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## ENGINEER CHECKING UP ON LEE'S MILL PROJECT

### CITY AWAITS HIS REPORT BEFORE LETTING CONTRACT

Aldermen, To Avoid Mistakes, Has J. L. Ludlow Making Independent Investigation

### NOW ENGAGED MEASURING FLOW OF MAIN CHANNEL

The damming of Richardson creek at Lee's mill and the construction of a filter is being held up pending the report of J. L. Ludlow, an engineer of Winston-Salem, who has been employed to verify the results of the investigation made by the Carolina Engineering Company, Mayor J. C. M. Vann stated yesterday.

"This is being done," Mr. Vann said, "in order to avoid error. Before involving the city, the present administration wants to be absolutely certain that it will secure a water supply sufficient for the city for years to come. As to the 'purity' of the water, no discussion is necessary. It doesn't take a physician to know that surface water is pure after it has been filtered."

The city aldermen are pledged to the Lee's Mill project provided the original report of the Carolina Engineering Company, on which the action was based, is fully confirmed by the independent investigation being conducted by Mr. Ludlow, who has no connection with the former company.

No errors have yet been discovered in the original findings, it was stated, but the investigation has not been completed. Mr. Ludlow is now engaged in gauging the flow of the main stream. Measurements will be taken for thirty days. Upon the figures compiled by this test, the engineer, it was said, can determine the available supply almost to the gallon point.

"The administration, as announced from the beginning," said Mr. Vann, "is not going into this matter blind folded. Not a dollar is going to be spent until we are thoroughly convinced that we are securing a permanent water supply at a minimum cost. No member of the administration has any 'ax to grind.' Every alderman has acted in the best interests of the city."

### The Next Game

Asheville will play Monroe Saturday, Dec. 2, in Charlotte, he hopes.

Can Monroe stop Asheville's backfield and intercept their forwards quickly enough? We believe they can. The game seems to depend on these two things.

Asheville will depend on her backfield to win the game.

Can Monroe take Chanak? Stop Shackles, Chukles—the 178 pound Greek? Yes, Monroe can stop him. Wiggs can do it. O. C. can stop him. Beasley, Jada, Baskerville, Mack, Wick, Yates. He can be halted all right.

The Monroe boys will take gymnastics and strictest discipline this week and will be in the finest of trim for a fight.

Yes, Monroe can stop the backfield and can hold the Asheville line.

The fact that Charlotte held Asheville for downs indicates that they can be held.

If Monroe will fight and not weaken, they can hold Asheville for four quarters or more.—Fan.

## Rich Seeks to Play Monroe-Asheville Game in Charlotte

That efforts are being made to get the Asheville-Monroe game here next Saturday was learned last night from Marvin Ritch, coach of the Monroe high school, says the Charlotte Observer.

"So far as we are concerned regarding the game itself," said Coach Ritch, "Monroe would just as soon play in one place as another; but it means a good deal more from a financial standpoint. It would mean at least \$1,000 more to each team to play the game in Charlotte."

"Asheville is really honor bound to play the game in Monroe. Monroe has gone to Asheville on two occasions and Asheville has been to Monroe once. It is Asheville's turn to visit Monroe this year; but the authorities are not demanding that this be done; but think that Asheville should agree to meet on the neutral ground of Charlotte, where a fine playing field is afforded and where the crowds can be much larger."

"Many Monroe people want to see the game; but it is a hardship that few will attempt to drive to Salisbury, or go to Davidson over the bad roads caused by construction work in that direction. The road to Charlotte is in excellent shape and many can come here to witness the fray."

Coach Ritch is probably correct in his estimate of the attendance, for

### JACKSON AND BUFORD FOLKS TO GET A ROAD

They Are Rejoicing Over the Possibility of a Fine Highway Between Lancaster and Monroe

By F. V. Hinson

Waxhaw, N. C., Rt. 5.—Mr. Garah Eubanks, son of Mr. A. M. Eubanks of the Bethany church community, is rapidly recovering from a recent operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Herbert McBride, a prosperous farmer, and Miss Nancy Yarborough of the Prospect community recently surprised their friends by going to Charlotte and getting married. Mr. and Mrs. McBride are very popular and their many friends are wishing them a long and happy life.

Uncle Peter Dye, a highly respected colored man of Liberty Hill, S. C. is in the community calling on his old friends of his race and also his white friends.

Workmen are rapidly pushing to completion the new school building at this place. It will be one of the most commodious and up-to-date buildings in the state when finished. The workmen hope to have it ready for occupancy by the first of January. The present building is proving wholly inadequate. Six teachers and five small rooms with an average of some two hundred and twenty-five or more pupils daily make the new building a necessity. However Prof. Bert Price and his corps of teachers are doing excellent work and are making special efforts to make this session the best in the history of the school.

The citizens of this part of the county are rejoicing at the prospects of having the Lancaster and Rocky River roads built and completed to the state line. At this rate Superintendent Winchester and his road force are building the road one will be able by Christmas to drive from Monroe to Lancaster over a thirty-foot top soiled highway by way of Rough Edge, Sapp's Cross Roads, Dr. W. H. Sapp, Dwight, Dixie and into Lancaster. Or if one wishes to go to Columbia or points south instead of turning to the right at Dwigth's for Lancaster keep straight ahead by Primus and intersect with the Charlotte to Columbia highway at Pleasant Hill near Heath Springs, S. C. This would give a route almost in a bee line from Monroe and points north to Columbia and points south and the South Carolina road is in A. 1 condition, too, up to the state line. This route would lead the tourist over some historic roads and by the Buffalo monument just about one hundred yards south of the cross roads at Dwigth. Except about three miles of road on the Rocky River road south of Rough Edge this highway is complete.

The greatest acreage in the history of this part of the county is being sowed to small grain. Some of it is up and looking fine.

The many friends of Mr. B. C. Hinson were sorry to see him sell his farm and implements and quit farming for he was considered one of our leading farmers.

Aunt Lizzie Hough, a respected colored citizen and Lewis Blackman, colored, a land owner and prosperous farmer were married last Thursday by H. D. Thompson in Lancaster county.

"Moving day" is about here with the tenants who move yearly. They say they like to get in their new home by the time Santa Claus comes and be ready for the new year. Which in this scribe's opinion is about right.

Mr. W. Aaron Carnes, teacher of the Junior class of boys in the Bethel Sunday school entertained his class last Friday night at his home with a social function at which was served hot chocolate, candies and other good eats. The boys enjoyed it immensely and went home after expressing thanks to Mr. Carnes for the occasion.

### Rich Seeks to Play Monroe-Asheville Game in Charlotte

There will unquestionably be a large attendance if the game is played in Charlotte. Hundreds of Charlotte people will go out and the rooting will be divided. Some will root for Asheville, hoping that team will win, because they won over Charlotte, while others will yell for Monroe.

Of course, Monroe will bring a large delegation to shout for their home club, and it is not improbable that many will come down from the Mountain City.

Coach Ritch last night put the proposition up to E. R. Rankin, head of the high school contest, in the following telegram:

"E. R. Rankin,

"Chapel Hill, N. C.

"Monroe-Asheville game can best be played at Wearn field, Charlotte. Last year Monroe was sent to Asheville. Monroe is entitled to have Asheville at Monroe this year. There is no sense or reason why these two teams cannot meet each other on the same neutral field used by Carolina and Davidson. It will mean at least \$1,000 more for each team. Monroe votes for Charlotte. It is understood Asheville votes to the contrary. It is a deadlock. You vote off the tie. Reply by wire as to your decision."

"MARVIN RITCH,

"Coach Monroe Team."

### HAPPENINGS OF THE WINGATE COMMUNITY

Parent-Teacher Association Is Rapidly Making Graded School One Of the Best in the County

Wingate, Nov. 27.—The Parent-Teacher Association met Friday at 3:30 o'clock at the graded school building. This meeting was largely attended. Since its organization a month ago, the association has bought one hundred song books, a piano, and has put in an application to the state for a library for the school. Plans are being made to equip the auditorium with seats at an early date. With such rapid strides as these the graded school is soon going to be one of the foremost in the county.

Wingate now has two radio receiving stations. Mr. Carl Small having installed one several weeks ago, and Mr. G. M. Stewart installing one a few days ago.

Mr. Hugh Wiley is confined to his bed with bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cutchin and family who have been making their home with Mrs. Cutchin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Bogan, have moved to Polkton.

Thanksgiving services will be held at the Baptist church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Miss Thelma Humphrey of Charlotte spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. E. B. Wright has returned from a hospital in Charlotte where he underwent a minor operation.

Miss Julia Jerome, who is teaching at King's Mountain, spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Jerome.

Miss Ruth Jerome, who went to a Charlotte hospital last week for an operation for appendicitis, is getting along nicely.

A play, "The Fruit Of His Folly," will be given in the high school auditorium, Thursday night, November 30th. Every one is invited to come and hear this splendid play.

There will be a "double-header" basketball game on the high school court Thursday afternoon. The graded school will play Waxhaw, and the high school will play Oakboro. These promise to be interesting games and a large crowd is anticipated.

Mr. M. F. Dry has returned from his home in Lancaster, S. C., to resume his studies at the school.

Mr. Benny Gates, who had to leave school on account of ill health, visited friends in the school Sunday.

Misses Lula Little, Grovone Dunlap and Alice Brasington spent the week-end with home-folks at Ansonville.

### AL AND JODIE TRULL ARE SUED FOR \$10,000

J. R. Harrington, Whom They Assaulted, Is Seeking Big Damages For Injuries He Received

Suit for \$10,000 damages against Allen Trull and Jodie Trull has been instituted by J. R. Harrington, whom they assaulted in the road on Sept. 23. A road sentence is hanging over the former for his conviction of the assault in criminal court.

In his complaint Harrington alleges that:

"On the 23rd day of September, 1922, the defendant unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did assault, beat, wound and cut the plaintiff, to wit:—a large pocket knife, rocks, sticks and clubs and did cut the plaintiff in the back, beginning just below the neck and running down the back for a distance of ten and a half inches, and cutting to a depth of one and a half inches, cutting to the bone, severing veins, arteries, muscles and nerves, and otherwise greatly injuring the plaintiff, as hereinafter more fully set out.

"Said conduct on the part of defendants was wanton, wilful and committed in a secret manner.

"As a result of said assault, the plaintiff lost a large quantity of blood, was rendered unconscious for a considerable period of time, was compelled to be carried to a hospital and treated for ten days before he was able to leave the hospital; and that the plaintiff has continued to suffer in body and mind and has been permanently injured, as plaintiff is informed and believes; that plaintiff has been compelled to pay out doctor bills, hospital bills, has been unable to work, and continues to suffer great pain, and plaintiff's earning capacity has been greatly diminished by reason of the serious injury inflicted upon him by the defendants.

"Said assault was made upon the plaintiff in a public place and within sight of divers persons, to plaintiff's great humiliation, chagrin and mental anguish, and to plaintiff's great damage.

"By reason of the aforesaid assault, the plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of \$10,000."

Besides damages to the extent of \$10,000, Harrington also asks the court to award him the costs of the action.

Mr. Coble Killed at Oakboro.

Mr. T. A. Coble was accidentally killed at his mill at Oakboro, near the Union-Stanly line last Wednesday. The accident occurred late Wednesday afternoon while Mr. Coble was doing some work at the mill. His work was near a belt and a pulley and in some way his head was caught in either belt or pulley and he was instantly killed. Mr. Coble was one of the best known citizens of lower Stanly and was well known in both counties. With his sons he ran a store and milling business and often came to Monroe, where much of their business was transacted. He was 65 years old.

### MONROE AND ASHEVILLE PLAY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Greensboro Eliminated by Local Boys And Charlotte By the Team From Mountain City

### SATURDAY'S GAME WAS EXCITING SPORT EVENT

Monroe took another step towards the western championship Saturday when she defeated the Greensboro high's in Charlotte by a score of 7 to 6. Monroe was doped to win by a larger score, but after seeing the fresher team from the Gate City in action, the fans were satisfied with a one-point victory. The opinion of many was that Greensboro's backfield was the best seen in any high school game this year; while the three grilling battles with Shelby had tired out the Monroe eleven. One point victories and tie games seem to be our particular line this year. To many people another upset in football occurred when Charlotte was eliminated by Asheville Saturday, but Monroe boys who remember Shackles, the Greek, who played a big part in defeating them last year, don't think it such a surprise after all.

### A Hard-Fought Game

The Greensboro game was hard fought throughout and for a time it looked as though it would end 6 to 0 in favor of Greensboro. But by a pretty pass followed by a delayed play through the line, Mack Fairley carried the ball over for a touchdown and in the try for a point Wick Fairley made one of the prettiest drop kicks seen this year and gave us the one point necessary for victory. Greensboro had the edge on the locals so far as forward passes were concerned and the fact that both teams wore purple and gold jerseys made breaking them up difficult.

### Asheville Game Saturday

The Monroe-Asheville game will be played Saturday in either Salisbury or Charlotte. Asheville is due us a game, but since all the games of the elimination series are being played on neutral ground, Monroe will not make a kick. From a financial standpoint Charlotte is the logical place for the game.

While Charlotte and Monroe are playing for the western championship, the strong New Bern and Sanford teams will be fighting it out in the east. The game will be played in Raleigh. Neither of the eastern teams has suffered a defeat this season and but one touchdown has been hammered across their respective goal lines. The winners of these two games are scheduled to play in Chapel Hill, Saturday, Dec. 9th.

### FARMERS CURING SWEET POTATOES "IN CAHOOT."

That Is, Some Union County Men Are Following Eastern Carolina Methods in Saving Important Crop

### Florida Strawberries Costing More Than Blockade Liquor

A quart of Florida strawberries exceeds the cost of a quart of fine Union county "blockade" brandy. "Thanksgiving strawberries," says a Plant City, Fla., dispatch, "will come high this year, for buyers are paying \$4.25 a quart for them delivered on the railroad platforms here. Plant City, center of the production area in Florida, and one of the largest strawberry shipping points in the country, began its shipping yesterday, the earliest date in seven years. The bidding opened at \$1.25 a quart and the berries rapidly went up to \$4.25 while bid went as high as \$4.80 with no berries in sight. One farmer received a check for \$72.25 for a lot of 17 quarts, the best actual sale price of the day. It was at the rate of \$4.25 a quart and represented the highest price ever recorded here. One quart of berries was sold at auction today for \$103, the bidding having started at \$3. The seller sent the money to the Children's Home at Tampa as a Thanksgiving gift.

### NATIVE UNION COUNTY MAN DIES IN ROCK HILL

Brother of Mr. W. E. Helms of the Corinth Community Passes Away at Advanced Age

Mr. L. L. Helms died at his home in Rock Hill yesterday morning about 1 o'clock from the infirmities of old age, says the Lancaster News. Mr. Helms was a native of Union county, but had spent most of his life in Lancaster county, moving to Rock Hill about one year ago where he had since made his home with his son-in-law, H. W. Mahaffey. He was 77 years, seven months and 14 days old at the time of his death. He is survived by two brothers, D. F. Helms, of Darlington, and W. E. Helms, of Union county, the former now very ill at the home of a relative in Lancaster; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Helms and Mrs. Mattie Belk, of Union county; four daughters, Mrs. L. L. Blackmon, of Cordele, Ga., Mrs. H. W. Mahaffey, of Rock Hill; Mrs. Arthur Robinson, of Camden, and Mrs. Lewis Evans, of Lancaster; one son, G. D. Helms, of Rock Hill. The body was brought to Lancaster yesterday and interred in Westside cemetery at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, funeral services being conducted by Rev. F. V. Robertson. The remains were accompanied to Lancaster by a number of sympathizing friends. Mr. Helms was a quiet, unassuming man, and enjoyed the esteem and friendship of many of Lancaster county's best citizens. His passing brings sorrow to those who knew and loved him for his admirable traits of character. Mrs. G. D. Helms, wife of the only living son, died in Rock Hill about four weeks ago. She was 43 years old and leaves her husband, and two children, 8 and 11 years of age. Mrs. Helms was, before marriage, Miss Francis Carnes, daughter of J. P. Carnes of East Lancaster.

### MARSHVILLE BUZZING WITH XMAS FEELING

Bazaars and Bazaars Being Staged—Snow Fall Early Monday Morning, It Is Reported

Marshville, Nov. 27.—The first snow of the season fell early Monday morning, but late risers failed to get a glimpse of the white carpet.

Marshville is suffering from the dust similar to that of an August drought.

The cold days of November serve as a reminder of the rapid approach of Thanksgiving. Housewives are finding the days entirely too short for all of the cooking and shopping.

Already the ladies everywhere—in city, town and village, are busy with needle and brain, and the air is buzzing—not with "the little busy bee," but the big B—Bazaar, Bazaar. Already at Marshville one has successfully soared off, and another comes in view this week. Another will be humming next week. May all labor be crowned with success—and also the Christmas gifts be ready.

The last meeting of the Wednesday Afternoon Book Club was held with Mrs. R. E. Powell, who delightfully entertained with some very unique puzzles and contests. A salad course was served.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Huggins spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Marsh.

Miss Nell Hines, one of our teachers, returned Sunday from a three day visit to Statesville, where she attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Berry, which was quite an elaborate affair.

Mrs. H. B. Marsh delightfully entertained the teachers and a few others Saturday evening.

That was a sad affair, in which Mr. W. B. Watkins of Orlando, Fla., was killed by his uncle, by mistake, it is supposed, while they were out hunting.

Mr. George Hallman of Charlotte spent Sunday here.

One of the Lyceum numbers will be given in the graded school auditorium Wednesday evening, Nov. 29.

We are asked to remember that owing to the scarcity of power Marshville lights will be cut off on Tuesdays from 6:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. Mr. C. D. Davidson spent the week-end at Forest City with his parents.

The entertainment given by Mr. Lucey last Monday was well-attended and much enjoyed.

### FARMERS CURING SWEET POTATOES "IN CAHOOT."

That Is, Some Union County Men Are Following Eastern Carolina Methods in Saving Important Crop

Sweet potato growing on a large scale is beginning in eastern Carolina, made possible by new curing methods in especially constructed drying and storing houses. A 25,000 bushel co-operative house has just been completed and filled. Farmers had regular digging days and hauled in several thousand bushels a day. They will be sold on the markets during late winter and spring when the price will be high. The same idea has struck Union county. The Waxhaw Enterprise says:

Messrs. R. D. and W. J. Sims, M. L. Richardson and J. T. Carter of the Rehobeth section are trying out a joint sweet potato house that they have constructed this fall that is said to be the latest improved manner for preserving the potatoes. The house is sixteen by thirty-two feet with a capacity of fifteen hundred bushels. It is built absolutely air tight in the first place, and then a few openings made in the sides and roof to permit free circulation of air. The air is left circulating after the potatoes are all stored for a period of two weeks, his being obtained by keeping a hot fire in a stove set in the center of the room. After the moisture has been removed from the potatoes in this manner, it is not necessary to keep the fire any further, except at times when the thermometer register 48 or lower. In order to have the potatoes dried uniformly they are crated in large boxes having openings on the sides. This is the first year that this method of preserving sweet potatoes has been tried in this section, and the only one making the experiment in this county is Mr. Murray Winchester of Mineral Springs. Messrs. Sims, Richardson and Carter have one thousand bushels stored in their joint potato houses; they say they are following the directions furnished them very carefully and will be able to report on the success of the plan later. Meanwhile, they will take pleasure in showing any one through their potato house, who may feel interested in looking it over.

## Settles Damage Claim For the Death of Son in Thirty Minutes

A precedent was set here Friday when Lewis Williams, colored, qualified as administrator of the estate of his son, Gus Williams, killed on the railroad yards here, instituted suit against the Seaboard for \$5000, and agreed to a settlement of \$1000, in the short space of thirty minutes. During this period, the Seaboard also filed an answer to the suit denying liability for the death of Williams.

Mr. R. W. Lemmond, clerk of the court, says this is unquestionably the record case for the greatest amount of litigation accomplished in such a short time. Usually a case of this kind hangs fire for months before a settlement is made.

Lewis made application for appointment as administrator. Mr.

### COTTON IS DISPLACED BY HOGS AND PEANUTS

Keziah Predicts Production of the Staple in His Section Will Soon Be Thing of Past

### GOT OVER 11 CENTS FOR THEIR HOGS ON THE HOOF

Waxhaw, R. F. D. 1, Nov. 27.—The writer had an interview the other day with Mr. W. B. Keziah, editor of the Whiteville News-Reporter, well-known to the people of this section by the name of "Scapegoat." He seems to be very enthusiastic over conditions in his section.

He related some experiences with hogs and peanuts in his county that are very encouraging to those who are testing out these days.

A number of cars of hogs had been shipped out of the county, and at an average price of 11 1-2 cents on foot. This, he thinks, is a profitable price, and it is, but would it be so, should we all go to raising hogs?

Also, my recollection is he mentioned one peanut farmer who had harvested three thousand bushels of peanuts from a twenty-acre farm and had realized \$2.20 the bushel for them. "However," he added, "the peanut crop in Virginia was almost a failure and this explains the reason for the Whiteville man's good luck."

"We are getting very little cotton in my county this year," said "Willie," "on account of the fear of boll weevil invasion, which materialized and next year, we may not get any cotton at all on account of not planting any."

He thinks hogs, peanuts and tobacco will pull 'em through, and we have no doubt it will if too many other sections do not go into these things and "glut" the market.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF MISS FURR A GREAT SHOCK

Popular Young Girl Stricken Friday Evening, and Dies A Few Hours Later

Miss Thelma Furr, daughter of Mrs. V. C. Davis, died last Friday night about 11 o'clock at her home on College street, following a short illness which at first was supposed to be membranous croup. News of her sudden death came as a decided shock to her friends on Saturday morning, as she was playing tennis the afternoon before and it was with a feeling of profound sorrow that they learned of the sudden, tragic death of the young woman.

Miss Furr was noted for her athletic activities, and had the reputation of being one of the best swimmers in town. She was a member of the 1923 graduating class of the Monroe high school, and entered into all of its outdoor sports and activities, being one of its most popular members. She was a member of the Baptist church, the Sunday School, and had been a leader in the B. Y. P. U. since coming to Monroe from Rockingham two years ago upon the marriage of her mother, Mrs. Furr, to Mr. V. C. Davis. In the short two years that she had been in Monroe she had endeared herself to the young people of the town and made many friends by her readiness to enter into any activities of the church, school and social life.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the home by Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Bruce Benton of Rockingham and Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor of Central Methodist church. The pall bearers were members of the graduating class of the high school and were Fred Sell, Fred Benton, Hall Efrd, William Taylor, H. E. Copple, Jr., and John Coble. Among the many beautiful flowers sent, were elaborate designs, tributes of the eleventh grade, the Monroe girls at Coker College, and the class of Rockingham to which she belonged before coming to Monroe.

### His Earl Education.

There was recently brought before a police judge in Atlanta a colored culprit to whom, among others, the magistrate put this question:

"Where were you born?"

"Memphis."

"And were you brought up there?"

"Yes, Yo' Honah, vey often."

The man who charges too much for the goods he sells is not the only profiteer. A worse one is the man who accepts the good that life brings, without any effort to let other men share in it.

## Settles Damage Claim For the Death of Son in Thirty Minutes

Lemmond, having always regarded Lewis as an honest, hard-working colored man, made him administrator on the spot, foregoing technicalities. As administrator, Lewis immediately filed notice of suit against the Seaboard for \$5,000. Attorney for the railroad, when informed of the suit, wasted no time in filing an answer, denying responsibility for the death of his son. Negotiations for a compromise were begun. A thousand dollars was the railroad's best offer. It was accepted, and Lewis' name goes down in local history for settling a case in the shortest length of time.

Of the thousand dollars paid the estate, the widow of Gus gets \$500, and Lewis and his wife, \$500, the deceased not having made a will.