



Tennessee Historical Commission

National Register of Historic Places Information Packet



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INTRODUCTION

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's list of cultural resources considered worthy of preservation. Our office can tell you if the building you are interested in is listed in the National Register, or if it is included in a survey of historic buildings. If your building has other historic buildings surrounding it, it could be in a historic district. If you think your building is in a historic district, but you do not know its name, provide our office with the name of some surrounding streets.

The first step in determining whether your property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places is to complete the Tennessee Historical Commission National Register Information Form. Send the completed form to our office along with current photographs of the exterior (all sides and additions) and the interior, a sketch/plan of the property showing the main building and outbuildings, and a statement that explains why the property is historically or architecturally important. Photographs can be 35 mm or digital. Including a sketched floor plan of the building with the dates of major changes to the building will help us evaluate the property. For properties with multiple buildings on the site, a sketched site plan should be included.

Send the completed information to the address on the front page. The staff will review your information, make a preliminary determination of eligibility, and assist you with the National Register process. We may also want to come and look at your building. See the links in the box below for additional information on the National Register of Historic Places.

This form is intended for individual buildings. If you are interested in nominating a site or a historic district, there is additional information at the end of the packet.

Note: if this information packet is more than one year old, call our office at (615) 532-1550 to see if an updated information packet is available. Changes in Federal regulations or staff policy may make this packet outdated.

Two documents that will help you when completing this Information Packet can be accessed at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/publications.htm> They are *Researching a Historic Property* and two brochures on the National Register: *My Property is Important to America's Heritage* and *The National Register of Historic Places*.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NATIONAL REGISTER INFORMATION APPLICATION

PROPERTY NAME

Historic Kefauver Hotel, Hotel Kefauver, Hotel Carlton, Hotel Chota

Current Kefauver Hotel

PROPERTY ADDRESS

Street 104 Main Street

City Madisonville, TN County Monroe

OWNER (S) OF PROPERTY

Name(s) [REDACTED]

Street [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED] Email [REDACTED]

Source of Information (Information must be from legal records - e.g., tax records, deeds)

Property Record Card (TN Property Viewer), Deed

PROPERTY USE (example: residence, school, warehouse)

Historic Hotel, retail and office space

Current Vacant

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1911 (completed 1913)

Source of Information

Property Record Card (TN Property Viewer),

confirmed with research, including newspaper articles (see attached)

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Robert Cooke Kefauver (owner/operator)

Source of Information

Architect, contractor, etc. unknown at this time, pending further research;

Robert Cooke Kefauver funded the construction and owned the building into the 1950s;

sources include newspaper articles, Charles L. Fontenay's book "Estes Kefauver: A Biography"

Include dates or approximate dates of all changes.

NUMBER OF STORIES

| | |
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| Historic | Two story with full, unfinished basement |
| Current | Two story with full, unfinished basement |

WALL COVERING (example: weatherboard, brick veneer, stucco)

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| Historic | Brick |
| Current | Brick |

CONSTRUCTION (example: log, frame, brick)

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| Historic | Brick and frame |
| Current | Brick and frame |

ROOF SHAPE (example: gable roof, asphalt shingles; hip roof, metal)

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| Historic | Flat with parapet |
| Current | Flat with parapet |

TRIM - TYPE AND MATERIAL (example: wood porch ornamentation, limestone lintels)

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| Historic | recessed entry with panel wood reveal; stone stills; arched triple rowlock brick lintels |
| Current | recessed entry with panel wood reveal; stone stills; arched triple rowlock brick lintels |

FLOOR PLAN (example: rectangular, L-shaped, irregular)

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| Historic | Rectangular |
| Current | Rectangular |

WINDOWS

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| Historic | nine-over-two-light and nine-over-nine-light double-hung wood sashes |
| Current | nine-over-two-light and nine-over-nine-light double-hung wood sashes |

INTERIOR FEATURES (example: fireplaces, staircases, wainscoting)

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| Historic | Plaster over lathe walls; double hopper door transoms; brick fireplace in lobby; pressed metal ceiling; mosaic tile floor; central atrium |
| Current | Plaster over lathe walls; double hopper door transoms; brick fireplace in lobby; pressed metal ceiling; mosaic tile floor; central atrium |

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATE (example: rear addition ca. 1925; windows replaced ca.

1960; interior changes ca. 1919)

recessed entrance added to east elevation circa 1940;

interior partial walls in retail space added unknown date

OTHER BUILDINGS ON PROPERTY - TYPE AND DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

(example: garage - 1940; barn - 1920; smokehouse - 1860)

N/A

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY 0.22 acre

SITE FEATURES (example: rural, city lot, wooded lot, etc.)

Urban; commercial city lot; south and east elevations bounded by sidewalks;

north elevation bounded by alley; west elevation bounded by party wall

IS THE PROPERTY THREATENED? (Explain briefly: by neglect, new roads, etc.)

Neglect; recently purchased for total rehab

SIGNIFICANCE Check the box by the criterion under which you believe your property is eligible.

Refer to brochures for the criteria.

- Criterion A** (history)
- Criterion B** (person)
- Criterion C** (architecture)
- Criterion D** (archaeology)

Write a brief history of the property and why it is important. Use separate pages and include your sources of information.

Application Prepared By _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____ Date _____

Sites

Sites include cemeteries, battlefields, and archaeological sites. In addition to the location of the property, owner information, and contact information for the preparer of the form, include the following:

- Photographs of the site. Photographs should represent the entire site, not just a portion of a site.
- Sketched site map, showing what part of the site is historic and, if appropriate, what part is modern. In many instances cemeteries and similar sites have older areas but they have expanded in recent years or the land has been altered in recent years.
- As for buildings, include a brief history of the property and why you believe it meets one of the National Register criteria.

Historic Districts

Historic districts can include a handful of buildings or several hundred buildings. Most districts will require a site visit from the staff but we need some basic information before we can make a visit. In addition to the location of the property, owner information, and contact information for the preparer of the form, include the following:

- Photographs of representative streetscapes in the proposed district. If the area has a lot of trees you will need to take photographs of individual buildings instead. Ideally you should take both streetscape views and a few individual houses. The photographs should depict historic buildings and modern buildings in the proposed district.
- A map showing the proposed boundaries of the district. The photographs you take should be keyed to this map.
- A brief history of the proposed district. This can include how the neighborhood developed, architectural styles in the area, and, where appropriate, information on selected prominent individuals in the proposed district. We do not need a history of every house or resident of the area.

Farmsteads

Farms consist of a primary residence/farmhouse, historic outbuildings, and landscape features. Complete the information form for the farmhouse and farm history. Also include a sketched map of the property showing all of the outbuildings and photographs showing outbuildings and landscape features. The history of the farmstead should include the use of the land in addition to the use of the buildings.

Write a brief history of the property and why it is important. Use separate pages and include your sources of information.

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Robert Cook Kefauver, who served as Mayor of Madisonville and was the father of the famed Senator Estes Kefauver, opened the Kefauver Hotel in 1913. Kefauver and his wife, Fredonia (Estes) Kefauver, celebrated the grand opening of the Kefauver Hotel, also referred to as Hotel Kefauver, with a banquet attended by over one hundred guests. Knoxville's *Daily Journal and Tribune* described the hotel as "one of the most modern and best equipped hotels in East Tennessee, and bids fair to be one of the most popular stopping places for motorists as well as travelling men" (*The Daily Journal and Tribune*, 4 Sept 1913:5).

Kefauver designed the hotel with integral retail and office spaces on both floors as well as in the basement. According to archival photographs and Madisonville residents, the retail spaces historically housed a drug store and barber shop, while the office spaces have been occupied by dentists, lawyers, and the Southern Bell Telephone Central Office in the early twentieth century. Additionally, the Town (Madisonville) stored their fire truck in the hotel's basement for many years and the basement also housed a public billiard hall throughout most of the building's life as a hotel (Hicks 1990:1B). In 1914, a year after the hotel's opening, the Cumberland Telephone Company's exchange also relocated to a portion of the then-new Kefauver Hotel after a fire displaced their operations elsewhere (*Chattanooga Daily Times*, 17 Dec 1914:10).

According to locals, upon its completion the Kefauver Hotel offered the largest public space in Madisonville and was the only downtown business offering indoor plumbing and electricity. The building therefore became a central hub for the central business district. Numerous local and regional groups organized meetings at the impressive Kefauver Hotel, including the Chamber of Commerce (for both their annual banquets and their election meetings), the Monroe County Farm Bureau, Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star, local political booster clubs, and the regional Masonic lodges. The hotel also provided ample and elegant event space for social gatherings, such as those of the Town Club, local rook and bridge clubs, and church groups, as well as large events including high school reunions, alumni association gatherings, and wedding ceremonies and receptions. Locals would also host out-of-town visitors at the impressive establishment, including Tennessee's 34th Governor, Alfred A. Taylor, in 1921 (*Knoxville Sentinel* 27 Oct 1921:6).

Local politicians, business owners, and influential citizens met at the Kefauver Hotel to discuss critical infrastructure needs in Monroe County and the surrounding region, such as those pursued under the "Good Roads Movement" initiative in 1915 (*The Sunday Journal and Tribune* 4 April 1915:5). Due to its location near the courthouse, regional lawyers overnights at the Kefauver Hotel, gathering to discuss the day's events. Charles L. Fontenay, author of *Estes Kefauver: A Biography*, believed overhearing these conversations made a direct impact on Estes Kefauver, who spent several years of his youth in and around the hotel and later chose to attend law school (Fontenay 1980:25).

According to Dan Hicks Jr., an award-winning journalist who owned and operated a Monroe County newspaper from 1967 until 1990, the Kefauver Hotel became “the social and business center of East Monroe County where the better-off families gathered after church for Sunday dinner and salesmen (Drummers) from Knoxville, Chattanooga and other far-off places took room and board” (Hicks 1990:1A). Hicks emphasized the importance of the hotel to Madisonville’s early infrastructure development, indicating the hotel inspired the first paved street in Madisonville when Robert Cook Kefauver, the hotel owner, organized the project to pave one block of Main Street, between Monroe Street and College Street, connecting Kefauver’s home at one end to his hotel at the other. Shortly thereafter, Kefauver organized projects to pave other downtown streets, using the intersection of Main Street and College Street, where the Kefauver Hotel is located, as a nexus point. Furthermore, Kefauver constructed a sewer line from the hotel building to a nearby creek. Neighboring homes connected their bathroom plumbing to the hotel’s sewer line and paid a monthly fee for the service (Hicks 1990:1A).

According to newspaper articles, Kefauver began leasing his hotel to operators by the early 1930s, when it became known as Hotel Carlton. During a brief closure in the late 1930s, Kefauver remodeled the interior and front entrance of the hotel. It came under management of two female hoteliers beginning in 1940 and operated under the name Hotel Chota for a few years. The entrance on College Street (east elevation) was constructed during this time, complete with a marquee (the marquee was removed in the 1980s due to instability and safety concerns). When College Street served as the primary hotel entrance, the original hotel lobby provided the first office space to the Fort Loudon Electric Cooperative. Also, during the 1940s, Tennessee Valley Authority staff stayed at the hotel and used an office space during the initial planning stages for the construction of Tellico Dam; ultimately, the TVA dam project was delayed due to the United States entering World War II (Hicks 1990:1A-1C). By the 1950s, the Kefauver Hotel building became a rooming house and was no longer utilized as a hotel.

The Kefauver Hotel building has served Madisonville, Monroe County, and the region as a central hub for business, politicking, socializing, and a broad array of community events for over a century. The building historically filled a community need as a gathering place, complete with modern amenities otherwise lacking in the general region, and the construction and operation of the Kefauver Hotel inspired and led to infrastructure improvements that indirectly, and later directly, benefited Madisonville residents. As such, the Kefauver Hotel is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, for its local significance to the city, county, and region, for its association with commerce and community planning and development.

THE DAILY JOURNAL AND TRIBUNE, 100 CHURCH ST., KNOXVILLE, TENN., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1913.

LIVE NEWS OF THE DAY FROM OVER TENNESSEE

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| <h3>FLAW FOUND IN THE ORDER</h3> <p>By which Greene County Road Bonds Are to be Issued.</p> <p>Will Delay the Work Only Slightly if at All.</p> <p>Prover Dam of the Tennessee Eastern Co. Will be Completed This Month.</p> | <h3>AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR OOLTEWAH</h3> <p>Three Young Cleveland Men Had Narrow Escapes.</p> <p>Courtyman Refused to Go in Search of Aid.</p> <p>Bo Buggs Had Nine Partials Dislodged and So Wasn't in the Honor.</p> | <h3>VETERANS' DAY AT MORRISTOWN</h3> <p>Was the Third of the Homecoming Series.</p> <p>Hannett County Fair Was Also Duly Opened.</p> <p>Thursday Will be Wilson's Day—Aeroplane Artist's First Flight, a Success.</p> | <h3>S. METHODIST MISSIONARIES</h3> <p>From Mexico City Have Requested Vera Cruz.</p> <p>And Will Sail for the United States Today.</p> <p>Another Party Will Maintain Protection of U. S. Waterways—So News of Officers.</p> | <h3>GOV. HOOPER'S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE CALL</h3> <p>No Local Bills for the Issuance of Road Bonds Were Included.</p> <p>Those Being All Carried by One of Several General Laws Designed to Shut Off a Flood of Legislation—Call Includes a "Road Improvement District" Bill Which Covers the Knoxville-Athens-Chatanooga Highway Bill.</p> | <h3>SEVERE BREAK IN THE DROUTH</h3> <p>Shorey Electrical Storm Here Reported Quiet.</p> <p>One Man Killed and Several Houses Burnt by Lightning.</p> <p>Boy, Who Slips, Will Be Killed by Lightning, Was Only Slightly Hurt.</p> |
| <p>Prover Dam of the Tennessee Eastern Co. Will be Completed This Month.</p> <p>The dam is being built by the Tennessee Eastern Co. and is expected to be completed by the end of the month. It will be a concrete dam and will be 100 feet high. The dam will be built on the Tennessee River and will be a part of the Prover Dam project.</p> | <p>Three young Cleveland men were riding on a motorcycle near Ooltewah when they had a narrow escape from a collision with a car. The motorcycle was overturned and the men were injured. The driver of the car was not hurt.</p> | <p>The third annual homecoming series at Morrissetown was held on Thursday. It was the first of the series and was a success. The homecoming series will continue for several more days.</p> | <p>The S. Methodist missionaries from Mexico City have requested that they be allowed to return to their home country. They have been in Mexico for several years and have done much good work.</p> | <p>Gov. Hooper's statement on the legislative call was received with interest. He stated that no local bills for the issuance of road bonds were included in the call. This was due to the fact that the call was for general laws only.</p> | <p>A severe break in the drouth was reported at Shorey. An electrical storm hit the area and caused a severe rain. One man was killed and several houses were burnt by lightning.</p> |
| <h3>SCHOOLS OPEN AT JELICO</h3> <p>Prof. Fred W. Alexander Delivers a Very Helpful Message on Education.</p> | <h3>CLINCH RIVER MILLS</h3> <p>Workmen at the Mills Have a Very Interesting Program.</p> | <h3>GIRL OF FIFTEEN WEDS AT NEWPORT</h3> <p>Parental Blessing, However, Followed the Ceremony.</p> | <h3>SOUTHERN RAILWAY INVADES THE WEST</h3> <p>Has Arrived at Denver and Will Continue on to the Pacific Coast.</p> | <h3>WEST TENNESSEE FARMERS' INSTITUTE</h3> <p>Will Meet at Nashville and Will Discuss the Needs of the Farmers.</p> | <h3>ADDITIONAL STATE NEWS ON PAGE ELEVEN</h3> <p>See Page Eleven for More News from Over Tennessee.</p> |

MADISONVILLE'S NEW NOTE

Comed, With a Banquet in Which 100 Guests Participated—Social Notes.

Madisonville, Tenn., Sept. 3.—The Madisonville Chamber of Commerce and the Madisonville Business Association have arranged for a banquet to be given at the Madisonville Hotel on Friday night, Sept. 5. The banquet will be given in honor of the new note issued by the Madisonville Chamber of Commerce. The new note is a 10-cent note and is the first of its kind ever issued in Madisonville. The banquet will be given at 7 o'clock and will be a very interesting affair. There will be a program of music and a very good dinner. The price of the banquet is \$1.00 per person. The Chamber of Commerce and the Business Association are very proud of the new note and hope it will be a success.

COOK TAKEN TO MURFREESBORO

Was Accused of Double Murder Removed From the Jail at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 3.—A man named Cook, who was accused of the double murder of a man and a woman, has been taken to Murfreesboro. Cook was arrested in Nashville and was held in the jail there. He was then taken to Murfreesboro where he is being held in the jail there. Cook is a man of about 30 years of age and is of a dark complexion. He is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. He is being held in the jail there until he can be taken to court.

MISS HESTERS ASSAILANT CAUGHT IN KENTUCKY

Reported in the Journal and Tribune.

Miss Hesters, who was assailed in Knoxville, has been caught in Kentucky. The assailant was caught in a trap in Kentucky and was taken to the police there. The police are now holding the assailant and are trying to find out who he is. Miss Hesters is now in Knoxville and is recovering from her injuries. The police are very grateful to the people of Knoxville who helped them find the assailant.

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...ely important matters that are in the call?"

MADISONVILLE'S NEW HOTEL

Opened. With a Banquet in Which 106 Guests Participated—Social Notes.

Madisonville, Tenn., Sept. 3.—Hotel Kefauver, Madisonville's handsome new \$25,000 hotel, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kefauver, was opened to the public with a large banquet at which one hundred and six guests were registered. Hotel Kefauver is one of the most modern and best equipped hotels in East Tennessee, and bids fair to be one of the most popular stopping places for motorists as well as travelling men.

The Sunday school convention of Monroe county met at the Presbyterian church on last Thursday. A large number of people from all over the county were present and enjoyed the interesting program which was prepared for the occasion.

The Monroe county central high school entered upon its sixth annual session Monday with bright prospects for a good year's work. The faculty of last year has been retained with the exception of Miss Resgan, who has taken the place of Miss Love in the domestic science department. The other members of the faculty are: Prof. V. L. Broyles, D. L. Broyles, L. H. Cagle, Misses Ella Johnston and Nelle Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Sawyer, of Knoxville, attended the opening banquet at Hotel Kefauver Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henley, of Chattanooga, are the guests of relatives.

Mr. W. J. Cobble was in Knoxville on business, Wednesday.

Rev. Horace McCashin, of Montgomery Ala., preached here Sunday.

Miss Mattie Duncan is spending the week-end with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiba Bennett, of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Mrs. J. W. Craig, of Washington, D. C., who are making the trip from Boston to Pine Bluff in their car, passed through Madisonville recently.

Mr. Rimmer, of Dandridge, has purchased the Lowry farm near Madisonville.

Herbert Hicks, who has been spending the summer in Topeka, Kan., returned this week for a short visit with home folks before entering the University of Tennessee.

Miss Nelle Peck returned Wednesday after a delightful outing at Galbriath Springs.

Messrs. Hendy Minnis and Ken Sloan went to Chattanooga Monday morning to be present at the last Montgomery-Chattanooga baseball series.

Misses Stella and Margaret Bayless returned Wednesday from Knoxville, where they have been spending a week with relatives.

Mrs. Ora Shadden and daughter, Louise, who have been visiting Mrs. Emma Calfee, recently, returned to their home in Chattanooga.

Mrs. Sue Hale and Mrs. Trent are spending the summer at Andrews, N. C.

Mr. Lee Dyer, of Etowah, spent the week-end with relatives at Hiwassee.

Miss Margaret Phillips, of Knoxville, has been the guest of Miss Ruth Phillips for the past week.

Mrs. Robert Hicks and daughter, Reba, of Rockwood, are the guests of relatives here.

Messrs. John Penland and Carl Sheets spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Miss Henrietta Duncan spent Friday with friends in Etowah.

Mr. Walters, of Friendsville, spent the week-end as the guest of Madisonville friends.

Mr. Dawson, of Knoxville, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. L. A. Hunt.

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Once the business and social center of Monroe County

By Dan Hicks Jr.

SHE WAS AS modern as 1910, the approximate year she was built, with inside plumbing, electric lights, and decorative tile floors in her lobby.

She was the social and business center of East Monroe County where the better-off families gathered after church for Sunday dinner and salesmen (Drummers) from Knoxville, Chattanooga and other far-off places took room and board while they rented horses and rigs from a livery stable not too far from the Stanley Lowry residence on Monroe St., behind the Ft. Loudoun Electric Coop. These early businessmen traveled Monroe County's narrow, muddy back roads to sell their wares to crossroad country stores around Madisonville.

It's the Kefauver Hotel whose existence is a tribute to the genius of the late Cook Kefauver, father of the late Estes Kefauver, who also organized the project to construct

Madisonville's first paved street, from College St. to Monroe St., which was from his home to the hotel. This statement is not meant to imply he worked only for his own good. After he completed the paving on Main St., he organized and supervised the paving to College St. from the hotel to the First Baptist Church, in front of the Courthouse.

Today, this and other monuments to his business acumen—the store building which originally housed Lowry and Kefauver, which was later D. E. Lowry & Son; the first floor of the building which housed Tellico Lodge #80, F&AM; the building which in later years housed the Hollywood Theater, which has recently been torn away to make a park; the frame home where the Senator was born on Cook St., (named for Cook Kefauver's ancestors) which was destroyed by arson; and the two-story frame structure on Main St., across from

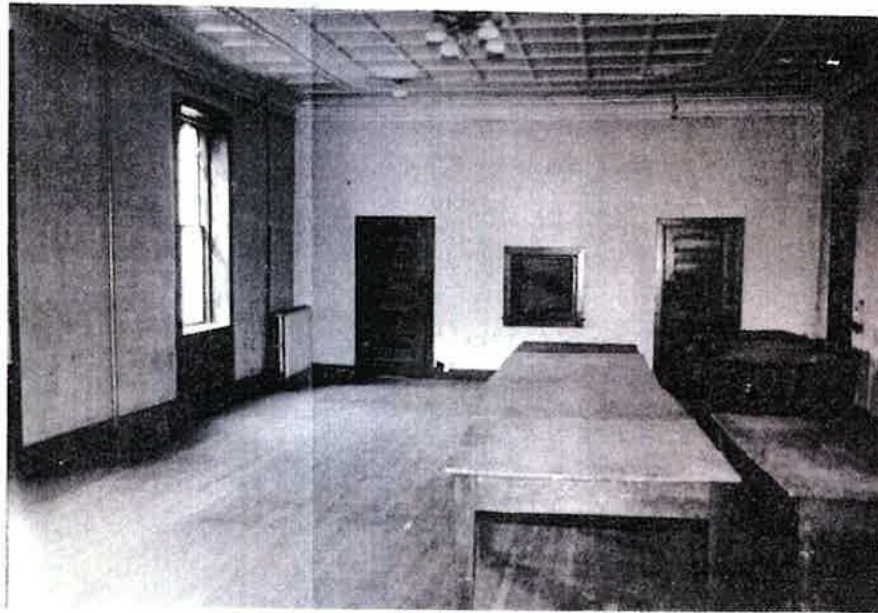
the Presbyterian Church, are symbols to his ability. The latter was not built by Kefauver, but he purchased it in the early part of the century.

The Kefauver children would have been from about 9 to 12 years old when their father built the imposing two-story structure which

stood near the L & N Railway Depot, across the street from the Courthouse, and at the intersection of two major highways, 411 and 68. They probably lived in the hotel for several years after it was built.

My mother recalls her father coming home to New Hope and

—only ghosts and memories inhabit halls, rooms today



THIS IS THE DINING room and the doors to the kitchen of the Kefauver Hotel. Food was passed out and dirty dishes in the window at center, the original equipment is understood to remain in the kitchen.

The tables were used by the diners. (A HIX PIX)

excitedly proclaiming that "Cook Kefauver is building a hotel in

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Talent, two others in contention

COUNTY CLERK Brian Tallent has qualified for re-election to that office, subject to the Republican primary and two candidates qualified in district offices this week.

Rick E. Frye, 508 Park, Sweetwater has announced as a county commission candidate for the GOP nomination in the first district. Leo Swanson, who has been involved in law enforcement for more than 20 years will seek to hold on to the job of Third District Constable.

excitement flows community

COMMUNITY LIFESTYLES



The Democrat-Laker-February 27, 1990-1B

Once the business and social center of Monroe County--

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Madisonville which will cost \$100,000! This was almost equivalent to a billion in those days.

MANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS were held in the downstairs dining room and a large room upstairs was used by salesmen to display their wares and for dances and other social functions. An ornate three-barber tonsorial shop was located in the basement. For many years the Town's fire truck was parked there. It was leased for many years by a Mr. and Mrs. Scruggs. Mr. Scruggs was an FBI Agent and there was a daughter, Patricia.

Boarders such as the late Charles D. Bevan, owner/editor of The Madisonville Democrat for a few years, and others played bridge nightly in the ornate lobby which was filled with potted plants.

Single teachers took room and board there. Two I remember were Coaches Howard Hale and Ed Knoll. A pretty music teacher from Copperhill also had a room there. My mother said she and the late Grace Airheart would catch a train at Fagan Crossing and ride to Madisonville where they would take music lessons from a teacher by the name of Pennington in her room in the hotel. She said they would then walk back to New Hope

Grove Church, another mile or more at night to attend services.

The Madisonville High Football Banquet in 1941, sponsored by the Madisonville Lions Club, which originally held its meetings in the hotel dining room, was held there. Many other school functions were held there in a room that appeared to the writer to be as big as a gymnasium, but which today is actually about the size of two car garages.

About 1940, a nurse from Sweetwater named Helen Moore, leased the hotel and changed the name to the Hotel Chota. She had an entrance cut in the College St. side and a marquee built. The marquee was removed several years ago because it became dangerous to those who passed under it.

A fellow member of the Madisonville High Football Team, who lived way out on Ballplay Rd., washed dishes and did other chores there for his room and board. The hotel manager did her best to keep him away from the scullery maids.

However, one night he scored and after the encounter, threw the condom out the window of his room. Instead of sloshing to the ground, it caught on the screen of one of the dining room windows and hung there, twisting in the wind, for all of the breakfast guests to enjoy. My friend's stay in the hotel business was short lived, to say the least.



THE KEFAUVER HOTEL in Madisonville was in operation when this picture was made in the 1930's.

The Old Johnston Brick is at right side of the hotel was Stickley Drug Store. Dr. C.T. Carson, dentist, had an office over the drug store and Sue and Herbert Hicks had a law office at right.

second floor of the Main St. end They were occupied by Dr. Cook Carson, dentist; Sue K. and Herbert Hicks.

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Community, about three miles distance, and then walk to Oak

THE HOTEL IN THE 1930's had three offices on the

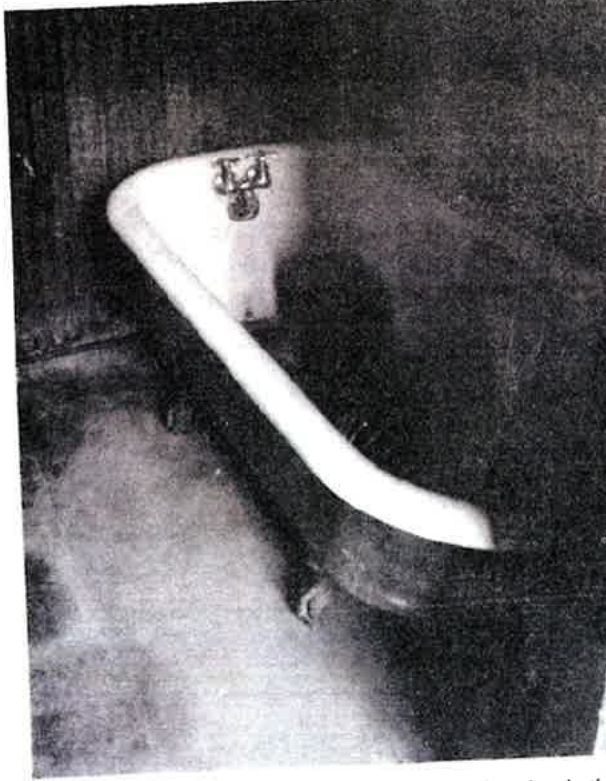
Bell Telephone Central Office. I believe there were earlier tenants, but there are no records.

The hotel lobby, after the side entrance was made, was rented as an office and the Ft. Loudoun Electric Cooperative had its first office there. I was one of the first employees of the construction firm, L. O. Brayton and Son, which built the original electric system and I was hired in the hotel lobby. Seemingly common place at the time, I later realized the danger of the practice of keeping the Cooperative's case of dynamite in a small safe in the lobby. Had it blown up, the Kefauver Hotel would be just a memory today.

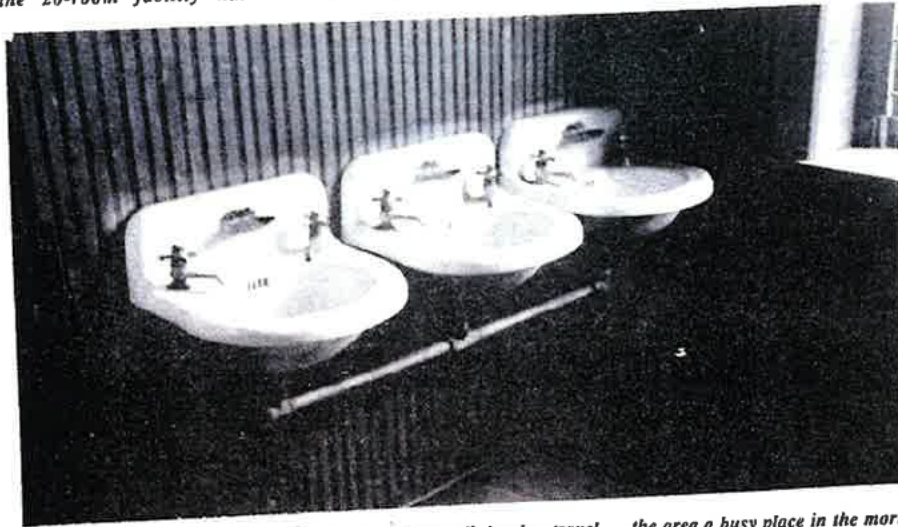
Employees of the Maps and Survey Division of the Tennessee Valley Authority, of which I was one, roomed there and their office was located there, just previous to World War II when the Tellico Dam was surveyed. The war prevented the construction of the dam at the time and the Snail Darter held up its completion for many years in the 1970's.

THE HOTEL HAS one bath on the first floor. It has three laboratories, two commodes and one bathtub.

On the second floor at the north end of the hall are two bath rooms. One has a laboratory and a commode, and the other has a bathtub.



THIS IS ONE of two take turns using it. Antique bathtubs in the Kefauver Hotel. Guests who stayed in the 20-room facility had to **HIX PIX**



THESE THREE ANTIQUE laboratories are located in the one first floor bathroom of the Kefauver Hotel. In the hotel's heyday, traveling salesmen and other guests made the area a busy place in the mornings. (A HIX PIX)

memories inhabit halls, rooms today

Can you imagine the frenzy and hub hub that held sway in these two facilities in the early morning as overnight guests and steady roomers fought to 'do their toilet.' The men, of course, went to the basement for a shave and a shine.

The structure has no sprinkler system or fire escapes and it is a miracle that fire has not destroyed it many years ago. In the 1950's, it was used as a rooming house until the State Health Department condemned it.

THE HOTEL HAS a very distinct honor. Cook Kefauver was way ahead of his time. He built a sewer line, from the hotel to Town Creek, a couple of miles away. Later residents along College St. paid him a monthly fee and hooked their baths to the line. From time to time the line would clog up and his daughter, Nora, who is a patient in a Knoxville rest home at this

time, would don her galoshes and dig up and repair the faulty line.

The last tenant in the building was Virgil Tallent, barber, who owned and operated a Madisonville business longer than any other person. Virgil is taking it easy at his home on Monroe St. these days. A Croft family operated a used clothing store there for many years. The fact that the sign was spelled 'Croft's Bargain Store' throughout its entire existence

bothered no one because it was part of the tapestry which is the heart of Madisonville.

The hotel was heated by a steam furnace.

I recently borrowed a key and walked through the halls and larger rooms. All of the smaller rooms are secured by padlocks. I especially would like to visit the kitchen because I have been told that the original equipment is still in place

there.

The ceiling of the dining room is of an ornate design in metal which was popular in buildings at the time, but now a rarity, and there is a very modest chandelier. Four smaller lights illuminated the corners of the room and there are 'in' and 'out' doors to the kitchen, complimented by a serving window. The very large dining tables are still in the dining room.

I have drawn on my memory for this article because if records exist, I do not know where to find them. I know there are many who were closer to the Kefauvers and the hotel, who know more about the subjects than I.

I hope you will share your memories with Democrat/Laker readers and before it is too late, help me write a history of the landmark for the enjoyment of posterity.

Give me a call or write me a letter.

ceilings

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FOR MANY YEARS the holestry was known as "The Hotel Chota" and the fact was advertised by a sign on the marquee. This picture, home which was remodeled made about 1940, also from the Female Division of shows the Bolivar Academy, a once Kimbrough/McGill Building famous Madisonville private and the old Lee R. Sloan school. (A HIX PIX)

10 THE DAILY TIMES: CHATTANOOGA, TENN., THURSDAY DECEMBER 17, 1914.

NOTICE

THESE TENSES will not be responsible for the accuracy of classified advertising ordered over the telephone. Any error in such advertising will be charged to the advertiser.

FOR RENT-HOUSES

FOR RENT—A fine house with 10 rooms, bath, and kitchen, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

FOR RENT-ROOMS

FOR RENT—A room in a fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

FOR RENT-APARTMENTS

FOR RENT—A fine apartment house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

FOR RENT-MISCELLANEOUS

FOR RENT—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

WANTED

FOR RENT—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR RENT—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

STORAGE

FOR RENT—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

W. H. Farrer

INVEST YOUR MONEY IN LOTS

Two lots on good street in North Chattanooga, perfectly level, for \$800, easy terms.

Two lots on side of Mansie Ridge, fronting two streets, double exposure lot, west side, facing east, \$1000 to \$2000, easy terms.

Two beautiful lots within two blocks of Oak street on line of street, on corner corner in street, best building lots in Elliott's ward, \$800 each.

Two lots in beautiful, well built and desirable 4000 ft. in something warm; or will take an immediate cash pay.

FARRAR & COMPANY.
12 East Eleventh St. Phone 3008 3008.

FOR SALE-AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE—A fine automobile, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

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FOR SALE—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

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FOR SALE—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

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FOR SALE—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

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FOR SALE—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

SALESMAN WANTED

FOR SALE—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

BENN MESSENGER SERVICE

FOR SALE—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

FOR SALE—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

FOR RENT

FOR SALE—A fine house, on East 10th St., near 10th Ave. Call 1000.

REPORT FOR ROCKEFELLER

Etosinet Board Falls of Disposition of Paids.

MORE THAN \$15,000,000 SPENT UP TO LAST JUNE

Total Expenditures Made to Increase Production Amount to \$24,000,000—Present Revenue \$22,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Etosinet Board of Directors, in a report made today to the stockholders, announced that the company had spent more than \$15,000,000 up to the last of June in increasing its production facilities.

The report, which was the first since the company was reorganized in 1912, shows that the company had spent \$15,000,000 in increasing its production facilities, and that it had a net profit of \$2,000,000 for the year.

The report also shows that the company had a total revenue of \$22,000,000 for the year, and that it had a total production of 1,000,000 tons of coal.

The report was received with interest by the stockholders, and it was expected that it would result in a dividend payment.

TRIBES IN ALBANY

Stomach Troubles Due to Acidity

ALBANY, Dec. 16.—The tribes of Albany, N. Y., are suffering from stomach troubles due to acidity. The tribes are suffering from a disease which is caused by the use of acid.

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NOT DISCOURAGED BY FIRE

Albany Tribes Continue Working to Increase Production

ALBANY, Dec. 16.—The tribes of Albany, N. Y., are not discouraged by the fire which destroyed their coal mines. They are continuing to work to increase their production.

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NOT DISCOURAGED BY FIRE

Madisonville Merchants Showing Ability to "Come Back."

Chattanooga Times Special.

MADISONVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 16.—

After the big fire of Saturday morning the Cumberland Telephone company at once got busy and with a large force working day and night have resurrected their exchange here, installing it in a thoroughly up-to-date manner, and housing it in splendid quarters in the New Kefauver hotel.

A. H. Tallent, who saved the most of his goods, within a few hours after the fire was comfortably located in the Hunt building, recently vacated by W. F. Johnston, and Lowry & Valfee are preparing to open up in a few days in the old Stickley corner, they having placed several large orders by 'phone before the flames had died down.

McGhee and Minnis Bros. are looking about for a place to operate again.

No definite announcement as to rebuilding the burned block has been made, but conditions justify and demand that it be rebuilt at an early date.

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THE RELIABLE FAMILY MEDICINES
Sold by Drug Chemists, O. and all leading druggists. Beware of cheap imitations.

The Knoxville Business College
believes that business depression will soon be a thing of the past. A real business revival is at hand.

Are you ready to take advantage of the opportunity that the business revival offers? Then you should enroll in this college. It is the only college in the South that has a department of business administration. It is the only college in the South that has a department of accounting. It is the only college in the South that has a department of stenography. It is the only college in the South that has a department of typewriting. It is the only college in the South that has a department of shorthand. It is the only college in the South that has a department of bookkeeping. It is the only college in the South that has a department of office management. It is the only college in the South that has a department of salesmanship. It is the only college in the South that has a department of public speaking. It is the only college in the South that has a department of penmanship. It is the only college in the South that has a department of calligraphy. It is the only college in the South that has a department of bookbinding. It is the only college in the South that has a department of printing. It is the only college in the South that has a department of bookkeeping. It is the only college in the South that has a department of office management. It is the only college in the South that has a department of salesmanship. It is the only college in the South that has a department of public speaking. It is the only college in the South that has a department of penmanship. It is the only college in the South that has a department of calligraphy. It is the only college in the South that has a department of bookbinding. It is the only college in the South that has a department of printing.

Day and Night Classes
Frank Miller, President S. S. Hill, Vice Pres.

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Is Your Skin Clear and Charming?
MAVIS face powder is so fine it will not clog the pores or cumber the skin. It is sifted through silk so fine that three wet-soaps face powders folded to pass through it. For a clear and charming complexion, constantly MAVIS with the greatest eye nose use. Lasting fragrance with MAVIS perfume. White rose, pink, peach and orange scents.

PARIS VIVAUDOU NEW YORK

THE SCIENTIFICALLY BUILT WATCH



Accuracy
Accuracy in time-keeping is worth a lot more than what you pay for it.

A platinum and diamond case watch that will not lose time in any wear, except when a natural alarm-clock on the sabbath.

Accuracy comes only from one source—accuracy in the making of the parts inside the watch.

Do you know that if the measurement of some vital part varies but the fraction of a human hair, that watch in which such variation exists will always register an error in time-keeping?

Waltham accuracy in time-keeping is a result of absolute accuracy in making every part of a Waltham Watch.

That is why your watch selection should be a Waltham.

Consult your jeweler, or write to Waltham Watch Co., Boston, Mass., for a Waltham Watch.

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WALTHAM
THE WORLD'S WATCH OVER TIME

THE KNOXVILLE SENTINEL "A CLEAN, CONSTRUCTIVE NEWSPAPER" THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1921

Tennessee and Appalachian

KNOXVILLIAN MAY GO TO ETOWAH ROAD MEETING FRIDAY IN PLANE

Landing Field Provided For the "Knoxville" Which is to be Properly Marked—Outgoing One Also Going by Auto to Attend Knoxville-to-Midland Highway Conference—Knoxvillians Make Preparations to Enter Fair at Luncheon.

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—The Knoxville-to-Midland highway conference, which is to be held at Etowah, Tenn., on Friday, Oct. 28, is being attended by a number of Knoxville citizens. The conference is being held at Etowah, Tenn., on Friday, Oct. 28, and is being attended by a number of Knoxville citizens. The conference is being held at Etowah, Tenn., on Friday, Oct. 28, and is being attended by a number of Knoxville citizens.

"LITTLE GIANT OF THE WATAUGA" AND HIS FAITHFUL FIDDLE TONIGHT AID MADISONVILLE SCHOOL FUND

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—The "Little Giant of the Watauga" and his faithful fiddle will aid the Madisonville school fund tonight at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. The performance will be given by the "Little Giant of the Watauga" and his faithful fiddle.

FIRST AMERICAN SOLDIER TO SHED BLOOD IN FRANCE A TENNESSEAN

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—The first American soldier to shed blood in France was a Tennesseean. The soldier was a Tennesseean.

MONROE PUPILS' PROGRAM NOV. 11

Memorial Trees Will be Planted Following Exercises at School

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—The Monroe pupils' program will be held on Nov. 11. The program will be held on Nov. 11.

HEALING CREAM STOPS CATARRH

Clipped Air Passage Open at Once—Rustle Closed

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—The healing cream stops catarrh. The healing cream stops catarrh.

FORESTERS OF SOUTHWEST TO MEET AT ASHVILLE

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
ASHVILLE, N. C., Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—The foresters of the Southwest will meet at Asheville.

CRUSHED UNDER WAGON WHEELS

George Patterson Stumbled Over Rock, Falling Under Vehicle

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—George Patterson was crushed under a wagon wheel.

CAIT KENTUCKY "SPURS" WEIGH SEVEN POUNDS

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—Cait Kentucky "Spurs" weighs seven pounds.

"Gets-It" Tickle Corns to Death

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KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—"Gets-It" tickle corns to death.

REPUBLIC TRUCKS

The qualities which have made Republic the largest-selling truck in the world, are the qualities which account for the great numbers of Yellow Chassis Trucks you see in town.

Extraordinary performance, ruggedness and economy have won for Republic Trucks enthusiastic local preference.

REPUBLIC MOTOR SALES CO.
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118 State St., Knoxville, Tenn. J. W. Prewitt, Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

LADIES' HIGH SHOES

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—Ladies' high shoes.

ED KEENER'S

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.
KNOXVILLE, Oct. 27.—(The Knoxville Sentinel.)—Ed Keener's.

speaks a great word for this new highway and is very anxious to take ing which the good roads meeting will be held.

"LITTLE GIANT OF THE WATAUGA" AND HIS FAITHFUL FIDDLE TONIGHT AID MADISONVILLE SCHOOL FUND

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.

MADISONVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 27.—Governor Alf Taylor, the genial, beloved "little giant of the Watauga," esteemed by democrats and republicans alike throughout Tennessee and elsewhere that his fame has spread, is bringing his bow and fiddle to the aid of Madisonville's grammar school.

Fiddle Aids School Fund.

Always a champion of the interests of the schools and eloquently speaking in their behalf whenever the opportunity is presented, Governor Taylor will tonight do more than make a beautiful oratorical plea for them. With the fiddle which stirred the grizzled veterans at the Confederate reunion in Chattanooga this week and caused the old rebel yell to resound throughout the great tabernacle when he started the strains of "Dixie," Tennessee's grand old man" will tonight give a benefit musical program, as well as a lecture, at the Madisonville school.

Governor Taylor is anxious that the Madisonville grammar school have a longer term, nine, instead of five months if possible. Evincing that his interest was was not confined to a mere expression of the fact, the state's chief executive consented to come here and give the program tonight, proceeds of which will go to the school's extension fund.

The program will be in the auditorium of the high school, which is expected to be filled with citizens from Monroe and adjoining counties. It will begin at 7 o'clock.

Coming from the Confederate

reunion at Chattanooga, Governor Taylor was today a guest at the country home of Capt. T. F. Peck, Tennessee commissioner of agriculture, at Coker Creek, several miles from Madisonville, in the mountains.

From 5:30 to 6 o'clock this evening, Governor Taylor will be tendered an informal reception at the Hotel Kefauver, to which all of his friends are invited.

Governor Taylor is glad to be back in the mountains of East Tennessee. To a reporter at Chattanooga while attending the reunion he said: "I would rather be back in the ranges of the Appalachian mountains following the fox to the tune of by hound dogs, than to be governor of any state. Somehow the mountains seem close to God and the whole world seems happier and more contented there."

"When I was elected governor I was happy by my fireside, contented in the mountains behind my dogs, but there is no rest or peace for a man in the governor's chair in Tennessee. When I was elected governor I had two little mountain homes paid for, all my children educated and our home seemed the dynamo of the powerhouse of happiness. However, I am, as I have always been, subject to the call of my party and my people and if they want me to be governor again I will bow to their wishes."

Governor Taylor appears to be in the very best of health and looks much better than he did during the strenuous times of the legislature when he was forced to stay up almost night and day.

FIRST AMERICAN SOLDIER TO SHED

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL AND TRIBUNE, KNOXVILLE, TENN., SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1915.

LIVE NEWS OF THE DAY FROM OVER TENNESSEE

LISTLESS AND DREARY ONES

The Last Day's Session of the Legislature.

House Passed the New Agricultural Bill.

Mr. West Slips Through the House Bills to Re-establish Kansas Quota.

SELECTION OF THE ROUTE OF THE DIXIE HIGHWAY

Laid to a Committee of Fourteen, Men, Two Commissioners Each to Be Appointed by the Governors of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia and Florida, the States Through Which the Road Will Extend—Four Governors Attend the Meeting.

CALL FOR ROAD BOND ELECTION

Issued by Commissioners of Washington County.

Nearly a Half Million Dollars Are to Be Spent.

Jefferson City Social Affairs

Continued from page 1. The social affairs of Jefferson City were very quiet during the past week. The only notable event was the meeting of the Jefferson City Social Club, which was held at the city hall on Friday evening.

LINE TUNNEL WITH CONCRETE

Will Be Necessary to Make It Safe For Travel.

Big Increase in Cost of Eastern Extension Bore.

HEAVY SNOW IN MOUNTAINS

Reported to Have Stalled All Trains on the LITTLE RIVER Railway.

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

Of the Middle West and South Conclude Its Session at Nashville.

REVENUE MEN VISIT FOLK COUNTY

Five Bells Were Pulled and One Arrest Made.

LAID TO HER REST BY SIDE OF RELATIVES

Remains of Mrs. Lottie, Wife of Benjamin, Buried at Nashville.

NEW MARKET NOTES

Showing Expansion of High School Begins Next Sunday.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS HAVE CLOSED

Result of the Heavy and Prolonged Snow.

BOSS OVENS The Oven With the Window

Pat. 1,188,442. Improved. \$12.50. The "Boss" Oven is the best and most complete oven.

"QUICK MEAL" WICK OIL STOVE

The ORIGINAL OIL STOVE EQUIPPED WITH A CLEAR AND POWERFUL BLUE FLAME. MAKES A CLEAN AND POWERFUL BLUE FLAME. EASY TO REPAIR OR REBURN. THE PROCLAIMED NUMBER DRIVING THE GASOLINE OIL, AND AUTOMATIC TO WICK STOP WHICH PREVENTS BURNING.

"Sunshine" Finishes

Woodwork and Trimwork in All Colors.

WOOD ROADS MOVEMENT BEFORE COUNTY COURT

Question Will Come Up at Term Beginning Monday.

GO TO WASHINGTON TO ANNUAL SMOKE SUITS

Death of John Oliver.

BOSS OVENS Electric Lamps

Prices Reduced Ten Per Cent

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT BEFORE COUNTY COURT

Question Will Come Up at Term Beginning Monday.

Madisonville, Tenn., April 3.—Mr. Pack of Knoxville, who has charge of walk construction in Madisonville has been pushing the work during the past week. Materials for concrete work are arriving, forms are being set and as soon as the weather permits the work of laying concrete will begin.

A meeting of citizens interested in road improvement was held at the courthouse Saturday night at seven o'clock. The object of the meeting was to discuss plans for county pike macadam and other road improvements. The question is to go to the county court next Monday of calling an election to get the voice of the people upon the issuance of bonds for the macadamizing of roads of the county.

Mr. R. C. Morrison, superintendent of the L. & N. for this division, and Mr. Starke, claim agent, of Knoxville were guests of the town council Saturday. The day was spent in looking over the town, meeting the citizens, discussing questions of interest to the town and railroad. Dinner was had at the Kefauver hotel, a number of citizens were present and the day was very enjoyably spent.

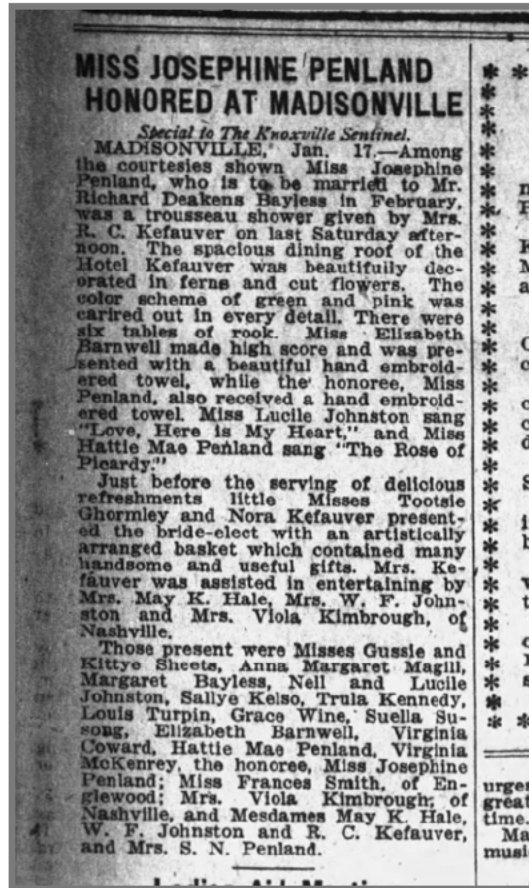
The first baseball game of the season was pulled off this (Saturday) afternoon between Grant university of Athens, and the Madisonville "Boosters."

Prof. V. L. Broyles and Miss Alta Pardue of the Monroe county Central high school attended the East Tennessee teachers' association at Knoxville Thursday and Friday.

The local brass band and high school have been giving some of the best musical and dramatic entertainments that one can wish to hear during this season. These will be another added to this list. Tuesday evening April 6, "Single Life," which promises to be the best attraction of the season.

This station has been a timber center for the past few years, and this industry continues. Carload after carload of logs are being sent out. Business is good, generally speaking, and we have no kick on hard times.

A telephone crew is at work on our lines, tightening, putting up new cross arms and resetting poles that are in conflict with sidewalk grades, etc.



Kefauver Hotel



Clipped By:

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Sun, Dec 31, 2023

Kefauver Hotel, Madisonville, Monroe County
THC NRHP Step 1, Information Packet



Photograph 1. Kefauver Hotel building (at far right) in context, on the 100 block of Main Street, Madisonville, facing northeast.

Kefauver Hotel, Madisonville, Monroe County
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Photograph 2. Kefauver Hotel façade (south elevation) facing north.



Photograph 3. Detail of recessed entry along façade (south elevation) of the Kefauver Hotel, facing north-northeast.

Kefauver Hotel, Madisonville, Monroe County
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Photograph 4. Kefauver Hotel façade (south elevation) and east elevation, at the intersection of Main Street (left) and College Street (right), facing northwest.



Photograph 5. Detail of entry along east elevation of the Kefauver Hotel, added circa 1940, facing west.

Kefauver Hotel, Madisonville, Monroe County
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Photograph 6. East and north elevations of the Kefauver Hotel, facing west-southwest.

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Photograph 7. North and west elevations of the Kefauver Hotel, facing southeast.



Photograph 8. Detail of windows on façade (south elevation) on the Kefauver Hotel, facing north.

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Photograph 9. Original Kefauver Hotel lobby, including original pressed metal ceiling, mosaic tiled floor, and doors, looking south-southwest.



Photograph 10. Details of original pressed ceiling in Kefauver Hotel lobby.



Photograph 11. Detail of original mosaic tile floor in Kefauver Hotel lobby.



Photograph 12. Fireplace in Kefauver Hotel lobby, facing east-northeast.



Photograph 13. Dining room/restaurant at Kefauver Hotel, facing north-northwest.



Photograph 14. Kitchen at the Kefauver Hotel, with original cabinetry, facing east.



Photograph 15. Interior atrium centrally located within the Kefauver Hotel, facing west.



Photograph 16. First floor retail space in Kefauver Hotel building, facing south-southwest.

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Photograph 17. First floor retail space in Kefauver Hotel building, showing partial walls added at an unknown date, facing northwest.



Photograph 18. First floor hallway in the Kefauver Hotel, showing room entries at right and back stairway at center-left, facing north.



Photograph 19. First floor hallway in the Kefauver Hotel, showing room entries with transoms, facing southeast.



Photograph 20. Back stairway to second floor of Kefauver Hotel, facing north.



Photograph 21. Second floor hallways in Kefauver Hotel, facing north.



Photograph 22. Example of Kefauver Hotel room entry and neighboring shared bathroom located on second floor, facing west-southwest.



Photograph 23. Example of hotel room on second floor of the Kefauver Hotel, showing original corner sink in background at center and original bed frame in foreground.



Photograph 24. Office spaces located on the second floor of Kefauver Hotel, facing west.



Photograph 25. Example of an office space on the second floor of the Kefauver Hotel, facing southwest.



Photograph 26. Front stairway, landing, and office space (at right) on the second floor of the Kefauver Hotel, facing south-southwest.



Photograph 27. Front stairway to first floor of Kefauver Hotel, facing north.



Photograph 28. Back stairway to basement of the Kefauver Hotel, facing north.



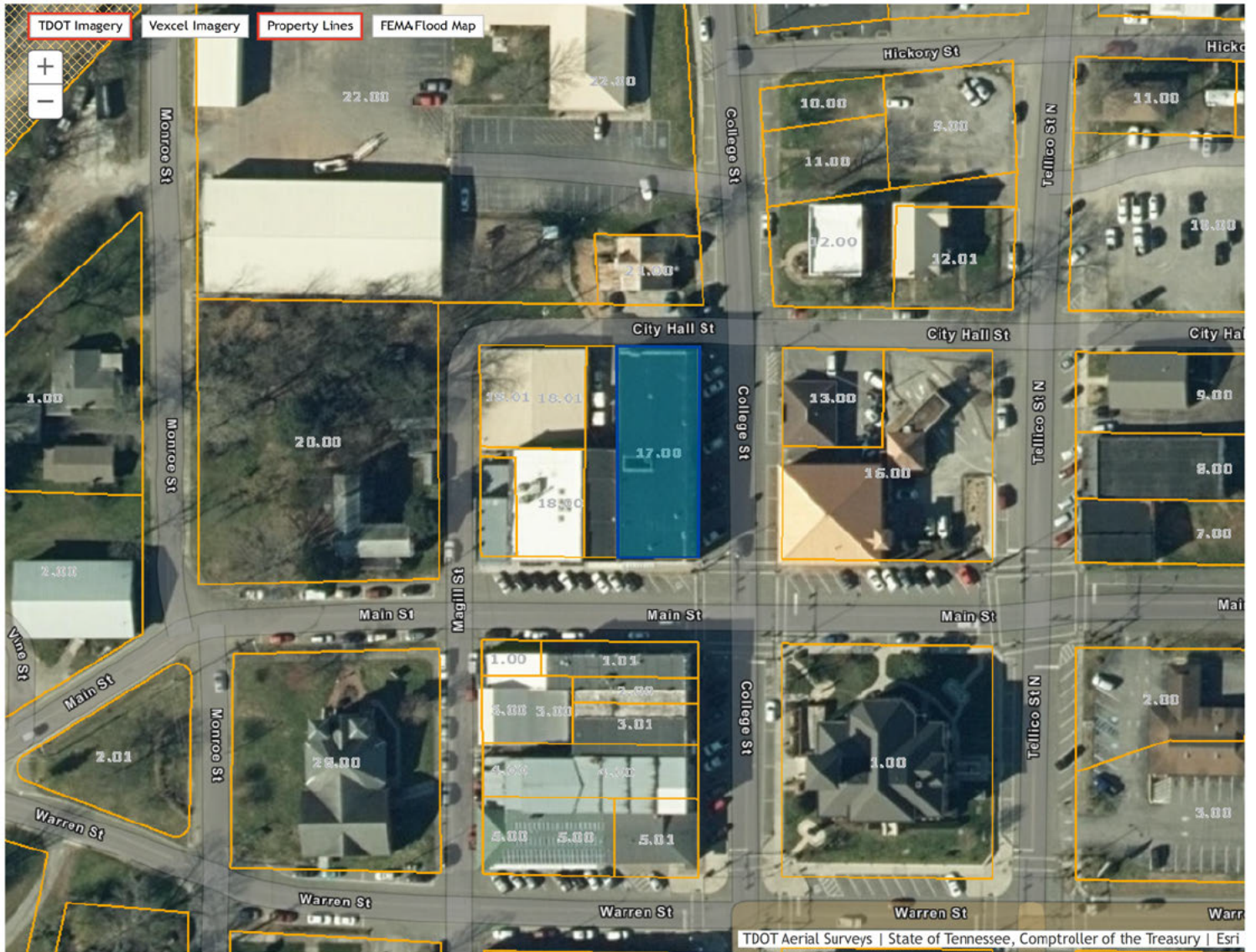
Photograph 29. Front stairway to basement of the Kefauver Hotel, closed off at an unknown date, facing southwest.



Photograph 30. Portion of unfinished basement in the Kefauver Hotel, showing original double-leaf vehicular entry, facing northeast.



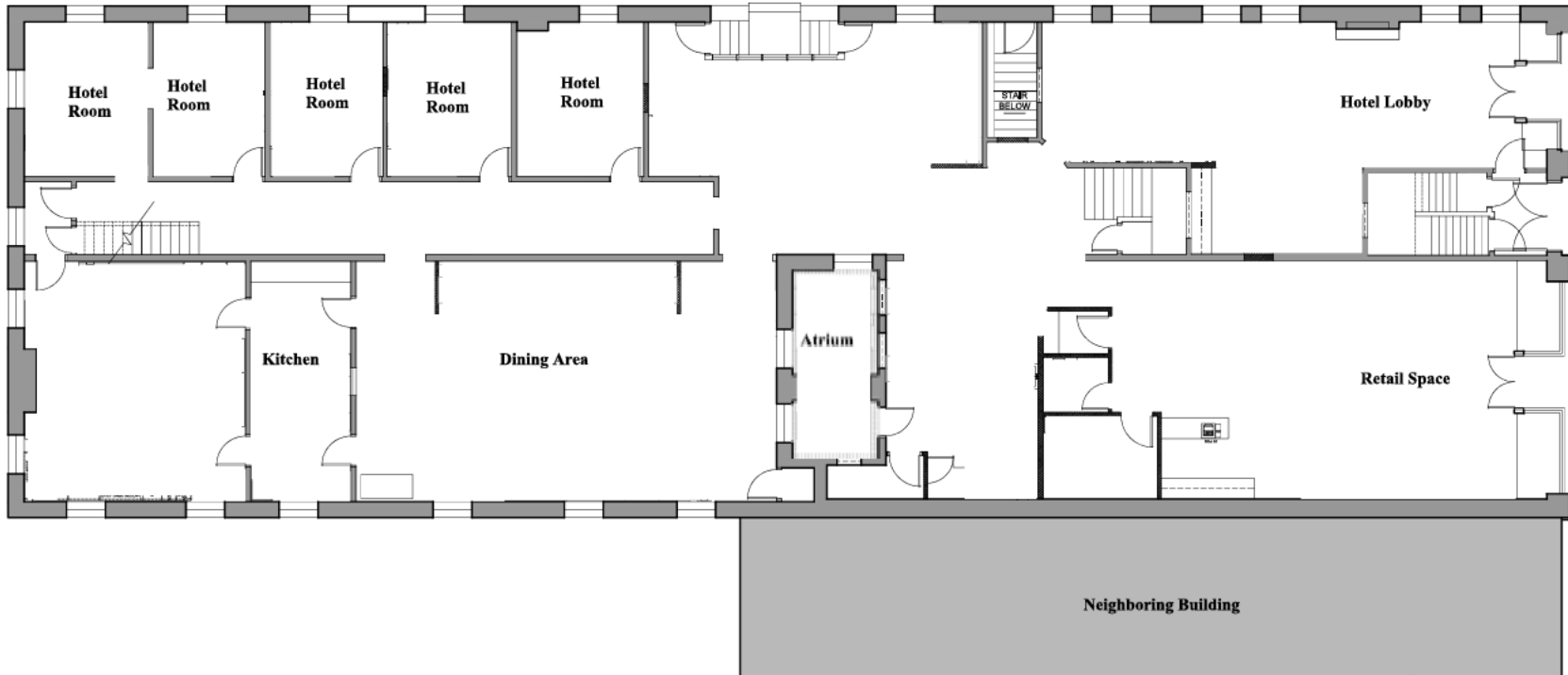
Tennessee Property Viewer



North

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College Street entrance added circa 1940



Main Street

KEFAUVER HOTEL

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