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**Local and Personal.**

Mrs. W. H. Abernethy of Matthews is visiting Miss Lucy Helms.

Rev. W. B. Holmes will preach at New Salem church next Sunday at eleven o'clock. There will be baptizing at 1 p. m.

Misses Janie Sanders and Elizabeth Sikes leave this afternoon for Hamlet, where they will join the Gattis touring party on a trip to Florida and Cuba. They will be gone about ten days.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Siler church will give a play at Wesley Chapel high school building Friday night, March 9th, entitled "Diamonds and Hearts." Admission ten and fifteen cents. Public invited.

Hon. L. D. Robinson of Wadesboro is now our Congressman. Mr. Page's term having expired Sunday. Mr. Robinson will not be actively engaged until next December, unless a special session is called before then.

Messrs. W. C. Wolfe and J. D. Futch left here Saturday afternoon for Washington to see President Wilson inaugurated for the second time. The two Monroe gentlemen also propose taking several side trips after witnessing the inauguration.

Esq. Henry McWhorter, the statesman from Jackson, when asked for an expression on the "bone dry" bill which recently passed Congress, said he didn't think much of it. "But," he concluded, "it just means more good old blockade stills."

Mr. Sam Lee, son of Mr. T. C. Lee, who came home last week from Trinity College suffering from an attack of appendicitis, has about recovered. He will probably return to his school work at the end of this week.

The Philathea Class of the Presbyterian church had a very profitable meeting last Tuesday evening. At this meeting the class gave \$10 towards Mr. McMillan's automobile. After the business was finished they enjoyed the social part very much.

Mr. Julius C. Medlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Medlin of Goose Creek township, and Miss Lettie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Williams of Goose Creek township, were married here yesterday by Esq. S. A. Helms. They are popular young people.

Before going to Germany, some of the Union county fighters might do well to go around to the Clerk's office and take a glimpse of the old Revolutionary sword that is hanging in there. The blade makes a peaceful man shudder to look at it. The sword is the property of Mr. Robert Winchester, who lives near Mineral Springs. It was handed down to him through the Walkup family.

Representative J. N. Price returned Sunday from his legislative duties in Raleigh. He was prevented from staying over to help clear up the work by the illness of Mrs. Price, who is seriously sick. Mr. Price promises The Journal, if he can find time, an article on his legislative experiences. He acquitted himself ably in the past Legislature, and his article would be interesting and instructive.

"Aunt Mary's" rest room in the court house, which was opened January 11 by the Chamber of Commerce, is proving a popular resort for the country ladies when they visit the town. About four hundred ladies have already visited the room, and more are coming every day.

"Aunt Mary" keeps a good warm fire burning all day, besides other little comforts that go towards making town visits attractive.

The King-Murray Jones vaudeville troupe, which made such a big hit here with theatre goers several weeks ago, came back for a week's return engagement. As usual, their singing and vaudeville repartee is good. Their black face comedian is probably the best of his kind that has ever appeared in Monroe. It is a good, clean show and well worth the price. In addition to the vaudeville performance today, a Paramount picture feature, "Nannetta of the Wilds," will be shown. The picture for tomorrow is "The Martyrdom of Philip Strong," taken from the book by Rev. Charles M. Sheldon.

The cheapest thing in the world today, says Esq. C. N. Simpson, is money. The cost of living has trebled; labor is bringing its highest premium, yet thousands of dollars are lying idle in this country. The cost of living, according to Esq. Simpson's theory, is due to a great extent to our inflated currency. Twenty years ago, the cost of living was comparatively low, yet the per capita wealth of the entire country was only \$17. Today it is \$47, nearly two and a half times more. Therefore, since dollars have become much more plentiful, buying value has decreased. Under this system, says Esq. Simpson, it is the man with a stated income who suffers.

Onions, heretofore the most common of commodities, have become so scarce that they are now being sold by the pound instead of by the peck or the bushel. Mr. Claude Bruner was around street Saturday afternoon with a little old red onion, which wouldn't hardly furnish a square meal with a loaf of bread thrown in, that was worth a nickel. Mr. Bruner said that he received letters Friday from two reliable Richmond firms quoting onions at \$19 a bag in car load lots. The Richmond people also notified him that the weight of the bags had been reduced from 96 pounds to 92 pounds. Yet onions only brought about \$2.55 a bag three years ago! If one had bought 1,000 bags of onions sixty days ago, before the last big advance, one would have been winner by \$16,000 if the lot had been saved until now, said Mr. Bruner.

Mr. Myers Griffin, who is ill with pneumonia at Okhoro, is reported as being considerably better this morning. He will probably recover.

The city hall was draped in mourning all day yesterday in memory of Mrs. James W. Fowler, wife of the Mayor, who died Sunday evening.

The Wesleyan Philathea class of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. C. N. Simpson, Jr. tonight at 7:30.

The bad weather kept most of the members of the Board of Agriculture away from yesterday's meeting. It was postponed. The date will be announced later.

Owing to the death of Mrs. J. W. Fowler, the regular monthly session of the Aldermen was not held last night. Important measures are slated for the meeting when it does occur.

On account of the bad weather, the play which was to have been given at Indian Tail school house, has been postponed until Friday night, March 9th. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Proceeds to go to the benefit of church affairs.

The County Commissioners failed to draw a jury for the March term of court, as they were informed that the docket was so small that a session of the court was not needed at this time. The Commissioners are empowered by a recent bill passed by the Legislature to do this, but it does not go into effect until July 1.

Cotton has gradually eased up to eighteen and a half cents on the local market. A buyer stated to The Journal that the market was very nervous, that fluctuations are liable to occur any time. Some think it is only the beginning of the rise to its former level of twenty cents, or more. A few bales are being received here at the current quotations.

Rev. J. A. Wray of Chickasha, Okla., will conduct the morning and evening services at the First Baptist church next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Wray will stop over en route to Florida, where he will hold revival services. He is a former pastor of the Miami, Fla., First Baptist church, of which Rev. John L. White, father of Rev. Lee M. White, is now pastor. Rev. Mr. Wray is a cousin of Tom, Frank and Clarence Dixon, the famous North Carolinians, and he is also a native of North Carolina.

Eastern Star Elects Officers. Saturday afternoon in the Masonic hall was annual election day with the local Eastern Star Chapter, and the following officers will serve throughout the ensuing year: Mr. C. D. Roberts, Worthy Patron; Mrs. P. H. Johnson, Worthy Matron; Mrs. A. L. Monroe, Association Worthy Matron; Miss Pat Benton, Secretary; Mrs. R. M. Benton, Treasurer; Miss Pearl Nance, Conductress; Miss Evelyn Wolfe, Association Conductress; Mrs. W. F. Benton, Chaplain; Mrs. E. G. Faust, Marshal; Mrs. S. H. Green, Organist; Mrs. Stacey Helms, First Star Point; Mrs. W. B. Love, Second Star Point; Mrs. F. H. Wolfe, Third Star Point; Mrs. E. C. McLellan, Fourth Star Point; Mrs. T. L. Crowell, Fifth Star Point; Mrs. T. C. Horton, Warden; and Mr. W. C. Wolfe, Sentinel.

The chapter began its second year Saturday, it having been organized February 4, 1916. It has had a steady growth, the organization now having over fifty members on roll with a prospect of a great increase within the next few months.

Mrs. Johnson, who was elected Worthy Matron, served in that capacity at the Pageland lodge before coming to Monroe. After the election of officers, coffee and a salad course were served.

Baptist W. M. U. Financial Report. Mrs. D. B. Snyder, Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union societies of the Union Association, makes the following report for the quarter ending Feb. 28, 1917:

W. M. U., Monroe, Christmas offering, \$75.00.  
Y. W. A., Monroe, Christmas offering, \$8.85.  
Sundays, Monroe, Christmas offering, \$17.00.  
Sunbeams, Monroe, State Missions, \$5.00.  
W. M. U., Marshville, Christmas offering, \$12.20.  
W. M. U., Marshville, Foreign Missions, \$6.95.  
W. M. U., Meadow Branch, Christmas offering, \$13.85.  
W. M. U., Meadow Branch, Foreign Missions, \$6.25.  
Sunbeams, Meadow Branch, Foreign Missions, \$1.20.  
W. M. U., Hopewell, Foreign Missions, \$2.50.  
Sunbeams, Corinth, Foreign Missions, \$1.02.  
W. M. U., Shiloh, State Missions, \$10.00.  
W. M. U., Shiloh, Christmas offering, \$15.00.  
Sunbeams, Shiloh, Christmas offering, \$3.00.  
Total, \$178.82.

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Magistrates Can Now Try All Cases. The Legislature of 1917 passed an act authorizing Justices of the Peace, residing in the corporate limits of Monroe, to issue warrants for all crimes under the criminal laws of the State not within the jurisdiction of the Recorder's court and try preliminarily and bind to the Superior Court under the law governing trials had before Justices of the Peace. The same act allows Justices of the Peace who reside in Monroe, to issue warrants for all crimes and make them returnable for trial before the Recorder.

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The following claims were ordered paid: F. M. Sutton, 90 feet of lumber for bridge on Willoughby and Davis Mine road, \$1.40; Watt Ashcraft, professional services rendered at county home, \$8.25; Monroe Hardware Co., hardware for county, \$15.47; Rodman, Clark & Co., merchandise, \$6.00; Edwards & Broughton, blank books for Clerk of Court, \$3.50; T. J. V. Broom, part salary as Farm Demonstrator, \$50.00; Lee & Lee, merchandise for county home, \$14.28; Sharp Hardware Co., hardware for county home, \$25.00; Monroe Ice & Fuel Co., coal for county home, \$108.42; Monroe Ice & Fuel Co., coal for jail, \$30.00; R. W. Lemmond, Clerk of Court, salary for February, \$150.00; F. H. Wolfe, D. C. C., salary for February, \$60.00; W. J. Pratt, service as stenographer for one day, \$5.00; W. L. Harkoy, vital statistics registration, \$11.00; W. B. Rawls, plumbing at county home, \$2.75; C. B. Gurley, plumbing at county home, \$13.80; J. W. Chaney, building bridge on Monroe and Wingate road, \$305.65.

Death of Mrs. James W. Fowler. Mrs. Julia Baucum Fowler, wife of Mayor James W. Fowler, died at 9 o'clock Sunday evening after a five weeks' lingering illness of typhoid fever, with which she suffered greatly. Her death, although a distinct shock to her many friends, was not a surprise. It was soon realized that she could survive only by a miracle, and her family quietly and sorrowfully awaited the end. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Grace Chapel, and her body was committed to the grave there by the side of other members of her family. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, assisted by Rev. W. J. Boger.

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