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### MR. AUSTIN'S BARN BURNED BY LIGHTNING

Saved the Stock — Satan Finds Mischievous for Idle Hands to Do—A Marriage—Remarks on the War.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, June 26.—I am requested by our pastor to announce that there will be roll call in Meadow Branch church on Saturday before the second Sunday in July. Every member whose name appears on the church book is urgently requested to be present and answer to the call. I am further requested to give notice that there will be a dedicatory service at Austin's Grove on the first Sunday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Bro. Black has been chosen to speak the dedicatory sermon.

Her many friends will be sorry to hear that Miss Hope Watson is suffering from an attack of malaria. They sincerely hope that her affliction will prove of short duration and that Miss Watson will soon be her real self again.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. T. were delighted to have as their guests for the afternoon Saturday, Mrs. Tom Evans and daughters, Miss Della and little Miss Lottie. It was also a delightful pleasure to have the presence for a short time of Miss Annie Perry and Mrs. Bruce Helms of Peachland. Although O. P. T. was in poor shape to entertain or enjoy, yet he could but appreciate the loving, sincere sympathy bestowed by these kind friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry of Portsmouth, Va., were on a visit among relatives here Sunday.

It was Miss Annie Instead of Miss Vashit Gaddy that was reported sick in my last week's letter.

Mr. F. W. Braswell and Miss Miriam Jerome were married Sunday, the 18th, in Monroe at the residence of Rev. Mr. Kinnington, the officiating minister. The groom is well known here, as he was formerly proprietor of the tonsorial parlor of our town. The bride is the lovely and accomplished daughter of Dr. J. R. Jerome, our village physician. Both are quite popular and worthy of the hearty congratulations of the wide circle of friends which they enjoy. Mr. and Mrs. Braswell will make their home in Wadesboro for a time, at least.

Mr. W. D. May and family of Charlotte, was visiting Mr. May's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. May.

Any person desiring measles can yet be supplied from our village if the will come early. While our merchants haven't got the commodity in stock, plenty can be had among private residents. The quality of the goods is as safe as any, it is presumed, as no fatalities nor serious results have yet occurred from their ravages. The epidemic seems to be sweeping the county. We hear of it from every direction and from far away.

Mr. James Austin, who lives at the old "Peterson Place" on the Monroe and Marshallville road had the misfortune to have his large barn destroyed by lightning on last Friday. Mr. Austin had several head of cattle and a number of horses and mules in the barn when the fire was discovered but fortunately succeeded in getting them out without harm, saving that two or three cows were scorched and singed considerably.

These seven were detailed as horse holders when Capt. Charles T. Boyd of Troop C, in command of the scouting party, seeing Mexican soldiers stealing out to surround him on both flanks, ordered his men to dismount and hold their rifles ready. Cut off from their comrades by the Mexican attack, several of them wounded, the seven decided that it was their duty to save the horses from capture and then to get back to Gen. Pershing so that reinforcements if possible might save what was left of Troop C and K.

Troop C, under command of Capt. Charles T. Boyd, and Troop K, commanded by Capt. Lewis S. Morey, reached Santo Domingo ranch, to the west of Carrizal, Tuesday night and camped there.

Ask Permission to Pass. Early on Wednesday morning, the returning troopers say, the entire command rode forward and, halting outside Carrizal, Capt. Boyd sent a message to the Carranzista commander there (Gen. Felix Gomez, who was killed), asking permission to pass that place. The Carranzista commander replied that his orders were to permit no Americans to pass south of his lines.

Capt. Boyd, believing this reply was due to a misunderstanding, sent word a second time that he did not wish to pass through the town, but merely to ride past the Carranzista post to the south of it. This time the Carranzista commander replied by asking the American commander to ride forward and confer with him at the outer edge of the town.

Captain Boyd, still unsuspecting, moved forward with his whole command to the appointed place. But while he was talking with the Mexican leader, Mexican troops began to file quietly out of the narrow streets of Carrizal and to take up commanding positions on both flanks of the little group of Americans.

The seven horse holders had gone perhaps 200 or 300 yards to the rear, when behind them they heard the bark of a rifle, and then a perfect sputter of musketry. They whipped forward at top speed to save the horses.

Soon they recognized the deadly rattle of machine guns. When, having reached a point a little out of the line of fire, they turned and this is what was happening, so far as they could distinguish:

Troops C and K, drawn out in a hasty skirmish formation, were exchanging volleys with perhaps three times their number of Carranzista infantry, which surrounded them on three sides and backed by machine guns, was pouring in a perfect hail of bullets. Completely exposed in the open the Americans were gallantly holding their ground.

Presently the Mexican cavalry, which has been held in reserve on the flanks, charged. Apparently Gen. Gomez believed the Americans were demoralized by his men's fire and was sending in the cavalry to finish the business. The advancing cavalry, however, was met with so deadly a hail of bullets that it speedily turned and fled, leaving behind a trail of dying men and horses.

Mrs. Sam Hood and Mr. Richard Hudson of Weddington are spending the day in town.

### SMITH TO SPEAK AT THE COURT HOUSE WEDNESDAY

Famous Richmond Booster and Advertising Man Comes to Monroe Tomorrow to Stimulate Interest in Chamber of Commerce — Every Business Man in Monroe Who Has the Welfare of the Town at Heart is Urged to be Present.

Mr. Horace F. Smith, who is connected with the Freeman Advertising Co. of Richmond, Va., will arrive here tomorrow morning to address in the Chamber of Commerce movement. During the day he will interview many of the business and professional men personally, and at night will address a mass meeting of citizens at the court house at eight o'clock. The coming of Mr. Smith emphasizes the caution that the local business men are exercising in organizing the Chamber of Commerce. They are seeking the advice of men who have been connected with such movements in order that there will be no false step made, as has been the case with many towns in the past.

Mr. Smith comes here with high endorsements from both the press and public of Virginia. The citizens of Monroe should take pride in "talking the matter over" with Mr. Smith, as he comes here with the town's welfare at heart. The purpose in securing this famous Richmond booster here for a few days was to get him to aid in stimulating more interest in the Chamber of Commerce; to get more workers; to get more members; to get more money; to get more publicity; to stir up more good will among the business men; to make more friends in Monroe; and to get more business for Monroe.

Every citizen of Monroe should consider it his duty to take an interest in the Chamber of Commerce, as it is a community affair. Its sole aim is to further the interest of the citizens by securing better streets, more business, more manufactures, and to take a general interest in all community projects. But even if there be a citizen of Monroe who will not harken to the cry of community welfare, he will pass an interesting and entertaining evening with Mr. Smith at the court house.

Ladies Urged to Attend. "I consider the ladies of Monroe, and especially the Woman's Club, an integral part of Monroe," said one of the directors of the local Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Evidently the whole Directorate of the Chamber, and Mr. Smith, too, are of the same opinion, as an invitation is extended to the Woman's Club to be present in a body.

The women are beginning to be recognized as an essential factor in municipal affairs all over the country, and Monroe is no exception. That's why the Directors of the Monroe Chamber are insisting that the members of the Woman's Club be present. But, if there happens to be any ladies in town who have not yet affiliated themselves with the Woman's Club, the Directors urge them not to stand back on this part, because they are as much a part of the city life as the others who happen to be members of the club.

The business men of the town should be the most interested party, and if they have the welfare of the town and their own interests at heart, they will be present without urging on the part of the Directors. They should feel that they are a part of the local organization and give it their attention just as they do to their own interests.

The meeting will be at eight o'clock in the court house. Mr. Smith will arrive tomorrow morning, and during the day he will visit the business men and make their personal acquaintance before the meeting to be held that night. Let every man and woman who possibly can be present.

### WAR OR PEACE RESTS NOW WITH MEXICO

While Waiting for Carranza to Define His Intentions the United States is Making Every Preparation for War—Will Not Accept Militations—National Guard on the Way to the Border.

The Government of the United States, having asked General Carranza, president of Mexico, to say what his intentions are, and warned him to at once release prisoners which his forces took last Wednesday when they attacked troops C and K of the Tenth Cavalry, the government of the United States is making every preparation in anticipation of war. The State guards of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts are on their way to the Mexican border, and the guards of all the other states are being rushed to readiness. Congress is taking all necessary measures. The navy is being put in readiness to blockade all the ports of Mexico. Representatives of South American governments which indicated that arbitration might be acceptable, have been given to understand that it would not be acceptable to the United States. No other attacks have been made by the Mexicans, and none will be made by the American troops until peace is abandoned, unless they are attacked. All reports indicate that the colored troops which were attacked last Wednesday and cut to pieces by the Mexicans fought bravely and acted in every way in a soldierly manner.

To those who cannot get away from their places of business on July Fourth for dinner, the ladies of the Eastern Star will send it to them. Purchase your tickets when the ladies call on you between now and the Fourth.

### FOR STREET PAVING

Aldermen Go on Record Favoring It — Mass Meeting Tonight—Petition for Work on Houston Street.

The Board of Aldermen last night went on record as heartily favoring any street improvements the citizens of the town may favor under the provisions of Chapter 56, Public Laws of North Carolina, which gives a municipality the power of making street improvements on the petition of 51 per cent of the lineal foot property owners.

The measure had the unanimous endorsement of the Aldermen and the Mayor. Furthermore, they decided to seek the advice of the general public, and to this end, have called a mass meeting, to be held at the courthouse tonight at 8:30. At this meeting short addresses will be made by several local men, and music will be rendered by the Iceorlee band.

Chapter 56, Public Laws of North Carolina, which was brought to the attention of the citizens by Mr. Gilbert White, Civil Engineer, at his address to the citizens in the courthouse Friday night, gives the Aldermen vast powers in the matter of street improvements. But this power cannot be utilized except upon the co-operation of the property owners.

Interest has been aroused as never before in the matter of street improvement in Monroe. Petitions are circulating the town, and one street, Houston street, has been practically signed up for the street improvement. And at a meeting of the Stewards of the Methodist church last night, they voted to bear the church's proportionate expense of paving around its frontage.

Houston Street Petition. Houston street is the first to go on record for permanent street pavement. The petition, which has been signed by most of all the residents on the street and which will be presented at the Monday meeting of the Aldermen, reads:

"To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Monroe:—We, the undersigned persons, owning property in Monroe, North Carolina, abutting on Houston Street, in said city, do hereby respectfully petition, pursuant to Chapter 56, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1915, that the roadway of Houston street be reduced to 24 feet in width, and that the roadway in said street be paved with sheet asphalt upon a concrete foundation, and that a cement walk of not less than five feet be laid upon the side walks of the said street, and that the cement curbs and gutters in accordance with approved plans, be placed along the entire length of said street, and we respectfully ask that the city issue bonds to pay for said pavement in accordance with Chapter 56, Public Laws of 1915, and that the cost of said pavement be taxed against the abutting property owner in accordance with Chapter 56, Public Laws of 1915; and that the amount taxed against the property owners be divided into ten equal payments. One payment to be collected each year for a period of ten years, and deferred payments to bear interest at 6 per cent. All in accordance with Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1915. Respectfully submitted: J. J. Parker, 109 feet frontage; W. B. Love, 88 feet frontage; John C. Sikes, 425 feet frontage; J. W. Laney 76 feet frontage; A. F. Stevan 180 feet frontage; E. G. Henderson 200 feet frontage; G. B. Nance, 180 feet frontage; T. J. Payne 85 feet frontage; F. H. Fairley 80 feet frontage; W. Z. Faulkner 86 feet frontage; Dr. R. L. Payne 89 feet frontage; Eugene Ashcraft 72 feet frontage; A. C. Penegar, 90 feet frontage; Sikes Co., 70 feet frontage; F. B. Ashcraft 200 feet frontage; Mrs. A. L. Monroe 80 feet frontage."

Windsor Street Wants Paving. Messrs. A. M. Stack and W. S. Blakensly are carrying a petition around for paving Windsor street. It is already largely signed, but not yet completed. It is about the same as the Houston street petition.

Mr. Warren Stack is also circulating a petition towards securing the paving of Franklin street.

Other Matters Discussed. The Aldermen also declared their intention of prosecuting all parties who had not complied with the sewage law by the 15th of July to the fullest extent of the law. Some complaint has been heard to the effect that plumbers could not be secured to complete the work by that time, but Mr. Simpson declared that an expert plumber had been around Monroe for a few days several weeks ago trying to land contracts, but failed to do so. They also stated their intention of prosecuting all parties who fail to have their closets screened by the fifteenth. The original time limit to this measure expired June 15, but the delinquent parties were given thirty days of grace.

Playground for Children. Mayor Fowler made a report on a playground for the children, on recommendations of the Woman's Club. He stated that he had investigated the lot belonging to Mr. Oscar Blair, below Hinson's stable, the use of which had been given by the owner to the city for such a purpose. He asked that the Aldermen authorize the street force to commence work cleaning up the lot, gardening, etc., immediately. It was unanimously done.

Keeper for Cemetery. The matter of appointing a keeper for the cemetery was taken up. It was proposed to appoint a man, provided the co-operation of the Graded School board could be secured, to act as janitor for the schools, take

### HOW TO GET STREETS PAVED

Law Passed the Legislature Allows Property Owners to Secure All They are Willing to Pay For.—The Meeting Friday Night.

As a result of the speech in the court house last Friday night by Mr. Gilbert C. White, a civil engineer of Durham, who is making a specialty of street paving, petitions are already being circulated in Monroe by property owners for the purpose of having asphalt paving put down. Mr. White brought out the fact that this was the way that other towns are securing paved streets and that it is the way that residents of Monroe can do the same. Residents of Houston and Church streets, and perhaps others, have already started petitions.

If a majority of property owners on any street petition the city to put down paving at the expense of the property owners, the city can go ahead and do so, assess the cost and give the residents ten years in which to pay the bill. The city issues bonds, securing the money, pays for the work, and then collects in ten years installments from the abutting property owners. This law was passed by the legislature in 1915 and nobody heretofore seems to have known it until it was brought out by Mr. White.

Mr. White explained all the various kinds of materials used for sidewalks and paving streets. Each kind is used for special reasons, but for general purposes, especially in residential sections, he recommends sheet asphalt. It is soft, pliable, and most durable, and easiest to repair when worn. The kind which he recommended for Monroe was put down on certain streets in Washington many years ago and is still in use. The cost is about one dollar and thirty-five cents per square yard built upon rock foundation.

Quite a number of citizens were present and many questions were asked.

### READY FOR THE FOURTH

Arrangements Have About Been Completed, and the Committee is Anxiously Awaiting the Big Day—The Horse Races.

With the great Fourth of July celebration still a week off, the committee today announced that everything was ready with the exception of a few minor matters that would not require attention until the latter part of this week. The fireworks have arrived, and an inspection of the lot showed a great variety of the latest things along that line.

That the largest crowd ever known in the history of Monroe will be here for the Fourth, few doubt. Reports from all up and down the line state that everybody is coming to Monroe on the big day. If fair weather prevails, it is safe to state that there will be nearly fifteen thousand persons here on the Fourth.

Arrangements were made yesterday for a big horse race. It was decided to charge an entrance fee of \$2.50 to each contestant in the trotting and pacing race; the purse to go to the winner. Messrs. B. C. Hinson, H. A. Shute, R. N. Payne and Ben Griffith will act as judges. The contestants will place their entrance fee with these gentlemen any time before the race, which will occur at 2:30 on the Lee's Mill road. A mile race will also be held, all contestants being required to pay an entrance fee of 50 cents; purse to go to winner. The same rules will apply to the free for all horse race, except the entrance fee will be \$1.00. The above four named gentlemen will act as judges in all three of the races.

A Card From Mr. Walters. Sanitation is what I want. I have been in Monroe serving the public for twenty years, and I have always tried to handle the best meats of selected varieties. I have studied my business and have never butchered and sold any meats of any kind that would not have passed inspection anywhere, to the best of my knowledge. I do not buy hogs that are brought to Monroe that are not butchered for me and engaged for it is a bad policy. I do not think it is right for me or any other butcher here to be given credit for meats from the country sold by private parties in your city. A few years ago I bought a cow that was butchered by a good old citizen a few miles below town. I questioned him close in regard to the meat, as it did not have the right appearance, and told him it was not right. My partner said in reply that he had known him for forty years and that he was as reliable as any one he knew. So we closed the trade and I paid him. I investigated further and found that the cow had been drowned and after being butchered was carried to Hornsboro and then brought here. I then took his meat and threw it away and wrote the man of the same and he refunded the money. That was five years ago and I have not bought any butchered meat since. I have not butchered a hog in all my experience that was not fed on corn for six weeks. I have had several to visit my pen and they all say that it is in very good condition. My butcher pen and hog lot are dry and cleaned once a week. There is an ordinance against butchering in town and all meats are butchered at the slaughter house. My market is screened front and rear with plenty of air through, and is open for inspection of all customers or any one else showing authority, and I will be glad to show anybody through my sausage room and all. With best wishes, I remain,

W. J. WALTERS.

Most people who say but little talk too much.

### TO THE VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

I wish to thank all the people who supported me in the first primary and to state that I am in the second race for county commissioner. I have served three terms as county commissioner, and my colleague and friend, Mr. Bacon, has served three times, and both of us have been defeated three times. I wish to say that it is my intention not to be a candidate for this office again, but I would appreciate the honor if the people wish me to serve for the next term. I have tried to serve all parts of the county impartially and feel that I am, by reason of experience, better fitted than ever to serve the people of the county. I deeply appreciate the support that I have received in the past and if the people wish to elect me again, I will serve another term to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,  
J. C. LANEY.

### SLAUGHTER HOUSE IN FINE SANITARY CONDITION

To the Citizens of Monroe. At the request of Mr. N. B. Ayers, we visited his slaughter pen, which is located on the Griffith road, and beg to report that we found the same well kept. The slaughter pen has been recently constructed out of new material, properly covered and screened. The building is in all respects sanitary. The floor is concrete and cement and is drained to the center, so that all blood and water that strikes the floor runs off in a cement trench about fifty feet from the slaughter pen and empties on a hillside that faces the morning sun. This slaughter pen is as clean and sanitary as one could expect to find anywhere. It is not as fine a building as some, but as to being sanitary and clean, we find no fault. The pasture and hog pens are about 150 yards from the slaughter pen and the building is erected on a hillside in an oak grove and the surroundings are O. K. in every particular.

After a careful examination of the pen and its surroundings, we have no criticism of it. In fact, it is the cleanest and most sanitary slaughter pen ever used in Union county.—John Griffith, T. P. Dillon, W. L. Howie, E. C. Carpenter, R. L. Payne, R. W. Allen, T. C. Lee, R. A. Morrow, John C. Sikes, W. C. Heath, Rufus Armfield, J. M. Blair, W. D. S. S. Richardson, M. P. McNeely, J. D. McRae.

This the 24th day of June, 1916.

### TO THE VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

The people of the county are aware of the fact that there has been considerable rain for the past few weeks, making it necessary for a farmer who lives from his farm to stay by his work. Therefore I am not lecturing but wish to say I have served as county commissioner heretofore and if the people wish to elect me again I will greatly appreciate it. It has been reported that Mr. Laney once withdrew in my favor. This is a mistake. Mr. Laney and I have been in the race at other times and neither has ever withdrawn in favor of the other.

R. T. BACCOM.

### BARDEN FOR COTTON WEAVER

Next Saturday we will elect a cotton weaver and we have two to choose from. Both are good men and we cannot elect but one. Don't you think that one who is to fill that place should be a man of experience, a man who has looked out for our interests in the past and who will do so in the future? So let us go to the polls Saturday and give Mr. Barden a big majority. We all know him and know that he has in the past made the best cotton weaver that Monroe has ever had. Don't let this chance pass.

BURFORD FARMERS.