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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

This Issue of The Journal.

It has been previously announced that this issue of The Journal would be given over to the use of the Woman's Club of Monroe. With the exception of a little necessary run of news matter all the articles were contributed by the club. The Journal wishes to bespeak a kindly reception for this effort of the ladies. The width of vision, the variety of subjects, and the excellence of treatment are all sufficient to stand for themselves. What we wish to speak of is the motive for the undertaking. We believe that there will be general agreement with the statement that this motive, as well as that of the club at all times, is solely for the unselfish interest of the town. There is a deep running current now in this locality which means general advancement. The men have caught the spirit and are themselves hustling. The women themselves are responsible for this fact. They are the prime movers, and set in motion the generous rivalry which is the beginning of a new era of progress and development. Properly the men are taking up the side of the business situation, and properly the women have assumed the aggressive in the matters pertaining to the homes, the schools, the sanitation, and the cultural life of the community. So far as this paper is concerned, we cannot emphasize too often that in its opinion, this agitation and all its resultant efforts are not directed towards any individual or set of individuals, past or present, nor for the future for that matter. And we wish to ask the people of Monroe to look at it in the light of an impersonal and unselfish effort to find out better ways of doing the things that we are doing and to do new and better things toward making our town a better place here and now for ourselves and our children. In an undertaking of this kind selfishness, unkindness, and personalities are out of place, and any use of them would be unworthy, and any one who assumes them fails to catch the broad and patriotic significance of the situation. We do not remember to have heard any one accuse any past or present officer of the town of any conduct more serious than an error of judgment, and errors of judgment are what we are seeking to find out and remedy by substituting a more general interest in all movements and a greater co-operation for the general

welfare. In this spirit we believe the ladies are acting, and in that spirit we have been glad to give them the use of the columns of the paper. A reception of their efforts in that spirit is what we bespeak of the readers of the paper.—The Journal.

McClellan-McCall.

Mr. Rufus H. McClellan, son of Mrs. E. J. McClellan, who lives on Benton Heights, and Miss Irene McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCall of Matthews, were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride, Rev. Charles Kingsley of Matthews officiating.

The porch of the McCall home at Matthews was artistically decorated with ivy, daisies and southern snail. Miss Lillian McCall, sister of the bride, played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the party approached the improvised altar. The bride, who was attractively gowned in white crepe de chine, trimmed in real lace, and carried lilies of the valley, entered on the arm of her brother, Mr. Eugene McCall, who gave her in marriage. Mrs. W. C. Hancock, of Charlotte, was dame of honor and Mr. George B. McClellan, brother of the groom, was best man. "Hearts and Flowers" was rendered softly while the impressive ceremony was being said and the pianist played the bridal chorus from Lohengrin for a recessional.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was given the party at the home of the bride's parents. Out-of-town guests were Messrs. Baxter Benton, Joe Fullenwider, G. B. McClellan, M. W. Williams, A. A. Edgeworth and Mrs. E. J. McClellan, of Monroe; Mrs. J. E. Caudle, of Union, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Yandle, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brissie, Mr. A. M. Rush and Misses Willie Head and Pauline Morton, of Charlotte.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple came to Monroe, and will make their home with the groom's mother, Mrs. E. J. McClellan. The bride is a popular and accomplished young lady. Mr. McClellan has a position with Mr. Vann Funderburk, and is a very popular young man.

Card From Hon. T. W. Bickett.

To the folks at home: In the Bickett column "Sweet Union" leads all the rest. In royal fashion she stood by her native son, and that son can never forget the tribute of love for him and his people—most of whom have passed over the Great Divide. God bless dear old Union! May she prosper in basket and store, and may her hard-working, debt-paying, God-fearing citizenship continue to be an asset and an inspiration to the State.—Walter Bickett.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church.
June 18, 1916.
Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.

CIVICS and HEALTH.

Education along the lines of hygiene is the basis for the crusade against the unsanitary conditions of the community today. Dr. Emerson, of the department of health of New York City, says: "Education is more powerful than the police force"—and education like charity, begins at home.

Today the teaching of hygiene is compulsory, and it is the only study in the grammar school curriculum for the neglect of which a teacher may be removed from office and fined. It is the subject most vital to the child, the home, to industry, to social welfare, and to education itself.

Because the problems of health have to do principally with environment—home, street, school business—we see the importance of relating hygiene instruction to industry and government, and to preach health from the standpoint of national efficiency.

We find, however, there's many a slip 'twixt the making of laws, or setting of standards and their enforcement. "Failure to enforce health laws is a more serious menace to health than drunkenness or tobacco cancer."

Instinct was the first health officer and made the first health laws—by warning man, through the senses, against offensive odors and sights. Today we have organized board of health, and the law makers of our land pass laws regarding health, food, the standards of living and the control of menaces.

A menace in this sense is anything interfering with health. The number of things listed as nuisances by the day reach into the hundreds, among the most common are: (1) garbage and sewerage disposal; (2) drainage; (3) polluted water supply; (4) flies, mosquitoes, etc.

In general then, "use your own property so that you will not injure another in the use of his property."

In the discussion of "preparedness" now raging throughout the country, only one side of the problem is being considered, and that, battleships, submarines, aeroplanes, guns, munitions, etc. No attention is being paid to the human machines. The war in Europe has shown that the men who use the implements of war are as important as the implements themselves. To get the great amount of strength and endurance needed, their bodies and their environment must be looked after. This human preparedness is as important in time of peace as in war.

The greatest step in health is raising the standards of living. Hygienic living and surroundings are the greatest enemies of disease and do more toward raising the vitality of a person than anything.

The new civic spirit is still in its youth, having originated in the last decade of the last century. Formerly all improvements came through individuals or the churches. So this new conception of public responsibility is comparatively new. Under this administration marvelous developments have taken place—the establishing of free libraries, health regulations, factory legislation, interstate commerce provisions, and the extension of municipal functions. Such as street paving, cleaning, lighting, water supply, sewerage disposal, parks, playgrounds and drives, and the uplift and beautifying of the town in all possible lines.

Another phase of city making is the establishment of parks, playgrounds and boulevards. They are organic parts of the city, and Charles Zueblin of Chicago, refers to them as "the respiratory system" of a city.

The lack in our cities of architecture having unity of purpose and harmony of design is said to be "due to the desire for immediate pecuniary results. The dominance of commercial motives and the assertiveness of powerful individuals lacking artistic education, and they have succeeded in making of the typical American city a miscellany of dingy warehouses, shops, tenements, and tasteless mansions. There is not only no unity, but a pronounced restlessness."

The use of color is another important phase. The possibilities of nature are well illustrated in Golden Gate Park San Francisco, where sand dunes that seemed helpless have been transformed into one of the most beautiful parks in America.

John Burroughs says, "nature in all things to all men, if we will enslave her, she will be our servant, though if we abuse her she may desert and starve us."—Jean Ashcraft.

"ROSES"

The world is learning that the best of created things was created last, and that her name is woman.

That inferior beings were created first—the fishes in the sea, animals on the land, then Adam, better than the animals, and then Eve—better than Adam.

Thus saith a man:
"You good women go right on with your work—don't give up. I'm right with you, and if I can assist you in any way, call on me."

One of our most capable and prominent lawyers has offered his services gratis in case the Woman's Club needs him.

"I will not condemn the Woman's Club for failure to secure results unless I myself have personally given time, thought and diligent effort to help secure these results."

The Woman's Club has been weighed in the balances and not found wanting. These organizations have

accomplished wonderful things in other cities and towns and even in the rural districts, and we can do the same here if the women will stop "knocking" and join in and help us pull.

Let us lay aside all selfish interests and do the things that will be of the greatest benefit to the greatest number. This is the time for a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together. So lend a hand!

"Kaufdrops" From Kaufman.

The old reliable firm of "Thinker and Tinker" promoted and promoted every original enterprise on earth. When brains and fingers connect, so does everything else.

Fortunes have been extracted from and turned into JUNK-Piles—a waster's refuse heap in a chemist's they wane.

The secret of their success is co-operation—Thinker needs Tinker—and Tinker needs Thinker. The firm fails when the partners separate.

No circumstance can profit an ignoramus. "Some day" isn't on the calendar.

"Next week" is the 32nd of the month. "Waiters" aren't chosen for responsible jobs.

Do it now! Finish while you can! Opportune moments are too precious to be wasted.

You could win and lose and win again while you fuss and mull and hem and haw. Invest your strength and vitality—take your gain before then wane.

Battle to the finish. Its never too late to do your level best. When in doubt, dare!

There's a turning point in all affairs. Strive till it arrives.

Education isn't the completion of a man's schooling, but the equipment with which to promote it. The two main purposes of education are to make us to grasp truths more readily and to learn how to learn from others.

The twentieth century canceled all charters of leadership. Towns can no longer lie back and wait for commerce to put in appearance. Prosperity doesn't "happen" any more.

Old-fashioned ideas won't serve the needs of a new-fangled period—nor can the men who cling to them.

There's no more chance for short-sighted individuals than there is for moss-grown municipalities. Organizations of which you may never hear are snatching orders from right under your nose. They're attacking you with all the arsenals of efficiency, and are invading your domain via telephone and motor-car.

Contractors, states away, can out-bid unprogressive local firms—jobbers find the retailer next door on closer terms with catalogue houses three days removed and averaging prompter delivery of his orders. Wake-up—acquire an aeroplane and wireless habit of mind—it's half past hury o'clock!

A Card of Thanks.

I sincerely thank the good people for the vote they gave me on June third. While I did not get the nomination for the legislature I am grateful for your support. The only consolation now for me is to be like the man who went coon hunting and climbed the tree to get the coon. Up the hunter went, determined to get that coon. But the coon jumped to another tree as he reached for him and left the hunter hanging between heaven and earth. He called for his companions down on the ground to help him, but they could not. When he could swing no longer he asked them what to do. They told him to pray. He said he didn't know how. They told him to say something about God. He said, "Well, God, hold them dogs, for I'm going to drop." So fellow citizens, I will heartily support the nominees by putting my shoulder to the wheel and helping all I can.—Gratefully yours, John A. Austin.

Sandy Ridge News.

Correspondence of The Journal.
Sandy Ridge, June 15.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Melton have recently been visiting their son, Mr. J. E. Melton, in Lancaster.

Mr. W. S. Brantly and daughter, Miss Daisy Brantly, and Messrs. Stafford Griffin and E. L. Melton, motored to Matthews Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Brasker Melton of Pineville is spending this week with relatives in this community.

Messrs. Vaid Rodgers, Pink Crook and John Jenkins and Misses Pearl and Ella Starnes spent a pleasant day in Charlotte Sunday.

Miss Kate Wentz entertained a large crowd of her friends Saturday night with a birthday party. Delicious refreshments, consisting of cream, cake and candies, were served. Music was furnished by Messrs. Gus Robertson and Stafford Griffin.

Mrs. Linnie Melton is spending sometime in Pineville.

Mr. Sidney Starnes, who has been quite sick for the past month, is gradually growing worse.

Mrs. Nora Crook was carried to a hospital in Charlotte Sunday for medical treatment.

Mr. W. B. Starnes visited friends in Lancaster last week.

There will be an ice cream supper at Mr. E. L. Melton's Saturday night. String music will be furnished.—Contented.

I have entered the subscription contest for the Charlotte Observer and will appreciate it if the people of Monroe will save the coupons for me. Phone 233-R, and I will send collector for them before date of expiration. I also want new subscriptions and renewals.—(Miss) Belle Pointer.

News From Wingate and Vicinity.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, June 14.—Delightful weather for farm work and farmers, as a rule, are making proper use of it. While crops are not making satisfactory progress, they have been well cultivated and are in fine shape to do their best whenever more favorable conditions prevail. There is considerable of corn to be planted yet in this territory.

Tuesday morning's report of our village doctor, Mr. N. W. Bivens, summer complaint; Miss Odessa Black is much better and getting along nicely; Mrs. T. K. Helms, who has been right sick, is on the road to early recovery; Miss Margaret Broom is sick but not seriously; Mr. W. R. Free, who has been laid off from his position as night operator at the railroad station here, is improving with fine prospects for a complete recovery; A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Strawn has typhoid fever; all cases of measles in town are getting along satisfactorily to all appearances. But the disease is so sneaking, so much like fire in a cotton bale or pile, that you can't always tell where they're at.

The Wingate Drug Store is moving its stock into the handsome new building recently erected for it between the bank and J. L. Austin & Co's store. This is a fine addition to the good appearance of our town.

The doctor—our big, fat, jovial doctor Jerome says that he is making good progress as chauffeur for his new Ford-about. Hope he will succeed to the limit. The doctor is too heavy for buggy travel in his profession.

Mr. Hoyle Thomas, of our town, can justly and proudly boast of being the champion bird slayer in these woods; that is, when it comes to height and width. Mr. Thomas brought down a blue crane or heron from the top of a tall pine tree, that measured five feet six inches from sole of foot to point of beak; and seven feet six inches from tip to tip of wing. This fowl was a young one and was supposed to have dropped out from a flock that was seen passing over the neighborhood during the day. It had become weary of wing and had to take a rest. This was a "shore nuff" flying machine.

Misses Gladys and Nell Heffer have just returned from a few days' visit among friends at Crouse, N. C.

Mrs. Thomas and children came over to the Oak Wednesday afternoon and spent an hour or two in pleasant chat with Mr. and Mrs. O. P. T.

Corrections: In my last letter I was made to say, Mrs. Leonie Meigs and daughter would spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Liles, when it should have been Floyd Little. Also in the same letter, it read: Misses Mary and Mattie James would go to Cullowhee to attend summer school. It was Misses Mary and Mattie Jones. Another error, though slight, was that Mr. and Mrs. Womble had sent me a box of honey when I wrote it bowl of honey. Let us all keep our "spees" on. I hate mistakes, if I do make them.

Miss Esther Little of Marshallville visited Miss Mary Sherrin the first of the week.

Miss Thelma Chaney has gone to Greensboro to attend an extra session of the summer school.

This is Thursday, June 15. A nice quiet, steady rain is falling and bids fair to continue through the day. Just right to wet the land without washing it and make grass grow "from who died the dog loose."

The many friends of Mrs. Jennie Tucker, who have had so much anxiety about the results of the measles in her case, will be delighted to learn that no serious results have, as yet been experienced by the patient and that she has about recovered from the attack and is getting along nicely.

The brother had to leave the home

and farm work to attend school a time. That stopped one plow share in need of. In this emergency, what was done to meet the conditions? Why, that was just as easy as "falling off a log." The little 11 or 12 year old sister donned a pair of overalls, got between the handles of a Little Joe harrow, behind old flea bitten and run that implement with as much accuracy and as efficiently as a regular plow hand and as if it had been the most common natural thing in the world. Result: the planting of the pieces of ground was finished just about sunset, with every one pleased with the job and still more so when they awoke in the morning to find it raining. O ye high and mighty who hold your breath and hold up your hands in holy horror at the idea. This is the type of girl that will grow into the woman that the world needs. One of these is worth a whole cow lot full of sickly, sentimental weaklings, who feel that it is a disgrace to be seen at work. When will such tomfool notions give place to common sense and sound reasoning? Remember, whatever comfort or luxury you enjoy, these working girls and boys pay your bills in the end.—O. P. Timist.

Items From Rock Rest.

To the Editor of The Journal:—

As I have been confined indoors since May 17th, nursing a broken leg, I have decided to amuse myself by writing a short letter for the paper. Quite a number of my friends and relatives have visited me and helped me to while away the painful hours. I enjoyed their company and sympathy and feel very grateful to my neighbors for what they have done.

Messrs. W. A. and T. A. Williams came over with their binder and harvested my wheat crop free of charge.

My son, Joseph Earl, came from East Atton, Ill., to take my place in the farm work.

Mr. T. J. Williams and wife motored to Charlotte Sunday to see Mrs. Williams's sister, Miss Maggie Maeb, who is in a hospital for treatment.

Rev. A. C. Davis and wife visited our community last week.

Miss Lura Williams gave a lawn party Saturday night in honor of her brothers, Messrs. Ed and Jabbe, who are at home from college.

Miss Ellie Redfeard returned to her home at Peachland Sunday, after spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Wilson Griffin.

Miss Ruby Funderburk of Charlotte is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. P. Griffin.

Rev. J. A. Bivens preached to a large audience Sunday afternoon at Rock Rest.

The thrasher's bugle and the blackberry crop will soon be interesting features to the people of our community.—Farmer.

Off to the Wheat Fields.

For the third year a party of Monroe young men have "hit" it for the wheat fields. This year the party is composed of Messrs. Hugh Henston, son of Mr. D. A. Houston; Andrew Monroe, son of Mr. A. L. Monroe; Robert Redwine, son of Mr. R. B. Redwine, and Mr. Sam Parker, son of the late J. D. Parker. The young men will stop at Oklahoma City, and from there work north with the harvest.

Mr. Monroe is the only "old-timer" in the bunch, he having gone last year. Mr. Morehead Stack, son of Mr. A. M. Stack, who was in the wheat field party last year, took a tramp steamer in Baltimore last week for South American points. They are all young men, and are making the trips for experience. Many persons are speculating on just how long each one will stay out in the golden west.

Mr. W. S. Blakeney is attending the State Bankers' convention at Asheville.



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PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON.

At three minutes to twelve last night Mr. Wilson was renominated for president of the United States by one of the most enthusiastic conventions ever assembled. When informed of his nomination President Wilson simply said, "I am very grateful to my generous friends." The platform will be completed today. It will contain a hearty endorsement of Mr. Wilson's administration for keeping the country out of war and for the great reforms which it has accom-

plished in behalf of the people. The features of the convention were the eloquent speech of ex-Governor Glynn of New York, the temporary chairman, and the unbounded enthusiasm for President Wilson. Mr. Wilson has caused to be inserted in the platform a ringing declaration of Americanism and a denunciation of the Republicans for catering to the propaganda in behalf of Germany in this country. Democrats are full of punch and enthusiasm.



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VICE PRESIDENT THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

Mr. Marshall was renominated at twelve o'clock last night by acclamation by the Democratic convention in St. Louis. There had been some other candidates mentioned but all opposition was swept away in a wave of Wilson and Marshall enthusiasm.