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## CALDWELL COUNTY IS SCENE TRIPLE TRAGEDY

Philip King and Tom Winkler Shot to Death by Harden Mabe, Who Kills Self; Thought Insane.

News was brought here Monday afternoon of a terrible tragedy near Hartland, just across the Burke line in Caldwell, Harden Mabe having killed Tom Winkler and Philip King and then committed suicide. Mabe was the brother of Mr. J. G. Mabe, of Morganton, and was well known here. A dispatch from Lenoir gives the following account of the tragedy:

Philip King was shot and fatally wounded and Tom Winkler was shot and instantly killed near here this morning by Harden Mabe, a prominent farmer, who later committed suicide by blowing the top of his head off with a 12-gauge shotgun. This triple killing occurred seven miles west of here on the old Lenoir-Morganton road. Mabe is believed to have been insane. The first shooting occurred in the public road where Mabe followed and shot his brother-in-law, King, as he was coming to Lenoir on a wagon. The entire load of shot entered his back. King's father was riding with his son at the time of the tragedy.

Mabe dodged from the road and went directly to the home of Winkler and found Winkler standing on the porch. After talking with him a few minutes Winkler turned partly around and at this moment Mabe shot him in the back. Winkler was killed almost instantly.

Mabe then left there going in the direction of another neighbor, it is believed, for the purpose of adding another victim to his tragedies. The people of the community were awe-stricken but many of them joined the search for the demented man. Officers from Lenoir were summoned and a crowd of men joined them in the search. The searchers, heavily armed, scattered through the woods. No one had seen Mabe since he left the Winkler home, and it was expected any moment that a report of another victim being added to the death, might be received.

It seems after Mabe had disappeared in the woods following his leaving the Winkler home, he had come back to the road, where he traveled nearly a mile to the point where his body was found early this evening. He had blown the entire top of his head off.

Sheriff Triplett searched his clothing and found four 12-gauge shells, a six-ounce bottle of carbolic acid and a pistol carrying seven loaded cartridges. Until the tragedies of this morning Mabe was considered one of the most peaceful and law-abiding citizens of that section of the county. For months past he had been active in the enforcement of the prohibition law and he is said to have received a number of threatening anonymous letters. It is also said that Mabe had had trouble with King and Winkler ever boundary lines between their farms. It is believed that worry over the threatening letters and the trouble which arose over the boundary question caused him to go insane. Mabe was a married man with a family. King and Winkler were unmarried.

## THREE OTHERS HELD FOR LIPPARD MURDER

At Conclusion of All-Day Hearing Saturday Lafone, Sipe and Spencer Bound Over to Court.

The effort to solve the mystery of the Glenn Lippard murder, which occurred on last November 20 just over the Burke county line from Hickory, was reopened in court here last Saturday before Justice of the Peace Bradley. The State refused to introduce any evidence, following a request for removal, and Justice R. J. Hallyburton was called to the chair. After hearing the case to a finish, the hearing lasting until 7:45 that night, the defendants Vernon Lafone, Dan Sipe and Cecil Spencer were bound over until the December term of court.

Dock Hefner, the star witness for the State, appeared in his convict stripes and testified to the effect that Baxter Hildebrand and Lone Young, who are now serving sentences for the murder of Lippard, are innocent men. Young Hefner declares that Lafone, Sipe and Spencer are the ones guilty of the planning and actual killing of Glenn Lippard, declaring that Lafone did the shooting. All of these boys are under 18 years of age.

The story told by Dock now is that he and the three defendants took Lippard out toward Rhodhiss between 9 and 10 o'clock the night of November 20, and as they stopped for a drink Lafone shot Lippard from the front while he, Dock, beat him in the head with a stick from behind. When asked whether or not Glenn Lippard was his friend, Dock readily answered in the affirmative. The State called Mrs. Bright, wife of the Burke jailer, and A. L. Pope, a former office of Hickory, who testified.

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HERE IS MR. O. P. DINARY CITIZEN. HE READ AN AD IN THE NEWS-HERALD LAST WEEK AND AN IDEA HAS BEEN FORMING BENEATH HIS LID - HE HAS A WIFE AND FOUR KIDDIES WATCH HIM!



## HE'S ON HIS WAY

WHERE HAS HE STARTED? SEE THIS SPACE NEXT WEEK -

## MR. Wm. GILLAM IS CHAIRMAN ROLL CALL

Will Have Charge of Campaign Here for Membership in the American Red Cross.

The acceptance of the appointment as Roll Call chairman for Morganton of Mr. Wm. Gillam has been announced at headquarters of the Southern division of the American Red Cross. Mr. Gillam will immediately begin active work of organization to make the Roll Call the most far-reaching in the history of Morganton.

Increased and extended activities of the Red Cross make this appointment one of tremendous importance this year.

Activities of the Red Cross are so extensively enlarged that a maximum membership must be obtained in order that the growing demands made on the organization may be met.

The work of the Red Cross for disabled veterans of the World war and members of their families has reached absolutely staggering proportions. The numbers of soldiers in hospitals under government care has grown from 3,000 in 1919 to 26,000 in 1921, and the new year is expected to see this number increased in even greater proportion.

## ANNUAL STATE FAIR OPENED BY MORRISON

Sets Forth Progress in Agriculture and Industry; Recommends Commerce Dept.

Formally opened at noon Monday by Governor Morrison, the North Carolina State fair has gotten successfully under way in the greatest and most magnificent session of the 60 years of its existence.

The greatest assemblage of the initial day in the history of the fair witnessed the gracious introduction of the chief executive by Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, president of the North Carolina Agricultural society, and the brilliant address of the governor concisely setting forth the State's forward position agriculturally and industrially.

The mistress of Biltmore declared it her ambition that the North Carolina fair should become among the best in any State of the Union, expressing satisfaction that with the support accorded her during her term as president it was destined to assume that position soon.

## PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF MOON.

A partial eclipse of the moon, the second this year, was observed here Sunday night. When the moon rose, only a slender crescent, about one-tenth of its entire surface, was clearly visible. The eclipse began at 4:14 p. m. and ended at 7:34. Only the middle and ending of the eclipse were visible here, as the moon, at its full stage, rose shortly after the shadow and began to recede. The ending of the eclipse was visible as far west as Denver, Colo., according to the World Almanac. The first eclipse of the moon this year occurred in the early morning of April 22. This was a total eclipse.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Thomas Puett and wife to J. R. Braswell, house and lot in Bobtown. A. C. Avery and others to Frank Miller, lot in Linville Lodge property. J. B. Holloway to Lillie Holloway, 1-6 undivided interest 270 acres in Lower Creek township.

R. Williams to P. F. Moses, lot at old fair ground.

G. H. Battle, commissioner, to J. L. Anderson, house and lot in Morganton.

R. J. Hallyburton, commissioner, to Texas Oil Company, lot of land in Morganton.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Hugh Taylor and George Ann Kanipe.

Clyde Church and Guylan Hart.

W. H. Knox and Edith Aiken.

J. A. Brinkley and Emma J. Brady.

Ernest Barber and Gertrude Berry.

## BOX SUPPER AT GLEN ALPINE

The ladies of the Methodist church of Glen Alpine will give a box supper Saturday night. Ice cream and cake will be sold.

## ELECTION BOARD LOST IN MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS

At Lincolnton Hearing Judge Denied Petition For Mandamus Compelling More Tax

At a hearing in chambers at Lincolnton court Monday night, Judge Bryson denied the petition of the Burke county board of education for a mandamus to compel the board of county commissioners to levy a county school tax of fifty cents on the hundred dollars. At the same time he stated that if proper authority was shown him at any time within ten days for such action, he would reconsider his decision.

It will therefore probably be the first of November before the county commissioners can finally fix the tax rate for the current year.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE HIGH POINT THIS WEEK

Quite a Number Attending The Conference From Burke County.

The Western North Carolina Conference which assembled Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Wesley Memorial church, High Point, is composed of two hundred and ninety-one clerical members and eighty-eight lay delegates. To these three hundred and seventy-nine names may be added the names of twenty-nine young preachers who are on trial and a very large, though indefinite, number of visitors who invariably attend the annual meeting of the conference. The Advocate says:

"This host of militant Methodists, the big majority of whom hail from that part of the Old North State which lies west of the counties of Caswell, Granville, Montgomery and Peedee river, will take the Furniture City a willing captive. The Methodists ordinarily figure largely in the life of High Point, but next in the life of High Point, but this week that good town will learn, if never before, what complete Methodist denomination is like. Presbyterians, Friends, Baptists, and all the rest had as well run up the white flag."

Rev. C. M. Pickens, Rev. J. C. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clodfelter, Mrs. E. McK. Goodwin and Mr. S. M. Asbury are among those from this county attending the conference.

## MR. O. B. LACKEY IS NEW TOWN MANAGER

Elected Monday Night to Succeed Mr. T. O. Cannon, Resigned; Mr. Lackey is a Native of Morganton.

At a meeting of the town council on Monday night Mr. O. B. Lackey, of Washington, D. C., was elected town manager to succeed Mr. T. O. Cannon, who resigned recently to take a position with the State Highway commission.

Mr. Lackey needs no introduction to the people of Morganton, being a native son—the eldest son of the late J. A. Lackey. He is an energetic, capable young man of wide experience as civil engineer and a thoroughly practical construction engineer. For years he has been in the employ of the Southern Railway, rising from an humble position with the company to one of responsibility. When the flood of 1916 washed away much of the road bed on this division he was entrusted with the work of rebuilding to concrete culverts and bridge foundations, located for a time at Old Fort. Recently he has had Washington for headquarters, working under the direct supervision of Chief Engineer Gatling.

Mr. Cannon's time expires today—or rather today is the date on which he has asked that his resignation take effect. It is not known just when Mr. Lackey will arrive to begin on his new duties, but it will probably be around the first of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Huffman spent the week-end in Charlotte with their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Reddish, who is in the hospital at that place. Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Reddish is very much improved.

## RAILROAD STRIKE IS SET FOR OCTOBER 30

Unions Plan For Progressive Strike; Southern Is in First Group.

The Associated Press in Sunday's dispatches said that more than half a million railroad men have been ordered to initiate a strike October 30, while other unions, whose membership brings the total to about two million, announced officially that they were preparing to follow suit and make the walkout general on the same date.

Under this program the tie-up would be complete, according to union predictions, by November 2.

The hour was fixed for 6 a. m., October 30, except for one Texas line, whose trainmen were authorized to go out October 22.

The railroads listed in the first group on which the strike is to become effective touched 22 of the 48 States with a trackage of 73,000 miles out of the total United States trackage of approximately 200,000.

The New England States comprise the group that is virtually untouched in the first walkout.

The strike orders were issued to the "Big Five" brotherhoods, oldest and most powerful of the railway unions, and they specifically included mail trains in the walkout. Their provisions instructed strikers to keep away from railroad property with a warning that "violence of any nature will not be tolerated by the organizations."

The strike was announced following an overwhelming vote, said to be upwards of 90 per cent, favoring a strike because of a 12 per cent wage reduction authorized by the United States Railroad Labor board of July 1 and after it was declared by the Association of Railway Executives, in session in Chicago Friday, that the railroads. It was said that the strike decision was made before the announcement of this further intended cut. Printed instructions as to conduct of the strike, issued in Chicago, were dated October 14th.

"I fear it will be one of the most serious strikes in American transportation history," said W. G. Lee, president of the Railroad Trainmen, who during recent weeks, has sent circulars to his men warning them of the critical nature of the steps they contemplated.

The country was divided into four groups, in which the men were authorized to walk out progressively, one group every 24 hours. The names of the groups were not made public, but unofficially the identity of roads in the first group to go was learned subject to changes, which union officials said would be few. The first group included some of the country's greatest rail systems, from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf.

These were Chicago & North Western, Texas & Pacific, Kansas City Southern, Pennsylvania, Missouri Pacific, International, Great Northern, Southern Pacific (Atlantic and Pacific lines), Southern Railway, Louisville and Nashville, St. Louis South-Western (whether Texas lines included not stated), Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul (lines east and west), Northern Pacific, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Seaboard Air Line, Erie, Chicago, Great Western and Virginian Railway.

## MR. W. H. PATTON IS BUILDING NEW HOME

Work has begun on the new home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patton on Morehead street. It will be located on the lot between Mr. R. W. Pipkin and Mr. M. S. Arney. The house will be brick veneer, of the colonial bungalow type.

## MEETING AT VALDESE.

A meeting which is attracting large crowds is in progress at the Baptist church at Valdeese, conducted by Rev. G. P. Abernethy. It began Saturday night and will continue through the week and probably longer.

## NEW STEWARDS OF METHODIST CHURCH

At the quarterly meeting of the Methodist church held last Friday night the following new members of the board of stewards were elected: Messrs. H. L. Wilson, W. M. Shuford, J. S. Rogers, W. K. Houk, Bonner Lane, Mrs. H. L. Miller and Mrs. S. R. Collett.

## LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

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

Mr. W. A. Fowler, of Fayetteville, has taken a position with the Standard Motor Co.

Fourteen were baptized in the Catawba river by Rev. G. P. Abernethy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. F. Bowers and his mother moved Saturday from Bridgewater into their home on Lenoir street recently purchased from Mr. Albert Wilson.

Miss Mittye Parman, of London, Ky., arrived Sunday to be manager of the Western Union telegraph office in Morganton, succeeding Mr. J. Arthur Beach, resigned.

The new wing to the old school building is nearing completion. It contains six large, well lighted rooms. The work, under the supervision of Mr. J. M. McGalliard, has been well done.

A team of Dokeys from the Morganton lodge, possibly forty or fifty, went to Lenoir yesterday for an initiation service there last night. Twelve local candidates were put through the initial degree.

A copy of "The Nome Nugget," from Nome, Alaska, has been sent by Mr. Tolbert Scott, a Burke county man who lives in Solomon, Alaska. It is an interesting paper and compares well with weeklies published here.

Among the patients at Dr. Long's hospital in Statesville the Statesville papers note the following in whom Morganton people feel a personal interest: Mrs. H. F. Elliott, of Catawba, and Mr. Frank Kincaid, of Morganton.

The following were the members of a camping party that went to Table Rock Saturday: Mrs. L. E. Webb, chaperone; Misses Fannie Whitley, Minnie Butler and Gladys Spencer; and Messrs. Horace Hallyburton and Albert Spencer.

Robert Lentz celebrated his sixth birthday last Wednesday by entertaining a number of his friends at the home of his parents. Wilson McCall very much amused the children with his actions as a clown and each one received a prize box. After the games cream and cake were served.

## NEW STORE TO BE OPENED NEXT WEEK

Bryson & Snyder Announce Next Wednesday As the Opening Date of Their New Store Here.

Messrs. Holmes Bryson, of Asheville, and Fred Bryson, of Marion, were here Tuesday making further arrangements for the opening next week of their new store here. In a page advertisements in this issue they announce next Wednesday, October 26th, as their opening date.

The firm of Bryson & Snyder is well known throughout this section of the State. They operate about a dozen stores in Western North Carolina, these stores located in all the principal towns from Bryson City to Hickory. For several years, Mr. Bryson stated to The News-Herald, they have been planning to come to Morganton but had been unable until now to find a suitable location. They have rented the Pitts & Giles building formerly occupied by the Howard Electrical Company.

For the present the store will be in charge to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Sherrill, specialists in ready-to-wear, and Mr. Lawrence Crouch, who has been in the employ of the company for some time at Granite Falls.

Mr. Holmes Bryson, of Asheville, is president; Mr. Fred Bryson, of Marion, treasurer, and Mr. C. A. Snyder, of Hickory, secretary. Mr. Fred Bryson will have personal oversight of the Morganton store.

## MR. McDOWELL RETURNS

Mr. and Mrs. John H. McDowell, of Seattle, Washington, arrived this week for a visit to relatives here. Mr. McDowell left Morganton about nineteen years ago and this is his first visit to his native town.

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

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

### GLEN ALPINE.

The protracted meeting at the Baptist church conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. M. A. Adams, closed Sunday morning. The meeting has been of great benefit to the church. The sermons by Mr. Adams were well delivered and made a serious impression on the large crowds who attended the meetings. A collection was taken Sunday morning as an appreciation of the labors of Mr. Adams, resulting in \$38.80.

Mr. George London was taken to Grace Hospital last week for treatment. He was watering his cow when she jerked loose from him, throwing him down, breaking his thigh. Mr. London is over 80 years old and has been very feeble for some time. At last accounts he is getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Miss Thelma Powell went to Connelly Springs where she will teach school.

Mr. J. D. Pitts is moving his stock of goods to Hankins, on the C. C. & O. He will also put in a mill plant at that place.

Mrs. J. G. Parker and Miss Louise Landes left last week for a visit to Hickory, Salisbury and Lexington for several days.

Rev. J. A. MacLean held services with the Presbyterian church Sunday night. No services at the Methodist church.

The Catawba River Singing Convention composed of six or more churches will meet at Glen Alpine at the Baptist church the first Sunday in November. There will be an all-day old-fashion singing. Those that can do so are requested to bring baskets, as there will be dinner on the ground. Everybody invited.

### CHESTERFIELD.

Mr. Bee Sisk and Miss Belle McGimsey, of Table Rock, were guests Tuesday night of Mr. and Mrs. Kirjath McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kennedy and children and Mr. A. T. Epley and daughter, Mrs. John Pearson, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wall.

Mr. Walter Hood, Misses Bertie and Grace Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Walter James, of Catawba Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGimsey spent Saturday on Table Rock. The scenery was beautiful and they spent the day very pleasantly.

Rev. J. A. Fry preached at Mt. Pleasant Sunday for the last time before going to conference. He was accompanied by Mrs. Fry and Miss Mary Esther Fry. They were dinner guests in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hensley. We are hoping to have him as our pastor another year.

Mr. Joe Lamberth had a corn shucking Friday night on the Sparks farm on Lower creek. It was the first one in this community this year.

Mrs. T. E. Puett and Mrs. Thomas Puett spent Tuesday with Mrs. Mary Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Kincaid and son, Ned, of Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Clark and children, of the State Hospital, are on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Clark.

Mr. Marshall Cooper has purchased the home of Mrs. F. M. Hensley. Mrs. Hensley and daughter, Miss Sallie Hensley will move to Morganton to make their home, and Mr. Cooper and family will move to the Hensley home as soon as it is vacated.

Mr. Will Berry and family, of Albemarle, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duckworth.

Master John Smith has been on a visit to his cousin, Master Pat Smith.

Mr. J. C. Hallyburton and little Miss Nellie Hallyburton visited his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Powell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Harmon were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thornburg.

Miss Louise Hood spent the past week in Morganton. She had her tonsils removed at Grace Hospital.

Mr. Louis Crump and mother, Mrs. J. M. Crump, and his three children, of Gamewell, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Fincannon and son, Hensley, and Mrs. Sidney Scott, of Morganton, attended the services here Sunday and were dinner guests of their mother, and they all visited Mr. Charlie Hensley in the afternoon.

Mr. C. T. Rader has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Baird.

Mr. J. N. Parks, of Morganton, spent Wednesday night with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Nora Miller. He was accompanied home by his wife who had been spending several days with her mother.

Mrs. Mary Wall and son Earl, were recent guests in the Smith home.

Miss Rata Thornburg spent Sunday with Miss Lexie Duckworth, and Miss Annie Thornburg visited Miss Annie May Conley. They with Mr. Jodie Duckworth motored to the State Hospital.

Mrs. J. R. Brown, of Durham, came home Sunday. She and her husband will make their home here this winter.

Mr. Gaither Harmon was a business visitor at Lenoir Saturday.

The home of a worthy colored citizen, S. Corpening, was burned Sunday. (Continued on eighth page)