he was on the stand there was a deathlike stillness over the great crowd, so marked that except for the voices of the witness and examining attorneys there was no sound distinguishable except the whir of a small electric fan over the clerk's desk.

W. A. Self conducted the direct examination, doing it in such a way as to give the story told by the defendant connection and sequence. He was 53 years of age, he testified, and except for a short period had lived at Chesterfield all his life. He had married Lillie Davis in 1906, the ceremony performed in Asheville. About ten years ago he had built a new

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ATTEMPT JAIL DELIVERY WITH HACK SAWS

Prisoners Discovered Using Saws On Bars of Windows; Were Making Headway

An attempted jail delivery was foiled Sunday when Jailer Bright discovered that several of the prisoners had been using hack saws on the iron bars of the windows and that some of the bars had already been cut. A thorough search revealed that seven saws had been slipped in. A special guard was placed on watch as an extra precaution both Sunday and Monday nights.

The noise of the sawing, which was done boldly during the day, was what first attracted attention. It is thought that the plan was made by Will Hurt, an Avery county convict recaptured in this county last week and returned yesterday to the penitentiary where he is serving a five-years sentence. Some of the prisoners told the jailer that about \$3 had been "made up" among those in the scheme and passed through the window on a broom to an accomplice on the outside who bought the saws.

MRS. TILLINGAST DIES AT SPARTANBURG HOME

Husband For Many Years Connected With Morganton and Raleigh Schools.

A Spartanburg dispatch of yesterday tells of the death there of Mrs. Caroline Kirkland Tillingast, wife of D. R. Tillingast, formerly president of the North Carolina State Association of the Deaf and many years a teacher in the Raleigh and Morganton institutions for the deaf who passed away at her home there Tuesday. Funeral services and burial will be conducted in Spartanburg. Mrs. Tillingast was 78 years old.

TAX REVISION BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Not To Be Taken Up in the Senate Until After Recess; Will Cut Tax Burden

The tax revision bill of 1921, estimated to cut \$818,000,000 from the nation's tax burden by 1923, was passed late Saturday by the House 224 to 125, on an almost straight party vote.

Three Democrats supported the measure and nine Republicans voted against.

Compared with this number of Republicans were 50 who voted for a Democratic motion to recommit the bill for elimination of the provision repealing the income surtax rates above 32 per cent. This motion was lost, 169 to 230, with one Democrat, Campbell, of Pennsylvania, voting against it.

The bill will be sent Monday to the Senate, where it will be taken up after the end of the recess on September 21. Maritime, the Senate finance committee will hold additional public hearings on the whole tax question and probably revise the measure in a number of details.

As finally passed by the House, with nearly 100 committee amendments, the bill is estimated to produce a total of \$3,347,000,000 in revenue this fiscal year, or \$221,000,000 less than the estimate under the existing law.

As repeal of the excess profits tax and higher income surtax rates would not become effective until next January 1, the full force of the measure will not be reflected in government receipts until the calendar year 1913, but Republican leaders say that through repeal of the transportation and other taxes the reduction in the tax bill in the next calendar year will be approximately \$512,900,000.

The principal changes in the present tax levies made by the bill include:

Repeal of the excess profits tax. Increase of the corporation income tax from 10 to 12 1/2 per cent, effective next January.

Repeal of the income surtax rates from 32 per cent to 65 per cent, inclusive.

Increased exemptions to heads of families, effective as of last January 1, to \$2,500 for incomes not in excess of \$5,000 and additional exemption for dependents to \$400 from \$200.

Repeal of the transportation taxes, effective next January 1.

Repeal of the tax on life, fire and marine insurance policies and imposition of the corporation tax of 12 1/2 per cent on all such insurance companies, except fraternal, effective next January 1.

Repeal of the taxes on fountain drinks, ice cream and other beverages and the substitution of manufacturer's taxes as follows:

Four cents a gallon on cereal beverages; five cents a pound on carbonic acid gas; two cents a gallon on fruit juices or soft drinks; three cents a gallon on still drinks, exclusive of mineral and table water, and ten cents a gallon on fountain syrups. These changes would go into force on enactment of the law.

Repeal of the stamp taxes on perfumery, cosmetics, toilet preparations and proprietary medicines upon enactment of the bill.

Mrs. E. M. Hairfield has as her guest her father, Mr. T. J. Taylor, of Savannah, Ga., and her sister, Mrs. G. C. Thompson, of Fairmont.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

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

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

So many things have occurred hereabouts in the last two weeks I hardly know where to begin or what to say. The big thing has been the camp meeting with its crowds and transforming power. Scores of people have changed the course of their life, many of whom were already in the church, but living a very unsatisfactory life, but now claim to have been reinstated in the experience of the higher life. The meetings have closed and the big tent has been shipped to High Point, where Mr. Green will hold his next meeting. Now if this work proves as lasting as we hope it will, Camp Free is sure to have a great future.

The main reason for my silence for the last two weeks is my absence on a trip to the "Land of the Sky" where but for the incessant rains, we had a most enjoyable sojourn among kindred and friends of other days. A brief visit to Lake Junaluska convinced me that too much has not been said in praise of this great summer resort of the Methodist church. The natural beauty touched by the hand of art, more than fills the pictures sent out, while the social features and the delightful climate must be felt to be appreciated. It is destined to be one of the greatest educational centers in all the land, not only from the annual series of the various summer schools held there, but also because of the great college that is being built on the spot where the Junaluska Inn stood. As I stood one dewy morning on this spot and thought of the hundreds—yes, thousands of the brightest youth of our land who were destined to receive a truly Christian education here, I could not exclaim, "what great poets, orators, preachers, statesmen and authors those young people must become who receive their college training amid such scenes and surroundings as these." Then I thought, "Does not Rutherford College furnish almost as splendid scenery, and Christian atmosphere, and at less cost?" Well, there is room for both and many more such schools while so many are begging for room in our colleges.

We learn that Rev. J. M. Terrell has sold his home in North Rutherford College to Rev. T. E. Wagg, and will build on the R. E. Hinshaw lot just south of Professor Bennett's home. This all sounds like good neighbors to me. It is not known if Brother Wagg intends giving up the itinerance soon, but it shows where he is thinking of settling when he does.

Rev. G. W. Fink is doing the preaching this week at the Marvin campground in Caldwell. He has secured the services of the writer to fill his regular appointments on the West View circuit while he is doing revival work abroad. Brother Fink is one of our most successful conference evangelists. His family is visiting at Mrs. Fink's father's home near Lenoir this week.

Mrs. W. C. Riddle has been quite sick since last Friday, but she is resting well at this writing and hopes to be able to be out soon.

I am sorry also to report that Miss Ollie Glass has had severe trouble with her eyes for several days.

I am glad to note that Mrs. E. L. Morris has returned from her visit to Morganton much improved from the serious attack of sickness she underwent while away. Her daughter, Mrs. Holloway, is with her a few days while Miss Clara remains a few days

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JUNIOR ORDER STATISTICS SHOW PROGRESSIVE YEAR

Report of Secretary Vance of State Council Jr. O. U. A. M., at its annual meeting now in session in Greensboro, shows that there are 409 subordinate councils in North Carolina, 13 new ones being instituted and 17 reinstated during past year. There are 375 active councils and 50,437 contributing members. Receipts the past year totaled \$674,539.35, disbursements for sick and death benefits, etc., \$673,907.58; cash in hands of treasurers and trustees, \$204,028.89; total worth of council's inclusive property \$534,403.28.

BOTH PARTIES SUPPORT MISS SALLIE ABERNETHY

A Washington dispatch of August 22 says: Miss Sallie V. Abernethy, postmaster at Connelly Springs, has the distinction of being the only person that Republican and Democratic leaders have agreed on for reappointment. National Committeeman Morehead and Representative Bulwinkle think that she should retain the office she has had for 10 years, since the Taft administration. She will have to stand an examination, but she has a decided advantage over any would-be rivals. It is said that more than 95 per cent of the patrons of the office are supporting Miss Abernethy.

Mrs. E. E. Williamson and little daughter, Alice, who have been in Asheville for some time, are spending several days with Mrs. W. A. Harbison enroute to their home in Spencer.