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### Local and Personal.

—There will be services at the Presbyterian church at Unionville Sunday at 11 a. and 8 p. m.

—Mrs. A. M. Henderson of Raleigh will arrive tonight to visit Mrs. J. E. Henderson.

—Miss Olive Abernethy is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. D. Bradford, at Huntersville.

—Mrs. Charles Hamilton and children of Winston are visiting Mrs. Hamilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Secrest.

—Mr. J. W. Fowler has traded to Mr. Eugene Ashcraft for his residence on Houston street a farm on the Charlotte road not far from town.

—Services at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday as follows: 11 a. m., 8:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Everybody welcome.

—"The play, 'Too much of a good thing,' will be given at Spruce Pine School house Saturday night, July 14th. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

—Miss Elizabeth Hudson is spending some time with Miss Hannah Blair, at Rocky River Springs, who with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Blair, is spending the summer there.

—Dr. T. F. Marr, presiding elder of the Charlotte district, will preach at Central Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Quarterly Conference will meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

—The following services will be held in the Presbyterian church Sunday, July 8: 10 a. m., Sunday school, 11 a. m., worship and sermon. Offering in Sunday school for Synod's Home Missions.

—Mr. H. G. Nash and family and Miss Wincie Harris returned yesterday from an automobile trip to Bishopville, Georgetown, Charleston, and back by way of Columbia. Mr. Nash says that nearly everywhere he went the crops are good, much better than they are in this section.

—Mr. Hargrove Bowles has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Monroe township by Governor Blackett. Squire bowles is anxious to try his hand on tying the matrimonial knot, and can be found at the Bank of Union or at his home, 300 south Jefferson street.

—Mr. Karl Bicknell, well-known to many Monroe people, was killed Wednesday night when the car in which he was riding with two other persons ran off and embankment near Rutherfordton. He was killed instantly. The other parties were slightly injured. They were on their way to Hendersonville.

—Mr. Paul Stegall is now the champion horse-shoer of the county, and perhaps the whole country. On last Saturday he smashed all previous records by putting on 60 pairs of shoes. The record heretofore, it is said, has been 45 pairs. Mr. Stegall worked 11 hours Saturday, and he certainly hustled.

—Mr. W. B. Bell has resigned as secretary and treasurer of the Jackson cotton mill. Mr. C. W. Walton, who has been with the Manetta Mills, Lando, S. C., succeeds him. Mr. Bell has been with the Jackson mill people for four years, and during that time he has made many friends in Monroe. He has not announced his future plans.

—Although Monroe was unable to stage the annual fourth of July celebration on account of the streets being torn up, we had the usual weather that has invariably accompanied the big day in years gone by. Mr. T. P. Dillon, who has had charge of the celebration for over twenty years, couldn't let the day pass by without some form of celebration. He placed a big United States flag over the front of his store, which reminded that Wednesday was the birthday of American Independence.

—After an illness of seven months, Mr. Mark L. Presson died Wednesday night at 10 o'clock at his home in Lanes Creek township. He was 29 years old. Funeral services were conducted Thursday by Rev. Mr. Lattimore, and interment was at Beulah, with Woodmen honors. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was one of the leaders in his community. He was honest and square in all his dealings, and won the respect of his fellow-citizens. He was a son of the late H. S. Presson. He is survived by his wife and two small children. The following brothers and sisters also survive him: Messrs. R. F. Presson, T. S. Presson, J. B. Presson, Henry M. Presson, Z. B. Presson, N. C. Presson, and Mrs. Florence Preisler. Mr. J. H. Presson is a half-brother of the deceased.

—The fourth of July did not pass unnoticed in Union county. There was a big celebration at the home of Mr. Cam Turner, who lives seven miles from Monroe on the Lancaster road. A big supper was served in the Woodmen hall near his home, and speeches were made by several. Mr. W. B. Love made the principal address, and reports state that it was a good one. Mr. A. C. Penager introduced Mr. Love. Mr. Turner makes it a yearly custom to have a big gathering at his home along about the fourth of July. People enjoy these affairs, and are beginning to look forward to them. Mr. Turner certainly has a modern farm, and a beautiful home with all modern improvements, such as water, lights and bath. And he also has an orchard that is hard to beat anywhere. Besides having apple trees galore, he has all kinds of peach, plum, pear and cherry trees. The orchard numbers about a thousand trees in all.

### MR. MARTIN'S COW KILLED BY LIGHTNING DURING STORM

It Was Valued at About Thirty Dollars—Young Man Suffering With Cut Foot—Reece Helms Taken to Charlotte Hospital.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Monroe, Rt. 6, July 5. — Misses Eula May Helms and Ethel Yandle were welcomed visitors of Miss Mamie Ritch Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Freeman of Stouts vicinity spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Helms.—Mr. and Mrs. George Victory of Stouts community spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin.—Mr. and Mrs. Brady Thompson of Indian Trail spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thompson.

A cow belonging to Mr. Lonnie Martin was instantly killed by lightning last Wednesday evening during a severe electric storm which passed over this section. The cow was lying near the wire fence when found. There were several other cows in the lot during the storm, but were unharmed. Mr. Martin and wife were sitting near the door when the lightning struck nearby, and were shocked to some extent. The cow that was killed was worth about twenty-five or thirty dollars.

We regret to report that Mr. Dowd Helms has been suffering very painfully for the past week with a sore foot, caused by getting a small cut on it from a cultivator with which he was working. He has been under treatment of a physician in order to prevent blood poisoning, and we are glad that he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Vanderburg of Stouts spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Reece Helms.—Mr. and Mrs. Grady Helms of Ebenezer community spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helms of this vicinity.—Miss Malinda Watkins of Indian Trail spent Sunday with Topsy.—Miss Katherine Wentz served ice cream, lemonade and cake Saturday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Will McRorie of Stouts, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Wentz of this vicinity.—Mr. Bonnell Earnay and Mr. W. C. Helms of Indian Trail were welcomed visitors in this vicinity Sunday.—It seems like the people of this section are having a little war with "Gen. Green," but we will get the best of him after all, providing it doesn't rain too long.—Mrs. George Yandle, who has been on the sick list for the past while, is improving rapidly.

Mr. Reece Helms was taken to Charlotte last week, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Helms' father visited him recently and says he is getting along fine, and will be able to return home soon.—Topsy.

### RULES FOR EXEMPTION UNDER DRAFT ANNOUNCED TUESDAY

In Addition to 625,000 For First Army, Officers Think Others Should be Examined and Ready For Call to Colors.

Washington, July 3.—Another step was taken today toward mobilizing America's army of 500,000 men when regulations were announced for the draft examinations and exemptions. At the same time it became known that the General Staff of the Army strongly favors the selection under the first drawing of 1,500,000 fighting men. Only 625,000 men are to be called out first—an army of 500,000 and 125,000 reserves—but the army officers argue that the additional men should know in advance of the likelihood of summons to service.

One step remains to be taken before mobilization—announcement of the method of drawing, whether by jury wheel or otherwise. Army officers would like to see the machinery of draft in motion by July 15 or 20. The men probably will be called to the colors Sept. 1.

The regulations issued today prescribe more speedy work than had been expected. Three days are allowed to the local boards to make up their lists, ten days for physical examinations and ten days for hearing claims to exemption.

Those on the registration lists are not to be called alphabetically but serially. The cards turned over to the local boards are numbered consecutively as received. Within three days after this has been done notices are to be mailed to the first third of this list, requiring them to report for physical examination on the morning of the fifth day following, for the second third to report on the sixth day, and for those remaining to report on the seventh day.

To make it possible to examine the number of men who will appear in such populous communities as New York, for example, one examining physician in addition to the one who belongs to the local board is to be named, if the number to be examined on any one day shall exceed 80; two if the number exceeds 120, with others in like ratio. One member of the board other than the medical member must be present at each examination, and no member or physician may serve where the person to be examined is of nearer kin to him by blood or marriage than second cousin.

A registered man who may be absent from his home area on the day he was notified to appear must make application, supported by satisfactory proof, for examination before another board. If a registered man is ill he must give proof of this, one affidavit at least coming from a licensed physician, and in such cases the local board may require examination by one of its own physicians. Those who do not furnish such proof within ten days are to "be recorded as physically qualified for military service."

The regulations tell the circumstances in which persons may be exempted. The classes include officers of the United States and of the several States, Territories and the District of Columbia; ministers of religion, students of divinity, persons in the military or naval service of the United States, subjects of Germany residing in the United States, and all other resident aliens who have not taken out their first papers. Emphasis is laid on the fact that "the statement on the registration of any such person that exemption is claimed shall not be construed or considered as the presentation of a claim for exemption." These claims must be made in the form of affidavits, or such other evidence as may be required by the local boards, within ten days after the physical examination have been made.

Officers who may claim exemption are defined as including "any legislative, executive or judicial officer." These must name and describe the offices they hold, the dates on which they were elected or appointed, and when their terms of office expire.

Ministers who may claim exemption must be "duly ordained" or "regular." They must file affidavits "giving the name of church, religious sect or organization" in which they have been ordained or to which they belong, giving the dates of their ordination or the beginning of their ministry. Each affidavit must be accompanied by two supporting affidavits from heads of families living in the local area and belonging to the minister's church, sect or organization.

"Persons in the military or naval service of the United States" embraces those within the classes defined at the time for the registration. Germans and "all other resident aliens who have not taken out their first papers" come within the mandatory rules of exemption. With regard to the former it is added:

"No subject of German residing in the United States, whether he has taken out his first papers or not, will be accepted for service. When, in the opinion of a local board, any person called for service is a subject of Germany, whether he has or has not declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, or whether he or some other person in respect of him has or has not filed a claim of exemption, he shall be exempted and a certificate of complete exemption issued to him."

Not all exemptions allowed by the local boards will be absolute. "No exemption shall continue when a cause therefor no longer exists," the regulations declare, and when the cause ceases the certificate is to be revoked. The Provost Marshal General is empowered to name representatives who

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### RACE RIOTS NOW OVER

The Total Number Killed, Black and White, Fixed at Twenty-Eight.

East St. Louis, Ill., July 3.—Thirteen companies of national guardsmen tonight patrolled the streets of East St. Louis in an effort to prevent a recurrence of the race riots which, since yesterday morning, have resulted in a death list of twenty-nine persons, the injury of seventy-five or more and the destruction by fire of 310 negro homes covering 16 1-2 acres of ground. The entire community is terrorized by the events of the last two days and that they fear the inability of the guardsmen to cope with the situation was intimated today when the chamber of commerce demanded to know from Adjutant General Dickson why the troopers had not displayed more energy last night. Members of the chamber charge the soldiers with inefficiency bordering on cowardice, but Adjutant General Dickson explained that his force was handicapped by the small number of troops available then. The police force also was charged with negligence.

Today some of the negroes walked out of town on the railroad tracks, more crossed to the Missouri side, where all was quiet, and still others, assured of protection by the augmented force of soldiers, returned to their homes. Some, whose homes were burned, were cared for in a camp hastily arranged by the chamber of commerce.

No systematic search of the ruins was made today but fear that scores of dead might lie beneath gradually disappeared. Last night brought rumors that many bodies had been thrown into the river, but no dead were found today and by night it was doubted whether the death list would much exceed the list in the mortuaries.

One negro, badly injured, was discovered in a sewer manhole, where he was thrown after being badly beaten.

Michael Whalen, president of the Central Trade and Labor Council here, gave one explanation of conditions which he thought led to the rioting.

"Last summer," said Whalen, "4,500 white men went on strike in the packing plants of Armour & Co., Morris & Co., and Swift & Co. Eight hundred negroes from the south came into the plants as strike-breakers. When the strike ended the negroes remained at work and an equivalent number of white men failed to get their jobs back. Since then there has been a stream of negroes arriving. At least 2,500 negroes have come from the south in the last year. Many of them failed to obtain work or to hold jobs once obtained. Burglaries, highway robberies and petty crimes began. The people became exasperated and determined to drive them out of town."

Mr. Whalen said that the chief objection to the negroes was that they would not organize and would not strike. Managers of plants mentioned by Mr. Whalen asserted that not a white man had been deprived of work because of the negroes. Even with the negroes, it was difficult to get enough labor, they said. They explained that the first letters written back home by the rioters accounted for the continued influx from the south.

News that Governor Lowden was coming as well as ten additional companies of guardsmen tended to restore confidence tonight, despite a few new incendiary fires. One hundred of 193 persons arrested last night were released this afternoon. Some others were fined for carrying concealed weapons and the remainder will be arraigned tomorrow. The grand jury meets July 9. The leaders of the mobs are said to be known.

Governor Lowden and the troops from Springfield arrived at nine o'clock. The governor conferred with Adjutant General Dickson and Mayor Mollman. Later he attended a meeting of the chamber of commerce.

Thomas H. Walker, president of the Illinois federation of labor, and a member of the Illinois council of defense, also arrived.

Governor Lowden was said to be angered at criticism of the militia by members of the chamber of commerce.

Thirty-five small fires occurred tonight in small shacks. All were said to be incendiary. Fire engines were not returned to their stations at all, but were kept in the street ready for instant response. There were no other disorders. Bridges were closed to the public.

Detective Frank Wogley, who was shot Sunday night, died this evening.

The family of M. Adolphus Carpenter, living near Cherryville, Gaston county, including his mother, wife and four or five children, were all poisoned by eating cucumbers that had been gathered some time and were somewhat stale. One daughter died after eight hours of suffering despite the efforts of the doctors to save her, and other members of the family had a close call. They are certain that the trouble was caused from cucumbers for the reason that all who ate them were poisoned and those eating least were least seriously affected.

Rev. L. M. White of Shelby was here yesterday.

### AWOKE FROM NAP, STAGGERED OFF PORCH INTO RAIN BARREL

That Was the Unusual Experience of R. F. Carnes—Mules Became Frightened at Falling Wheat Bundles, and Ran Away—Other Notes.

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Monroe, Rt. 10, July 4.—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arant of Oakboro are down to spend the summer with Mrs. Arant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dempster. It will be remembered that their beautiful new home and also Mr. Arant's barber shop was recently destroyed by fire at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith of Pageland visited at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hicks of the Five Forks community visited at the home of Messrs. Jesse and Raymond Pigg Saturday night and Sunday.—Miss Arlevia Funderburk will leave in a few days for Montreat, N. C., where she will spend the summer.—Mr. and Mrs. Dock Baker of Prospect community visited at the home of Mr. Wellington Baker Saturday night and Sunday.—Mr. P. P. Arant visited at Jefferson Saturday.

Mr. L. M. Boone was very much frightened on Wednesday of last week when his mules, while hauling up wheat, became frightened at some falling bundles and ran away, throwing him off, but not seriously hurting him.

Children's Day exercises will be held at Wolf Pond Baptist church on Sunday, July eighth, beginning at ten o'clock. After the program there will be an address at eleven o'clock by Hon. W. B. Love of Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Walters, Misses Lizzie and Letitia Walters and Mrs. E. B. Lee motored down to Tabernacle church Sunday afternoon.—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Riggins of the Brown Creek section in Lanes Creek township visited at the home of Mr. L. M. Boone Sunday.—Mr. Hamp Pate who has bought a new "John Henry," says he must keep in line with his neighbors.

Mr. R. F. Carnes came near drowning several days ago. He had arisen from his afternoon nap and was standing near the edge of the porch, staggered and fell head first into a barrel of water which was near. Probably he was yet asleep and was dreaming that it was a bee-gum instead of a barrel, as he had just robbed one the night before, and is very fond of honey.

Miss Emma Graves has returned to her home in Pageland after spending some time with her brother, Mr. O. B. Graves.

Mrs. Della Helms and son, Howard, visited at Mr. J. R. Eubanks' Sunday.—Gues.

### Letter of Appreciation and Thanks to My Friends.

There is possibly no day in our life in which we should not feel grateful for our friends, and have a keen realization of the fact that our life is by no means separate, in the truest sense, from those about us; that we are at all times very dependent, and that our success depends in large measure upon others. However, there are times in our lives which forcibly impress this lesson upon us, and make us to see how miserably weak we are when left to ourselves.

The Board of Education has seen fit to entrust to me again, the important concerns of this office. I appreciate their confidence, and wish to renew my pledges to them and to all the people of the county, of my best energies of hand and heart and soul, and to my friends who asked for my services, and who gave their influence in my behalf, I would say, that I would like to thank each one of you personally, but as this would require more time than you would be willing for me to take, I have chosen this method to express to you my heart felt gratitude for this kindness.

Now, turning from the matters referred to above, to the real work which lies out before us, I want to ask your continued co-operation, that we may be able to do more efficient work than ever before. True, great progress has been made by our county, but this is not a time to cease our efforts, for "there remains yet much land to be possessed."—Yours in the work, R. N. Nisbet, County Superintendent.

### Red Cross Notes.

The use of the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital building has been donated the Red Cross chapter by the Board of Directors.

The work rooms will soon be fitted up and ready for work. We have three sewing machines and two tables donated. Now we shall need some chairs, which we hope some one shall offer.

There is much work to be done in connection with the work rooms and we do want a generous response from the ladies in this work. In the matter of service and equipment, we shall need supervisors and directors for the work rooms and we shall need your time, work and money. So give us your co-operation and help in this work, cheerfully and willingly.

The government is calling for Red Cross supplies, saying they need them now and need them badly, so lets go into this work with willing hearts and hands and a determination to do our bit.—Chairman Red Cross Supplies.

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### Revolution in China.

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### Crop Report.

Monroe, N. C. July 5, 1917.

The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sirs:—Cotton has made some progress during the past fortnight, but the prospect at this date is not very flattering. As result of normal temperatures and cultivation, the early cotton has about recovered from its mangy, scabbed appearance and is making some growth and beginning to set fruit. Reduction to stands of the last plantings, the major portion of the crop, was completed during the past week. This portion of the crop has a healthful, vigorous appearance and is growing rapidly, but its diminutive size, date July 5, suggests apprehensions such as must pervade the advance guard of a forlorn hope. The crop, as a whole, is fairly free from grass and weeds, but, of course, the cultivation and physical condition of the soil are many points below normal. No complaint as to labor or insect damage, but considerable damage to lands and cloud-bursts is reported from a number of localities in the county. Condition, based on observation and inquiry to date 60%.—Very truly yours, Geo. E. Flow.

### Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. James P. Keziah, Monroe, a son, Walter Payne, June 9th.

To Mr. and Mrs. John K. Counts, Beasley St. Monroe, a son, June 12th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joel H. Myers, Benton Heights, a son, Joel H. Jr., June 15th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adam P. House, Monroe Rt. 4, a son, Adam P. Jr., June 18th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Gurley, Monroe township, a daughter, Annie Lee, June 22nd.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. McGuirt, Monroe Rt. 3, a daughter, July 1st.—T. L. Crowell, Registrar.

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