

We are making extremely low prices on canned goods. You had better get busy and take advantage of these bargains. Don't forget our home-made kraut and molasses. We still have garden seed, cabbage plants, and sweet and Irish potatoes for planting. Vann Funderburk, One Price Cash Grocer. 5 Minutes Delivery.

Local and Personal.

—Mecklenburg Presbytery meets here the week beginning April 9th.
 —Miss Janie Sanders has accepted a position with the First National Bank.
 —Mr. J. C. McIntyre of Wingate joined the Union county War Savings "Lunit Club" yesterday.
 —Rev. C. H. Martin will preach at New Salem church Sunday at eleven and at two o'clock.
 —Mr. T. L. Crowell has originated the slogan, "Monroe Does Grow," and is using it on the city's stationery.
 —Colored teachers are urged to attend the teachers meeting in the court house next Saturday.
 —Elder H. Taylor will preach at Liberty church next Saturday and Sunday at the usual hour.
 —Mr. D. F. Newman, Seaboard machinist, has moved here from Bostic, and is occupying the J. F. Benton house on Benton Heights.
 —The U. D. C.'s will meet with Mrs. A. L. Monroe at 3:30 Friday afternoon instead of Thursday as has been previously announced.
 —Many Union county people will be interested to know that the eminently successful term of the Bolling Springs school in Cleveland county, Rev. J. W. Rowell, superintendent, will close the 29th inst.
 —The Monroe chapter U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. A. L. Monroe and Mrs. Walter Henderson Friday afternoon at 2:30. The lives of General Wade Hampton and General Braxton Bragg will be subjects for discussion.
 —There will be a meeting of the Democratic county executive committee in the courthouse here Saturday, March 22, at 2 p. m. Important business relative to the 1918 primaries and other matters will be taken up at this meeting.
 —Following are the purchasers of War Savings Stamps last week in amounts of \$100 or more: Mrs. A. M. Secrest, Janie C. Sikes, Margaret Sikes, Monroe; W. G. Long, Unionville; Olive Tucker, Unionville Rt. 1; J. Frank Duncan, Indian Trail; Miss Mary V. Griffin, Wingate.
 —Every progressive county is beginning to realize that it pays in the long run to build concrete bridges instead of the dangerous, uncertain wooden bridges. The Union county commissioners have seen the light, and have ordered a concrete bridge built over Bear Skin creek between Monroe and Ice morle.
 —The many friends of Captain J. E. Haywood will be interested to learn that he has recently been promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain. He has been stationed in Texas for the last year, but has been transferred to Camp Greene, Charlotte. Capt. Haywood is the son of Mr. Jas. W. Haywood of Stouts.
 —All those who have jam and preserves for the soldiers are requested to send their packages to the residence of Mrs. J. M. Blair before Friday. If unable to send, notify either Mrs. Blair, Mrs. F. G. Henderson or Mrs. R. F. Beasley and they will send for the packages at once. Jams and preserves are needed at the Camp Greene base hospital, and all patriotic citizens are urged to help the cause.
 —A railroad man said the other day that the town clock kept the most correct time of any clock between Atlanta and Washington. This is covering a lot of territory, but it is a known fact that the old clock keeps right up with the time sent out hourly from Washington over the Western Union telegraph line. Usually it is on the job, but an occasional freeze does put it out of commission for a few days each year.
 —The Journal, getting its information from Mr. T. J. W. Broom, stated recently that there was a big demand for cotton stains in the manufacture of ammunition. Mr. J. E. Stack, a local cotton buyer, informs us that we were in error; that stains are only used for making rope, twine and like commodities. He says that the stained staple is too short for ammunition purposes, and that this form of manufacturing requires a good grade.
 —Randolph Funderburk, a 17-year old negro with a color commonly known as "high yaller," was arrested yesterday by Officer Fowler for stealing a \$65 watch and a valuable chain from the residence of Mr. J. B. Simpson. The negro sold the articles to Mr. Stamey Helms at The W. J. Rudge Co. who upon examining the watch found that it was one that had been previously repaired for Mr. Simpson. He then phoned Mr. Simpson and asked if his watch had been stolen. Upon searching he found that it was gone. The arrest of the negro followed. This negro has been in the Recorder's court a number of times for various offenses.
 —Interest in the Wilmington to Charlotte highway is growing daily. Although nothing definite has come from the Vance road commissioners, hope is still held out from that quarter. Contrary to current opinion, the highway does not have to go through that township, but it is desired that it go this way because it is the logical route. Sentiment for the road in Vance is divided because it would only supply about one-third of the township, but the commissioners, it seems, fail to take into consideration the fact that after it is built the government keeps it up permanently. If one-third of the township's road fund is annually spent on this route, the road would be a money saver in the long run, as after the initial investment is saved, about \$200 each year would be released for work on the other roads.

STRAND Theatre, FRIDAY

Paramount presents the Incomparable Star, PAULINE FREDERICK, in

"THE HUNGRY HEART"

A play you want to be sure to see.

MONDAY

"An American Widow"

Featuring Ethel Barrymore.

Monroe's Modern Movie. **The Strand** Monroe's Modern Movie.

THEY GET DAILY PAPERS IN WAXHAW OUT SLOT MACHINE

Postmaster McCain Makes Ingenious Device That Fills Long-Felt Want —Sells Newspapers Automatically —Also Has Many Labor-Saving Inventions in Postoffice.

There are stamp and chewing gum slot machines, but Mr. J. W. McCain, Waxhaw postmaster, has made probably the only newspaper slot machine in existence today. The invention can be seen at the office of his brother, Mr. J. E. McCain, a real estate dealer, with offices in one corner of the Waxhaw postoffice building. The latter gentleman, being agent for one of the State dailies, felt the need of such a machine that would dispose of the papers without requiring any of his time. He told his brother of the need, and it wasn't but a few days before the popular Waxhaw postmaster had installed a machine that did the work without a hitch.

To get a daily paper in Waxhaw, you must go into the postoffice, and walk to the corner where Mr. J. E. McCain's office is walled off from the rest of the room. There, inserted in one of the walls, you will find a slot machine. Full directions for its operation are posted on the wall, and you go about buying your paper in this way: Insert a nickel in the slot, pull a lever slowly upward, and presto! there comes your paper. Mr. McCain isn't telling everybody how the machine works. He knows that it fills a long-felt need, and he intends having it patented. The machine is automatic, not even requiring anybody to be in the building. When the supply of papers is exhausted, the money slot automatically closes, and there's no danger of anyone being defrauded.

It is very improbable that there is another machine of its kind in the country. There would be a big de-

mand for it in small towns as well as in cities; especially in those towns which forbid Sunday paper sales. Newspapers could station the machines at various points in the city, and instead of dividing its profits with the paper venders, could get it all. It could be also used to advantage on trains and steamships on which there are no newsdealers. Mr. McCain's machine is an interesting little piece of mechanism, and does the work without fail.

In addition to making the slot machine for his brother, Mr. McCain has installed several little labor saving inventions in the postoffice. As the postoffice at Waxhaw is ill-arranged, and labor is scarce, he has little wires at his desk that will open any of the doors in the building. Thus, he is saved the trouble of getting up every now and then to open doors for patrons and rural carriers.

Instead of taking the time to calculate the zones and cost of a parcel post package, Mr. McCain turns around in his chair a little, gives an automatic zone calculator a few twists, and he has the right amount without making calculations of his own. Other labor savers include boxes to expedite the posting of rural mail.

Purely Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill White of Columbia are visiting Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Benton.

Mrs. John Adams and little daughter, Viola, have returned from a visit to relatives in Concord.

Mr. J. P. Christenbury, son of Chief Christenbury, went to a Charlotte hospital Monday where he will undergo an operation.

Misses Velma Morrow and Cordie Parker of Albemarle are the guests of Mrs. Estelle Stewart.

Mesdames Frank E. Wilson and B. B. Wood of Gaffney are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. Frank Laney.

Commends American Land Co.

I wish to commend the American Land Co., on their attitude towards the Food Administration. As has been their custom at other places they give cash and various articles of value to their customers when they have a land sale, but at Monroe they show their loyalty and patriotism to their Government by giving a combination of flour and other cereals, according to the request of the Food Administrator, as prizes. LEE GRIFFIN, Food Administrator Union County.

Big Boon For War Gardeners.

Big display of Pakro Seedtape at our store now. This is something new in the way of seed, and our patrons are urged to come and inspect the line. The seed are done up in fertilized tape, and all one has to do is lay the tape in the ground. Quick yields, and straight, beautiful rows are the results of planting Seedtape. UNION DRUG CO.

Our buyer has just returned from St. Louis, where he bought another car load of fine mules. They are getting scarce and high, and if you are going to need one this spring, it will pay you to not delay.—Powell & Lee.

New Spring Coats.

You can find your style, color and material in today's shipment of ladies' spring coats. They represent perfection and not a lady or young woman will try these coats out but will agree with us as to their merit; and the proof of the coat is in the wearing thereof, for their service is as strong as their style is perfect. Price . . . \$6.50 to \$25.00.

Ladies Suits.

In choice materials; tailored with the object in view to please. You can't fail to appreciate the superior contour of these garments.

Ladies' Neckwear.

New styles and materials, fresh with an air of spring. We shall be pleased to show these new goods.

Lee & Lee Co.

—The Leading—
 Dry Goods, Millinery, Notion, Clothing, Hat and Shoe Store in Monroe, North Carolina.

Lyceum Tickets Redcemed

All those holding Lyceum tickets can get same redemed if presented at Strand Theatre on Monday, April 1st, from one until five o'clock. No tickets honored only between these hours and on date mentioned. ONLY one day, if you fail to come you lose. Be sure and bring ticket. No money back if you fail to bring ticket.

C. N. BRUNER

STANDARD PATTERNS

ANNOUNCEMENT

We beg to announce that we have obtained the agency for the famous Standard Patterns which are always ahead in style, yet are simplest in construction and give a perfect fit.

Standard Patterns reproduce the smart styles illustrated in **The Designer** and the **Standard Quarterly**. See the very newest fashion at our Standard Pattern department.

Co-operative Mercantile Co.

THE FAMILY STORE.

The Nation's Lesson.

When you get the Banking Habit you have an asset that is of the greatest value to you.

The pocket leaks. The bank preserves your money. You learn that money grows.

This habit makes for permanence in a depositor. You feel you have a stake in the community, and you are careful of your financial standing.

This bank encourages you to get the habit of depositing your earnings. We will take your money, keep it safely, and pay it out on your check as you need it.

Get the Banking Habit. Get the habit of banking with us. We appreciate your account, be it large or small.

Bank of Union.

THE WELCOME BANK.

W. S. BLAKENEY, President. R. G. LANEY, Cashier.
 CAPITAL \$50,000.00. SURPLUS \$75,000.00.

GROCERIES at BARGAIN PRICES-----

One can 15c Van Camps Soup and one package 8c Oysterettes, both for 16c.; Porto Rico Molasses 75c per gallon; finest country packed Tomatoes 20c per can or \$2.10 per dozen; best Pink Salmon 23 cents per can or \$2.50 per doz.

LEE GRIFFIN.

I want to buy some nice fat hens and will take all your butter and eggs.