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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

COMMUNITY UNION SERVICE.

Rev. Mr. Abernethy Preached Notable Sermon Sunday Night—Showed Up Monroe and Union County as a Location of Bright Prospects But Asleep on Its Opportunity—Two More Services to Follow.

The first of the three union services to be held in Central Methodist church in behalf of community progress took place Sunday night, and was a most notable and inspiring event. Rev. Mr. Abernethy was the speaker and his address made a great impression. At the close the men and women of the congregation ran up in large numbers to shake the hand of the speaker and thank him for his words. Next Sunday night at the same place Rev. L. M. White, pastor of the Baptist church, will be the speaker, and the following Sunday night Dr. H. E. Gurney, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will speak at the same place.

Mr. Abernethy's address was of a high order. He did not fail to tell us point blank of our short comings, but did it in so frank, and good natured and truthful way that all were deeply impressed and inspired to take the lessons pointed out to heart.

Just let this thing keep up and directly old Monroe and Union county will throw off their Rip Van Winkle garments and begin to do something.

Mr. Abernethy said that there was absolutely no public sentiment for progress and co-operation and that to remedy this defect was the first thing necessary. He said that this section could be made a fit place for the dwellings of the finest people, but that we had to wake up and get to work. He divided the population into three classes. These classes are:

First, The Cants. These will admit any argument for better things. They will say, "Yes, that is all right, but we can't do it." You can never stir in them any sentiment of enthusiasm or progress. They don't energize.

Second, The Wonts. These will tell you that a thing is good and can be done, but will then bristle up and say, "yes, we can, but we won't." These are the two largest classes.

The other class is the Wills. They are willing and ready, but they are held back by the dead weight of the other two classes. The thing to do is to join the Wills and the Cants, to get out of the Cants and the Wonts' classes.

Then he named and discussed many specific things that we should do and can do. People are leaving the town and the county because they can't see any hope of better things. We could have a hospital, but we won't. We should have good roads but we won't. We should have all the blessings that flow from them, but we won't. We could have a better hotel building, but we won't. We could have better school buildings, but we won't. One of the city school buildings was made out of the poor house and it's a poor school house, too. We could have bitwiltie streets, but we won't. We could get rid of the dangerous menace of the dust that is so damaging, but we won't. We could have a cleaner town and fewer mosquitoes and flies but we won't. He saw more flies here last summer than he ever saw in any town before. They may have been better flies than those in other towns, but there were more of them. And every one could carry fifteen hundred germs of disease on each leg and they had the longest legs of any flies he ever saw. There is not a church in the county which is fully equipped with Sunday school room. There is less old time religion than ever before, he thought. People have begun to think that all that is necessary to get into the church and into heaven afterward was to give your hand to some clammy handed evangelist and the thing was done. The people run off to other towns to buy the things that they could better buy at home. They ought to demand that the merchants here keep the things that they want if they do not already do so, and then buy from them.

Mr. Abernethy emphasized the need of a chamber of commerce to take the lead in the undertakings which he spoke of. There is not the shadow of doubt that if we had an organization of this kind to take the lead in securing specific things, that people who now belong to the Cants would soon see that the Cants and Wills could do pretty nearly anything they set out to do.

News From Weddington and Vicinity

Correspondence of The Journal.

Miss Ethel Price is visiting relatives near Wesley's Chapel.

Mr. David Thomas of Charlotte is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thomas.

Mr. Aubrey and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deal visited friends in Charlotte Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hemby and family visited friends near Price's Mill Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thomas of Charlotte spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hemby and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Hemby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harkey at Indian Trail.

Mrs. W. B. Neill of Selma is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Belk.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bailey and family of Marshville spent Easter with relatives here.

Quarterly conference was held here Monday.

Quite a number of our people attended commencement at Wesley's Chapel high school Saturday and Sunday.

Some Locals and Comments From the Wingate Correspondent.

Wingate, April 23.—Easter Sunday, a christian festival in commemoration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The most momentous event in the history of the world. What would life be without the hope of a resurrection and a life beyond this?

Let me say, right now, my friends, readers of The Journal, you will have to be content with short measure this time, as items of real interest are scarce and hard to find.

Of course the commencement is on but your scribe can't attend, therefore he can only touch the event in high places.

Mr. Randolph Rushing, manager of the "central" at Sturdivant, was in town Friday afternoon on business pertaining to his system of telephone service.

We were mistaken in our statement in the last week's Journal that Mr. Blair Trull had gone to Badin to secure employment. Mr. Trull is still at home. It was given just as we heard it.

Mr. Boyce Sherrin of Concord spent Sunday night with his friend, Mr. E. C. Meigs at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Meigs.

Mr. C. C. Brown delighted us with his presence for a short while Wednesday morning. Charlie is a splendid fellow and we like him.

Rev. Mr. Smith of Charlotte preached the annual sermon for the Wingate School Sunday at 11 o'clock. The church was crowded to overflowing with an audience of appreciative hearers of a most excellent sermon.

Mr. Ira B. Mullis of Lumberton and his mother, Mrs. Tinie Mullis, were most pleasant guests for an hour in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Meigs. These good friends know just how to inspire one with hope and encouragement. We always feel better for their presence.

Mrs. Hamp Blackwelder is right sick and is the only new case on our sick list. "All the older ones have about recovered," says our fat and jolly good doctor.

Well, we can't mention in detail the outside visitors to our pleasant and attractive town on this occasion. Suffice it to say that they were here from the east and from the west and from all the region round about and even beyond its borders.

There was "farewell services" held in the academy Sunday evening by the students. The interesting features of the occasion were the brief farewell talks from among the students. Doughton many a heart swelled with emotion and many an eye was bedimmed with tears at the thought of separation, some perhaps forever, after a year's most pleasant relations as students and teachers. May it be their happy good fortune to meet next school year under the most favorable circumstances and with still greater advantages.

The latest from the bedside of Mrs. Aurelia Griffin, the victim of the accident as heretofore mentioned, is that she is getting along nicely.

This is Monday, the 24th day of April, 7:59 a. m. The indications are for an ideal day for commencement except for the cool high wind and the terrible dust which are sure to mar to some degree the day's enjoyment.

The latest advice from "Uncle Hampton" Griffin, our good old friend and veteran of the 57th N. C. Regt., is that he is getting on nicely, not suffering any special ailment—just kind "to run down and fagged out like many more of us old soldiers. May Mr. Griffin soon regain his usual health and enjoy many more years of joy and happiness.

Well, my reading farmer or farming reader, which ever you please, I don't know how you stand on Mr. Wilson's problem of "preparation for defense, etc.", but there is one thing as sure as death and taxation: We may just as well prepare for a six cents cotton crop which is almost certain to come next fall, by raising a plenty of supplies for home and farm, so that it will not be necessary to lie awake at night trying to figure how to make six and a quarter over a twelve and a half dollar debt and still have our credit unimpaired.

Old Isaac Laney, a well known old darkey of the ante-bellum days, died last Friday night and was buried Saturday at Nico Grove church. These old slaves, like the old soldiers, are fast passing out.

Everybody keep still now. Let Mr. Wilson, congress, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft and Col. Roosevelt and other men of prudence and wisdom and discretion settle the controversy with the German government. They'll do it without the help of us little 2 x 4's and without war or blood shed if it be possible, is the opinion of O. P. TIMIST.

Villa Bandits Sentenced to Death.

The seven Villa followers who were captured after the raid on Columbus and convicted of murder in the first degree were yesterday condemned to die May 19 by Judge Edward L. Medler.

The prisoners pleaded that they were ignorant of why they were going to the time of the raid and that they were forced to follow Villa under penalty of death.

Six of the bandits listened unmoved to the sentence of death, but the seventh, Jose Rangel, who had been wounded in the raid and was carried into court on a cot, cried for mercy. Judge Medler ordered the prisoners to the Santa Fe penitentiary for safekeeping.

For Sale—Peter Henderson's Ponderosa tomato plants, 10c. per doz.—C. E. Schachner.

DEMOCRATS ENDORSE BICKETT

At a Meeting of County Convention One of Union's Favorite Sons Was Highly Recommended to the State—State and National Democratic Administrations Endorsed.

The county democratic convention was held here Saturday morning, and it was called to order by Mr. J. C. M. Vann. It was a time affair, and such old democratic warriors as Messrs. R. A. Morrow, J. C. Lane, V. T. Chears, S. O. Blair, Henry McQuirter, Dr. John Blair, R. L. Stevens, J. M. Tomberlin, Frank Wolfe, and others, chafed under the restraint, and smiled at the efforts of the younger members of the convention to stir up something for their benefit. They had all witnessed stirring times in the democratic proceedings in their day, and the proceedings of Saturday were so mediocre that some of them became bored and left before the convention adjourned. Everything is done by the primaries now.

Squire V. T. Chears was the chairman of the first democratic convention held in this county after the war, about 1866, and the man who nominated him for chairman of the last convention evidently had his past services in mind when he paved the way for him to be honored once more by his fellow citizens. Squire Chears is an old man, 89 years old, but strong and active, and he was not forgotten Saturday.

In fact, the convention of Saturday was made up mostly of the older elements of the Democratic party. Squire Jerry Laney, the Governor of Buford, was there, and so was Squire Henry McWhirter, the old war horse of Jackson, and many others who have given Democracy their staunchest support in the days of the past.

Squire Chears took the chair, and made a fitting speech. He told his fellow Democrats how he appreciated the honor; how, through he was an old man, he was still fighting for the good old cause of Jefferson and Jackson, and would do so until he left this world. He spoke highly of the national democratic administration and of Woodrow Wilson, and said that though he favored Underwood for President in 1912, and still thought that he would have made a great Democratic President, he had nothing but praise for Mr. Wilson. The chairman then called for nominations for Secretary, and Mr. W. J. Pratt was nominated and elected to that position.

On the roll call by the Secretary, all the voting precincts in the county were represented except Wingate, Waxhaw, Lanes Creek, East and West Sandy Ridge.

R. A. Morrow was chosen to head the delegation to the State Convention to be held at Raleigh on Thursday, April 27th and the following delegates were elected: J. C. Lane, Ralph Clontz, J. M. Blair, J. C. Lane, P. J. C. Eard, G. W. Smith, Sr., W. W. Pusey, W. M. McWhirter, E. F. Parker, H. K. Helms, J. C. M. Vann, J. C. Sikes, James McNeely, J. I. Orr, H. M. Furr, R. L. Stevens, B. C. Ashcraft, W. C. Heath, G. W. Sutton, A. H. McLarty, Geo. S. Lee, Jr., R. F. Beasley, J. W. Fowler, E. B. Ashcraft, P. H. Johnson, J. W. Johnson, J. W. Laney, M. H. Richardson, G. B. Caldwell, J. B. Eubanks, T. C. Griffin, W. H. Norwood, J. N. Price, M. M. Tilman, V. T. Chears, C. E. Houston, J. M. Tomberlin.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the administration of President Wilson and his candidacy for re-nomination by the Democratic party; and also endorsing the administration of Governor Craik.

On the motion of Mr. A. M. Stack, the following resolution passed by acclamation: "Resolved, by the Democrats of Union county in Convention assembled, that we most heartily endorse for Governor that able, eloquent and patriotic son of Union, the Hon. T. W. Bickett, and that we command him to the Democracy of the State as a standard bearer who would lead to victory and who would make a Governor of whom every citizen of the State would be justly proud."

At the regular meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee, held directly after the adjournment of the convention, J. C. M. Vann was re-elected chairman and W. J. Pratt secretary. It was decided that if a second primary be necessary for the choice of representatives in the General Assembly and of county officers, the same will be held four weeks after the first primary, that being the time for a second State-wide primary.

Good Pictures at the Rex.

Messrs. Clayton Smith and Code Morgan, the proprietors of the Rex Theatre, deserve the commendation of the entire town for the excellent picture service they are giving their patrons. They are showing every day or so five and six reel dramas that ran for weeks in the big cities. Miss Theda Bara, the famous "Vampire Woman," has appeared here several times in the past, and she is booked here again for the near future. Mr. Dunstan Farnum, another famous star, will also appear here in a few weeks. Two other famous pictures will be shown at the Rex in a few weeks. One is "The Spoilers," Rex Beach's famous Alaskan novel which was published in The Journal some years ago, and the other is "The Raven," by Edgar Allen Poe. The critics all speak highly of both these pictures.

Why load your shoulders down with greater burdens, brother? A smile weighs less than a frown.

VILLA BANDS ARE SCATTERED

But They Have Friends And Are Hard to Catch—A Plucky Motorcycle Rider.

Field Headquarters in Mexico (by aeroplane to Columbus, N. M. April 23).—In a week's riding and foot climbing through the hills and canyons of the Guerrero district, a cavalry squadron reported today the discovery of much evidence that the Villistas in the northern part of Villa's territory are thoroughly scattered. They found the influence of these bandits, nevertheless, still strong with the people.

One day this cavalry rode along a table land, 8,000 feet in altitude, a narrow, almost level plain between two mountain ranges. On the eastern side a canyon fully a thousand feet deep shut them from the mountains. At the bottom of the canyon lay a long valley with Mexican adobe dwellings dotting its banks at intervals, for miles. Trails lead up the slopes every five or ten miles, and the cavalrymen, descending, noted the hoof prints of Mexican ponies, which had ascended.

In most of this Guerrero region a man on horseback is invariably either a Carranza soldier or a bandit. The cavalrymen knew no Carranza patrols had been that way. They found plain evidence that men had camped at the hacienda. Nevertheless it required all the balance of the day, by careful and adroit questioning and some sharp talking, to gain bare admission that bandits had stopped there. The cause of this reticence was fear of retaliation by the bandits. Many American officers have become convinced that when the American troops are withdrawn most of the few Mexicans who have been courteous to them will be killed.

Most of the bandits now are living in the mountains in groups of two or three and often singly, taking their food from friends or by threats from the peaceful Mexicans. The cavalrymen have captured a good many of these men but find little evidence on which to hold them. Occasionally the bandits make their presence known to the cavalrymen by a few long range shots. Thus far not one American has been hit in the fighting. A motorcycle rider, carrying dispatches, had a close call when three mounted men concealed behind an adobe house dashed out at him, leaped from their horses and opened fire with rifles at 25 yards. They hit the machine but did not damage it. The dispatch rider, with a spurt, gained the cover of a gate post made from a tree, two feet in diameter. With his pistol he opened fire and drove the Mexicans off, although he could not tell whether he hit any of them.

One of the indications of the scattering of Villistas is the difference noted now in Mexican towns as compared with those places when the troops first reached them nearly a month ago. At that time several of the mountain towns were observed to have many young, tough looking and armed men loitering about the streets. Now few such characters are seen.

All Kinds of News From Indian Trail Route.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. Thomas Witherspoon of Charlotte recently visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Pressley.

Mr. Wriston Hartsell of Winston-Salem is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hartsell.

Misses Wilma and Canny Horton delighted their little friends Saturday evening by hiding quite a number of eggs for them to find.

The hard wind yesterday tore off a big amount of roofing from Mr. Will Pressley's store house.

Constable Pressley arrested three robbers last week.

Rev. Braxton Craig occupied the pulpit at Ebenezer church yesterday and delivered a good sermon to a large attentive audience. Subject was found in the Gospel of St. Luke, 16-5: So he called every one of his Lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my Lord? Ebenezer church has secured a new organ and Miss Lula Pressley was the first organist it noticed to preside.

Mrs. O. B. Haigler and daughter, Miss Bonnie Haigler, left this morning on a visit to friends and relatives in Monroe.

Miss Ella Helms is in Wingate on a visit.

This scribe saw corn up this morning. Lots of planting was done here last week.

Miss Evelyn Price of Unionville was a welcome visitor here recently. She gave us a hearty invitation to the commencement at Unionville. We are going if it don't rain pitchforks and shovels.

Mr. Bright Trull tells the scribe that a mad dog passed their yard yesterday and bit their dog. The dog was traced up and was immediately killed.

Mr. R. F. Price has returned from an extended trip to Gastonia.

Mr. Sanford Furr caught 49 catfish and eels together Friday with hook and line. He said the catfish would weigh a pound and the eels 3 pounds each.

Mr. Buren Poard says for me to report to their daughter instead of son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lex Hasty a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Williams a son.

Mr. Bruce Hartsell is at Midland this week.

There will be all day services at Union Grove church and dinner on the grounds the first Sunday in May. Three preachers are expected on that day.

Many Local and Personal Items From the Waxhaw Section.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Waxhaw, April 24.—Cards were received in town a few days ago announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Kate Clark to Mr. Samuel Glenn Hawfield, at the bride's country home, Thursday April 27, 1916.

Mr. C. F. Gamble of Charlotte spent Sunday with his people in town, Messrs. Neely and Grady Massey, Frank and Niven McCain and Miss Minnie Massey spent Sunday in Rock Hill.

Mr. Jesse Williams spent Sunday in Wingate.

Dr. and Mrs. Stevens of Monroe spent yesterday in town.

Mr. C. S. Massey and family spent Friday in Charlotte. Mr. Henry Massey, who is a student in the Horner Military school, returned with them for the Easter holidays.

Miss Rena Tillman gave the primary department of the graded school an egg hunt Thursday at the Arcadia. Master John Brantly won the prize by finding fifteen eggs.

Mrs. W. F. Sandford entertained a score of young people at her beautiful home in honor of Misses Essie Green and Norma Bell.

Little Miss Eleanor Stevens of Monroe spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Norma Bell.

Mr. Merrill Fairchild of Charlotte is spending a few days in town with Capt. Jack Wingate.

Mr. and Mrs. Pressley Robinson and Miss Willie Ferguson of Lancaster spent Friday in town.

Miss Mae Wingate was hostess to a large number of the young people at her pretty home on south Main street one night last week.

Mr. Vander Phillips of Matthews spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. J. C. Haywood's in the Bonds Grove community.

An egg hunt which was highly enjoyed by a large number of young people was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gray Byrum in the Bonds Grove community Saturday afternoon.

Commencement exercises of the Waxhaw Graded School are in full progress and will wind up Wednesday night with a play by the pupils. Prof. Haywood, who has done splendid and pleasing service during two terms of school, will, according to his statement to us, probably retire from teaching and devote his time to the interests of his hardware store in Oakboro.

The Rehoboth boys were again victorious over the Walker ball team in a game played at Waxhaw Baptist church Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Scott Henry of Weddington is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wolfe, in the New Hope community.

Mr. Robert Secrett, foreman in one of the acid rooms of the DuPont Powder Co. at City Point, Va., is at home for a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Secrett, near Osceola.

Mr. C. A. Slagle of Monroe is spending a few days with his people near Osceola.

Mr. S. F. McGuire says that he saw a large eagle flying low over the field in which he was working one day last week.

Mr. J. R. Starnes of Osceola caught a carp with hook and line in Twenty Mile creek last Thursday which weighed five pounds and twelve ounces. A few years ago his sons caught one weighing eighteen pounds.

Mr. Ots Kelly, who was in the employment of the Waxhaw Enterprise last winter and who made many friends while in town, took the editorial responsibility of the Chadbourne (Columbus county) Herald last week. Copies of his paper received by us show it to be an eight page eight column paper containing a flattering amount of advertising, indicative of splendid local support.

Mr. Seldon Secrett, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Secrett of the Osceola community, and Miss Alana Huffman of Charleston, S. C., were married at Van Wyck Saturday afternoon. Rev. J. V. Davis performed the ceremony. Miss Huffman has for the past two terms been principal of the Osceola school and is a young lady of splendid worth. SCAPEGOAT.

A THOROUGH TEST

One to Convince the Most Skeptical Monroe Reader.

The test of time is the test that counts. Doan's Kidney Pills have made their reputation by effective action. The following case is typical.

Monroe residents should be convinced.

The testimony is confirmed—the proof complete.

Testimony like this cannot be ignored.

S. A. Warlick, shoe and harness shop, 308 Haynes St., Monroe, says: "My back ached and I had trouble in straightening after stooping. My kidneys were out of order. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the English Drug Co., straightened me out all right and I am now strong and well." (Statement given February 26, 1912.)

On March 17, 1915, Mr. Warlick said: "I am glad to confirm all I have ever said about Doan's Kidney Pills. They always help me when my kidneys get out of order."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Warlick has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Opportunity is insistently knocking, but you will have to open the door yourself.

Do it yourself and it will be done.

AWAITING GERMAN REPLY.

Powerful Influence Said to Be Opposed to Any Break With the United States.

Washington Dispatch, April 24.

Indications that powerful influences in German politics are opposed to any action by the Berlin government which might lead to the severance of diplomatic relations with the United States are understood to be confirmed in confidential dispatches received today by the State Department from Ambassador Gerard.

Other dispatches from Mr. Gerard were said to contain strong intimations that the Berlin government would make some compromise in the United States in reply to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare. It still is uncertain, however, whether this will be sufficiently broad to meet the American demands.

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