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## SALISBURY TO MONROE ROAD.

### Salisbury People Say the Road Will Certainly Be Built—Survey to Be Made at Once.

Again the talk of building a railroad from Salisbury to Monroe to tap the Seaboard Air Line is revived and it is given out that the line will certainly be built, the parties interested being mostly citizens of Salisbury. A meeting was held at Salisbury last week and Messrs. W. H. Miller, T. J. Jerome, N. B. McCanness, L. Dunker, W. H. Ragland, T. H. Vanderford, M. L. Jackson, J. D. Dorsett, Dr. J. G. Busby and J. D. Norwood were named as directors and these will meet shortly to elect officers. It is stated that the survey of the line will begin within a very short time and will be made by Mr. C. M. Miller, a civil engineer of Salisbury. Interested parties have made trips to points along the proposed route of the road to talk business. The route in view will take in the granite section of Rowan and will go by Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county. The road will be known as the Salisbury Railroad Company.

Anyone who is at all acquainted with the situation knows the immense possibilities for development in the section through which the new road is to be built. In the first place, the line will extend into the very heart of the large granite belt and tap an almost inexhaustible supply of the finest granite in the world. Hundreds of cars of this granite are now being shipped to all parts of the world in spite of the very unsatisfactory and limited railroad facilities and with the increased use of granite for road building as well as architectural purposes, this industry alone would supply the road with an abundance of business.

The road will also make accessible a large supply of timber of the very best quality, to say nothing of the agricultural possibilities of the section traversed, which have been undeveloped for lack of proper transportation facilities.

### Prizes to Boy Corn Growers.

Next Saturday will be seed corn day in Monroe and on that day prizes will be distributed to the successful contestants in the boys' corn clubs. The prizes are for the best yield on one acre, and for best exhibit of seed corn. County Superintendent Nisbet and a committee from the Farmers' Union, W. E. L. Williams, S. A. Lathan and R. L. Gordon, have the day in charge.

At 10 o'clock Prof. Schaub of the A. and M. College will deliver a lecture in the court house. After this competent judges will examine the corn on exhibition and the prizes will be awarded and distributed.

The prizes will be distributed as follows: For greatest yield on one acre, \$15.00.

For second greatest yield on one acre, \$10.00.

A prize to every boy making 10 or more bushels per acre, \$5.00.

To the person making the best exhibit of seed corn: First prize, \$5.00 pair shoes. Second prize, sack 8-2-2 guano. Third prize, comb and brush.

Those contesting for seed corn prize should bring at least twenty ears of corn. Any boy between the age of twelve and eighteen years is allowed to contest for the seed corn prize.

### Don't Chill the Potatoes.

Squire A. C. Johnson, who was reared down in Sampson and knows all about sweet potatoes as well as Sampson blues, calls attention to a habit that people have in marketing their sweet potatoes that is very injurious. They take the potatoes from a warm bank and bring them to market unprotected. When the cold air strikes them they are chilled, and go into a condition known as frost bitten. This happens nine times out of ten when they are taken from warm beds and hauled without adequate protection. And Squire Johnson says that many potatoes are sold in bad condition when the seller says and thinks they are alright.

### What's In a Name?

A new Baptist church has been organized three miles northeast of Marshville, Rev. Messrs. A. C. Davis, E. C. Snyder and H. G. Bryant being the ministers who participated in the work. Lawyers Grove is the name of the new church. A house of worship will be erected at an early date. How's that for a name for a church? It would be interesting to hear from Rev. R. H. James on this subject.

## COTTON.

Local market, 14.60; seed, 45.

### Census Report of Ginning.

The census bureau's cotton ginning report says that from the growth of 1910 to December 1, 10,139,986 bales were ginned, compared with 8,876,886 for 1909; 21,008,661 for 1908 and 8,343,396 for 1907.

The per cent. of the last three crops ginned to December 1 was 88.1 for 1909; 84.1 for 1908 and 75.5 for 1907.

Round bales included this year are 101,652 compared with 134,393 for 1908; 201,480 for 1908 and 151,636 for 1907.

Sea Island cotton ginned for 1910 was 66,634 bales, compared with 77,591 for 1909; 68,396 for 1908 and 55,299 for 1907 and distributed as follows:

Florida, 23,649; Georgia, 35,405; South Carolina, 7,580.

Alabama	1,062,629
Arkansas	625,030
Florida	54,307
Georgia	1,626,499
Louisiana	218,772
Mississippi	970,205
North Carolina	615,493
Oklahoma	828,482
South Carolina	1,036,480
Tennessee	249,794
Texas	2,795,330
All other States	56,695

### Crop Estimated.

Washington Dispatch, Oct.

The total production of cotton for the United States for 1910 will amount to 5,646,597,000 pounds (not including lint), which is equivalent to 11,426,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight, was the estimate of the crop reporting board of the United States Department of Agriculture issued today. The 1909 crop was 10,004,949 bales and the 1908 crop 13,578,306 bales. The estimated production by States follows:

Virginia, 13,000; North Carolina, 675,000; South Carolina, 1,116,000; Georgia, 1,750,000; Florida, 58,000; Alabama, 1,174,000; Mississippi, 1,160,000; Louisiana, 260,000; Texas, 3,140,000; Arkansas, \$15,000; Tennessee, 305,000; Missouri, 48,000; Oklahoma, 900,000; California, 12,000.

### Mileage Book Ticket Custom is Knocked Out.

The North Carolina Supreme court in Harvey vs. Railroad, from Wilson county, practically deals a knock-out blow to the railroad mileage book regulations requiring holders to procure mileage tickets in exchange before boarding a train in its ruling just made. Harvey is a traveling man and attempted at Wilson three or four times to procure a ticket in exchange for mileage, being stood aside each time by the agent in order that he might wait on cash purchasers of tickets. Finally the train came without Harvey having gotten his ticket. He boarded the train with mileage which the conductor refused to accept, putting him off at the first station. He recovered \$2,500 damages.

### Organized Charity Needed.

Mr. W. C. Crowell has been looking into the matter and thinks Monroe should have an organization for charity work. There is a great deal of charity done, but in the least effective way. Some goes when and where it is not needed, and some fails to go when it is needed. Most towns have organizations in which all the charitably inclined join, have a board of managers and a leader, and do systematic work. This is both to see that no needy case is neglected and also to protect the public against fraud. In a nearby town a short while ago an organization of this kind detected a fraud that was being practiced upon the public in the name of charity. It is a suggestion worthy of investigation.

### Low Round Trip Christmas Holiday Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Account Christmas holidays the Seaboard Air Line announces low round trip rates from all points on its line. Rates will be on basis of 80 per cent. double the one-way fares. Tickets will be on sale December 15th to 17th inclusive, December 31st, 1910, and January 1st, 1911. Final return limit January 8th, 1911. For full information as to rates, schedules, etc., call on your local agent or address the undersigned. H. S. LEARD, D. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

## BLOWN UP IN A WELL.

### Goose Creek Man Has a Narrow Escape With His Life and is Badly Injured—Miraculous Escape.

That a man in the bottom of a small well should receive the explosion of a stick and a half of dynamite and come out alive is marvelous, but that is what Mr. Luther Love, a young man of Goose Creek, did ten days ago. He was working in the well of Mr. C. W. Medlin, a neighbor, and was tamping down the charge of dynamite with a hammer when it exploded. Messrs. Jonah Mullis and C. W. Medlin, who were helping, cautioned Mr. Love to be careful, and were getting away from the top of the well when the explosion occurred. Though the well was thirty-five feet deep, masses of rock were hurled out of the top, and one went through a large plank at the top. The men above had no idea but their companion below had been blown to atoms, but they began sending down air so as to get down as quickly as possible. But Mr. Love called for them to take him out. He had never become unconscious, but was badly cut about the head and neck. His nose is broken, one arm torn all to pieces, two fingers gone from one hand and one from the other, and one eye is partially gone. After he was taken out no one thought that he would live at all. He is only 21 years old and had been handling dynamite recklessly before this time.

### Financial Statement.

The Women's Missionary Societies of the Union Baptist Association have contributed the following amounts to missions during the quarter ending March 30, 1910:

Marshville	\$ 8.00
Meadow Branch	7.05
Hopewell	5.60
Mill Creek	5.90
Antioch	3.00
Mt. Olive	2.45
Waxhaw	7.05
Monroe W. M. S. First church	132.35
Monroe Y. W. A.	10.00
Monroe Royal Ambassadors	6.82
Monroe Sunbeams	5.00
Total	\$192.32

MRS. F. B. ASHCRAFT.

### Death of Mr. J. O. Griffin.

Mr. J. O. Griffin, brother of Mr. E. M. Griffin of Monroe, died at his home in Charlotte last Tuesday. He was 73 years old, and is survived by his wife and three children, one of whom is Mr. John M. Griffin of Monroe. Mr. Griffin was a native of this county, and till he moved to Charlotte several years ago, was well known here. He was an upright, honest man of fine sense. He had been in feeble health for years and heart trouble was the cause of his death. The remains were buried at Marshville last Wednesday.

### Commends Publication of Health Talks.

I am glad the Monroe Journal sees its way clear to publish the Health Talks sent out by the State Superintendent, thus calling the attention of the people to a most vital subject. These talks are being distributed to the teachers of the county, and I hope no teacher will neglect to do his full duty in the matter of giving this information to the children. R. N. NISBET, Co. Supt. Health Talk No. 2 will appear next week.

### Swallowed a Scarf Pin.

Mr. J. W. Simpson, a young man of Chesterfield county, swallowed a scarf pin on the evening of Sunday week. He was taken to Charlotte, thence to Baltimore, where an operation was performed and the pin successfully removed. An x-ray examination showed the pin lodged in the right side. Removal, it is said, was effected by reaching down the patient's throat with an instrument, cutting the pin, hooking it and pulling it out.

### Caught the Old Hen in His Sleep.

Mr. Frank B. Marsh took a "snooze" Sunday afternoon and while on his journey to dreamland imagined that he had found a hen's nest containing seven eggs. On awakening from his sleep, he went to the place where he had dreamed the nest was and, to his somewhat surprise, found a nest within about a foot of the spot at which his vision had placed it and the nest contained six eggs. Close shot!

Mr. Hayne Johnson is suffering greatly with rheumatism and has been confined to the house several days.

## County Teachers Hold Enthusiastic Meeting.

On Saturday morning in the auditorium of the graded school building was held the second regular meeting of the County Teachers' Association. Here were assembled about sixty of the men and women who have upon their hearts the burden, and upon their hands the task of training the boys and girls of Union county into manhood and womanhood—of preparing them for the duties and responsibilities of life. And indeed it is a burden and a task! These teachers, at a great expenditure of both time and money, have prepared themselves for their work; they are capable of doing much and the county has a right to demand much of them. And yet far too much is expected at their hands. In many instances it is devoutly expected not only that they impart knowledge at a rapid-fire rate to from sixty to a hundred pupils, but also that they inculcate respect for superiors and regard for law and order (primarily the duty of the home, and yet a duty sadly neglected); and in addition to all this, they must assume the role of preacher or Sunday school teacher and train "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." To be sure, all these things enter into the making of the duty of the school, and any school or any teacher is a failure who does not make an honest effort to do something in all these directions. And yet no school should be expected to do it all.

That our teachers feel keenly the weight of their burden and appreciate to the fullest the immensity of their task, is evidenced by the fact that they attend our teachers' meetings, many of them keep up with the work of the Teachers' Reading Circle—in short they are doing everything that means for self-improvement, which is the secret of all success.

The meeting Saturday was opened with a vim by the hearty singing of "America," after which devotional exercises were conducted by Prof. T. J. Huggins. The first speaker was Supt. L. P. Wilson of the Monroe schools, whose subject was: "The benefit of the teachers' meetings and how to obtain it." Following this Dr. H. D. Stewart, county superintendent of health, was introduced and made an intensely interesting, practical and helpful talk upon "Health and Sanitation." Prof. J. T. Yeargin was next called upon, and although he had had no warning, made a good talk on "How to Study." The last subject was "The Course of Study," and upon this County Superintendent Nesbit made a few brief, yet important remarks. Several teachers were called upon and participated in the general discussion of these topics.

Under the head of the "good of the order," it was suggested that an editorial secretary be elected, whose duty it should be to keep the county papers in touch with the work of the association and the schools at large. Prof. L. P. Wilson was chosen to fill this position.

Both in attendance and interest this was one of the best meetings ever held by our teachers. It is the earnest desire and purpose of those in charge to make these meetings as interesting and helpful as possible, and no stone is to be left unturned in the effort to make this the banner year in the educational history of Union county.

### Cow, Negro and Dog at One Shot.

When a Louisville and Nashville passenger train out of Mobile struck a cow near Kirkland late Saturday afternoon, the results were as unusual and unexpected as they were fatal. The cow was hurled to one side, striking a negro watching the train go by. The negro was knocked into a puddle of water and killed. In falling he struck a dog, which was playing the part of innocent bystander, and the life of the canine was snuffed out, too.

### A "Curus" Time Coming.

We don't give it as a matter of news, but just want to state that Christmas will soon be here again—the time at which men who never "touch it" during the other months of the year must have their "dram," and the time which habitual drinkers choose for getting drunk.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

## Death of Mr. Thos. J. Bivens.

Mr. Thos. J. Bivens died at his home at Wingate last Saturday. He had been sick some time of tuberculosis. He was about 35 years old and leaves a wife and four young sons. The funeral was held at the Williams graveyard on Sunday, Rev. D. M. Austin conducting the service.

Mr. Bivens was a native of this county, being a son of Mr. E. J. Bivens, now of Arkansas. He was a member of Meadow Branch church and a good man. Up till the first of this year he was living near McColl and carried on large farming operations, making a great success of the business. Losing his health, he moved to Wingate, since he could no longer do farm work. He was a man of great energy and of fine judgment.

## Union Beats Hyde on Corn.

Hyde county is famous the world over for corn. Down there they grow 50 bushels without fertilizer. Strange as it may seem, in the boys' corn club contest in North Carolina just closed, Union county beat Hyde. The figures given out at Raleigh last week show that Union had 12 boys in the contest, and their average yield was 68½ bushels per acre. Hyde had one boy who made 55½. Maybe corn is an old song in Hyde county.

Mr. Willie Rollins of Waxhaw, this county, won third prize in the 7th district, his yield being 90½ bushels. State averages were as follows:

Average for State 58.7 bushels. Eighty-three boys over 75 bushels per acre; 33 boys over 100 bushels per acre; 10 boys over 130 bushels per acre; 15 boys over 140 bushels per acre.

Only 19 counties were ahead of Union.

## Day Set for Execution of Charles Plyler.

Governor Kitchin has set January 20th as the day of execution of Chas. B. Plyler, convicted of the murder of his brother-in-law, Carter Parks, June 16th. The petitions for a commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment, which have been extensively signed, will be presented to the Governor on the 21st of this month, and unless clemency is granted, the execution will take place at Raleigh on the day set.

## Recorder's Court.

Rich Perkins, violating ordinance No. 76; \$5 and costs.  
Tom Doster, assault and battery; \$6 and costs.  
Henry Robinson, assault; costs.  
Tom Miller; peace bond.  
Joe Cotton, violating ordinance No. 76; \$2 and costs.  
Pink Horn, house breaking; 3 months.  
John Reap, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs.  
Will Funderburk, concealed weapons; 60 days. Appeals. This is the negro who was charged with going to the home of Mr. Will Funderburk and trying to call him out at night.  
Ester Sanders, pointing a gun; 30 days.  
Sam Simpson, disposing mortgaged property.  
Jeff Starnes, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs.  
J. W. Fowler, assault and battery; costs.

## Old Fiddlers Friday Night.

On Friday night, the 16th, at 8:15 o'clock, at the opera house, the Old Time Fiddlers will exhibit their skill and demonstrate their ability to get real music out of the fiddle. The old time fiddler doesn't play by note nor by any set rule or formula, but tunes his fiddle to his heart and makes it vibrate his soul as he beats time with his heel upon the floor.

The old time fellows—those who play "Fire in the Mountains," "Mattie Pat the Kettle On," "Cotton-Eyed Joe," "Leather Britches," "Virginia Real" and dozens of others—are fast passing away. Like the old soldier, they will soon be gone. Don't miss hearing them one more time. In all probability it will be the last opportunity.

Uncle "Billie" Hill from the mountains is expected to be present. There will be a score or more almost if not quite as good as he who will participate in the convention that night. Go and spend an hour and a half with them and get really in tune to take Christmas.

Profs. J. G. Carroll and B. Y. Tyner, principals of Wingate School, were in town Saturday, attending the teachers' meeting. Their school is in fine condition.

## The Bonds and Interest that the Town Owes.

Mr. T. L. Crowell, city tax collector, is hustling to secure money to pay interest on the town's bonds that falls due this month. The bonded indebtedness is now \$87,000. This month interest falls due to the extent of \$4,770, which together with \$2,000 bonds to be retired, makes \$6,770. No wonder Mr. Crowell is hustling and City Treasurer Adams is watching his efforts with anxious eyes. There are now outstanding four batches of bonds, as follows:

Six thousand dollars, funding bonds of previous issues.

Nine thousand dollars, graded school bonds.

Forty-two thousand dollars, funding bonds; issued two years ago, to cover back indebtedness.

Thirty thousand dollars, water and light bonds. All bear 5 per cent. interest except the \$12,000, which carries 6 per cent. After this payment of \$2,000, the total bonded indebtedness will be \$85,000.

## Death of Little Davis Hudson.

Little Davis Armfield Hudson, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hudson, died at 2 o'clock this morning. He had been sick about eight weeks, but was thought to be getting better till a few days ago. The little fellow was a most bright and interesting child, just six years old, and his loss is a great blow. Funeral will be held at the residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The pall bearers will be Messrs. Wriston Lee, J. A. Stewart, Hayden Shepherd and John Welsh.

## Local and Personal.

The village of Unionville has begun proceedings for incorporation with Mr. J. B. Little as mayor.

Mr. H. H. Crowell, who has been night yard master here, has gone to Wilmington to take a position on the Seaboard yard there.

Mrs. W. P. McLester of Stanley, formerly of Monroe, spent some time here last week on the way to Pageland to visit relatives.

Mrs. John Fulewider and baby left Sunday for Stanley, N. C. to spend awhile with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cline.

Mrs. Henrietta McCauley has suffered a stroke of paralysis and is in very feeble condition. Mrs. McCauley is the oldest continued resident of Mourou.

Mr. Vernon Bancom and Miss Ethel Simpson, daughter of Mr. F. W. Simpson, were married Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's father.

Mr. Calvin Starnes of Buford township and Miss Luellen Estridge of Monroe township were married on Sunday by Esq. A. C. Johnson at the latter's residence.

Mr. J. E. Thomas recently purchased 200 acres of land one mile east of Marshville from Mr. Charles Huntley of Charlotte. Consideration, \$5,000.

Mr. G. W. Kennington, who has been with the Marshville Drug Company for some time, has taken a position with the Union Drug Company at Pageland, S. C.

The officers here who captured the man Rhyne, who was sent to Gastonia to fill out an unexpired term for express robbery, have received the \$25 reward and expense offered for his capture.

Ex-Sheriff B. A. Horn of Monroe has rented the T. M. Edwards house in the eastern part of town, says the Marshville Home, and will move his family into it when it is vacated by Mr. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thominson of Charlotte have moved to a plantation in the southern part of Marshville township. Mrs. Thominson was Miss Cleone Meigs before marriage and is a native of this county.

Mr. R. D. Helms of Ansonville township, Anson county, has bought a 35-horse power traction engine which he will use to plow with next spring. The engine draws seven large disc plows and the way it turns over land is a caution.

Mr. William G. Helms and his wife, Mrs. Gatsie Helms, who moved from this county a number of years ago and who lived near Little Rock, Ark., were buried in the same grave on November 26th. Mr. Helms died on November 24th and his wife died the next day. Mr. Helms was a brother of Mr. R. W. Helms of south Monroe township.