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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

"THE COUNTY FAIR"

Many Monroe People Tried Their Hand at Acting, and They Made a Big Success of It—Messrs. R. W. Lemmond, and Pickett McLarty Starred.

In a rollicking, happy-go-lucky musical comedy entitled "The County Fair," about fifty Monroe ladies and gentlemen tried their hands at acting last Friday and Saturday night, and they all made a big hit. They were in all, about one hundred and fifty people in the play, which was for the benefit of the Woman's Club and the U. D. C.'s, but about a hundred of them were little tots, who composed the chorus.

The opening musical number by Miss Mary Dean Laney, and Miss Marion Lee, and chorus, was enjoyed by all and loudly applauded. Then the little folks had their day.

The opening scene of the play showed the fair grounds, with Mr. John Vane, as "Boss Jones," strutting around in a high hat, five inch collar and with the red face peculiar to the men who boss the circus and the carnivals. On one corner of the stage stood Mr. Frank Marshall, urging in a loud voice, the people his show to attend. And there was Mr. Willie Stevens, as "Handy Andy," running around the stage, gasping and cutting foolish capers, in which he is very proficient, drinking in the scene just like the little boy who attended the circus for the first time.

Then Miss Annie Weiss, as "Giggling Sal," kept the house roaring as she wandered about prying into everything she saw. Mrs. D. A. Houston, as "The Lunch Woman," had her stand set off to one corner of the stage dispensing food that made the audience jealous of the actors.

The fun started, though, when Mrs. J. W. Sewell appeared on the stage as "The Widow," who had buried four husbands, and who wouldn't marry the finest man in the land. But the actions of the widow betrayed her, as she first tried her charms on "Boss" John Vane, who proved an unwilling pupil. Then came the bride, Mrs. Walter Henderson, and the groom, Mr. Pickett McLarty, and for a while it was all the bride could do to keep Mr. McLarty from succumbing to the charms of the dashing widow. Thwarted here, the widow then even began to take a little notice of "Handy Andy," but her attentions ceased when a newcomer appeared on the scene. He seemed to be bigger fish than "Andy," and the Widow, undaunted, spread her net in attempt to catch the fifth husband.

The newcomer was the widower, Mr. R. W. Lemmond, and following him was a string of kids representing about all the important events in the history of the world. And, like in history, the two outstanding figures were Napoleon Bonaparte and Julius Caesar, who matched their wits on the stage, much to the despair of the father, but much to the joy of the widow.

Napoleon and Julius became vicious, and the poor widower was lamenting his fate, when the dashing widow stepped into the fray, and

parted the two combatants with a twist that is known only to the fair ladies. The widower is grateful, and the conversation starts up. In sorrowful tones the heart-broken widow told him how she buried poor Tom, Poor Dick, poor Harry, and poor Jim, and now, she is lonely, with not one soul to cheer her lonely heart. Then the chairs begin to creak, Mr. Lemmond started to clear his throat, and the widow commenced to blush in the anticipation of her heart's desire. But what's the use of prolonging the agony. They both got enthused over the question of "raising children," with the result that they started to making a bee-line for the J. P., with Napoleon, Cleopatra, Julius, Washington, and so on down, stringing behind them.

Miss Mabel Bell, as "Miss Newcomer," and Miss Myrtle Saunders as Miss Langdo, appeared on the scene as representatives of "The Society for the Enquiry into the Higher State of Civilization." They both handled their parts exceedingly well, and the audience came to the conclusion that they should be at once offered a contract by the Equal Suffrage League of America to stump the country.

Mr. Herndon Hasty appeared as "Farmer Jones," and he looked so much like the genuine article that many expressed regret that Uncle Sam kept such a good man locked up in the post office when he ought to be on the farm.

Mr. Clarence Laney made an ideal Jap, and he also suffered to play the part of Mrs. Switzenburger with about a million kids. Mrs. E. D. Stewart played the part of "Aunt Mary," and Dr. Stewart took the part of a negro comedian in the cake walk. Mr. Olin McManus, as "Prof. Lightfoot," exhibited his wonderful powers by turning day into night and night into day. Miss Gladys Laney sang a solo that for a time had the audience thinking they were witnessing grand opera. Mrs. D. A. Fouston also made a decided hit when she sang "Mr. Schneider."

The play ended with a cake walk that has seldom been equalled. It was hard to decide who won the cake. Some favored Mr. Pickett McLarty, while numerous others thought that Mr. Herndon Hasty won it in a walk. Dr. Stewart got the prize for being the most graceful coon, anyway.

Mrs. G. B. Caldwell, Mrs. F. G. Henderson and Mrs. J. F. Laney deserve much credit in making the entertainment possible.

Deaths From Pellagra.

The government Public Health Service reports show that pellagra caused 8,000 deaths in the United States in 1915. The disease can be prevented by proper diet—a simple and cheap diet—the health service experts commend.

Remarkable Photographs.

See the clear-cut, sharply reproduced photographs of "Memorial Continental Hall," "With United States Troops in Mexico," and "Blooded Canine Pets of Society Women" in the new planographic section of The Washington Sunday Star, April 16.—For Sale by Roger Anderson.



NORMAN A. BALDWIN.

Mr. Baldwin gave a series of lectures on the Holy Land in Monroe last week. He will be with us again on Thursday night, having been engaged by the Masons of Monroe to give his lecture on "King Solomon's Domain," in Central Methodist church immediately after the revival services.

This is Mr. Baldwin's star entertainment and was gotten up for the Shriners of Buffalo. It has not yet been presented in the South and our people will have the distinction of being the first served. This lecture is to be put on at Winston-Salem and Greensboro in the near future. The lecture will give a clear idea of the wide territory over which King Solomon held sway. The views show

will portray its diversified scenery, ranging from the sandy desert of Arabia to the verdant slopes and snow clad heights of Lebanon. The Dead and silent inland sea, deserted rock-hewn temples, refreshing oases of fountains and palm trees, the Cedars of the Lord, the Quarries of Solomon and the tomb of Hiram form part of this unique lecture. The many remains of King Solomon's building enterprises connected with the Temple of Jehovah are carefully gone over and a description of the little known ruins of Baalbeck, which is conceded to be the King's most wonderful work, will conclude the lecture.

There will be no admission fee for this lecture, and no collection for the benefit of anything will be taken.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL UNION COUNTY COMMENCEMENT A GREAT SUCCESS.

ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WAS BAD, THOUSANDS VENTURED OUT FOR THE EDUCATIONAL FETE—DR. ABERNETHY MADE STIRRING ADDRESS—OVER ONE HUNDRED CERTIFICATES AWARDED—RICHARD McMANUS WON THE DECLAIMER'S MEDAL, AND AUSTIN CASON WON THE DEBATER'S MEDAL—MISS ODESSA CURLEE WON THE RECITER'S MEDAL—FINE LOT OF EXHIBITS FROM SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE COUNTY.

On account of the bad weather, the fourth annual county commencement held here Saturday did not measure up to the last commencement in point of numbers, but otherwise it was in every sense of the word a complete success. Up until a few days of the event, when the bad weather set in, various people from all over the county predicted that the largest crowd, even excepting the annual fourth of July event, ever seen in Monroe would be present for the big day in Union county educational circles.

There were only nine schools represented in the parade, about twelve hundred pupils in all, but the column, led by the Lecorlee band, made an excellent showing, and their efforts drew applause from many. The schools represented in the parade were Monroe, Unionville, Stewart, Fowler, Benton Heights, South Monroe, Turner, Trinity and Macedonia. Marshville school came in a special car for the occasion, but the train was late and the students did not arrive in time for the parade.

The first event of the occasion was the debate Saturday night, which came off at the graded school. The downpour of rain prevented many from going out and the audience was very small. There were eight debaters, coming from the high schools of Monroe, Marshville, Unionville and Wesley Chapel. The question was whether or not President Wilson's preparedness program should be endorsed. The speakers on the affirmative were Messrs. Thomas Little, Bright Trull, Ed Helms, and Austin Cason. On the negative, Loyd Price, Vann Baucom, George Presson, and Joseph Taylor. The judges were Messrs. H. M. Baucom, J. Walter Laney, and R. F. Peasley. The negative won the question and Mr. Austin Cason won the gold medal for best debater. This medal was given by Bell Brothers. The boys all had well prepared speeches.

After the parade the school children assembled at the high school where the exercises were held.

Dr. H. E. Gurney introduced the orator of the day, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Central Methodist church, in fitting words. During the course of his remarks Dr. Gurney told of an interesting incident that had happened at the Statesville commencement, held Friday. He said that after the exercises a couple of the Fredell school teachers decided to get married, and forthwith carried out their intention. Dr. Gurney then stated that if there were any present in the audience who desired to do the same he or any other of the Monroe preachers would be at home from 2 to 4 to perform the nuptials. The Journal did not learn whether or not any one carried out his suggestion.

Dr. Abernethy's speech was a gem. It abounded in quotations from the greatest men and it was spoken with such eloquence that has rarely if ever been equalled by any other Union county speaker. It was a pity that 5500 people instead of about 500, could have heard the address. The subject was "Success," and follows in condensed form:

Mr. Abernethy's Speech.

"Every body desires success. This is a subject about which we all agree. No one wants to go down into failure and oblivion. The great outstanding, over-shadowing question before every student here today is, How may I make a success of life?"

"If you would have success in life you must know yourself. The greatest of the Delphic oracles was, 'Know Thyself.' Who are you? What are you? What are your capacities? What are your limitations? What are your possibilities? What are your obligations? These are far-reaching questions, question of tremendous significance, and your answer to them will largely determine your success or failure in life. Most people use but a small part of the power with which the Almighty has endowed them. Many a man who has a giant's capacity lives like a dwarf.

"If you would make a success in life, you must have self-confidence. Next to faith in God you must have faith in yourself. The golden deeds of history, the miracles of civilization, have all been performed by men and women of self-respect and self-confidence.

"The belief that the future is rich in blessings for you; the belief that you are going to make a man, full orbbed and well-rounded; the belief that you are going to make the world brighter and happier, that you are going to walk the highway of truth and keep the company of peace and good fortune, will be worth more to you than the rubies of Ceylon, or the diamonds of Golconda.

"If you would have success in life, you must have a supreme purpose: It is a matter of infinite importance for you to find your life-work and when you find it to be able to say in the language of the Saviour, to this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world."

"In choosing your occupation there are three questions which you should consider well. What kind of work does the world need? What kind of work can I do? What pur-

pose did God have in view when I was created? See that your place is a worthy place and that you are worthy of the place you occupy.

"If you would have success you must be well prepared. 'Study to show thyself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.' The successful man is the prepared man. There is no such thing as extemporaneous success. You have often heard it said that 'poets are born, not made.' But without long years of careful study, discipline and skillful training, the poetic spirit never could have produced the Divine Comedy, or Paradise Lost. If you would fill a man's place or render a man's service, you must first learn the divine art of thinking. You may make hats, or you may make laws. You may have a chair in an office, or a chair in a university. You may help to build a cottage, or you may help to build an empire. No matter what your work may be, the world says you must know your business, you must deliver the goods, you must be a master of the situation. Today the world is making crowns, coronets, and diadems, for prepared men and prepared women. Are you getting ready for one? Out of five same kind of material one man makes a palace, another makes a hut, another makes a man make an outcast, another makes a prince. What are you making of the material that God has given to you?"

"If you would have success you must take time to be thorough in all you do. If a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well. Carlyle says, 'Genius is the infinite art of taking pains.' and Edison says, 'Genius is two per cent genius and ninety-eight per cent hard work.' Solomon says, 'Whosoever thy hand is diligent to do, do it with thy right.' 'Seest thou a man diligent in business?' he shall stand before kings."

"If you would have success in the largest and highest sense, you must be a Christian. To be a Christian is to be what you were made to be, and do what you were made to do. 'Godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. When Gladstone was asked what is the great question of the hour, he said, 'There is but one question and that is how to bring the truths of God's word into vital contact with the heart and life of all people.' Again he said, 'In my long life I have known fifty-eight great men, men of the first magnitude. Fifty-four of them were consecrated Christians, the other four were friendly toward Christ.' It was Sir Isaac Newton who said, 'The greatest privilege of man is to have an educated mind inspired by the truth and led by the Spirit of Christ.' When Lismark was asked why he was so regular at church he said, 'It is a duty I owe to civilization. Were it not for my religion I could not stand at my post of duty another day.' When Lord Kelvin was dying he was asked what was the chief discovery of his life, and he said, 'I have made but one discovery that is doing me any good now, and that was when I discovered Jesus Christ as my personal saviour.'"

"The Christian religion is the only thing that makes life worth living. It is to the soul what truth is to history, what the light is to the sun. It is the supreme thing. It gives duty its delight, love its sweetness and immortality its charm. It is the only thing that kindles a star in the night of death; the only thing that hangs a bow of hope above the grave. 'What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

Declaimer's and Reciter's Contest.

After the address of Dr. Abernethy, a recess of an hour and a half was given. After dinner the declaimers' contest was held. The following took part: Phiney Pusser, J. A. Mullis, Leroy Griffin, D. K. Love, Richard McManus, Henry Garmon, Claud Gaddy, Horace Helms, and Sanford Barden. The medal, which was presented by Lee & Lee Co., was won by Richard McManus.

The recitation contest was then held, the following taking part: Miss Lula Helms, Miss Alma Smith, Miss Dezzie Simpson, Miss Velma Harkey, Miss Edna Long, Miss Thelma Lee Norwood, and Miss Odessa Curlee, who won the medal. Miss Louise Short was sick, and was unable to be present.

Presentation of Certificates.

Prof. Nesbit then presented the following seventh grade graduates with certificates:

Jenkins school, Miss Alma Davis, Miss Lilly Autry; Union school (Lanes Creek) Miss Lois Trull, Miss Lela Baker, Vann Parker, Roy Small, Broadus Horton, Lloyd Brooks, H. Clarence Parker; Kindall school, Miss Lera McKorkle; Rehobeth school, E. J. Sims; Antioch (Goose Creek), Ada-McFurr; South Monroe, Jimmie Rogers, Miss Eva Parker, Miss Mabel Ayers, Murray Walters; Carmel, Henry Lee Helms, Glennie Helms; Jerome school, Wilma Duncan, Lettie Crowell; Holly school,

Carl Parker, Miss Eunice Simpson, Floyd Staten; Unionville, Miss Mabel Aycock, Miss Annie Lee Aycock, Miss Bright Benton, Miss Verla Benton, Samuel Cook, Homer Guin, Miss Emma May Keziah, Lloyd Keziah, Frank Little, Miss Pearl McRorie, Vance Presson, Miss Fay Presson, Miss Willie Secret, Miss Cleo Smith, Henry Smith, Miss Mattie Simpson, John Fowler, Hinton James, Sam Little, Beures Price, Miss Evelyn Price, Guy Tomberlin, Miss Lena Trull, Miss Mary Williams, Miss Lettie Simpson, Miss Maud Simpson, Miss Lula Helms; Flint Ridge school, Ray Griffin; York school, Leland Little, Miss Mary E. Strawn, Miss Effie Strawn; Trinity school, Miss Janie Funderburk, Herman Mangum, Claud Eubanks, Miss Bessie Lee Laney, Miss Willard Bell, Miss Venera Helms; Union school (Sandy Ridge), Hubert Clark; Marshville school, Miss Sarah McKorkle, Miss Kate Morgan, Miss Ruth Austin, Seaborn Blair, Miss Mammie Bass, Rommie James, Miss Lela Caudle, Miss Lucille Bailey, Miss Esther Baker; Macedonia school, Carter Presson, Miss Leona Medlin; Beulah school (Sandy Ridge), Claud Moore, Miss Gertrude Moore; Beulah school (Lanes Creek), Miss May Yarbrough, Chester Rogers, Miss Ada Pigg, Miss Annie Pigg, Vernon Pigg; Midway school, Carl Gaddy, Miss Ruth Stogall; Oakland school, Miss Annie Thompson, Miss Gladys Morgan; Waxhaw school, Heath Davis, Miss Daisy Eason, Miss Ruth Burgess, Harry Black, Jimmy Smith, L. A. Keziah, Neal McDonald, Miss Annie Lynn McGuirt, Davies McMurray; Secret school, Vance L. Secret, Hoyle D. Secret, Miss Aurida Helms, Hoyle L. Helms, Bruce B. Secret; White school, Adam Purser, Veletine Tarlton; Olive Branch school, Carl Presson, Vernon Tarlton, Miss Roseline Gaddy, Miss Maude Baucom, Ernest Godwin, Miss Gertha Gaddy, Miss Daisy Simpson.

The Exhibits

The exhibits from the various schools were displayed in the Graded school building, and they proved a revelation to many who did not know the Union county school children were so capable with the needle, and the paint brush. The following were declared the winners:

Best piece of fancy work, first grade, Miss Edith Bell, Beulah school, 25 cents.

Second grade, Miss Verla Helms, piece of bed-linen, Unionville school, 40 cents.

Third grade, Miss Katy Stancel, child's dress, Wesley Chapel, 50 cents.

Fourth grade, Miss Lois Little, bed-room slippers, Unionville school, 75 cents.

Fifth grade, Miss Thelma Rogers, an illustrated booklet, "My Favorite Poems," Wesley Chapel school, \$1.

Best drawing, Miss Grace Smith, Unionville school, \$1.

Best piece of industrial work, Brady Broom, Mountain Springs school, set of carpenter tools presented by Ascherf Brothers.

Best piece of hand work by any girl, Miss Mary Boyd, Indian Trail school, \$1.

Best exhibit, Wesley Chapel school, \$2 worth of library books.

The exercises of the day were then closed with a ball game between Wingate and Monroe, the latter winning by a score of 4 to 1.

Statement From Prof. Nesbit.

County Superintendent Nesbit, requested The Journal to make the following statement for him:

"Although the weather was bad, which kept many from attending, I wish to state that the fourth annual Union county commencement was a success. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the teachers, and to the pupils of Union county schools who have labored so incessantly for the success of our commencement, and I wish to assure them that it will not be forgotten. The Union county commencement is now an annual affair, and so let us all begin right now to make the fifth annual commencement a great success."

Finds a Few Candidates.

Every year when a campaign is about to open Squire Laney goes around and gets up the names of those who will run for the various offices, or who are thinking of running, or who may probably run if there is sufficient demand to "fetch 'em out," and publishes them in The Journal. This year he is mighty short on material. He hands in this brief statement:

There is the least said about candidates that I have ever known, and the fewest men to offer for the various offices of the county. Gentlemen, decide and let us know what you want by putting in your announcement. I have very few names that will likely run. Here is the collection so far: For the legislature, J. C. Sikes and W. G. Long; for Sheriff, J. V. Griffin; for Register of Deeds, M. C. Long; for Recorder, M. L. Flow and J. D. McRae; for Commissioners, J. C. Laney and others; for Coroner, T. B. Davis; for cotton weaver at Monroe, Henry Presson. This is as far as I can go now. I hope we will have a clean and peaceful election. A well wisher to all. J. C. L.

Jury for Civil Term.

Yesterday the county commissioners drew the following jurors to serve at a term of civil court to begin May 8:

M. R. Pigg, W. H. Griffin, J. E. Bigham, J. P. Poer, J. F. Perry, H. Blair Horn, C. J. Mills, W. A. Chaney, B. A. Horn, A. D. Austin, L. D. H. Simpson, J. J. Harkey, S. S. Moore, C. A. Huggins, Frank Stevens, J. F. Bizgers, J. D. Faulkner, J. Baxter Williams.

SUBMARINES TAKE HEAVY TOLL.

Last Twenty-Four Hours Have Been Worst Since the War Began—Heavy French Losses—Russians Gain Over Turks.

The past 24 hours marks the highest toll of the German submarines against the common enemy since the beginning of the war on land or sea in so short a space. A total of eight vessels, six British, one Spanish, one Norwegian, have fallen victims to the U-boats. Five of these British steamers have been in the American trade.

At least four of the British boats are said to have been unharmed, but of these only one is reported to have been sunk by Germans without warning. The Spanish steamer, Santanderina, Lloyds announced, was sunk by a torpedo.

Failed to Break Turkish Lines.

London Dispatch, April 10.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Percy Lake, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, reports that the British attack on the Turkish positions at Sanjayat on the Tigris River just below Kut-el-Almaria failed to break through the Turkish lines.

The operations were much hampered by floods which are extending.

The attack was made in an attempt to relieve the army surrounded by the Turks at Kut-el-Almaria, Mesopotamia.

Heavy French Losses

Berlin Dispatch, April 10.—Via London.

Exceptionally heavy French losses are reported in connection with the German advance south of Haucourt, by which the Bavarian and Silesian troops now occupy the heights of the so-called Termiten hill. The French losses within a few hours were increased by a counter-attack on the best position which failed utterly.

The captured positions are more than 2,000 yards in width. They are on the left bank of the Meuse about two-thirds of a mile southward of Haucourt and are a continuation of height 287. The taking of these positions tends to straighten out the German line before Verdun and is considered of great importance.

Fifteen officers and 699 men were taken prisoner, including numerous recruits of the 1916 class who were captured unharmed.

The War Office announced today that in the fighting near Bethincourt in the Verdun region, the town and two fortified points of the fort to the southwest were isolated. The French were cut off, losing 714 prisoners, two guns and 15 machine guns. The losses of the French in killed or wounded were considerable.

Russia Gains in Turkey

London Dispatch, April 10.

In Asiatic Turkey the Russians have penetrated to the region of Diarbekir, Armenia, while in the district of Bitlis several Turkish attacks have been repulsed. South of Lake Urumap region the invaders appear to be coming up with the Turkish main forces, the latest official report announces that in engagements fought with large numbers of Kurds, the Kurds were supported by regular Turkish infantry.

From the Dvina River to the lower Stripa there has been sporadic fighting between the Russians and the Germans. Considerable activity by the armies of both sides also has been shown. Near Komara, in the Pripet marsh region, a German attack, launched by means of boats, broke down under the Russian fire. The Russians captured a German trench and held it against counterattacks, in inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans.

WILL KEEP ON THE VILLA IS CAUGHT OR KILLED

No Truth in Rumor That Troops Will Be Withdrawn—Better Conditions Along the Border.

San Antonio Dispatch, April 10.

Dispatches from the front indicating a contact between the advanced columns of the American expedition beyond Satevo were anxiously awaited tonight by General Funston. The cavalry detachments are believed to be making their way along the dangerous mountain trails in the vicinity of Parral in close pursuit of Villa.

General Funston said that so far as he knew no "dead line" on the pursuit of Villa had been fixed. So far as headquarters officials know, the American troops are in Mexico to get Villa and no one has told them where to stop.

More Troops to Be Used

Washington Dispatch, April 10.

Such marked improvement in conditions along the Mexican border has been reported by General Funston that the War Department now is considering drawing upon some of the troops stationed in Texas to strengthen the ever lengthening lines of communication of the expedition seeking Villa.

From now on infantry will probably be used to reinforce communication lines, the cavalry being kept at the front for the actual work of running down the outlaws. A part of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, negroes, withdrawn from Del Rio, Texas, already has been ordered into Mexico.

State Department dispatches indicated that the Carranza authorities are viewing with some anxiety the continued presence of American troops in Mexico and are inclined to believe that the object of the expedition has been accomplished in the dispersal of Villa's main command.

Be cautious what you say, of whom and to whom.