

Monroe and Union County Five Years Ago

Mr. H. W. Hargiss of Cary is visiting friends here a few days.

Mr. R. C. Griffin left last night for Kansas City to buy stock for E. M. Griffin and Company.

Miss Grace Austin of Wadesboro has been visiting Mrs. R. B. Hill several days.

Mr. J. G. Baucum, who has been home sick for a month, yesterday resumed his school at Hebron in West Monroe township.

Mr. A. L. Helms has gone to Chipley, Fla., to "look around" a bit.

Mr. Frank Richardson returned Saturday from Sanford, Fla.

Miss Minnie Fincher of Wolfesville jumped from a buggy last August in a runaway and sprained her ankle. She is just now able to walk without crutches.

Mr. J. N. Price of Sandy Ridge, who slipped on the ice three weeks ago and badly sprained his ankle, is now able to be out on crutches.

Miss Velma Morrow of Albemarle, on her way to attend the junior speaking at Davidson, is spending some time with her cousin, Miss Kathleen Whitfield.

Mr. W. R. Bruce of Greenville is visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Bruce of Buford township, who has pneumonia. Mrs. Bruce's sister, Mrs. J. B. Bruce of Greenville, is also visiting her.

Mr. Thos. W. Dester and family of Boston, Mass., arrived here last Tuesday and will probably make Monroe their home. Mr. Dester left this county about thirty years ago.

Many citizens of the eastern part of town were treated to a clean walk out town Sunday morning by Mr. J. H. Beckley. He had rigged up a snow plow early and before any one knew it had shoveled the snow off of several of the principal sidewalks.

Mabel Simpson, the thirteen year old daughter of Mr. J. E. Simpson of Jackson township, was badly scalded last Tuesday while carrying a tub of boiling water. The tub fell from the girl's hands and her limbs were terribly burned. There is hope for her recovery.

North Carolina, South Carolina, North Georgia, and East Tennessee, got the snow Saturday night, the deepest of the season, a blizzard, with the temperature below zero at many points visited, the northern section of the country, and rain fell in the southern.

Mr. Arthur Weir, while working at a saw mill in the lower part of Jackson township last Tuesday was caught by the saw had his right side

terribly gashed and mangled. He was taken to the hospital in Chester, S. C. Tuesday night. His injuries are dangerous. Mr. Weir is a young man and is a son of the late Mr. Tracy Weir.

Mr. Phifer Fullenwider will be married tomorrow evening at five o'clock to Miss Louise Adams of Columbia. The event will take place at the bride's home in that city and the couple will leave there at once for Monroe. Here they will arrive Thursday morning and spend a week with the groom's parents, and then leave for Martin Springs, Texas, where Mr. Fullenwider will go in practice with the New York Glants.

Mr. L. C. Bickett, who is in the wholesale grocery business at Newton, is visiting here.

Mr. Homer Benton, who is practicing law in Statesville, is visiting his mother, Mrs. O. G. Lowder.

Col. W. R. Henry, the ex-Populist statesman, who used to speak in these parts for a half day at the time is spending the day in town. Mr. Henry now lives in Charlotte and is a local Republican politician.

Dr. Watt Ashcraft spent last week in the stock section of Virginia, visiting several small towns and county communities famous for good horses. He bought a lousy horse for himself.

Mr. B. F. Lounsbury, sales manager of the Piedmont Buggy Company, who lives in Mrs. Davis Armfield's house on South Church street, had an experience Saturday night he will not soon forget. It was the explosion of an oil stove in a second floor bedroom, and the eminent danger of a total loss of property, if not of life, and last but not least the jumping out of a second story window during the wild snow storm of that night. About nine o'clock Mr. Lounsbury went up and lighted his oil stove and left the room to get warm, at ten he heard the baby in the adjoining room cry and went up to see about it and found smoke. On entering the room where he had left the stove, he found the floor, the bed, the stove and the bureau in flames. He snatched up the stove and threw it through the window. Then he got a blanket and put out the fire in other places. Then he found himself on fire and he jumped out the window and rolled in the snow till he himself was safe. He was in a dangerous place and only quick thinking and quicker action saved the day. Fortunately Mr. Lounsbury himself was not seriously hurt, and the property damage was not great.

Copy of First Edition of "Monroe Register" Found

It is Twenty-Eight Years Old, Being Dated October 3, 1889.

UNDERWOOD AND BEASLEY PUBS

The Register Was Short-Lived, As It Was Involved in Several Trades.

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When Charlotte Paper Suspended Publication, W. C. Wolfe Bought Press

While ransacking an old desk the other day, one of the members of the Journal force came across a copy of the first edition of the Monroe Register, a weekly paper which was established here Oct. 3, 1889, by G. M. Beasley, now one of the proprietors of The Journal, and the late M. A. Underwood. Inquiry revealed the fact that the life of The Register was of short duration, as it was mixed up in a lot of newspaper trades involving the late Watt Boykin, E. W. Pointer, W. C. Wolfe and M. A. Underwood.

The Register was printed on the old Charlotte Observer press, which was bought by Mr. W. C. Wolfe when that paper suspended publication for a while. He brought the outfit to Monroe, and sold it to Messrs. Underwood and Beasley. Some of the remains of the old outfit can probably be found in a half dozen print shops scattered over this section.

In its salutary. The Register spoke like a young politician, enthusiastic and overzealous to serve the state and community, for it says: "The Register has but few promises to make. Its guiding stars will be right and justice, and it will endeavor to follow where they may lead, regardless of consequences. It does not expect to please everybody, but will endeavor to present its views in such a manner as to avoid offense to any fair-minded man, even though he may entertain contrary opinions."

The then young proprietors, and editors of The Register evidently had no wonderful dreams of securing a State-wide circulation, judging by the following extract from the salutatory: "It will be essentially a Union county paper, and will at all times be found ready to do all in its power to advance the interests of the people of the entire county."

Politics was the salvation of many newspapers in those days, and on this phase of the newspaper policy, The Register said: "In politics we believe in and will advocate the principles of Democracy, but reserve the privilege of criticizing and condemning all measures we may consider detrimental to the interests of the people, no matter from what source they may originate."

Wedding gossip is still indulged in by newspapers of today, just like The Register, which said in its "Registered Briefs" column: "Madam Rumor says several weddings will occur in Monroe in the near future." It also boasted home merchants like the enterprising merchants of today, in the following item: "The Register will reach thousands of readers this week, and it extends a cordial invitation to each and every one to come to Monroe to do their fall trading. Our merchants are clever, reliable gentlemen, have large stocks from which to make selections, and goods are sold at the lowest living prices. Don't take our word for it, but come and see for yourself."

When the farmers of today, who have utilized modern farming methods to a large extent, remember the methods carried on twenty and thirty years ago, they usually smile. But, according to The Register, improvements were even noted in that day. In this respect, it said: "Union county is essentially an agricultural county, and it affords The Register a great deal of pleasure to note the great progress that has been made in farming of late years. The improved methods of cultivation, the many handsome and comfortable country residences and numerous other improvements proclaim the fact that our people have fallen into line and are marching in the ranks of progress and improvement. And the end is not yet; The Register wants to see the day when every farm in Union every farmer will be free from debt and mortgages and when every boy and girl will have a good, practical education. Let us all go to work and strive for still grander achievements in the future than we have yet attained."

Some of the items in the personal and local column, which will probably be of interest to many of The Journal's older readers, are: D. B. Wolfe of Charlotte spent last Sunday in Monroe; W. L. Wolfe has returned from a visit to Rutherfordton; Lee Howie is now with Stevens & Phifer; Dr. E. R. Burris of Rocky River was in town yesterday; Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. King have been visiting relatives in Kershaw county; Misses Nannie and Bessie Everett of Rockingham are visiting Mrs. John Crow; Mrs. H. C. Dockery and children of Rockingham are visiting Mrs. John Crow; Miss Ida Harkey has been visiting friends in and around Matthews; Miss Lizzie Bell of Lancaster county is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John R. Simpson; Sandy McClelland was kicked by a horse a few days ago, but is able to be out; R. H. Wilson, one of the most popular young men in Monroe, left a few days ago on a Texas prospecting trip; D. B. Heath has been in Lancaster looking after his farming interests; J. A. Marshall, one of Wadesboro's clever business men, was in Monroe a few days ago; J. E. W. Austin has been in Chesterfield county on a business trip for a few days; Ben Hasty has taken a position in the Stewart House and is well qualified for the work; Miss Maggie Howie, who has been spending the summer at Blowing Rock, returned home a few days ago; Frank Thomas has a position at the New York Racket, and will be pleased to have his friends call on him; Rev. G. W. Bell passed through Monroe yesterday of his way to visit his father in this county; Miss Kate Simpson, daughter of Esq. C. N. Simpson, left Tuesday to enter Gaston college, Dallas; Will McClarty, formerly with

Shute & Sons, has accepted a position in the clothing house of George S. Lee; J. M. Fairley returned a few days ago from a business trip to the eastern part of the State and South Carolina; W. A. Chaney of Monroe township is now with A. C. Johnson, and will be glad to see his friends in his new quarters; S. W. Bennett is again at his old post in the store of Simpson, Williams & Co.; W. W. Walsh has accepted a position in the new store of Shute & Sons; A. W. Klutz of the Chester Racket store, was in town yesterday and will in the future be made happy by the weekly visits of The Register; Abijah Howie of Goose Creek is now with the popular firm of Heath & Williamson; Miss Lizzie Simpson, a most estimable young lady of our town, has gone to Waxhaw to take charge of McCain Brothers' millinery department; Nina Adams has been compelled on account of trouble with her eyes, to return from Greensboro college, and will, in a week or so, go to Baltimore for treatment; D. B. Heath says he has been too busy opening and marking his mammoth stock of fall goods to set up an advertisement for The Register this week, but will tell readers of some startling bargains in future issues; Mr. W. H. Bell of the New York Racket, after spending three weeks in New York, buying goods for his fall trade, returned Monday and is once more shedding his genial countenance on his many friends and customers."

Among the advertisers were: Monroe High School, A. S. Morrison, Dr. S. L. Montgomery, Dr. W. B. Houston, Heath & Williamson, J. Shute & Sons, J. R. English & Co., Dry & Co., A. T. Latta, J. D. Parker, W. H. Fitzgerald, Dr. J. W. Stevenson, Dr. W. C. Ramsey, J. J. Vann, Union Institute, New York Racket, C. W. Bruner, and W. S. Nelson.

War, School Boards, the Negro and Ben Tillman.

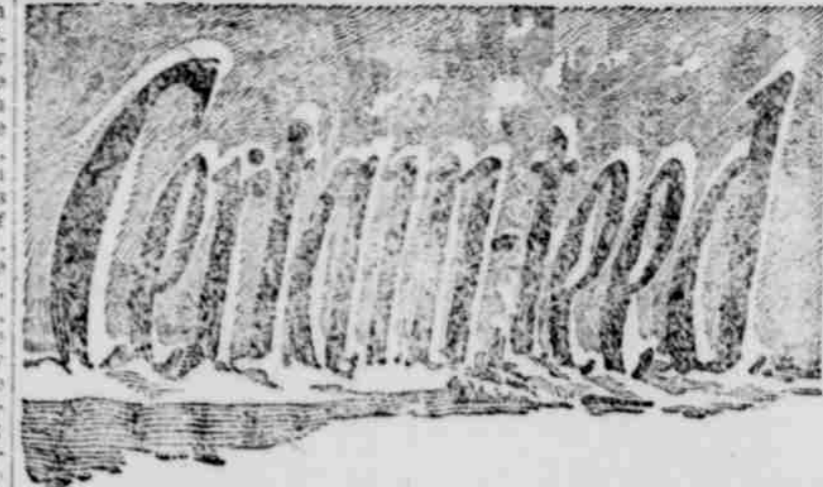
Mr. T. C. Eubanks, who lives in the Trinity section of grand old Buford, got hemmed around a fire by rain last Saturday long enough to give The Journal reporter his opinion on Germany and war, and the election of school boards by the people; ending by telling a yarn on the South Carolina negro would-be voter and Ben Tillman.

The gentleman from Buford is a rather interesting talker. He proved by his conversation that he keeps up with current events, from township news to the international situation. He thinks that war with Germany is now inevitable, consequently, he thinks the quicker we roll up our sleeves and go after it, the better for all concerned. He sorter agrees with Mr. Parker that we might be left out in the cold to fight Germany alone if we don't swing in line with the allies and help finish. Mr. Eubanks hasn't much of an opinion of the way President Wilson handled the Mexican situation. Of course he is glad we didn't have to fight, but he couldn't see any good of sending the militia down to the border unless Uncle Sam wanted to spend a little of his money, thereby furnishing a free trip and a little excitement to the boys.

Mr. Eubanks is a little disappointed in the legislature for not giving the people the right of electing their school boards. Of course, as he said, Messrs. Price and Beasley did their best, but politics were against them. The compromise bill amounts to about the same as nothing, but that kind of compromise doesn't hit Mr. Eubanks in the right spot. He thinks the Republicans ought to have the right to elect their school boards the same as the Democrats. There are as good Republicans as Democrats, and their politics shouldn't hinder them from sharing in the operation and responsibility of our school system. The principle is the important thing to Mr. Eubanks. Our present school board and superintendent are all right, he said, and the chances are they will be elected at the polls. It is a question entirely of rule by the people.

When the inevitable negro question came up Mr. Eubanks told about a negro going before a South Carolina Registrar to have his name put down on the election books. The judge handed him a Bible, opening it at one of the chapters in which mention was made of the Supreme Being, and told him to read it. The negro read it pretty well. The judge didn't want that negro's name to go on the books, so he asked him to tell him who the Supreme Being was. The negro scratched his head. "Boss, I tells you, I don't know who it might be, 'less its Ben Tillman."

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