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## MAYOR VANN LAYS WATER SITUATION BEFORE PEOPLE

Says For Some Time Monroe Has Been Threatened With Water Panic and Must Have Relief

### SEARCHING FOR LIGHT ON THE WATER SUBJECT

Urged on by Realization of the Situation and Demands of People, Board Employs Firm of Competent Engineers—Reports on Several Projects and Board Makes Thorough Investigation of all Possible Sources—Mass Meeting of Citizens.

In view of the criticisms about the city's obtaining increased water supply from Lee's upper mill, and the general public interest in a matter of extreme importance to the community, I trust you will give me space in your paper for a statement of the facts.

#### Present Water Situation

For some years, during the dry season, Monroe has been threatened with a water famine. The supply has been only twelve hours ahead of the normal demand, and would have been entirely exhausted in case of emergency. The people suffered and will suffer serious inconvenience on account of temporary shut-downs in an effort to conserve the supply. We do not have enough water to flush the streets and lay dust, nor enough to regularly and systematically flush the sewer, and on account of cost of continually digging wells and excessive cost of pumping from deep wells, we have the highest water rate of any city in the state. The question of securing a more adequate supply has been continually agitated, and unless something is done between now and next summer, we will have a more serious shortage than we have ever had.

#### Alternative Remedies

The only sources of water are (a) underground water obtained from wells—the best and purest water, or (b) surface water obtained from streams. Up to the present time we have been using well water. This summer we had two more wells dug. If we had not done so, we would have had a famine. But, while these two wells increased the total quantity of water, they did not flow so freely as anticipated or desired, and other wells began showing a shortage of flow, due to tapping their sources. Expense for power was increased, and it is apparent that the end of wells as a source of permanent supply for water is in sight.

#### Investigations by Board

Urged on by a realization of the situation and demands of the people, the board employed a firm of competent engineers to make an investigation and survey of present water supply and all available sources. The engineers were employed at a cost of \$250.00, after their qualifications had been investigated through the State Board of Health of North Carolina, the State Board of Health of South Carolina, the Water Department of the City of Wilmington, and some half dozen other boards and municipalities for whom they had done work. The board also had the State Health Department to furnish a sanitary engineer to check the engineers employed and review their conclusions with special reference to sanitary conditions, and asked the engineers to report on the following propositions:

1. Water supply from wells by increasing number, continuous pumping and large impounding reservoir, with cost estimate.
2. Surface water supply, best source in this vicinity, with estimate of quantity of water available, cost of construction and cost of up-keep.

#### Engineers' Report

The engineers reported that "it is very uncertain and problematic as to whether or not a well supply could be developed for Monroe which would yield a supply ample for present needs and take care of any additional increase which would be required as the town grows;" that if it were possible to find water in sufficient quantities to dozen new wells would be required and that the cost of pumping would be prohibitive. The other possible sources of supply first investigated were:

1. Lee's Upper Mill, 2. Lee's Lower Mill, 3. Rocky River. The estimated cost of construction and up-keep as detailed in the following table: Lee's Upper Mill, improvement, \$152,014; delivery cost, 0.054; interest, \$9,120.00; annual pumping cost, \$19,710.
- Lee's Lower Mill, improvement, \$327,211; delivery cost, 0.094; interest, \$19,620; annual pumping cost, \$34,310.
- Rocky River, improvement, \$348,260; delivery cost, 0.144; interest, \$50,895; annual pumping cost, \$52,660.

These estimates submitted by the engineers are based on a supply of one million gallons per day. Applying the figures for the purposes of comparison, assuming that water in sufficient quantities is at either of the locations the city can get water from Lee's upper mill at less expense, either of construction, pumping or up-keep than from any other place. We can get water delivered to the consumer at a cost of a little over five cents per thousand gallons, whereas the cost to the city is now about twenty cents per thousand gallons. (Continued to page 8.)

### PAYING FOR FARM WITH CHICKENS AND EGGS

Mr. T. J. W. Broom tells of a farmer and his wife of Goose Creek township who are actually paying for a farm with poultry and poultry products. Some time ago the farmer, after quite a bit of difficulty, finally secured a loan from the Federal Land Bank. He and his wife then got their heads together in an effort to work out some means whereby the payments may be met. They decided upon chickens and eggs and at once began placing all the money obtained from the sales of poultry and poultry products in a bank. When the first payment became due, there was plenty of money in the bank to meet it. The second payment is not yet due, but the money has been provided and is on deposit waiting for the note to mature.

The interesting feature to the situation is the fact that this farmer is devoting the principal part of his time to his farming operations and raising poultry as a side line. He is therefore making a living for the family and paying for the farm with what might be termed by-products.

### MR. EMMETT WILLIAMS SHOT HIMSELF SUNDAY

Good Young Man and Member Prominent Union County Family Found in His Room

### HAD BEEN IN ILL HEALTH FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

Moved From This County to Hamlet in 1904 and Had Made His Home There Since That Time.

Mr. Emmet Williams shot and killed himself with a pistol in his room in Hamlet Sunday afternoon. When the dead man was found the pistol was lying by his side with an empty chamber.

Mr. Williams was about 37 years of age and was an employee of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. He was a son of Mr. T. J. Williams of the Rock Rest community, and went to Hamlet in 1904, where he has made his home since that time. About nine months ago Mr. Williams' wife died and left him with a small daughter to care for. He had been in ill health for some time and it is believed that his physical condition, together with his other troubles, was the cause of his act Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Williams was a most excellent young man and has a large number of friends. Besides his father and little girl, Mr. Williams is survived by three brothers, Dr. E. J. Williams of Monroe, Dr. J. H. Williams, who is employed at the State Sanatorium, and Mr. Blanchard Williams, who lives with his father in the Rock Rest community, and five sisters, Mrs. W. A. Benton of Hamlet, Mrs. Joel H. Myers of Monroe, Miss Lottie Williams of Asheville, Mrs. Richard Stone of Greensboro, and Mrs. Graham Morgan of Paezeland.

The remains were brought to Monroe yesterday and interred in the afternoon in the Williams-Griffin cemetery in east Monroe township.

Mr. Williams is one of the best and most prominent families of the county and his people have many friends who deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement.

### Mr. Dillon, Conference and the Poultry Show

Mr. T. P. Dillon's friends are expressing quite a bit of sympathy for him because of the fact that they fear that when the Methodist conference adjourns after its five-days session in Monroe there will not be enough chickens left in the county to make the poultry show next January a success. Upon being informed of the feeling of his friends in regard to the matter, Mr. Dillon proceeded to tell a story that is related about a meeting of the Methodist conference in another city. It is to the effect that during the conference chicken after chicken was put out of business until finally when the conference adjourned there were no fowls of any kind left in the community, with the exception of one old rooster, one goose and a guinea hen. These had crawled far under an old outbuilding and had remained in hiding for several days after the preachers had gone. Finally, the old rooster decided that possibly they might be safe in coming out, and he straightened himself on an early one morning and cried out: "A-t-t-e-b-e-p-r-e-a-c-h-e-r-s-g-o-n-e-y-e-t!" Shew, s-h-e-w," said the goose, after which the guinea hen opened up, "Not-yet! Not-yet! Not-yet!"

Three boys were boasting about the earning capacity of their fathers. The first said: "My father can draw a few lines, put a few dots on them and call it music and sell it for \$50." The second said: "My father can draw a few lines, put a few dots on them and call it music and sell it for \$100." The third said: "That's nothing. My father is a preacher and he can write a few lines and get up in a church and say, them, and it takes six men to carry the money down the aisle."

### MARSHVILLE LADIES BUSY LAST SATURDAY

They Joined in With the Merchants and Held Sales For All Three Churches

Marshville, Oct. 9.—Saturday was some lively stirring day here—and the delightful dust-jarring rain of the night before caused the crowd to be larger than could have been after five weeks of dry weather and dust-laden air. It seemed good, if rather odd, to see clearly through all the stir.

There being several mercantile sales going on, the town was alive with people all day, and to add to the activities, the ladies of the three denominational societies, held their sales—as all could well be clothed and fed and we did not need Wallace's circus.

The showers continue and so does business. Mrs. B. C. Parker spent several days last week in Greensboro attending Founder's Day, the 20th anniversary of the Greensboro Normal.

Mr. Shelton Harrell of Charlotte spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sheppard of Wilmington visited their aunt, Mrs. Irene Marsh, last Saturday, on their way home from Linville and other mountain resorts.

Mrs. Jas. P. Marsh was in Gastonia several days last week, taking little Edith there to have her tonsils removed.

Miss Ketchin, the first grade teacher whose father died last week, may not return. This is very much regretted, as she had already made friends with the little folks as well as the grown ups.

Mr. Jas. Marsh and Mrs. Irene Marsh spent Sunday in Gastonia. Mrs. Jas. Marsh and daughter returning with them.

We learn that one of the little twins of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Broom of Wingo's has died of diphtheria, and that some of the other children have it.

Miss Edna Burns spent Sunday here with her parents.

Miss Porter of Mullins, S. C., spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Kate Popper.

Mr. Talmage Hinson of Monroe, as usual of late, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Annie Bailey, Mrs. LaFayette Marsh and Misses Floyd and Gibbs, with Mr. Clyde Austin, spent Saturday in Charlotte.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will conduct a rummage sale next Saturday at the new store building of Mr. J. E. Thomas.

### Teachers' Meeting October 10, 1922

There will be a meeting of all the white teachers of the county Thursday, October 10, 1922, in the auditorium of the Monroe High School building. All teachers of the county who are not already teaching are required to attend this meeting, beginning promptly at ten o'clock. It is necessary that all teachers secure blanks and supplies of all sorts necessary for the opening of school on Monday, October 23.

This year teachers are required to take the census of the district, and it will be necessary to receive the proper information about taking this accurate, continuous census on individual cards.

If there is a teacher in the county who has not accepted school work, it would be advisable for that teacher to attend and meet any school committees who may be looking for a teacher. There are a few vacancies in the county now. School committees who have not employed teachers might find some teacher at this meeting who would teach for them.

Teachers and pupils of the respective schools are required to meet at the school building on Friday afternoon, October 20, and take stock of all text books in the community. Pupils are asked to carry all their old text books that might be in their homes, so that the teacher can ascertain the number of new books for the school. It is permissible to use the old text books another year provided they can be secured. If all the books in the community are carried to the school on Friday afternoon before the opening of school, it might be that most children can be supplied with old books. This would save the parents the expense of buying all new books at one time.

Teachers who live some distance from the schools should notify the committees to meet them in Monroe next Thursday, October 19th, in order that they might go to their schools to begin work on Friday.

### MONROE OVERHELMS CONCORD TEAM 6 TO 0.

Uninteresting Game Played on Muddy Field—Locals Outclassed Concord

Monroe 61, Concord 0, was the final score of the football game played at Robert's field last Friday. A football game was listed for the afternoon but that was not what a large crowd of enthusiastic fans witnessed. It was more on the order of a track meet, a 75 yard dash being made by Lane when Concord kicked off for the first play of the game. Mack Fairley, Lancy and Hinson also made gains of 15, 25 and 30 yards at frequent intervals. The local boys had the Concord aggregation completely outclassed and at no time was the outcome doubtful. However, Concord had a fighting team, but they showed lack of experience and coaching.

Mack Fairley and Lancy displayed college class broken field running that was highly praised by those who attended the game. The whole team starred, led by Wick Fairley, quarterback, who used every play and formation that he had been given, usually with good results.

Saturday week the Monroe team plays Charlotte High at Charlotte and a large crowd of local fans are expected to go and root for the home team. Following is the line-up of Friday's game:

Monroe	Concord
Coble	Towell
Wiggs	Richie
Williams, F.	Peck
Williams, R.	Fink
Baskerville	Harrison
Curie	Misenhamer
McRae	Walker
Fairley, W.	Rendenhour
Hinson	Clauser
Fairley, M.	Lindenburg
Lancy	Sullivan

### Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Mullis

Mrs. Elizabeth Mullis, wife of Mr. Elisha Mullis, died last Wednesday at her home in North Marshville township. Her death was a decided shock to her friends and family, her condition not being considered serious until a few hours before her death. Mrs. Mullis was about sixty-five years of age, a sincere christian woman, highly respected and well liked in the community in which she lived. Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Miss Della, Mrs. Tom Nance, Mrs. Frank Manus, and three sons, Messrs. J. Lex John W. and Louis Mullis, all of whom live in North Marshville township.

### Every Automobile in City is Wanted Tuesday Afternoon

The reception committee for entertainment of the Western North Carolina Conference which convenes on Wednesday of next week is composed of J. S. Stearns, first ward; A. M. Seerest, second ward; Wriston Lee, third ward; J. W. Lathan, fourth ward, and J. W. Fowler, fifth ward. Streamers bearing the words "Conference Car—Get in and Ride," are being prepared and it is hoped that everybody will secure one and place it on his car during conference. They may be had by calling upon any member of the above-mentioned reception committee.

It is also desired that everybody in the city who owns a car meet the two afternoon trains from Charlotte next Tuesday, one arriving at 5:59 and the other at 8:20, and take the delegates to Central Methodist church, where they will be assigned to their respective homes. The automobiles that carry them to the church will be expected to wait until the assignments are completed and then carry the delegates to their homes. It is expected that a very large per cent of the delegates will arrive on the two afternoon trains from Charlotte Tuesday.

Dr. Weaver states that it will be necessary to have eight or ten cars on duty all the week and he asks for volunteers for this work. One car will not be expected to devote more than one day to the task, but Dr. Weaver wants as many volunteers as possible in order that a change may be made each day so there will be no hardship on any one.

### Waxhaw School Notes

(From the Waxhaw Enterprise) Miss Ada Cathbertson of the graded school faculty brought with her to Waxhaw three children of her sister, Mr. Marguerite Craig of Mineral Springs, all of whom will enter school for the present term. The eldest of the children, Miss Alice May Craig, will be especially remembered because she was the winner in the senior declamation contest of the county commencement last spring. Miss Craig won first place, the other seven contestants representing various groups in the county. The Waxhaw schools are fortunate to have a student of Miss Craig's talent with them.

### Wonderful Showing of the Children's Home

By reference to the statement of the officials of the Union County Children's Home, given in another column of The Journal, it will be seen that the institution has been operated on a very economical basis, and that the small amount paid by the county toward the support of the institution, when distributed among the various taxpayers of the county, is a very insignificant matter. The Home has been in operation since June 12, 1921, about sixteen months, and the actual amount paid by each taxpayer since the institution opened for business is about 15 cents on the one thousand dollars' worth of property. The amount received from pledges and voluntary contributions amounts to about the same. Rev. E. C. Snyder, superintendent of the institution, has done a great deal of work, and the wonderful success of the Children's Home is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Snyder and the other officials.

## A FORMER UNION COUNTY LADY HOME FROM CHINA

### HON. O. MAX GARDNER TO SPEAK HERE TUESDAY

Hon. O. Max Gardner of Shelby will make his opening speech for the campaign year in Monroe next Tuesday, October 17th, during the noon hour recess of court. Congressman W. C. Hammer will also be here on that date. Mr. Gardner is well known in Union county, having led the ticket for Governor in the county primary two years ago. Mr. Gardner also opened the fall campaign two years ago in Union county, at which time the Charlotte Observer, the Raleigh News and Observer and the Greensboro News had reported here. Mr. Gardner will doubtless have a good crowd to speak to next Tuesday.

### WHO IS T. R. JONES AND WHERE IS HE?

Indicted in Union County Court For Violating the Blue Sky Law.

### FAILED TO APPEAR AT LAST TERM OF COURT

Jones Operated in Union County in 1920 and Sold Stock in the Dixie Consolidated Graphite Company, a Foreign Corporation.

Union County Officers are looking for T. R. Jones, charged with violating the blue sky laws. A capias was issued for Jones at the last term of Superior court but he could not be found. Another capias has been sworn out for his appearance at the term which convenes next week, and yet Jones is an unknown quantity in this section of the state.

The bill of indictment against Jones reads as follows: The jurors for the state upon their oath present that T. R. Jones, late of Union county, on the day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and twenty, at and in the county aforesaid did unlawfully, knowingly and wilfully offer for sale and did unlawfully sell stock of the Dixie Consolidated Graphite Company, a foreign corporation, and did unlawfully, knowingly and wilfully offer to sell stock and evidences of property in said corporation and did unlawfully transact business in the said county of Union and state of North Carolina as agent for said Dixie Consolidated Graphite Company, a foreign corporation as aforesaid, he the said T. R. Jones then and there having no license issued by the Insurance Commission of North Carolina to sell or negotiate for sale the stock, obligations and evidences of property of said foreign corporation, and the said T. R. Jones did on said day of July, 1920, at and in said county and state, unlawfully negotiate for sale and did sell the stock of the said Dixie Consolidated Graphite Company to persons whose names are unknown to the grand jurors, and did unlawfully transact business as agent for said foreign corporation, without having a license so to do, as required by the laws of the state, contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State.

There seems to be some mystery as to the details of the transactions of Jones. It has not been ascertained whether he sold a large amount of stock nor whether his transactions were of a "rascally" nature, the assumption being that he simply operated in violation of state laws.

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The Waxhaw schools opened with a very heavy enrollment last Monday. Monday night public exercises were held in the auditorium, addresses being delivered by members of the building committee and others, after which an informal reception for the new teachers was held. Many words of praise for the new building have been heard, and a successful school year is anticipated. The high school enrollment is very large, a number of students entering the high school who reside outside the Waxhaw district. The Enterprise has been requested to call the attention of parents residing in neighboring districts which do not have a high school to the fact that if their children have finished the grades offered in their district school, and wish to enter the high school at Waxhaw, they can be done without any charge for tuition and these pupils will be gladly welcomed.

Avoid chilly rooms in the morning by using Cole's Hot Blast Heaters. They prevent colds and sickness.

### Miss Mary Mullis, as She is Known in Union, and Husband Come Home From Far East

### GRAPHIC PICTURE OF CONDITIONS IN CHINA

Make Interesting Addresses at First Baptist Church—Mrs. Harvey Head of Mission Home, Serving Some Twenty Protestant Mission Bodies —Place for Missionaries Going and Coming From Their Homes

At the First Baptist church an interesting and unexpected event took place on Sunday night in the appearance by the pulpit of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harvey of Hankow, China. Mrs. Harvey will best be remembered as Miss Mary Mullis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Mullis, now of Charlotte, late of Union county, and niece of Mr. Henry Austin of Monroe. At the request of the pastor, Mr. Harvey gave a graphic picture of conditions in the far interior of China as they exist today. Hankow, a city of some 8,000,000 inhabitants, built on a great bend of the Yang-tsi river about 200 miles south of Peking, is the Chicago of China, and the centre of manufacturing and commerce of the central and western provinces of the great republic. He told of the chaotic conditions prevailing there and of the butchery and looting by the unpaid armies of the war lords, of the gross superstition and ignorance of the teeming masses of the common people and made a strong plea for assistance in carrying the gospel of light and hope to them.

Mrs. Harvey, who is a charming and attractive speaker, gave a most interesting talk on her particular work as head of the Mission Home in Hankow, serving some twenty Protestant mission bodies who have stations in the interior. The home established by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey is the stopping place for missionaries going to and coming from their stations. In addition to caring for the traveling missionaries, Mrs. Harvey is official shopper for all the workers of all the protestant missions on the far fields. She buys and ships clothing, household necessities, medical and surgical supplies and all the numberless little articles so hard to do without in a strange land. She stated that through the gift, by a New York lady of \$15,000 they had just built a new home of some 13 rooms for the reception of missionaries and their families and that these rooms were being furnished by societies and churches in America. Her naive remark that there was one room left brought the quick response from the pastor "We'll take that," and in a few moments the entire amount required, and some over, was laid—in dollar bills—upon the pulpit. So the room will be known as the "Monroe Baptist church room." In addition to his mission work, Mr. Harvey is business agent for the associated missions of the interior and audits and handles all funds for the association, buys property for mission stations and material for all buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey left for Charlotte Monday morning and expect to sail for China about the first of November.

### THREE MISSIONARIES VISIT WINGATE CHURCHES

Make Interesting Lectures in Afternoon and at Night—Society Day Great Success.

Wingate, Oct. 9.—The churches of the town were fortunate in having with them Sunday three returned missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey of central China, and Mrs. Green of Canton, China. Sunday afternoon Mrs. Harvey talked to the members of the Methodist church and a large number of visitors. She used Romans 12:1 as her subject. She delivered a very interesting talk on China, Sunday night Mrs. Green of Canton, talked at the Baptist church on "The Great Commission." She made a short talk on this subject, after which she gave the congregation a very vivid sketch of what Canton was when she went there thirty-one years ago, and what it is to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burch of Charlotte visited Mrs. Burch's mother, Mrs. M. D. Newsome, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Biggers of Oakboro visited relatives here Sunday. Society day was a great success Saturday. The program was carried out in good style and every one seemed to enjoy it to the fullest extent. Saturday morning the program was given over to the boys. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music and debate. The query was resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished. The question was decided in favor of the negative. In the afternoon the high school basket ball team played its first game with a number of the local boys and former students. The score was 23 to 28 in favor of the high school. The evening program was one of the best ever rendered in the school auditorium. The program was in charge of the two girls' societies who believe in doing things right and who showed it by the way the program was rendered.