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## A VISITOR FROM DAVIDSON

A Very Interesting Old Gentleman Came in Unannounced — Other News Around the Trail.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Indian Trail, Feb. 9.—It is natural for a man who has battled a high life to ripe old age, as a rule, to have an inclination to settle down in some quiet place and live out life to a close, with relatives and friends. But, as there are exceptions to all rules, there are exceptions to this one.

You may happen upon a few men who have passed the age of three score years and ten, that have as great an inclination to wander and roam about as a youth of the teens. To prove this statement, here is a specific instance.

Mrs. J. W. Rallings of the village was called to her door the other day by a sudden knock by some one. Mrs. Rallings went and opened the door, and before her stood a very old gentleman. He spoke up and said, "Solomon Snyder is my name, I am one of your relatives, and have come to spend some time with you."

Mrs. Rallings bade him come in and have a chair. Mrs. Rallings confesses that she never saw or heard of this gentleman notwithstanding the fact that she was a Snyder before she was married. But she said she could tell her was a Snyder, because he had Snyder ears and a Snyder nose and therefore he must be a Snyder.

Uncle Solomon is eighty-one years of age. He is from Davidson county. He is a cousin of the late Rev. D. A. Snyder of this county, whose father, Rev. Solomon Snyder came from Davidson county to Union. The visitor is a well-to-do citizen of this county and a fine old gentleman.

Mrs. Samuel Shannon of Antioch neighborhood was the guest of Mrs. J. R. Porter of the village last week. Mr. T. P. Conder was taken to the hospital in Charlotte Sunday to have his thumb amputated. Mr. Conder had many nights and days of unrest with his hand.

Reld Boyd, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Boyd is on the sick list this week.

We had Mr. T. J. W. Broom of Monroe with us Friday afternoon of last week to help in the completion of the community league. Various committees were assigned to a definite work. It is the hope of the people to see some zealous workers in the cause.

It was a time in the history of Indian Trail Friday night of last week when Mr. Zeb Green and Hon. J. N. Price debated the good road question. The discussion was very interesting and funny. It would almost have made you split your sides laughing. A large crowd was present to hear the discussion.

Many of the men around here were very interested in the road proposition before the election Saturday, and many are interested yet, because they are not only discussing the question, but are "cusin' it." So I conclude from this that they are somewhat interested, don't you?

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie King of Bain's Academy neighborhood were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Harris who live about two miles west of the village, Sunday afternoon.

Your scribe with Mr. Jessie Harris and Mr. Perry Garmon attended preaching service Sunday at Stallingsville and listened to an interesting sermon by Rev. J. H. Stowe.

Messrs. Willie Freeman and James Crowell of Matthews were the guests of Mr. Burdett Crowell of the village Sunday.

Miss Margaret Benton of Bakers neighborhood, spent Friday night Miss Wilma Harkey.

It is my duty to relate that Mr. W. P. Harris, the aged gentleman of the village, who has been ill so long, is gradually growing worse.

Miss Lillie Harkey of Charlotte visited her sister, Miss Annie Harkey Sunday.

SIR JOHN.

Let's Stick to It.

Mrs. Robt. Cunningham and little daughter, Helen Grace, and little Miss Elizabeth Griffin of Monroe spent Sunday with Mrs. Bascom Bailey.

We regret to know that because of ill health, Prof. Garrison has found it necessary to quit teaching for the present at least. Prof. Mudge of Maryland is in charge of the school.

We regret to learn that Mr. Markus Hill lost a valuable horse last Friday night due to pneumonia. Mr. Hill is a most worthy young man and this loss falls heavily upon him.

It is mighty hard for some of the gardeners to resist the temptation to break ground and even some farmers are walking over the fields thinking how the newly-turned cotton furrows would look.

Just for the brain work it affords, suppose you sit down and see how much money would be required to pay for shoeing a horse, allowing 32 nails, one cent for the first nail and double the amount for every nail driven. It will surprise you.

Through the vote cast in Saturday's election the people of the county have said that the present road system is good enough and that they are perfectly content to use them as they are. Well, we favored a better system because we thought such would be worth to the county ten times what they would cost. But we have no kick to make; we can get along with the present roads just as easily as anyone we know of. In the meantime let's not complain again with the next decade about the condition of the roads we have to travel. By the vote we have said they were good enough—now let's stick to it.

A lot of people talk, a few think, and some are too lazy to do either.

## HARD ON MONROE

Rockingham Man Said He Would Rather Be in Jail at Rockingham Than to be Mayor of Monroe.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Rockingham, Feb. 5.—The people of Union county have through misrepresentations on the part of some, or through ignorance on their part, let the diamond chance of securing good roads at a minimum cost pass probably for the last time. It is surpassingly strange that learned men like Mr. J. N. Price and Mr. Little have opposed the good road law. Men where was your reasoning power? It is a shame to Union county the way that the roads are worked at present; and it is a more shame that you people who voted this law down, and your roads in the condition that they are. There is a saying that it true as Holy writ, "Any man is apt to make a mistake, but every fool continues to commit them."

You people of Union county that voted this law proposition down last Saturday have had the chance before this to have good road improvement. You have made a sad mistake before last Saturday, and last Saturday you did the same thing over again, and your roads at this minute will condemn you; for I know your roads are swamped in mud.

I wish some one would tell me how many times this has been said in Union county for the past while. "Well, I have worked the roads all my life and my boys and the other boys are no better than I am." If you can't lay aside your old-fashioned ideas for twentieth century improvements, you are a burden to yourself and all that comes in connection with you.

The Student did so much hope that old Union county would this time get in a position to build some roads that would be a credit to the county and to the people in general. Richmond county has a system similar to the one that was voted on up there Saturday, with the exception that there is no free labor at all down here. And I might add that the tax down here is no higher than they are in Union now, but you mud turtle fellows are so afraid of a little tax. The plan down here provides for all the roads to be sand clayed provided some one wants to do the work for a good reasonable price, and the minimum is three hundred dollars a mile. The price is not set at this for a minimum at all but that is generally the price in a level country where there are not any big bridges to be built, or any cut and fills to be made. And when you are speaking of good roads just kindly remember we have them down here and nobody is crumblin' either. It might rain a week or two but the roads will not get muddy. So you see that good roads would be still better for the country people that do hauling than for the town automobile fellow. And besides the country people are getting cars to a large extent and you will have to have a place to run them. I'll bet the people that live up at Indian Trail can't go to Monroe in a buggy, let alone going in an automobile. And the people that live down at Marshville are in the same box. I guess I had better say they can't even walk the roads let alone go in a buggy.

You people that voted against the good road law Saturday disgraced the county in the eyes of the surrounding counties that have gone ahead and built roads. Richmond county was watching you, and I am not going back on my native county now, but one of the foremost citizens of Rockingham said that he would rather be in jail in Rockingham than be the mayor of Monroe. He knows just what kind of roads that you have up there.

Union county will never be a progressive county until it gets some good roads that progress can travel. Good roads are as essential as anything in the county's welfare. Some of you are afraid of anything that a lawyer or newspaper man has anything to do with. But just let me ask you who made the present law that you have? You know, and I can say it truthfully and be joined in the chorus by all the progressive people of the county, that the present law is the rottenest thing between heaven and earth.

Now to you gentlemen that have advocated the good road law, if you did get beat and rendered yourselves unpopular in your community by so doing, just remember that the greatest philosopher and scientist that Greece ever had was banished from the realm on account of his far sighted progressive ideas and he was none other than Anaxagoras. When he left Athens he said, "It is not I who have lost the Athenians, but the Athenians, who have lost me." While you have lost in one sense of the word you have not in another for the farmers that voted the law down are the losers and not you.

Hurray! for Messrs. J. W. Rallings of Indian Trail, L. E. Huggins of Marshville, J. C. M. Van of Monroe, and all those progressive men that advocated this new law if it did get defeated. It is not your fault. Best regards to you all.

THE STUDENT.

Profit in Potatoes.

Two hundred dollars an acre clear profit in potatoes—and no better land and climate than right around Old Fort. Shipping facilities to profitable markets unsurpassed. Does this sound like easy money to any member of the Sons of Rest?

We can't all be rich, and we won't all be paupers, but we can have a deal of fun trotting along in the middle of the road.

## EDITOR TUCKER MANAGED TO TAKE A DAY OFF.

But He Left a Capable Bunch in Charge—Two Fires in One Day, Resulting in Much Damage.

Page Land Journal.

This is written at 3:45 a. m. Monday as I am having to attend the Laymen's convention in Columbia, where I have been delegated rather suddenly to go. This week's paper is in the hands of Mr. L. L. Parker, who is to receive the praise for the things contained in this issue. The remainder of this column, the local columns, and nearly all the others are to be filled with matter arranged by him. Mr. John Blakeney is responsible for the make-up and press work.

Some person or persons broke into the Southern Express office Sunday night and stole three one gallon packages of liquor. The party was tracked across the Sowell field and the empty cartons found. The officials have no clue as to the guilty parties. The express company offers a standing reward of \$25 for evidence sufficient to convict any one of breaking into its place of business.

Coroner Atkinson held an inquest over the body of a prematurely-born negro child last Friday. It was the child of Mittie Evans who lives on Mr. J. N. Sowell's farm four miles south of town, and was born dead, according to testimony given at the inquest, and had no chance to live. The woman was set free.

Two fires in one day, both consuming established homes, is not usual for any community. The loss of Mr. Arant's residence four miles from town, and Mr. Watts' residence in town yesterday seem to remind us that we should make preparation for such emergencies. A few crude implements, such as ladders and extra buckets, would often save a home from destruction. They cost but little, but there is no time to provide them after the fire alarm has been given. Page Land citizens are to be commended for their efforts to save property on fire, but they cannot scale steep roofs or convey water without ladders and buckets.

The home of Mr. J. D. Watts in the southern part of town was destroyed by fire at 11 a. m. yesterday. The fire is supposed to have caught from the stove fire. Mrs. Watts had made a fire to cook dinner, but as the fire burned slowly she added some trash. It is thought that a spark from the trash escaped and lodged on the roof. When the fire was discovered the alarm was given and neighbors rushed in and saved most of the furniture. The fire was burning but slowly, and had good ladders been available the building could have been saved. The house was a large one and well furnished. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. J. A. Arant lost his residence and nearly all of its contents by fire early yesterday, Tuesday, morning. Mr. Arant arose early, made a fire in the stove and returned to his room, where he sat for sometime reading a paper. Young John Arant started to the lot to feed, and discovered the fire. They rushed into the kitchen, but were enveloped in flames when they opened the door. It was seen at once that the fire was beyond control. The iron safe, the organ and one bed were the only contents of the house that were saved. The smoke house was also burned, but the contents of it were saved. The dwelling and furniture carried \$1,000 of insurance, which was less than one third of their value.

Highway Engineer Would Tax Roadside Advertisements.

Durham Special.

The formidable proposition to remove the ugly roadside signboard advertisements from the countryside highway finds feasible argument in the novel plan embodied in the suggestion of D. H. Winslow, United States Division Superintendent of Road Maintenance, to the board of commissioners of Granville county today. To legally tax the roadside advertisement by the square-inch rating and utilize the proceeds as a county fund is the proposal that is to be considered by the Granville county officials. The highway expert pronounced the prevailing system a fraudulent method that worked hardships upon the newspapers and other legitimate advertising mediums. Too, the hoped-for systematic beautification of the country road was needlessly hampered by the "sore-eye" signboards of flaming advertisements and tumbledown hand-board signs.

The proposal of Mr. Winslow would indicate regulation distances from the road and specify the size of the advertisement, with the charge based on newspaper rating. The remnant of the advertiser's slogan would be replaced by neatly designed and carefully constructed advertising signs and the county would draw yearly revenues from this source. Granville commissioners gave promise of due consideration and the innovation may not be far from realization.

Cabinet Member Resigns.

Washington Dispatch, Feb. 10.

Secretary Garrison resigned today because President Wilson would not "irrevocably" support the continental army plan, and because he opposes the Administration's program of setting a definite time for Philippine independence.

President Wilson accepted the resignation but has not selected a successor. The President himself probably will take personal charge of the Administration's National defense plans in Congress.

Assistant Secretary Breckenridge also resigned as a mark of loyalty to his chief, whose views he shares. The President accepted his resignation. Both take effect immediately. Major General Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army, automatically becomes Secretary of War ad interim.

It is known that one of Secretary Garrison's principal reasons for his conviction that only a Federal continental National Guard should be the main military dependence of the Nation was his belief that some day the United States may be called upon to defend the Monroe Doctrine and in that event he foresaw that the National Guard might not be available for use outside the United States before a declaration of war.

Was the Wheat Athletic?

"I just stopped to tell you about that flour you sent me the other day," said Mrs. Newlywed, according to The Pathfinder.

"What, madam," answered the grocer, "that was the best flour I carry in stock. What was the matter with it?"

"Matter, indeed! Why it was so tough my husband couldn't eat the biscuits I made of it."

One way of proving your poor judgment is to make a bet.

A burned child may dread the fire, but widowers will marry again.

## LABOR REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSE MILITARY EXPENDITURES

Quite a Number of People Ask Congress to Keep Out of More War-Like Preparations.

Washington Dispatch, Feb. 8.

Facileists who said they represented the farmers, working people and voting women of the country warned Senate and House military committees against being stampeded into what they termed unwarranted appropriations for military preparedness.

An anti-preparedness committee, of which Miss Lillian D. Wald, of New York, is chairman, introduced itself to the committees as an organization of American citizens formed to protest against a "dangerous program of military and naval expansion, to divert the public mind from those preparations for that world peace which it might be our country's privilege to initiate at the close of the war."

In addition to Miss Wald, opposition to war preparations was voiced by John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor; J. F. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor; Mrs. Florence Kelley; Frank Dornblazer, a director of the National Farmers' Union; and Sara Bard Field, of the California Women Voters' Association.

A message was also read from Governor Capper, of Kansas, endorsing the plans of the committee which include a public investigation of past appropriations, investigation of the sources of the present demand for an increase in military expenditures and the elimination of private profit from armament manufacture.

Mr. Maurer spoke, he explained, not for organized labor, but for the working classes, and charged that the present call for arms was inspired by those who were making immense profits selling ammunition and who at the close of the war will want a large army and navy to enforce the collection of the money owned by the bankrupt nations.

"The working people will not consent to fight such a war," he said. "Instead of spending more money, I think Congress had better investigate the money already spent. The people have believed we were prepared. We were told we were the greatest power on earth. Less than two years ago we were told we could beat Germany and Mexico at the same time."

"Now suddenly, we are told that our boats are old tubs, our army helpless. There were no rumors of war two years ago, when Germany and Austria were in the best condition of their history. If I felt now that those dying nations could trash us, I would be ashamed to admit I was an American."

Mr. Dornblazer said two million farmers were behind a resolution he presented demanding economy in the expenditure of funds approving a reasonable expenditure for coast guards and submarines and objecting to a large standing army or compulsory military service.

Miss Field attributed the opposition to preparedness reported to exist in the Middle West to the advent of western women in politics. They realized the need of money for constructive things, she said, more than for war.

John A. McSparin, of Furnace, Pa., representing the Pennsylvania State Grange, declared the farmers of the country were against any unusual increase in appropriations for the army and navy.

Other representatives of the National Grange and Farmers Union also voiced what they said was the opposition of farmers to great army and navy appropriations.

Two Deaths and Other News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Stouts, Feb. 10.—Mr. J. Bundy Haywood of City Point, Va., arrived here on last Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haywood and other friends and relatives. He has been away several months and we were glad to see him "turn up" again. He may return to the powder city about the 20th where he is in the real estate and construction business.

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## HOT TIME ON FOR WAXHAW

The Editor of The Enterprise and Mr. J. D. Simpson Disagreed With Dr. Burgess, So They Are Going to Fight It Out.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

A few nights ago there was quite an interesting discussion out by the ancient shop stove. The manager was sitting there conjuring his brain to yield some plan by which delinquents might be induced to come across. The foreman was vainly endeavoring to give every ad an island position and fit a five feet length of column rule when the rule box seemed only four and six combinations. The editor was hectoring them both all he could by quoting from the ancient poets and scribbling the well-known saying to almost every one except the author. One must admit that such a situation was conducive to an argumentative frame of mind.

At this juncture Mr. David Simpson came up. The talk worked around to the case of Mrs. Warren and to the purpose or reason of punishment. The doctor did not see it as Mr. Simpson and the editor did and a young debate ensued. The argument was so good on both sides that the question could not be settled. It was therefore decided to hold a public debate with carefully selected judges and agreed rules would be held. The doctor was challenged to get a paragon who would defend his issue and name the date for the meeting. Later he advised that he had secured Prof. T. A. Haywood. So there will be at some time in the future, day and hour to be announced later, a forensic battle on the stage of the graded school auditorium on the question, "Resolved, That punishment is to reform the criminal and to prevent crime rather than vengeance for a broken law. The affirmative will be maintained by Dr. G. H. Burgess and Prof. T. A. Haywood, while the negative will be defended by Messrs. J. D. Simpson and G. L. Nesbit.

Joe Alexander and his wife, Johnnie, colored, engaged in an altercation Monday night, a result of which was a badly bruised head for the wife and \$2 and costs for the husband. The woman spoke to some other negro men in a manner too friendly to suit Joe, and he remonstrated with a piece of scantling. He struck the woman in the head, making such a cut as to need medical attention. Joe was fined as above stated.

Dr. W. R. McCain, who has been suffering for several months with a serious sore on his leg, resulting from an infected bruise sustained last summer, went to a Charlotte hospital for treatment last week.

Miss Pauline Neely met a very painful accident yesterday. She was washing a shirtwaist in which had been left a needle and it was run into her hand. In attempting to extract it, the needle was broken off and the services of a physician had to be called on.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hayes a—er James Thomas Nelson Hayes, and the kid's as large as his name.

Mr. T. L. Conder spent a few days in Charlotte this week with his father, Mr. T. P. Conder, who is in the hospital.

Oh! Sweet Wild Rose, I like your start. For with your style you've won my heart. Don't let The Student change your mind And kidnap you, as did "Sunshine."

Welcome to you Wild Rose, I know you are a girl by your gentle words. Come often. I believe the whole "Journal gang" have "sandy beans." Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Thompson, a suffragette.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan Helms of City Point are spending some time with relatives near the village. I'll bet Sir John has a good piece

## Wingate Items.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, Feb. 10.—Messrs. C. J. Black, E. C. Snider and H. J. Langston left Wednesday night for Greensboro to attend the great layman's meeting being held there this week.

The music recital at the Academy Wednesday night was a splendid success and reflected much credit on both students and teachers. Quite a large audience was present and was delighted with results.

Miss Gladys Heffner and brother, Master Cecil, spent Wednesday among friends in Charlotte.

Miss Emma Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Austin of Marshville, also Mr. Hadley Helms of Monroe, were enrolled as new students of the Wingate school this week.

Mr. T. K. Helms is making a deep well for Mr. J. J. Perry. Guess he'll soon have it done as he works at it day and night.

Editor B. C. Ashcraft of The Monroe Enquirer will deliver an address to the school boys and others at Meadow Branch on the third Sunday at the regular Sunday school hour. Boys, there's a treat in store for you; don't miss it.

In consequence of the fact that Rev. McB. White, who was booked to address the Y. M. C. A. at Meadow Branch Tuesday night, missed the train on which he was expected to return from Charlotte on that afternoon, he failed to keep his appointment. However, Pastor Black came to the rescue of Brother White by filling his appointment to the satisfaction of all concerned. There will be other opportunities, no doubt, for Brother White to make good his promise.

Mr. Rufus Griffin, manager of our telephone system, came over Wednesday morning and overhauled our "phone," putting it in good working order. Your Wingate representative hopes that his friends and the friends of The Journal and everybody else who have enough pride and community spirit, the welfare of our town and its institutions, as to wish our place kept in the limelight, will make free use of our line to wire him any bit of news incidents, accidents, visits and visitors, in fact, anything that is news and would interest your friends or readers of the paper. Besides these short local notes are just what we are after—they constitute the news about our locality. My friends, will you help me to help you all and to serve our little town and all its interests? When you remember that this scribe is not physically able to get off his own premises, you will realize how much he will appreciate your hearty cooperation, especially when it is so much to you good.

Rev. Joseph A. Bivens, our beloved old veteran preacher, went to Shiloh last Friday to assist the funeral services over the remains of Mr. John S. Baucum, who died at Bakers Thursday. Doubtless this was one funeral that Uncle Joe could preach with a good grace and without embarrassment for he had a splendid subject. Not an evil act could he recalled in the life of this good old man.

And while on the subject, the writer deems it a duty which he owes to the memory of his dear old friend, as well as his surviving relatives, to speak a word of commendation and praise for the deceased. The writer had been intimately acquainted with Mr. Baucum for nearly a half a century and regarded him a model man in every sense of the word. His life was worthy of emulation by all. His like is not often met among men. The writer loved Mr. Baucum and he knew it. We shall never forget his kindness and generous hospitality. Our sympathies go out to the bereaved family in this sad hour of trial.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner Meigs of Bethel have just come in to spend the day with the family of O. P. T., his brother, and we are so delighted that we shall ring off for this time.

O. P. TIMIST.

Army Bill in Shape.

Washington Dispatch, Feb. 9.

With President Wilson personally urging both Democratic and Republican members of the House Military Committee to hasten preparation of bills to carry out the army's part in the national preparedness scheme, indications tonight were that the measures might be ready for the House in two weeks or less.

Hearings will come to a close tomorrow or next day and it is understood the main features of the bills already have been whipped into shape in which it is expected they will receive virtually the unanimous approval of the committee.

The Senate Committee already has concluded its hearings on army bills and will take up the work of drafting its proposals for the Senate early next week.

There also the general outline of the plan to be recommended has crystallized in the minds of the members.

The bills of the two Houses it is expected will differ radically and the final legislation will be worked out as a compromise in conference.

No person is ever poor who has a normal body, good health, a clear eye and a clean mind.

A gift with a string tied to it is usually of less value than the string.

this week for I know how beautiful spring weather acts on him. He's full of poetic inspirations and spring-time (and that modest little maiden at Indian Trail) will "hiss" him to the zenith of his glory.

PADERSKY.