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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

WE CAN AND WE MUST.

In Second of Series of Community Sermons Rev. Mr. White Pointed Out Many Things That Monroe Must Do...

Following right on the heels of the big guns of Rev. J. E. Abernethy, Rev. L. M. White preached the second of three community sermons...

The scripture passage which Mr. White chose for the discussion of his subject of 'Monroe's Most Sacred Obligations' was the story of the good Samaritan...

"I make no apology for speaking on the subject of community welfare, because I believe that it is a subject fundamentally religious, since it deals with the health and happiness of our people..."

"You may ask the question: 'Why are you interested in the community?' Because the community is the social unit of the nation; and since the community is made up of individuals, I am interested in the welfare of each and every one of those individuals..."

"The important fact as I see it is that each of us should be so much interested in our town that we will from this moment begin to study conditions prevailing here. It will take study. We must educate ourselves in the things that make for the best development of our town..."

"We should be opposed to the dust because it breeds disease, such as pneumonia, sore throat and sore eyes. It would save you a doctor's bill to eradicate the dust..."

In regard to the roads, Mr. White showed that we spend as much in this township for the maintenance of the chain gang as we spend upon the maintenance of our churches for local expense...

Mr. Lynch stated to The Journal today that he intended showing high class pictures—making quality his standard instead of quantity. He also stated that he intended remodeling the house at some future date, and ultimately hoped to have one of the best picture shows in the state at Monroe...

Mr. Lynch has secured Miss Hattie Mae Billingsby to act as his cashier, and he will probably retain the old operators. Mr. Lynch is married, and his wife will be here in a few days. They will keep house.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch come here highly recommended both by Concord and Albemarle people, and they will receive a warm welcome by Monroe people.

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and give lectures on better ways to farm and what crops to raise and the variety to raise. If we would, said Mr. White, "we could bring the best things from our great colleges right here at our door for the farmers of our county..."

He suggested to the ladies of the book clubs that they give one of their sessions a month to the study of the problems right here at our door. In regard to this point the speaker said in part: "We must begin to learn new things about our town and community, not only about other places of the world..."

"Let's do something for the physical welfare of our children. Build a recreational park for them, a swimming pool. Our children must play, for that's a big part of the life of the children. Since that is the case I hope we shall as a community begin to supervise their amusements..."

"But all this will take money. Yes, indeed, it will take money and let me insist, more than money. It will take men. Fellow citizens, will you meet the challenge of the hour? This town is passing through a crisis. Your loyalty to the ideals of Christ and your love for your neighbor are being tested..."

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Hustling For the Chautauqua.

The preparation for the coming of the Chautauqua is on in full blast. At a meeting of the ticket committee Monday afternoon the following women were elected from the different wards to canvass the sale of tickets. The ladies are the wives of the men guaranteeing the Chautauqua or those who are interested in seeing it being a success. There has been some misunderstanding regarding a commission to ticket sellers. There will be no commission given this year as every one knows what the Chautauqua is and what a strong program the Redpath are giving this year.

The sale of tickets in the first ward will be in the hands of Mrs. Walter Henderson. The second ward, Mrs. Henry Lane; third ward, Mrs. J. C. Sikes, Mrs. E. S. Green, Mrs. Lizzie Fowler; the fourth ward, Mrs. W. C. Stack, Mrs. Roland Beasley and Mrs. D. B. Snyder.

A special canvass will be made of the near by towns. The committee selected for this is as follows: Waxhaw; Misses Essie Green and Norma Bell; Wingate and Marshville, Miss Jennie Sumnerlin, Miss Lena Green and Miss Lina Covington.

These ladies will call on every person in Monroe within the next few days. It is hoped that every one will be prepared to take up the number of tickets that are wanted in order that the guarantors may know as early as possible how the tickets are being taken.

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Walter Stack Killed.

Walter Stack of the Tradesville section of South Carolina, who has figured in shootings and murders for several years, was found at two thirty Sunday afternoon dead in a new ground near his father's farm. Three bullet holes were in his head and a great hole was torn in one side where one of the bullets passed out. Stack had been staying at the home of his father for some time. On Saturday morning he left home to go to a farm adjoining one which his brothers-in-law, the Parker boys, owned. In a little valley in a new ground his body was found Sunday. Sheriff Hunter of Lancaster went to the scene, but made no arrests, pending an inquest by the coroner, who was called.

Stack has been one of the most desperate men ever known in this section. He was with Ben Hunter the day the latter was killed in Buford township and figured in the trial of the Belks in Monroe for the slaying of Hunter. He has been shot several times and has been charged with the killing of at least two men. He killed Raymond McMannus four years ago but escaped punishment. Two years ago he was tried for the killing of a negro but came clear. The negro was found on Stack's own piazza with two bullet holes through his head, and the bullets were in the floor right where they came out of the man's head. Nobody believed anything except that Stack did the killing, but he proved an alibi. Public sentiment was so aroused that he left his home and went further south. Two months ago he was shot at Cassett and was nearly killed. A load of buckshot went into his neck and tore away a great swath of flesh. When the wound healed up it was found that his right arm had been paralyzed and continued to hang helpless at his side. Stack's brother was killed some time ago by Jim Parker, who is not a brother of the Parkers who are Stack's brothers-in-law, and near whose place Stack's body was found Sunday.

The coroner's jury which was summoned yesterday afternoon and ordered the arrest of James and Ellison Parker, brothers-in-law of Stack, near whose farm the body was found. There had been bad blood between these for a long time and it is said that the Parkers were mortally afraid of Stack. Since Stack became paralyzed in his right arm he had been practicing with his left hand.

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When a Sham is Permissible. During the Chautauqua last year many people were very much annoyed by others who persisted in talking or whispering while some of the great artists were singing, playing or speaking. This is very disturbing to persons of sensitive ears or those hard of hearing.

Really it seems there is no muddle so sweet to some as the sound of their own voices. Now if you do not care for the performance whatever it may be, please be quiet and courteous enough to those who want to hear, to refrain from talking. In other words, pretend you are highly entertained, charmed, spell bound. I contend this is when a sham is highly permissible. This is only intended for those whom it fits. If the can't you, wear it beautifully. Don't bark and no one will know who you are. Lets go and have a great time—be quiet and when the time arrives for applause, give a regular Chautauqua yell.

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War News.

American-German—No reply has yet been received from the German government to the demand of the United States that the submarine war on merchant ships be stopped. The dispatches say that the German general staff, headed by the Emperor, has come to a conclusion and that the reply will be received here in a few days. What the reply will be is not intimated.

In Asia—The English force in Mesopotamia which has been besieged by the Turks since last December, has surrendered. The British force is estimated between ten and twenty thousand. Lack of food supplies caused the surrender. No news from the Russian-Turkish fighting in this section.

In Europe—Fighting continues at Verdun, but without important results. The English now have a million and a half of men in France and have completely taken over the defensive line for one hundred and fifty miles except a small strip of eighteen miles held by the Belgians.

Mexico—At the conference now being held at Juarez between representatives of the United States and Mexico, the Mexicans ask that American forces be withdrawn at once. The United States will not consent to this till all bandit bands are broken up. No important fighting reported.

Ireland—Rebels have surrendered and the uprising is at an end. Oyster Bay—Violent Roosevelt eruptions continue, growing worse as the indications grow to the effect that Roosevelt chances for the nomination are not so good.

Local Items of More or Less Interest From About Wingate. Correspondence of The Journal. Wingate, May 1st.—April, with its biting and blasting winds, its frosts and dust, etc., has passed. The month goes on record as unusually dry and cool. It is but natural for us to hope that May will bring us better conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Simcon Bivens of Florida are visiting the home of their father, Mr. X. W. Bivens.

Mrs. Leola Meigs of Wingate has returned home after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Little of Fayette Hill (upper Anson county).

Messdames Marshall Nash and Craven Williams and Master Parks Nash were welcome visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. T. Saturday.

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Really it seems there is no muddle so sweet to some as the sound of their own voices. Now if you do not care for the performance whatever it may be, please be quiet and courteous enough to those who want to hear, to refrain from talking. In other words, pretend you are highly entertained, charmed, spell bound. I contend this is when a sham is highly permissible. This is only intended for those whom it fits. If the can't you, wear it beautifully. Don't bark and no one will know who you are. Lets go and have a great time—be quiet and when the time arrives for applause, give a regular Chautauqua yell.

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THEY WILL GO STRAIGHT

A Letter With Any Kind of Address Will Reach Waxhaw Correspondent—Lot of Brief Local Items. Correspondence of The Journal. Waxhaw, May 1.—Messrs. W. H. Collins, Carl Wolfe, Olin Niven, Fred Plyler, T. A. Haywood, Lee H. ... and Dr. T. P. Nisbet attended the ball game in Charlotte Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Robinson returned to her home in Monroe Thursday afternoon.

Messrs. Fred Plyler, Roy Walkup and William Mansey spent Friday in Charlotte.

Miss Norma Bell returned to her home in Monroe Thursday.

Mrs. W. A. Benton, of Tama, Fla., visited Miss Rena ... in Charlotte.

Miss Mattie and Mary Prober spent the week end visiting at Reek Hill, S. C.

Mr. J. W. Smith of Blenheim, S. C. visited his daughter, Miss Jennie Smith last week.

Dr. Gaston of Edgemore, S. C. visited at Mrs. J. C. Stoeles and Mr. W. P. McNeely's Thursday and Friday.

Mr. W. H. P. McMurray of Lancaster county visited his daughter, Miss Davis McMurray here Friday.