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## MR. SWADENER HERE ON MONDAY NIGHT

### Prohibition Lecture at the Methodist Church—Urged Support of Dry Cause.

A large crowd heard Dr. Madison Swadener, preacher, lecturer and orator, and representative of the Anti-Saloon League when he spoke Monday night at the Methodist church. Dr. Swadener emphasized his message calling attention to deplorable liquor tragedies that have been caused by the Williams murder case, the Lippard murder, the Mull arson, and the other cases.

He urged that delegates be sent to the law enforcement convention to be held at Greensboro February 2 and 3, and that some of the best known prohibition workers in the country will be present, among them Prohibition Commissioner Kramer and Wayne B. Plummer, general counsel of the anti-saloon league, who had met the liquor cases a dozen times in the United States Supreme court and routed them each time.

Dr. Swadener declared that the latest piece of missionary work done was the battle that closed the American saloon after 70 years' effort. The saloon is gone for good from this country and in every civilized nation which cuts any figure the battle between the temperance and liquor forces is on. Since alcohol is a national problem and has been condemned as a poison by scientists, liquor is a national disgrace.

The National Liquor Dealers' association, Dr. Swadener said, is endeavoring to defeat prohibition through a referendum. During the next few years efforts will be made to change the percentage of alcoholic content in intoxicating beverages. The present law is one-half of one percent, but if a sufficient number of counties should desire it, they could increase the percentage to 5, 10 or 15 percent or anything else. It is to prevent the nullification of the 18th amendment that the anti-saloon forces are now calling on the people to assist in the army of law enforcement.

Dr. Swadener related how the United States government had banned liquor from its army camps in order to obtain 100 per cent efficiency in the army, how Surgeon General Clegg was ridding the canal zone of Havana as the first step in cleaning up that pest hole of disease. Liquor is an admittedly great evil, and he declared that 80 per cent of the inmates of a large charitable institution were there because of alcohol, thus imposing a tremendous burden on the tax payers.

It is a question of whether the people of the country are going to make the laws, Dr. Swadener declared, in closing, and he asserted that respect for law is the sheet anchor of civil liberty.

He had enlistment blanks passed over the congregation to enlist the people in the crusade against the liquor evil and many members volunteered in the cause.

The ninth grade won the flag given for securing the most votes for prohibition. Miss Teeter is teacher in charge of this grade.

## "SPEC" MULL HELD ON CHARGE OF ARSON

### Mull to Have Driven Family From Home While Drunk and Set Fire to House.

"Spec" Mull was arraigned at preliminary hearing last Saturday morning on the charge of arson, the house being destroyed by fire on Friday morning about 10 o'clock. Mull is said to have run his family from home while in a drunken stupor after having threatened to burn the house.

Enough just enough evidence was presented at the hearing to bind him over to the grand jury, Magistrate W. H. Mull is reported to have scattered kerosene oil around the house to make sure of its burning and to have shown no concern when it was burning. Blockade lines were said to be the cause.

There was difficulty that Theophilus, a brother-in-law of Mull, saved from the burning house, being drunk too, it is said. Mull will be tried either at the special term of court next month or at the regular March term.

## MR. J. C. TATE DIED TUESDAY IN ROANOKE

### Former Morganton Man Died in Virginia Home—Buried There Yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. Poteet left Tuesday afternoon for Roanoke, Va., in response to a message announcing the death that day of her brother-in-law, Mr. J. C. Tate. The particulars of his death are not known here. The message stated that the funeral would be held yesterday (Wednesday).

Mr. Tate, who was a comparatively young man, being only 39 years of age, was a son of the late Captain June Tate, of this county a member, therefore, of one of the best families in this section of the State. His mother was a Miss Bond. His only sister, Mrs. E. F. Key (formerly Miss Sadie Tate) lives in Washington.

## FEDERAL AID FOR OUR STATE HIGHWAYS

### \$2,500,000 Provided For in Road Appropriation Bill Reported Favorably to the House

North Carolina will receive nearly \$2,500,000 in federal aid for road construction of \$100,000,000 reported favorably yesterday by the national house roads committee.

In addition, western North Carolina will share in a \$300,000 appropriation for roads and trails in national forests.

The money is apportioned the States on three bases—population, area and mileage in post roads. Under the 1910 census North Carolina's share would be \$2,350,000. If the 1920 census figures are used, the State's share will be nearer two and a half millions.

Representative Doughton, of North Carolina, and other Democrats endeavored to have the appropriation made \$100,000,000 a year for two years, thus enabling the engineers of the government and various States to loan construction ahead, but the Republican majority defeated this proposal. It developed that they opposed a two-year proposition because they didn't wish to have the present Democratic administration get any more credit than possible for this constructive legislation. It was under a Democratic administration that the policy of Federal aid in State highway building was originated, therefore engineers may plan for 1922 construction only, and congress will have to decide next year whether the Federal aid policy will be continued in 1923.

## BAPTISTS OF THE SOUTH GAIN 150,000 MEMBERS

### This Number Received By Baptism Alone Last Year—Total of \$16,851,100 Collected.

More than 150,000 new members were received into local white Baptist churches in the South by baptism alone during 1920, it was reported by the conservative committee of the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign in semi-annual session in Nashville, Tenn., while the cash collections or subscriptions to the forward movement of the denomination have reached the sum of \$16,851,100.68, it was reported.

An effort to push the further collection of the campaign subscriptions throughout the South will be made during the months of March and April, it is said.

Dr. J. F. Love, of Richmond, Va., secretary of foreign mission board, reported that Southern Baptists had contributed through that board \$147,284.29 in cash during the past month to the relief of the needy families of eastern Europe, and China.

## FURNACE MAY SUPPLANT RABBIT GUMS IN UNION

A correspondent from Monroe to the News and Observer says that a Union county citizen, N. W. Thorpe, has discovered a new way of trapping rabbits. He installed recently a new furnace which is so inviting that it works much better than the usual rabbit gum, it is declared.

Mr. Thorpe in putting in the furnace had no other idea in mind than making his home more comfortable. It had been working fine until one cold morning this week.

One of the youngsters in the family was dispatched to investigate. Imagine the boy's surprise when he found a full grown rabbit in one of the furnace pipes.

Stranger still it was still alive when extracted from the ashes although its fur was badly scorched, when it jumped against the grate bars.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The annual parish meeting of Grace church was held on the 24th, being adjourned from the 10th. The following gentlemen were elected vestrymen for the ensuing year: Mr. J. H. Pearson, senior warden; Mr. F. O. Walton, junior warden; Mr. J. E. Erwin, secretary; Mr. H. M. Walton, treasurer; Mr. Hardie Turner, organist.

Mrs. Carl Carmichael returned Sunday to her home in Charlotte. Mr. Tom Ross left Friday for Athens, Ga., but Mrs. D. B. Brendle is still with her father, Mr. W. A. Ross. She will return to Asheville this week. Mr. Lee Hennessee has returned home from Ravnell, W. Va.

## AFTER HIM!



## LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

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

There will be preaching at Pleasant Hill at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. G. P. Abernethy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross will move this week from their home on Lenoir street to the Ross home on Avery avenue.

The Papyrus Book club met last Thursday with Mrs. W. A. Leslie. Misses Susie Perkins, Mamie Collett and Janie Pearson were invited guests.

Mr. Sam McDowell, who is with the Piedmont Wagon Co., Hickory, is spending some time with friends in Burke. The wagon company has shut down for a week or more.

The girls' basket ball team of the Morganton high school defeated the team from the Drexel school Tuesday afternoon by a score of 4 to 6. The game was played at the school for the Deaf.

The girls' team from the Morganton high school will play Asheville high school here Friday night at the school for the Deaf, the game to be called at 8 o'clock. An admission fee of 15 and 25 cents will be charged.

Rev. M. I. Harris has resigned the pastorate of the churches at Pleasant Hill and Antioch to give full time to his work at Penelope. Mr. Harris moved some time ago to Longview, Catawba county. Penelope is on the Burke-Catawba line.

## MASS MEETING OF VOTERS IS CALLED

### School Board Requests Meeting of Voters in District to Discuss the Bond Issue.

The board of trustees of the Morganton graded school has called a mass meeting of the voters of the school district for next Monday night at the auditorium, the meeting to be opened at 8 o'clock. Announcement is made in an advertisement appearing in this issue that the object of the meeting is to discuss the proposed bond issue. It is generally understood that at that time representatives of the board will go over the entire situation, explain the need of issuing the bonds and what the board has in mind for the improvement of the school. It is of interest to every voter, and particularly to the patrons of the school to be present.

## REV. BASIL WALTON TO LENOIR

From Wadesboro comes the news that Rev. B. M. Walton, rector of the Episcopal church there, has accepted a call to the Episcopal church at Lenoir. The correspondent writes further: "Rev. Mr. Walton has served the church here for about three years and has done fine work. He is a young man of marked ability and much promise, and has made many warm friends here who regret to lose him and his family. He will take charge of the Lenoir church about February 1."

Mr. Walton, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walton, was reared near Morganton. His friends here are glad that he is coming nearer home.

Accompanying the basket ball team to Statesville last Friday were Mr. Srygley coach, Bennett Riddle, substitute, Herman Walker, time keeper and the following young ladies: Misses Nan Jeter, Ruth Holoway, Marjorie Gordon, Lina Cuthbertson, Bertha Poteet and Miss Pearl Teeter, chaperone.

## THE JUNIORS ARE FOR SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

### Meeting Next Tuesday Night Will Be Given Over Largely to Discussion of School Cause

For next Tuesday night, February 1st, the Burkemont council No. 44, Jr. O. U. A. M. is planning a big meeting in the interest of schools. A program is being arranged which will be of interest to every Junior Order member and to those who are not members but who are interested in a bond issue for the Morganton graded schools. When it comes to backing up the American public school system all Juniors can be relied upon. The meeting will be opened by the councilor but after a few minutes the doors will be wide open to outsiders who are interested in a better school for Morganton.

## LOCAL BACKING FOR THE STATE ROAD LAW

### Chamber of Commerce Endorses Centralized Control and Favors State Road Law

The Morganton Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting of the board of governors decided to back up as much as possible the present movement now under way in the Legislature for a State road law that will insure a good main highway through the State.

The bill drawn by the Legislative committee of the North Carolina Good Roads association was favored, because it provides for State control of all main highways connecting county seats and principal cities. It provides that the State shall construct, maintain and protect all such highways, taking these matters entirely out of the hands of the counties. At present the counties spend most of their funds, and the time of their commissioners on the main highways, leaving the other county roads much neglected. Under the law as proposed, the State would take this burden from them, leaving them free to give proper attention to communities lying off of the main roads. What such a law would do for Burke county can be easily imagined.

The following set of resolutions were drawn and approved: Whereas, the construction and proper maintenance of our principal highways is a matter of vital interest and importance to the prosperity and well being of our State, and Whereas, we believe that the State through centralized control and administration can most economically and efficiently construct and maintain said main highways, and Whereas, such centralized control and maintenance will lift from the various counties a great burden, and enable them to devote more time and funds to strictly county roads that are now greatly neglected.

Therefore Be It Resolved, by the board of governors of the Morganton Chamber of Commerce, that our representatives in the State Legislature be urged to give favorable consideration to the State road law as formulated and recommended by the North Carolina Good Roads association, which bill, we believe, will best meet the needs of the State at this time.

The Chamber of Commerce urges every citizen who agrees with these sentiments, to write to our representatives and ask their support of this measure, or one embodying the same general features.

Senator Nollie M. Patton came home from Raleigh last week for a few days, returning Monday.

Mrs. Otis Mull and Mrs. Clarence Mull left Tuesday for Charlotte to visit the former's sister, Mrs. W. R. Trexler.

## GET-TOGETHER MEETING WAS A BIG SUCCESS

### Interesting Talks and Informal Discussion Featured Men's Meeting Friday Night.

All who attended the "get-together" meeting with the Baraca class of the Methodist church last Friday night pronounced it a most gratifying success. Talks were made by Rev. C. M. Pickens, Rev. J. A. Frye, Rev. F. A. Bower, Rev. W. K. Houk, Messrs. W. F. Hallyburton, J. M. Mull, I. T. Avery, W. F. Wampler, and others.

"It was a feast of the soul," said one man in commenting on the meeting.

Over \$100 was contributed toward the fund for Chinese sufferers.

## RACE RIOT ENDS WITH LYNCHING AT WARRENTON

### Two Negroes Lynched By Mob At Warrenton After Race Riot At Norlina.

Because a negro did not like his purchase when he bought ten cents worth of apples, two negroes were lynched after a group of their race had started a race riot that caused the wounding of five white men and three negroes, at Norlina Sunday. The lynching took place at Warrenton, where a mob took Alfred Williams and Plummer Bullock from jail and shot them to death, after they and eleven others had been captured by a posse and placed in jail charged with rioting.

About 150 masked men overpowered the jailer about one o'clock yesterday morning, selected the two men they wanted out of the thirteen arrested, and quickly put them to death. Masked sentries held up the sheriff, after firing on him, as he came to the rescue of the jailer.

The trouble at Norlina had its beginning when Plummer Bullock bought ten cents worth of apples from a merchant. He did not like his purchase and demanded his money back, which was given. Some words were passed and the negro made threats of violence toward the clerk. About one o'clock Sunday morning about twenty armed negroes were observed about the station. A brother of the man who had been threatened went up to Bullock and asked what the trouble was. Jerome Hunter, another negro, advanced and fired on the young man, then shot him twice more as he lay on the ground. Four railroad men working on the Seaboard yards near the station then came in as targets for the negroes' bullets and all were shot down three negroes, including Hunter, also being wounded.

One of the white men was probably fatally wounded and he and two others were taken to a hospital at Henderson. Hunter was taken to a negro hospital in Raleigh, and he is hardly expected to recover.

## HARDING IS INVITED TO VISIT CHARLOTTE MAY 20

An effort will be made to have President Harding as the guest of honor and speaker at the 1921 twentieth of May celebration in Charlotte. A letter has been made public by Dr. Romulus Z. Linney, chairman of the Republican State executive committee, disclosing correspondence with Mr. Harding on the subject.

## BEAUTIFUL WHITE COVER FOR GRIM OLD EARTH

### Snowfall of Yesterday Broke Record For Winter—Soft and Deep

Yesterday's snowfall broke the local record for the winter, the snow reaching the depth of ten or more inches and covering the earth with a soft, fleecy whiteness. It began falling Tuesday night and continued practically all day yesterday. But for the fact that it was a "wet" snow and melted rapidly it would have probably reached an even greater depth.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Minnie L. Yancey, R. 3, Connelly Springs; E. E. Hennessee, Raleigh; D. F. Denton, city; J. Arthur Beach, city; M. B. Kincaid, State Hospital; E. A. Holder, Route 5; S. A. Hunt, Fonta Flora; Tate Pearson, State Hospital; D. A. Boyles, Route 1; A. T. Burgin, Drexel; Tolbert Scott, Nebo; W. M. Berry, Route 5; T. C. Benfield, Route 5; Miss Ida Orders, Route 1; J. G. Gibbs, Glen Alpine; Miss Susan Galloway, Table Rock; C. M. Casby, Route 1; J. H. Hines, Route 2; Mrs. J. C. Mull, Route 4; C. P. Hill, Route 4; Otis Mull, Chase City, Va.; Miss Hulda Loven, Chase City, Va.; Elon Smawley, Connelly Springs; Mrs. H. R. Cline, Valdese; J. R. Wall, Route 5; A. H. Carswell, Route 1; M. H. Mings, Connelly Springs; J. C. Gentry, Route 5; Pvt. Fred Williams, Philippine Islands; B. C. Williams, State Hospital; W. S. Short, Valdese; W. A. Kincaid, Route 5; C. F. McKee, Bridgewater; G. M. Billings, State Hospital; Miss Mamie S. Johnson, New Orleans; J. D. Mull, R. 4, Chase City, Va.; Mrs. G. P. Coulter, Bridgewater; Miss Louise Reid, Oregel; Julia Martin, R. 1, Connelly Springs.

Mrs. Otis Mull and Mrs. Clarence Mull left Tuesday for Charlotte to visit the former's sister, Mrs. W. R. Trexler.

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

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

## BRIDGEWATER

The work of constructing the three great dams near here by the Southern Power Company has been such a tremendous undertaking that there yet seems work to be done as some additional work is now under way, which called for the return of engineers, the Rhinehart-Dennis Contracting Company and a number of others who formally had charge of the work here which, reports say, will take several months time to complete. The "Lake," so called by the Marion correspondent, is already a thing of beauty, and attracted many tourists during the past summer, and when completed both Burke and McDowell counties will feel equally proud of their nearness to this great enterprise.

The body of Mr. Winnie Morrison, whose death was caused by paralysis in Oklahoma, was brought here and buried in the Pinacle churchyard last Sunday, the 16th. The body was accompanied by his brothers, Mr. Jack Morrison, of Oklahoma, and Wood Morrison, who has been in the army for a number of years. Another brother, Mr. Johnnie Morrison and one sister, Mrs. Leland Gettys, of Patten, survive him.

Miss Edna Young who is teaching at Tate's schoolhouse, spent the week-end with home folks at Greenville.

Mrs. Elbert Sinclair, of Pontiac, Mich., Mrs. Willard Cannon and two daughters, of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson of near Nealsville have returned to their homes after a few days stay here with Mr. and Mrs. Collett Benfield.

Mrs. Ralph Abernethy and children of Hickory, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Ballav.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Shotwell, of Charlotte, have returned to Bridgewater for a few months' stay.

Misses Pinkie and Kary Tate attended the Lee-Jackson day program given by the U. D. C.'s in Marion at the Methodist church last Wednesday night.

Mr. J. H. Tate, of Marion, spent a few days the latter part of the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate.

## CHESTERFIELD

Mrs. C. E. Davis was called to Caldwell Friday owing to the serious illness of her brother, Mr. George Arney.

Mr. Sam Branch, who has been at Richmond, Va., is at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. James Morrow spent Saturday with their son, Mr. Henry Morrow. He left Sunday for Asheville where he holds a position.

Mr. J. G. Hood, of Montezuma, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Fannie Whitley spent Saturday in Morganton.

Mr. Burtis Conley, who has been confined to his home with measles, is getting on nicely.

Mr. G. R. Powell, of Longmont, Colo., and Mr. P. P. Powell of Lenoir, were guests of their brother, Mr. J. V. Powell, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Macon Whisenant motored out from Morganton to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Baird Monday.

Mr. G. M. Arney spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sides near Antioch.

Miss Florence Puett and Miss Effie Williams were the guests Saturday night of Miss Mary Lou Morrow.

Mr. Fred Hoover of Lenoir, who has been sawing lumber on the McDowell farm, moved his mill last week to Smokey Creek where he will cut a boundary of timber he purchased from Mrs. M. A. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baird visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCall Sunday.

Mr. S. S. Hallyburton visited relatives at Morganton Saturday.

Mr. S. B. Clontz, of Amherst, was a visitor of Mr. Vance Powell Friday. Master Lynn Baird, of Antioch, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lowdermilk.

Mr. James Perkins and brother of Morganton, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Finley Rader.

Mrs. Ed McCall entertained Saturday night at her home a number of her friends at a party. Those present were: Misses Jessie McGimsey, Annie and Lola McCall, Effie Williams, Florence Puett and Mary Lou Morrow; Messrs. Columbus and Guss Whisenant, Lum and Wilfong Cannon, James Corpenie, Ed Hood, James Smith, Vance Thompson, Carl Williams, Lawrence Littlejohn and Acquilla Rhodes. Good music was enjoyed by all.

Messrs. Charlie and Ben Houk, of Caldwell, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their cousins, Misses Beatrice and Ruth Hood.

Miss Winnie Smith visited Mr. J. A. Bowman at Grace Hospital Sunday.

Mr. Alfred M. Scott went down to Hickory Tuesday the 18th to consult Dr. W. P. Speas in regard to his eyes. His eyes were tested and glasses fitted.

Mr. Charlie Connelly has resigned his position in the kitchen and Mr. Hartals Lackey has succeeded him.

Mr. R. H. Taylor and Miss Josephine Harris were quietly married at her home near Table Rock on Monday, the 17th. Rev. J. C. Gentry performing the ceremony. Only a few relatives and friends were present. (Continued on last page)