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RESTIVO, GIFTED ACCORDIONIST, AT THE BRU-NEL THIS WEEK.

New Auto Concern For Monroe.
The Carolina Auto Sales Company is the name of a new company that will operate with headquarters here. The company is composed of Messrs. Horace Neal, Hasty Fletcher and P. H. Cristie. They will handle "Interstate" automobiles. Salesrooms and offices will be secured in the buildings now in the process of construction on Main street.

The "Interstate" is a car of established reputation, but it is comparatively unknown in this section because it has not been pushed. The new company will distribute it in North and South Carolina. They expect to receive a car load about the latter part of the week.

Marriage Announced at Marshville.
Correspondence of The Journal.

Marshville, June 5.—Quite a good deal of comment has been heard on our streets over the secret marriage of Miss Violet Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Moore, and Mr. John Green, who announced their marriage this past week. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Shaw in Monroe Thursday afternoon, January 11, and they kept it secret. Mrs. Green has served the public for some time as telephone operator at this place, and her efficiency and courtesy are unquestionable. Mr. Green is a son of Mr. Tom Green of Fairfield, and is in the cafe and livery business at this place. Their many friends wish them a happy, useful life.

Mr. Wm. McBride, who holds a position in Southern Railroad shops at Macon, Ga., is visiting his home folks for a few days.

Miss Mamie Lemmond of Monroe is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Williams.

Mr. Wm. Crepps of Rockingham is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Phifer.

Miss Wilma Stevens of Matthews is visiting Mrs. H. G. McBride—Mr. Lonnie Phifer and family and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Phifer Forded to Albemarle yesterday and spent the day.

Mr. Lee Hallman of Charlotte spent the week-end with home folks. Mrs. Seymour Taylor and Master Willard leave this morning to visit relatives in Alleghany county.

The farmers have had no criticism to make on the weather for the past few days. It surely is cotton growing weather, but extra warm for the one with the hoe, so
We thank Our Father for sunshine
For He supplies our needs again and
again;
He knoweth best our every need—
Thank Him for strength to fight the
weeds.

Administration Food Bill Passed By House.

Washington, June 23.—The administration food control bill, giving the President broad authority to control the distribution of food, feed and fuel for war purposes and appropriating \$152,500,000 for its enforcement and administration, was passed by the house late tonight after far-reaching prohibition provisions had been written into it.

The vote was 365 to five, Representatives McElmore, Slayden and Young, of Texas, Democrats, and Meeker, Missouri, and Ward, New York, republicans, voting in the negative.

The prohibition provisions adopted would prohibit the use of foodstuffs for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, and would give the President authority to take over for war purposes all liquor now on hand. They were put into the measure during the evening in committee of the whole and when the bill came up in the house proper the anti-prohibition faction did not demand that they be voted on again.

The bill now goes to the senate, where it probably will be substituted early next week for a similar measure already under consideration. Leaders hope to get the measure to conference by July 1.

Few important changes were made by the house outside the prohibition section. The control powers of the President were limited to articles specifically mentioned in the bill instead of giving him blanket authority; voluntary aids in control work were made subject to the penal provision; all persons in the food administration except those serving without compensation were placed under civil service, and the President was required to make an annual report on the operation of the bill.

Dissolution of Council of Empire Declared For.

Petrograd, June 23.—Dissolution of the council of the empire is declared for in a resolution passed today by the pan-Russian congress of councils of deputies of soldiers and workmen, after profound debate. The elimination of the дума also is asked.

All Records Broken by May Imports.
Washington, June 23.—American imports in May of \$281,000,000 reached the highest total of any month in the history of American commerce. Exports of \$551,000,000 showed a gain of \$21,000,000 over April.

Both imports and exports for the twelve months ending with May set new yearly records, imports being valued at \$2,600,000,000 and exports at \$6,183,000,000.

Burlap is high and scarce, therefore we are buying all the good second hand bags we can get for next season. It will pay you to save them and see us.—Monroe Oil Mill.

Chamber of Commerce News.
(By Secretary Scott.)

The Secretary of the Chamber has been appointed County Secretary for Union county by the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture. This estimate of crops in the county is sent to Washington at various times and is of great value to the government in its work, and the Secretary sincerely hopes that the various gentlemen in the county who are called upon for this information will fill in the blanks that are sent them and return them promptly. A self addressed envelope is in each letter and no postage is required, only a few minutes of your time.

The Chamber of Commerce's rest room in the court house is beyond doubt the most popular spot in Monroe on Saturdays. There were over one hundred visitors last Saturday in the room. The room is fitted up nicely for the ladies and their children from the county and they will always receive a hearty welcome. There is a matron in charge and they can leave their children while they go shopping in charge of the matron.

The Chamber had an interesting visitor Saturday. Mr. Ira B. Mullis, an old Union county citizen, who is now road engineer of the State Highway Commission, called and requested the writer to file application with the commission for some of the money appropriated by the Federal government for good roads. Mr. Mullis explained in detail how money can be secured from the government for work on the Wilmington-Charlotte highway and the Chamber will immediately take steps to secure the money. Union county is way behind in good roads and if we can secure the help of the Road Commissioners of Monroe and Vance townships there should be no reason why the money cannot be gotten and a fine road built from Wingate to the Mecklenburg line. A committee to be appointed by the Chamber will confer with the road commissioners this week and explain the matter to them and ask for their support, for if Monroe and Vance townships want good roads now is the appointed time for the aid offered by the Federal government is most liberal.

Program of Union Meeting.

The Union Meeting of the Union Baptist Association will be held at Oak Grove on Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28. The following is the program:

Saturday—11:00 a. m., Introductory sermon by Rev. K. W. Hogan, Waxhaw, N. C. Dinner.

1:00 p. m., Organization and reports from the churches.

2:00 p. m., Are We Ready for Our Revivals? Rev. A. Marsh and Rev. R. M. Haigler.

3:00 p. m., Have We Enough Doctrinal Preaching Today? Rev. E. C. Snyder, Rev. A. C. Davis and Rev. J. A. Bivens.

Saturday—9:30 a. m., Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. S. Simpson.

10:00 a. m., Ought We to be Concerned About the Great War? Rev. John A. Wray and Hon. R. F. Beasley.

11:00 a. m., Is the Missionary Spirit Growing in Our Churches? Rev. M. D. L. Preslar, Rev. K. W. Hogan and Rev. R. M. Haigler.

1:00 p. m., Miscellaneous business.

1:30 p. m., Do We Need a Revival of Religion in the Union Association? Rev. E. C. Snyder and Rev. A. Marsh.

2:00 p. m., Should the Pastor's Salary Go Unpaid Till Fall? Are We Paying Our Pastors Sufficient Salary to Enable Them to Meet the High Cost of Living? Messrs. B. C. Ashcraft, J. G. Carroll, B. H. Griffin, C. J. Braswell, and Baxter Gordon.

Let every church in the association appoint delegates and see to it that they attend.—C. J. Black, for Committee.

Committee of the Red Cross.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Monroe Chapter of the Red Cross was held Saturday evening, June 23rd. A total membership of 115 was reported, seven of whom are life members.

Mrs. W. A. Lane was appointed chairman of the committee on supplies, to appoint two others to serve with her. This committee is to take full charge of the making of supplies to send to headquarters for distribution at the front. There are many things such as sheets, pillowcases, hospital garments, doctors' and nurses' aprons, etc. which can be made without special instruction by a Red Cross nurse. This instruction is required before surgical dressings are accepted from a local chapter. For this reason it is deemed best for our organization to specialize on the supplies mentioned above, which are urgently needed and which we can begin work on immediately. If you are willing to help with any of this work do not wait to be asked, but notify the committee at once.

Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft and Mrs. D. B. Snyder were appointed as a materials committee. Anyone desiring to purchase any materials or money for purchasing them will please see Mrs. Ashcraft of Mrs. Snyder.

Mrs. A. M. Secret was elected associate secretary, to take full charge of the secretarial work of the organization for the summer.—Secretary.

Presbyterian Church.

10:00 a. m., Sunday school (Barium day).

11:00 a. m., The Lord's Supper. The Session will meet immediately after Sunday school to receive any into the membership of the church who may desire to come, either by letter or upon confession.—Reporter.

Banker Blakeney's Speech.
(From the Charlotte Observer.)

In another part of today's paper we are printing the address of retiring president W. S. Blakeney of the Bank of Union at the recent meeting of the North Carolina Bankers' Association at Wrightsville. It is a fact, as Mr. Blakeney sets forth, that the banking institutions have been called upon to make heavy sacrifices in the interest of a country at war, and it is encouraging to know that in the face of reduced profits necessitated by these sacrifices they are showing decided gains in resources over any period in their history. He gave an excellent report of resources of the state banks, and in doing so brought out the surprising fact that the resources of the North Carolina State banks "now exceed the great State of Virginia by over three million." Mr. Blakeney has decided views on the State banks and the Federal Reserve system, advocating the bringing of all banks "into one system, satisfied, solidified, unified and utilized to the very utmost." Such a system, he believes, would "bring confidence to depositors, bring out the miser's gold from hiding, and the Federal Reserve banks, by reason of their expansive powers, would become the admiration of the world."

Mr. Blakeney's deliverance on the question of the par clearance feature of the Federal Reserve act, in which there lurks punishment of many bankers for the sins of the few, is decided, yet conservative. There is no reason why banks should not be allowed compensation for making remittances, just as express companies and the government, itself, are privileged. The inconsistency in a policy which would require the banks to go to the time, trouble and expense of transferring funds from one part of the country to another without compensation, when the government and the express companies are given that privilege, is apparent. Manifestly, Mr. Blakeney's view that the provision proposed by congress is "too radical," is correct.

Country Much in Need of Aviators.

Washington, June 24.—The government wants aviators and needs them badly, the committee on public information announced today in a summary of what already has been accomplished in preparation for the great air service program now being mapped out.

Eight hundred men are now enrolled in preliminary instruction schools, and the influx continues at the rate of 200 a week. After August 25, the government expects to graduate 200 students weekly into the advanced flying fields. It is expected that 1,408 men will be actually flying by September 8.

We want all the burlap cotton seed meal bags we can get, and will buy good sound cotton bags. Prices from three to five cents.—Monroe Oil Mill.

It is too late now to talk about increasing food production. The task before us is to make what we have and what we are now raising go just as far as possible.

LAND SALE

By virtue of a power in the last Will and Testament of Jacob Thomas, deceased, the undersigned will, on Saturday, the 14th day of July, 1917, at 12 o'clock M., in Union county, Monroe, N. C., expose to public sale to the highest bidder the following described real estate:

Lying in New Salem township, adjoining the lands of Thomas Brewer, Charles Turner and other, and bounded as follows:

First Tract—A certain tract or parcel of land in the county of Union lying on the little water branch, beginning at a red oak, post oak and pine pointers and runs N. 29 E. 32 chs. and 50 links to a red oak, Jacob Gurley's line, thence N. 70 E. 31 chs. to a post oak; thence S. 32 chs. and 50 links to a pine with two hickories and black oak pointers; thence S. 70 W. 31 chs. to the beginning, containing one hundred acres, more or less.

Second Tract—A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Union and state of N. C., beginning at a stake by three post oak pointers near a small drea in David Gurley's corner and runs N. 28 E. 10 chains and 75.1 to a red oak; three red oak pointers in John R. Thomas' corner; thence S. 19 E. 30 chs. to a red oak and two red oak pointers; thence N. 71 E. 26 chs. to a small pine and red oak pointers in a line of a three hundred acre survey granted to John Beasley, A. D. 1812; thence S. 1 1-2 E. 10 chains and 25 links to a stake, white oak, red oak, post oak pointers; thence 89 1-2 W. 29 chains and 90 links to a stake in the edge of a field; thence S. 31 W. 3 chains and 80 links to David Gurley's corner by one red oak pointer; thence S. 39 W. 8 chains and 25 links to a white oak, pine and spanish oak in Gurley's corner; thence N. 3 W. 32 chains and 40 links to the beginning, containing eighty-six acres of land, and the two tracts containing 185 acres, more or less, excepting a few acres previously sold off to Thos. Brewer and Oliver Sinclair.

This is a re-sale on account of a raised bid of 5 per cent having been placed on said property. Bidding will begin at \$2,274.25. This is the last sale.

Terms of Sale: 1-3 cash, balance 1st of January, 1918, deferred payments to be secured by endorsed note and retention of title.

This 25th day of June, 1917.

W. HOSEA THOMAS,

Executor of Jacob Thomas, deceased, Stack & Parker, Attys.

SKETCHES
By JOHN BEASLEY.

Dr. Stewart and the late Mr. Cull Curlee were among the pioneer prohibitionists in this county. They worked hard for the cause, and they saw their efforts rewarded in 1903 by the State going dry. The other prohibitionists may have forgotten the part these two played in the game, but not the boozers. For years after prohibition went into effect, so it is said, Monroe imbibers, on going to Chester to get a dram from the dispensary, would either sign their names on the record as "H. D. Stewart," or "Cull Curlee." It was but a short time, it is said, before the names of these two gentlemen occurred on several hundred pages of the dispensary record. Neither, of course, had ever received a drop!

A Monroe youth was telling about the time he received the worst scare of his life. He had been hibernating around over by the round house, when he received his scare. "Why man," he said, "I was so frightened that I ran across Shute's pond without sinking ankle deep!"

Those who saw the petition to abolish the quart law that was circulated in this county several months ago were surprised to notice the name of a well-known whiskey drinker on it. I noticed it, and meeting the man on the street one day, I inquired if he had stopped drinking. "No," he replied, "why?" "Well," I explained, "I saw your name on the petition urging the abolishment of the quart law." "Oh," he said, with a flash of his eyes, "I'm fighting booze both ways!"

Zeb Green was telling me the other day about an interesting cotton bet between a New Orleans speculator and a New York gambler. Along about the first part of the year, he said, the New Orleans man bet the New York man \$10,000 that cotton would bring 25 cents before July 1, and another \$10,000 that it would bring 30 cents by Jan. 1, 1918. The New Orleans man has already won the \$10,000 bet, and his prospects for winning the other \$10,000 are bright. I think every man in Union county, unless it is some of those who have sold their next crop for delivery at 24 cents, are with me in wishing that the New Orleans man wins the other \$10,000.

Unusual, but sometimes true, guesses are often made about cotton. Take the case of W. P. Houseal, the Columbia "Dutch Weather Prophet." In 1906, ten years ago, he prophesied that on account of a world crisis in 1916-1917, there would be a great demand for cotton held by the United States, and that this commodity would fetch at this time 25 cents a pound. His friends laughed at the idea, which seemed preposterous, considering the then existing price of cotton. Last November Houseal bought 37 bales of cotton at Newberry, paying for it on a basis of 18 cents a pound. Soon afterwards the price went up to 21 cents. Still he held on to his purchase. Then it dropped to 15 cents, but he did not become discouraged. Last Saturday he sold his cotton for 25.8 a pound, which yielded him a profit of nearly a \$1000.

The average man when reaching forty, is about ready to retire. This habit, and it seems to be almost universal, robs the world of many good deeds. Rev. L. M. White, when pastor of the First Baptist church here, used to preach an occasional sermon along this line. He couldn't understand why more men do not devote their evenings to study in an effort to acquire knowledge that would be of so much benefit to them in their daily battles. He seemed to think that a man reached the prime of life only in the forties.

How different is the average man's life than that of Cecil Rhodes! No Roman Emperor ever won more territory than Rhodes brought under his native British flag, yet at the age of 49, with this record of empire building behind him, his last words as he lay dying were these:

"So little done, so much to do!"

Put Up the Fruit Now

Half Pint Jelly Glasses at 30 cents per dozen.

E. Z. Seal Round Fruit Jars, Quart Sizes, \$1.00 per dozen.

E. Z. Seal Square Glass Fruit Jars, Quart Sizes, \$1.25 per dozen.

Jar caps at 25 and 30 cents per dozen.

Rubbers at 5 and 10 cents per dozen.

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