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One Dollar a Year.

MR. O. G. LOWDER KILLED.

Man Well Known in Monroe Shot in the Breast by His Own Gun and Dies Instantly.

The citizens of Monroe were shocked Saturday afternoon by a message to relatives here conveying the sad and startling news that Mr. O. G. Lowder had accidentally shot and killed himself at his home in Charlotte about 2 o'clock.

The following account of the sad death of Mr. Lowder is taken from Saturday's Charlotte News:

"Mr. and Mrs. Lowder and Miss Ora Williams, stenographer at Dr. Register's office, who is a cousin of Mrs. Lowder, were the only persons at home. Mr. and Mrs. Lowder had eaten dinner. After leaving the table Mr. Lowder went out to his gun house in the back yard to clean his gun, as he was going to Stanley county Tuesday on a hunting and fishing trip.

"Miss Williams got home at ten minutes to two o'clock. She went directly to the dining room, as she was late. As she stepped into the room she heard the report of a gun and a thud as of something falling, but thought nothing of it, not knowing that Mr. Lowder was in the gun house. Mrs. Lowder came in from her room and gave Miss Williams her dinner.

"There was a call at the phone for Mr. Lowder. Mrs. Lowder called him but receiving no answer supposed he could not hear her and went into the back yard to call again. There was no response. She supposed he had gone, but went anyway to the gun house to see.

"The scene that awaited her almost paralyzed her with horror. Mr. Lowder lay dead upon the floor, his gun by his side. His head was on the floor and his feet up on a box, showing that he had fallen over the box. Her wild screams brought Miss Williams to her side. There was no one on the lot except Mrs. Lowder and Miss Williams. The latter rushed to the phone and summoned physicians and then alarmed the neighborhood. Nothing could be done for the unfortunate man. He had received the full charge of the gun in his chest and death had been instantaneous.

"Mr. Lowder was a well known cotton merchant of this city. He was a native of Stanley county, but had lived in Charlotte for eight years, his first residence having been on Lawyers road. Lately he had moved to the Shaanhouse residence on N. Tryon street, one door above Col. W. B. Rodman's. Just previous to coming to Charlotte he and his family lived at Wingate, N. C. Since coming to Charlotte he had surrounded himself with a host of friends and had become a prominent factor in the cotton business of the city.

"Besides his wife he leaves one child, Miss Willard Lowder, who is ten years of age, and two stepchildren, Mr. Homer Benton who lives in Gainesville, Ala., and Miss Hallie Benton. Miss Benton and young Miss Lowder were in Monroe.

"Mr. Lowder was a member of the First Baptist church of this city and a prominent member of the Woodmen of the World.

"Mr. Lowder married Mrs. Benton, whose husband was killed in the frightful collision on the Southern at Harrisburg about 15 years ago.

"She is prostrated with the shock of today's tragedy. Friends are with her and every evidence of sympathy and interest is being given her."

The funeral services were conducted at the residence yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dr. Hulton and the remains were brought here on the 6 o'clock train, accompanied by members of the Woodmen of the World, to which order Mr. Lowder was a member, the sorrowing family and many sympathizing friends.

Mrs. Lowder is a sister of Mrs. M. C. Long and is a native of this county. After her marriage to Mr. Lowder they lived several years at Wingate before going to Charlotte.

Miss Hallie Benton and Miss Homer Lowder, the daughters, were at Mr. Long's on a visit when the sad news of the accident was received, and they and the family of Mr. Long went to Charlotte Saturday evening.

The train on which the funeral party was bound to Monroe yesterday was delayed by the jumping off the track of a string of coal cars attached to a freight train five miles from town for an hour, and the service which the Woodmen had intended holding at the grave had to be dispensed with, only a short service being held by Revs. Craig and Hulton.

Weekly Cotton Review.

New York Dispatch, 1st.

Recent predictions that the market would soon reach a sold-out and over-sold condition were realized Wednesday when prices suddenly advanced. Many had become so thoroughly imbued with the idea that the crop was making rapid headway, that the short side was overdone. The inevitable result has been a sharp upturn of late. The persistent rains in Georgia, the Carolinas, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida where the precipitation at times has ranged from 1 1/2 to over 4 inches, and with the lack of sufficient moisture in Texas and Oklahoma, have caused active covering by nervous shorts. This decision was brought about partly, no doubt, by the fact that the exchanges on both sides of the water will be closed from tonight till Tuesday next, but it was also traceable to increasing reports of an unfavorable crop situation in important sections. The adverse conditions above mentioned have given rise to fears that considerable injury might occur if the desired weather does not materialize in the near future.

From Louisiana reports have been received to the effect that the crop is seriously menaced by the boll weevil. Increasing complaints of the weevil have been received from Texas. The plant in many sections of the South is still said to be from two to three weeks late.

The strength of July has been a feature. The stock of cotton here continues to decrease rapidly, to the alarm of many of the shorts. The certificated supply has fallen below 90,000 bales and some estimates of the uncovered short interest in the old crop months are over 20,000 bales. Leading New Orleans interests have given support at times but the demand has come mainly from the shorts. Early in the week prices declined under the depressing influence of disappointing advices from Liverpool, small spot sales there, unfavorable trade reports domestic and foreign, quiet spot markets at the South, bearish pressure and liquidation for Wall street, local and South account. The spot sales in the English market have ranged from 2,000 to 4,000 bales a day. Curtailment is spreading in this country.

Many of the crop reports from the South have been very favorable and with the increased acreage the belief of many is that the prospects are good for a heavy yield. July notices for about 20,000 bales were issued Tuesday, June 28. There has been some selling here against the cotton headed this way from the South. Spot interests here have sold August rather freely at times. But change in sentiment regarding the crop situation in important sections has been the underlying factor in moulding the market of late. Today prices advanced on further rains in the Eastern belt and a government report stating the condition of the crop at 80.7 per cent. against 82 per cent. last month and 74.6 per cent. last year.

O. R. C. Excursion, July 14th.

The prospects for a big crowd and a fine time on the annual excursion to be run by the Monroe branch of the Order of Railway Conductors is very flattering, even so far ahead of the date.

It will give an opportunity to see the fine mountain scenery, the wonderful engineering feat in the construction of the road through the mountains, and at the same time have a good time among friends and neighbors. It will be almost like a neighborhood picnic. You will know everybody on board, as passengers will only be taken from Wadesboro to Matthews.

Carry your dinner along and take the children. The fare from Monroe is only \$2.50 for the round trip. Children between the ages of 5 and 12 years, \$1.25.

Masons Install Officers.

The following newly elected officers of Monroe Lodge No. 244, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, were installed by District Deputy R. W. Lemmond Wednesday night: W. C. Crowell, W. M.; E. G. Foust, S. W.; W. B. Love, J. W.; S. H. Greene, Treas.; G. M. Beasley, Sec.; R. H. Farr, S. D.; J. D. Faulkner, J. D.; W. E. Funderburk, S. S.; Geo. E. Porterfield, J. S.; W. C. Wolfe, Tyler. The following committees were appointed: Finance: J. D. McRae, C. H. Richardson, A. L. Monroe; orphanage: H. B. Adams, W. C. Stack, J. E. Stewart; reference: R. W. Lemmond, J. M. Fairley, O. W. Kochitzky.

THE MONUMENT UNVEILED.

Big Crowds Attend the Fourth of July Celebration and Have Good Time—Unveiling of Monument Erected by Daughters of Confederacy the Crowning Event of the Day.

The grand and glorious Fourth was an even greater success this year than ever before. The vast multitude assembled from every nook and corner of Union enjoyed to the fullest extent the many attractions provided for their entertainment. The dominant event of the day was the unveiling of the Confederate monument, erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to the Union county soldiers.

The parade was the opening feature of the program. The floats were beautiful, showing an expenditure of taste and skill.

After the parade the crowd surged with one accord to witness the impressive ceremony of the unveiling of the monument. The old soldiers, clad in their suits of gray and many of them wearing on their breasts the crosses of honor, were preset in large numbers to witness and take part in the final ceremony. A platform had been built and decorated on the west side of the court house. On this platform were seated officers of the Union county regiments, ladies who are chairmen of the various committees of the U. D. C., and the speakers of the occasion.

The opening prayer was pronounced by Rev. Braxton Craig, after which a number of little boys and girls, clad all in white, marched in order, bearing diminutive Confederate flags and took their positions around the monument. At a signal all planted their flags in soft earth immediately at the foot of the shaft; then each one clasped red and white ribbons, colors of the U. D. C., and at one time pulled off the veiling, revealing to the onlookers the magnificent pile of granite with its tall shaft pointing heavenward, the resting place of the heroes to whom it is erected. As the covering fell to the foot, a shout went up from the bystanders, the intensity of which thrilled all present.

Mr. W. C. Heath, honorary member of the Monroe chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in his forceful style introduced the speaker, Hon. T. Walter Bickett, as the next Governor of North Carolina. Our former townsman not only sustained, but added to his reputation as an orator of no mean ability. His speech was potent with strength and rhetorical perfection.

After the cheering had subsided, Rev. Braxton Craig read an article entitled "Greatest Loss in Battle." It was an account of the loss sustained by the 26th North Carolina Regiment. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick. Dinner was served to the old soldiers, about one hundred and fifty in number, at the Masonic hall.

The prizes for the various contests were awarded as follows:

Fraternal float—1st, High Hill Camp, Woodmen of the World.

Business float—1st, Henderson Roller Mill; 2nd, L. C. Bickett & Bro.

Private float—1st, Miss Annie Saunders; 2nd, Master Rufus Williams.

Decorated carriage—1st, Mrs. W. A. Lane; 2nd, Miss Frances Lee.

Decorated buggy—1st, Miss Ida Hinds.

Pony buggy—1st, Miss Louise Morrow; 2nd, Miss Ruth Russell.

Decorated automobile—1st, Mr. Gus Henderson.

Best clown—Messrs. Johnson and Little.

Farmers' Union—Pleasant Hill.

Bicycle race—1st, Mr. Oscar Kelley; 2nd, Mr. Ray Griffin.

Foot race—1st, W. D. Tyson; 2nd, I. F. Newsome.

The exhibition given by the Monroe Fire Department was a fine example of their ability to extinguish fire, both by chemicals and water.

The ball game at Lee Park between Monroe and Lincolnton was won by the home team in a score of 4 to 0.

The events of the day closed with a grand display of fireworks on Griffin's field south of town.

Mr. Bickett's fine speech will be published in The Journal in a future issue, probably next week.

Mrs. T. J. Payne most charmingly entertained a number of her friends Tuesday evening in honor of her sister, Miss Mattie Yokely of Mt. Airy. The doors of this beautiful home were thrown open with characteristic hospitality.

Death of Mr. J. C. Hough.

Mr. Jesse C. Hough died last Tuesday afternoon of paralysis, at his home in Monroe, after being confined to his bed for a week. Mr. Hough had been living in Monroe for about eighteen months. He came here from Cornelius. For several years Mr. Hough lived at Unionville. The greater part of his life was spent in Cabarrus county. He was 60 years old. He married Miss Malissa Bass, daughter of the late Mr. J. C. Bass, of east Monroe township, in 1873, and she with five sons and two daughters survive. The sons are Walter L. Hough of Charlotte, Rev. W. A. Hough of Cornelius, Thos. A. Hough of Unionville, Reece C. Hough of Rockingham, and Roy Hough, who lived with his father. The daughters are Mesdames J. K. Eaves and H. M. Black of Harrisburg. Mr. Hough's entire family was with him when he died. Mr. J. E. Hough of Lee county is a brother and Mrs. Mattie Flow of Van Wyck, S. C., is a sister of the deceased.

Mr. Hough was an honest man in every sense, a God-fearing man, one whose heart despised a mean thing. He was a faithful member of the Baptist church. That the life of this good man is ended is cause for wide extended sorrow, for many knew him and all who knew him admired his manly qualities.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning in the Baptist church by Rev. Braxton Craig, Rev. J. A. Bivens and Rev. R. H. James, and the body was laid to rest in the Monroe cemetery.

Love—Clegg.

Pittsboro Dispatch, 25th.

At the home of the bride's father, Mr. H. C. Clegg, four miles south of Pittsboro, N. C., this morning at 8 o'clock, Miss Cornelia Clegg was married to Rev. F. Swindell Love, pastor of the M. E. church of Morehead City, N. C. The ceremony was performed by Dr. H. K. Boyer of Charlotte, assisted by Rev. V. A. Royall of Pittsboro. It was a quiet wedding, attended by relatives of the families.

Mr. J. W. Love of Monroe, N. C., brother of the groom, and Miss Mary Clegg, cousin of the bride, were the visitors from a distance present.

The bride is a graduate of Greensboro Female College, graduating at the head of her class. She is alumnae the Seorritt Bible and Training School of Kansas City, Mo. She spent a year teaching in the city schools at Greensboro. Miss Clegg has always been noted for her devotion to missionary work.

The groom is a native of Union county, N. C. Graduated at Trinity College in 1908. Took his master's degree in Columbia University of New York City in 1908. Since then has had charge of churches at Kingston and Morehead City.

Wynne—Smith.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Monroe was a festive scene Wednesday, the 29th, when Miss Ruth Smith and Mr. G. B. Wynne, both of Durham, were united in matrimony by Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the parlor being in green and white, the hallway in potted plants, and the dining room a bower of sweet peas and ferns. Mrs. James T. Griffith sang in her usual artistic manner, "I Cannot Help Loving Thee." Mrs. Etta Griffin played the wedding march. The bride was preceded by her dame of honor, Mrs. D. A. Smith of Laurinburg, and Miss Sarah Smith, ring-bearer. The best man was Mr. J. C. Wynne of Durham. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a week's stay at Wrightsville Beach.

Reunion of Matthews Family.

There was a reunion last Wednesday of the family of Mrs. Mary Matthews, at her home at Weddington. Over one hundred relatives were in attendance and representatives of all the Oliver family, of which Mrs. Matthews is a member, and nearly all of the Matthews families were present. Mrs. Matthews is the mother of Mr. N. S. Matthews of Monroe and of Rev. W. T. Matthews of Oklahoma. A big dinner was served and a pleasant day spent by all. A program of recitations and music by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren was rendered. Mrs. Matthews is eighty-nine years old and is a fine old lady. There was one accident to mar the pleasure of the day. Mr. J. T. Williams was badly hurt by being thrown against a barn by a horse he was hitching to a buggy dashing off with him.

Glad "Cotton" Got Nominated.

Raleigh Times.

For one we rejoice that inasmuch as Clerk of the Court J. A. Russell, of Mecklenburg, was defeated, that Charles C. Moore landed the place. There is no citizen of Mecklenburg who is more deserving of the honor or of the emoluments than Charles "Cotton" Moore. And for the matter of that farmers and business men of the State owe him a debt of gratitude for his work in behalf of the cotton industry. When cotton was bringing eight cents and below he went all over the State trying to organize the farmers into clubs for the purpose of curtailing cotton production and increasing that of other things and also for the purpose of holding the cotton already grown for better prices. He gave much of his time to this movement and we happen to know personally was poorly reimbursed for it. But it was a movement that, taken especially in conjunction with the same kind of a movement in other cotton States did much to help the farmer and all other lines of activity. Besides the good work which the cotton association accomplished on its own account it may be said to have been the forerunner in this section of the Farmers' Union. We are glad because of the services Mr. Moore rendered in this section that recognition has come to him, glad also because he is a genial, whole-souled man and will make a capable and efficient clerk.

A Wadesboro Couple Married in Monroe.

Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

Mr. J. Marvin Colson surprised his many friends by going to Monroe Tuesday and embarking on the sea of matrimony with Miss Elizabeth Byrd as his partner. Very few of his intimates knew that he contemplated such a step and were scarcely prepared for the news of his marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Preslar at the home in Monroe of the sister of the bride, Mrs. M. A. Helma. The marriage was a very quiet affair, only a few of the intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties being present. Mr. Colson was accompanied to Monroe by Mr. C. J. Gathings.

The couple came to Wadesboro on the 9:00 o'clock train Tuesday night and went immediately to housekeeping in the cottage on East Morgan street near the Methodist church.

Mr. Colson has a position with the Gathings Furniture Company and is a popular young man. Mrs. Colson, who is a daughter of Mr. J. B. Byrd, is a lady of many charms of character and has many friends.

Death of Miss Alice Hart.

Charlotte Observer.

At her home, No. 708 North Caldwell street, Miss Alice Hart died Thursday afternoon at 1:10 o'clock. She had been sick nine weeks. Rev. G. T. Rowe, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church, conducted the funeral services Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the residence. Miss Hart was 59 years old. For a considerable period her health had been frail and the approach of the end, while gradual, was not unanticipated. She was a devoted member of Tryon Street Methodist church, a local worker in its ranks, and died in the secure possession of unwavering faith in her religion. She had many friends in Charlotte to whom the news of her death will bring pain, for she was much beloved and will be keenly missed by those who knew her well.

Miss Hart was a sister of Mrs. C. W. Bruner and well known in Monroe.

Death of Mrs. Wilhoit.

Stanly Enterprise.

Mrs. G. O. Wilhoit, wife of Rev. G. O. Wilhoit of Ansonville, the first pastor of the Baptist church here and one of its leading promoters, died on the 22nd at her home after several weeks' illness of pellagra. She married Rev. Wilhoit about four years ago. Before marriage she was Miss Annie Haywood of Mt. Gilead. She leaves a husband and several stepchildren.

Mrs. Wilhoit was the stepmother of Mrs. D. F. Eubanks of Monroe.

Mr. Allen Simpson died at his home in New Salem township June 27th. He had been suffering for a long while with kidney trouble. He was 73 years old and was a splendid citizen. He is survived by one son, Mr. Thomas Simpson of New Salem township. Funeral was held last Tuesday at the Williams cemetery, in east Monroe township.

PRIMARY VOTE CANVASSED.

Delegates Appointed to State Convention, which Meets in Charlotte July 14th.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Union county met last Saturday at eleven o'clock in the court house, the object being to canvass the vote of the previous Saturday. Upon being called to order by the chairman, a committee of three was appointed to tabulate the vote. The result of the tabulated vote was as follows, which shows the total vote each candidate received:

For Chief Justice—Clark, 806.
For Associate Justice—Walker, 613; Manning, 510; Allen, 431.

For Judge Superior Court—Adams, 801.

For Solicitor—Stack, 931.
For Corporation Commissioner—Lee, 538; Graham, 279; Brown, 479; Pearson, 95; Bagwell, 83.

For Congress—Page, 872.
For State Senate—Simpson, 381; Lemmond, 657.

There is not being a quorum of the newly elected members of the executive committee of the county, the present board adjourned to meet on next Saturday, July 9, at 11 o'clock in the court house for the purpose of organization and election of a chairman and secretary for the next two years.

At 2 o'clock the convention of delegates met in the court house and upon motion Mr. J. C. M. Vann was made chairman of the convention. The following delegates were elected to the State convention to be held in Charlotte July 14th:

Monroe township—R. A. Morrow, Rufus Armfield, D. A. Houston, J. C. M. Vann; alternates, R. L. Stevens, E. C. Williams, J. M. Blair, S. O. Blair.

Sandy Ridge—J. S. DeLaney, R. B. Cuthbertson, R. A. Hudson; alternates, C. O. Howard, H. L. Price, E. S. DeLaney.

Jackson—J. C. Wolfe, Dr. W. R. McCain, W. M. Norwood; alternates, W. J. Sims, T. L. Davis, J. B. Tyson.

Lanes Creek—M. L. Baker, H. C. Smith, A. E. Bushing; alternates, B. F. Parker, J. W. Thomas, S. E. Belk. Buford—V. T. Chears, W. P. Plyler, J. C. Laney; alternates, J. W. Brigman, W. F. Starnes, R. W. A. Rogers.

Marshville—E. E. Marsh, A. J. Brooks, A. R. Edwards; alternates, R. C. Griffin, F. W. Ashcraft, R. C. Newsom.

New Salem—J. T. Smith, M. C. Austin, G. W. Smith; alternates, W. H. Brooks, H. T. Bacon.

Goose Creek—Willard Tucker, A. W. McManus, A. A. Secrest; alternates, Dr. A. D. N. Whitley, A. D. Austin, W. O. Lemmond.

Vance—J. M. Tomberlin, J. P. Boyde, D. W. Austin; alternates, J. K. Keziah, I. D. Boyde, W. D. Hawfield.

The delegates will, of course, cast the vote in the State convention in proportion to the vote at the primary. A list of the delegates to the congressional, judicial and senatorial conventions will be published later.

Base Ball.

And still they hold the record of not losing a set! That is a glowing record for Monroe. In the three games played here last week against Rutherfordton, Monroe won two and lost one.

First—Rutherfordton: 3 runs, 4 hits; Monroe: 5 runs, 9 hits. Batteries: VanPelt, Lipscombe; Davis, Spong.

Second—Rutherfordton: 9 runs, 8 hits; Monroe: 3 runs, 9 hits. Batteries: Belue, Lipscombe; Kull, Spong.

Third—Rutherfordton: 2 runs, 4 hits; Monroe: 8 runs, 10 hits. Batteries: Lyons, Lipscombe; Taylor, Spong.

The games scheduled for this week are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Lincolnton. These promise to be as interesting as those of last week.

Examinations for A. & M. College.

Applicants for admission to the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh will be examined by the County Superintendent of Schools in his office at Monroe on Thursday, July 14th, at 10 o'clock. By standing these examinations young men may save the expense of a trip to Raleigh. The A. & M. College offers 120 scholarships to bright, needy boys desiring industrial education. There are courses of instruction in Agriculture, Textile and Engineering (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Chemical and Mining).

R. N. NISBET,
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