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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe

—Mr. T. J. W. Broom will speak at Macedonia Monday night in the interest of the cotton association.

—Rev. J. R. Warren has moved his family from North Monroe to the John Benton house in Benton Heights.

—Eighteen thousand nine hundred and sixty-five bales of cotton were ginned in Union county prior to Nov. 1, according to Mr. J. G. Rogers, cotton statistician. Up to this date last year only 13,975 bales had been ginned.

—Mr. W. B. Love, director of the Graham memorial fund in Union county, has been invited to attend a banquet to be given at the university at Chapel Hill on the night of Nov. 26, also on the eve of the Virginia-Carolina football game.

—The railroad union store will not be opened for business until Wednesday, Nov. 19, instead of Nov. 15, as first announced. Mr. Frank Carter, the manager, says delay in shipment of fixtures caused the change of the opening day.

—Major E. E. Harrington, having completed the sanitary survey of the town, left yesterday for Washington. He plans to return here December 1 to attend a joint session of the city aldermen and the county commissioners; at which meeting his recommendations will be acted upon.

—Local wholesale houses received about fifty barrels of sugar this morning, and after the shipment had been distributed among the merchants, there was a rush on the part of their patrons to get their small allotment after the news was circulated around that it was for sale.

—Marvin Byron Tucker, the 21-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Tucker of Benton Heights died Nov. 4. Interment was at Grace Chapel Nov. 5 and the funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. R. Warren. Byron was a bright little fellow and his parents have the sympathy of many friends.

—The New Orleans cotton future market dropped \$10 a bale Wednesday, and spot cotton here tumbled along with it from 40 1/4 to 39 cents for short staple. Thursday, however, the market regained a cent, and Monroe buyers were paying 40 cents for that day. No noticeable change occurred in the market today, the prevailing price still being 40 cents.

—Several hundred dollars will be offered in premiums at the Union county poultry show, which will be held Jan. 7, 8 and 9. The show will probably be held in the store-room next to Mr. T. P. Redwine's store. Mr. T. L. Riddle, secretary of the association, urges breeders to begin preparing their chickens for the exhibition.

—The twenty-third series of the People's Building & Loan association will close December 1, and Mr. Hargrove Bowles, secretary of the association, urges all who expect to either buy or build a home in the near future to put in their application for shares at once. The shares pay six and one-half per cent, and are non-taxable.

—Mr. W. F. Brinkley, with the district census department, was in Monroe Wednesday looking for enumerators for Union county. There are a few places vacant in the various townships and those desiring to undertake the work should write to Mr. L. A. Martin, district supervisor, at Lexington, for application blanks, or see Postmaster Winchester. This will be the last opportunity.

—In England they use small steam trucks instead of motor vehicles, says Mr. Morehead Stack, who made several trips to the old country on transports during the war. Coal is plentiful in England, and the business houses find it much more economical to use steam instead of gasoline. The steam trucks, says Mr. Stack, will pull an load that a four ton truck can carry.

—Mr. J. E. Stack received a batch of long staple cotton samples Wednesday from the son of a Union county man, Mr. Thomas R. Ashcraft, of Altheimer, Ark. The cotton, Mr. Stack said, was worth 95 cents a pound. Mr. Ashcraft's father, Mr. W. Frank Ashcraft, who left this county years ago, started on the long journey back to Union county for a visit, but his health being feeble, he was forced to give up the trip after reaching Memphis, Tenn.

—There will be a mass meeting at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Dr. Walter N. Johnson, State director of the Baptist 75 Million Dollar Campaign, will speak. It is urged that every Baptist in Monroe attend, also all of the campaign workers and members, so far as possible, of all the churches in the Union Baptist Association be present. Dr. Johnson is a magnetic speaker and has for his theme the most interesting subject among Southern Baptists today.

—Lt. Bryant Montague, after spending five days with Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Heath, returned to his home yesterday in San Antonio, Texas. Before leaving he presented Capt. Heath with a German Burgomaster pipe, which is several feet long, and the stem is in about ten sections. The pipe was bought by Mr. Montague while in service in Germany. Capt. Heath says it is quite a pleasure to smoke the German style of pipes, and is very much pleased with his gift. Lt. Montague's people are old friends of the Heath family.

In Memory of D. W. Porter.

To the Editor of The Journal:—D. W., the little five-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Porter of Goose Creek township, died last Saturday morning with diphtheria. He had been lingering for some time, but up until Monday morning before his death was able to be up and play around. And on that day the disease developed that caused his death. D. W. was a bright little fellow, one whom all loved that knew him and his smiles will never be forgotten by them. An angel came with loving care and from earth to heaven this little one conveyed. A father and mother, two brothers and two sisters and other relatives and friends are left to mourn the loss of this dear little boy. But D. W. has now joined hands in the spiritual world and is now resting in the sunlight of his loving Saviour. The little body was laid to rest in Philadelphia cemetery Sunday morning.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in his home, Which can never be filled.

Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on his gentle breast, There by his love ever shadowed, Sweetly my soul shall rest.

—A. Friend.

Swords of Honor.

(From The Youth's Companion.)

Although Congress gave General Pershing a vote of thanks and the permanent rank of general, it decided not to present him with a beautiful and costly sword of honor. That was not precisely a slight, for, though in the burst of national exultation that followed the battle of Manila, Congress voted a sword to Admiral Dewey, it has not been in the habit of honoring all its victorious commanders in that way. Neither General Grant nor General Sherman got swords from Congress, although they got them from several cities and companies of private citizens who wished to do them honor.

It is on the whole more common for cities than States to choose this method of recognizing high military distinction; that perhaps is because nations have certain highly prized decorations to bestow, whereas grateful cities have not. And so it falls out that, although General Pershing did not get a gold-mounted sword from his own country, he will not have to do without one; for the City of London has given him a very handsome blade, decorated as to the handle with diamonds and rubies, and bearing on one side, the figure of Britannia and on the other that of Liberty, together with the arms both of London and of the United States.

Paris has similarly honored the three marshals of France, Foch, Joffre and Pétain. If we may judge from the photographs, the Paris swords are handsomer and more remarkable examples of the armorer's art than General Pershing's blade; they show more originality, more grace and more imagination in their design, which will perhaps astonish any one who is acquainted with the relative merits of French and British art.

But however that may be, the four swords have this in common, that they commemorate great and historic military achievements. In the years to come they will be counted as among the most famous of weapons, although they are less weapons than symbols—symbols of courage and faith and loyalty shown in one of the crises of history. General Pershing may well be proud of his, for it is a pledge of the gratitude of a country not his own, and a symbol, too, of the cordial and general understanding re-established partly at least through his services, between two nations that were long less friendly than their common origin and institutions make them.

—Mr. G. R. Carnes of Lancaster County sold a bale of cotton to J. E. Stack & Co. for \$9 3/4 cents a pound, this morning. It weighed 454 pounds and brought a total of \$366.59.

—The state board of health requires homes, not connected with the sewerage lines, to install septic tanks, costing around \$30 to \$40 each. The aldermen, however, with the intention of eventually extending the sewer mains to all parts of the city, are considering recommending a small sanitary privy, costing about \$8, to the citizens of the town, in order to save such an enormous outlay of money. This type of a disposal tank is recommended by Major Harrington of the public health service, and is receiving favorable discussion from all parties concerned over the new health law.

—Judge W. O. Lemmond is hearing in the cases against Enoch Fincher, James Covington, and Luke Ledbetter, colored, charged with stealing cotton from Mr. Horace Neal, this afternoon. Covington, who works for Mr. Horace Neal, was driving a load of cotton from the field the other day, and Ledbetter was riding on the wagon with him. A sheet of cotton, either fell or was kicked off, and Fincher, following the wagon, picked it up, and carried it to his house. When the officers learned of the cotton being missed, they went to Enoch's house, where they found the precious staple divided into two piles. It is their opinion that Covington and Ledbetter kicked the cotton off the wagon for Enoch to pick up, with the intention of later dividing it among themselves. However, Covington claims the cotton fell off accidentally.

ARMISTICE DAY PASSED UN- NOTICED IN MARSHVILLE

Bank and One Store Closed — Budding Poet Discovered in Marshville — Book Club Entertained.

Marshville, Nov. 13.—November 11 came and passed and apparently no one here knew the difference. All business houses were running full blast except the bank and one mercantile establishment. However, deep within the hearts of many citizens there was a fond memory of that day one year ago, and the happiness and relief it brought to all. "The there was no outward demonstration at its recurrence, there was inward rejoicing that the great struggle is over, and we hope there were many prayers that the reconstruction period might soon be safely over and the world be once more established upon a normal basis.

Postmaster Fate Bivens has appointed Mr. T. O. Whitener of Troutman as assistant postmaster of this place. Mr. Whitener began work Monday.

Marshville is very proud of the fact that a budding poet has been discovered among her children. Haskel Bivens, the 11-year-old son of Mrs. Alice Bivens, has composed two poems recently which won very high praise from the school faculty as showing unusual ability in one so young. Haskel's friends and teachers are looking forward to seeing him accomplish some really serious work along this line in the future.

The Marshville high school boys played a match game of basketball with the Wingate high school Friday afternoon on the home ground. The score at the finish stood 15 to 7 in favor of the home boys. Quite a crowd of sympathizers accompanied the visitors.

Next Monday night, at the Baptist church, at 7:30 o'clock, Dr. J. D. McAllister of Tennessee, known as the "silver-tongued orator," will give his famous lecture, "The Destiny of Democracy." Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

An interesting story and song service will be given at the Presbyterian church tonight (Thursday) by Dr. Grenfell, a physician who is giving his life to mission work among the Eskimos of Labrador.

Dr. M. P. Blair is suffering from an infected wound on his arm. Dr. Stewart of Monroe was called in to see him Wednesday and performed a slight operation on the arm. Dr. Blair has been confined to bed for several days but is better now.

Mrs. G. A. Marsh of Charlotte has been spending several days this week with relatives here and at Rock Rest. Mrs. J. E. Ashcraft of Monroe left for her home Wednesday after spending several days with Mr. H. B. Marsh and family.

Mrs. Horace Harrell went to Charlotte Tuesday to be with her sister-in-law, Miss Sallie Harrell, who is recovering from an operation. Miss Harrell suffered a relapse several days ago but is not thought to be in a serious condition.

Mesdames C. B. Covington and J. S. Harrell spent Monday in Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Parker spent the week-end with friends at Sanatorium.

Mr. C. P. Moore of Statesville was here last week, the guest of relatives. Mesdames S. D. Moore and John Green White relatives in Wingate last week.

Mr. J. E. Applewhite of Portsmouth is the guest of his brother, Mr. M. E. Applewhite.

Mr. J. C. Little of Raleigh was a visitor here last week.

Mrs. Alice Bivens delightfully entertained the members of the Book Club Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Yellow chrysanthemums were used as decorations in the reception room and parlor. The Edison furnished lively music throughout the afternoon. After the exchange of books the hostess assisted by her sisters, Mesdames Loyd Green and Bascom Bailey, served sandwiches and iced tea. Visitors present were Mesdames J. Z. Green, Charlie Myers and Loyd Green.

The Marshville graded school has entirely outgrown the capacity of its building. Conditions in the school room are very crowded and Prof. Ray Funderburk, county superintendent, is already talking of building more rooms. This is a necessity which should be attended to at once in order to give the children the best advantage. Marshville made a forward step this year in installing public school music. Two teachers are employed in the music department this year, and both have their hands full.

The Jail's Welcome.

Flying over the county jail at Lawrence, Kansas, is a service flag with twenty-three silver stars on it.

Not to be outdone in patriotism by his neighboring competitors since the Kansas and Missouri troops began to arrive home, the jailer has strung this banner in red letters under the service flag and over the doorway of the jail:

Carless of Him.

Walter—"Mr. Smith's left his umbrella again. I do believe he would leave his head if it were loose." Robinson—"I dare say you're right, I heard him say only yesterday he was going to Switzerland for his lungs."

The order forbidding Americans to fraternize with Germans has been revoked in the Rhine country. And now a soldier in some cases may safely recognize his own wife if he meets her on the street.—Selected.

LOCAL LEGION POST NOW HAS NINETY-FIVE MEMBERS

Growing Rapidly — Any Ex-Serviceman is Eligible to Membership in Melvin Deese Chapter.

The local post of American Legion, called "Melvin Deese" in honor of the first Union County man to die in France, is growing by leaps and bounds; new members are enrolling daily. Any ex-service man is eligible to membership and the dues are only \$1.50 a year. Mr. Joe Hudson, Post Adjutant, now has the names of ninety-five members. They are: Russell Edgeworth, Dr. H. D. Stewart, R. L. Payne, George C. Pruett, Robt. S. Houston, Frank Redfern, John Beasley, James B. Gill, Robt. S. Howie, Sam H. Lee, John D. Futch, Jr., W. H. Williams, George L. Hart, Archie A. Levy, M. W. Williams, Louis F. Hart, Gilliam Craig, Fred E. Williams, Benj. C. Hill, Walter Jenkins, Hugh Hinde, Archie Fairley, Loftis C. Broom, Thomas Price, Joseph R. Hudson, William Baker, J. S. Deese, Richard B. Tarbough, F. O. Helms, W. E. Newell, Arthur Helms, R. M. Phifer, W. D. Craig, Andrew McKorie, T. B. Simpson, T. H. Simpson, S. E. Starnes, H. W. McWhorter, Bart C. McWhorter, W. B. Elliot, F. D. Baker, R. H. Tyson, C. A. Wingate, C. D. McQuill, P. M. Elliot, S. B. Keziah, Lloyd Garrison, Evan Hargett, J. J. Carnes, J. R. Richardson, Mach Starnes, D. J. Melton, J. S. Helms, J. G. Ducean, O. S. McWhorter, G. W. Starnes, H. E. Krumminger, C. J. Stephenson, M. J. Harkey, J. S. Price, A. B. Mills, Daniel T. Deese, Lee Grant, T. Butler Price, George W. Wentz, Frank Deese, Claud Wolfe, William H. James, Fairley B. Price, H. G. Hawfield, Thomas E. Franklin, Chas. N. Hart, Samuel J. Wentz, Jess Pressley, Eddie Carnes, Charlie Jordan, Samuel S. Wolfe, T. Olin McManus, Van Seerest, A. Morehead Stack, Fred M. Smith, J. H. Price, Chester Bonne, M. B. Haywood, R. E. Duncan, Thomas Jarmon, Henry B. Crump, Robt. L. Pressley, Francis M. Trull, Thomas Lee, Heath Lee, Robt. E. Lee, George S. Lee, Jr., Ernest S. Hamilton.

Monroe Defeats Concord.

The Monroe High School defeated the Concord High School in a clean and interesting game of football on the local gridiron last Tuesday afternoon by the score of 13 to 0.

Monroe won the toss up, and the game opened when Concord kicked off to Russell on the forty yard line, who returned the ball about ten yards. In the first few minutes of play, by constant plunges and end runs the ball was rapidly advanced to Concord's three yard line, and Monroe netted its first score when Redwine carried the ball over the goal line for a touchdown. Plyler failed to kick goal.

The visitors opened their offensive by attempting several line plunges, but failed to gain, finding the Monroe line to be almost impenetrable. Numerous forward passes were then attempted, but these were made incomplete by the brilliant work of Monroe's ends and back field. Monroe later scored after advancing the ball near Concord's goal. English carried it over and kicked goal.

The Monroe goal was never threatened. The efficient work of the entire line constantly held the visitors for downs, allowing them only one first down during the entire game. Redwine, Plyler and Fairley were the principal ground gainers for the locals, although the entire team played very creditable ball. Monroe suffered the loss of Half-back Wray, who was unable to participate in this game on account of an injured knee which he received in the game with Charlotte High School last Friday.

For Concord, the work of Gillon and Dellinger featured. The visitors also suffered the loss of left guard Pounds, who was forced to retire on account of a broken arm.

Methodist Church Notice.

Central Methodist church, Rev. John W. Moore, pastor, Sunday school, Prof. R. W. Allen, supt., at 10:30 a. m., Preaching 11:30 o'clock. Theme: "Workers with God." At 7 p. m., public worship, with sermon on "The Supreme Sacrifice." Splendid music. Strangers and visitors most welcome.

Dislikes Church.

"Why don't you attend church?" asked the minister, of a non-church-going man.

"Well, I'll tell you, sir. The first time I went to church they threw water in my face, and the second time they tied me to a woman I've had to keep up ever since."

"Yes," said the parson, "and the next time you go they'll throw dirt on you."

Inseparable.

Two fox terriers were inseparable. Then one took sick and passed away. The survivor went with the party when it buried his friend in the garden. The next day the terrier appeared disconsolate and went everywhere searching for his mate, smelling and sniffing at the little grave. Suddenly an idea seemed to strike the dog. He went to his plate of bones, selected the best and laid it on the little grave. This was kept up day after day. And then folks say we dogs don't think!

You don't have to spend any money to go to the show at the Strand theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. RFMMO Sterilized Soap wrappers will admit you free.

From The Home of Fiddling.

(From The Youth's Companion.) Some time ago The Companion printed the story of a Fiddlers' Convention in Atlanta, attended by musicians from nearly every part of the hill country of Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas. A reader in Kosciusko, Miss., promptly wrote us about a similar festival that is held annually in his town. He writes that seventy-five notable fiddlers attended the last convention, and that nearly three thousand people came to listen. The contest was not over until two o'clock in the morning.

One man, he writes, had a beard forty-two inches long; another had seven sets of rattlesnakes rattles on his bow and several others inside his fiddle. One man produced a most wonderful bray with his bow while playing the celebrated "Whoa Mule piece"; another played a wonderful Indian war-whoop tune. One man turned up with a priceless Stradivarius; another, with a magnificent instrument that was one hundred and thirty years old.

Among the favorite pieces played by the self-taught artists are these: "Rocky Road to Alabama," "Cotton-Eyed Joe," "Arkansas Traveler," "Shoran's Bread," "Sold My Hoss in Tennessee," "Billy in the Low Ground," "Peckerwood on the Post-Oak Tree," "Old Dan Tucker," "Rooster Crowing on Sourwood Mountain," "Raise Big Taters in Sandy Land," "Eighth of January," "The Walls of Jericho," "Leather Britches," "Whoa, Mule, I Can't Git the Briddle On," "Hop Light, Ladies," "Your Cake's All Dough," "Possum in the Simmon Tree," "Ham and Gravy," "Run, Nigger, Run," "Shucking Out Nubbins," "Rozum the Bow," and that wonderful composition known to the world as "Mississippi Sawyer."

At the last contest, said the programme of the festival, W. G. Fowler, "said to be the most soope and artistic strawbeater in Mississippi," executed the famous double tremolo-fiddle movement, while Bob Ward confined himself to the strictly legitimate eight and hurricane technique. Partisans will see the merits of these decided, as one of the new judges is a specialist upon straw beating, and expert judgment by an authority will be available." There is no space here to go into an explanation of the ancient practice of "straw beating," but at another time we may have something to say about the technique of that lively art.

The festival is made the occasion of a Trading Day and "Hoss Swappers' Convention. To quote again from the announcement of the contest: "One fellow from Bolatasha has already bragged his brags that he will come to Kosciusko with a plug of a hoss, trade critters twenty times, and ride the same hoss back home with thirty dollars clear gain in his pocket. A man from Zilpha Creek is coming to sell a good bridle and will throw in a hoss, and he expects to banter the Bolatasha fellow for a trade."

A Pleasing Variety.

(From The Youth's Companion.) A well-known society woman wrote to Paderewski for "a lock of hair." This is the reply she received from his secretary: "Dear Madam: M. Paderewski directs me to say that it affords him most pleasure to comply with your request. You failed to specify whose hair you desire, so he sends you samples of his cook, his chauffeur, his gardener, and a few strands from the mattress belonging to Mr. Pullman, owner of the coach in which he traveled while in America."

Sowing Grain on Route Six.

Monroe R. 6, Nov. 13.—Farmers are about done gathering their crops and sowing small grain is now the order of the day.

Mr. G. F. Horn has sold his place near Bakers to his brother, Mr. B. A. Horn of Lanes Creek township. Mr. Horn is one of our best farmers as well as neighbors and we regret very much to give him up. He has let yet decided what he will do, but we trust he will cast his lot with us.

The Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Williams. A very interesting program was carried out by Miss Mary Hamilton.

Mrs. M. A. Preslar is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Polk.

Miss Martha Seerest has entered school at Wesley Chapel.

Rev. A. C. Davis preached to a large congregation Sunday on the subject of "Ownership." Mr. Davis is one of our strongest men and his preaching is attracting large crowds.

Mr. L. C. Polk is erecting a nine-room house on his farm at Bakers. Mr. N. R. Helms of Weddington is overseeing the work.

Mrs. D. B. Snyder and Miss Hattie Belk of Monroe addressed the women of the church Sunday after the preaching hour on the subject of the 75 Million Dollar campaign. Quite a number of the ladies listened to either talks which were very inspiring.

Mr. E. E. Garrison is preparing to build a six room building near the village.—Bnny Boy.

CHILDREN OF UNION COUNTY TO HAVE AN EGG SHOWER

Each School Presenting An "Egg Donation" Will Receive Junior Red Cross Certificate — Eggs Will Be Sold and Money Obtained Will Furnish Ward in Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital.

All children of the county are invited, Nov. 17-21, to an "egg shower." Bring one or more if you will to your teacher and she will give you a 1920 American Red Cross button. Each school making a donation, no matter how small, will be entitled to be a Junior Red Cross Auxiliary. Let us have an organization in every school in Union county.

Send or bring the eggs collected to Mrs. Randolph Redfern at the Monroe Hardware store Nov. 21 or 22, with name of school, township, principal and number of pupils, and receive a certificate suitable to hang in the school building.

Our merchants will sell the eggs for us. We want lots of eggs, so enough money can be collected for them to furnish a ward for children in the Union county (Ellen Fitzgerald) hospital.

The American children, through the Junior Red Cross helped feed, clothe, and build hospitals in the war swept countries. Now let us help the children at home that might be crippled or invalids, or lose their lives without a near-by hospital to rush to for assistance in case of an accident or affliction that might prove fatal without immediate attention.

Who will not deny themselves an egg or two to help a suffering child? A prize will be given the school making the largest average donation.—Mrs. W. J. Hudson.

Hunting Scenes, Feature of New Maurice Tourneur Picture.

Lovers of good horsemanship are given a rare treat in Maurice Tourneur's new production for Paramount-Artcraft release, "The Life Line," which will be shown at The Strand Theatre Monday. The big opening scene in the picture is an English country hunt. Scores of lords and ladies take part and ride fine looking horses, which hurdle high hedges with ease, ford deep streams, and show magnificent bursts of speed at times. They were the best bred animals that Mr. Tourneur could assemble and especially adapted for hunting purposes. The hunting scenes are but one of the features of this really fine picture. Even more spectacular are the episodes showing a raging fire in a London theatre and the thrilling rescue of the heroine by means of a breeches buoy from a ship that is being broken up by a storm on the rocks. Jack Holt, Seena Owen, Lewis Cody, Wallace Beery and other famous stars form an excellent cast.

SENATOR MARTIN IS DEAD.

Passing of Democratic Floor Leader Was a Blow to Congress.

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 12.—Thomas Staples Martin, United States senator from Virginia since 1894 and democratic majority leader in the upper house of Congress during the war, died here today, after a lingering illness. A beating heart valve was given as the immediate cause of his death, which occurred half an hour after his daughter, Miss Lucy Martin, and her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Fenton Day, had left the sick room at a hospital here. Senator Martin was 72 years old.

The senior Virginia senator was compelled to give up his senate activities last July after 24 years service, and was brought to his home near here. Later he was moved to the hospital where his condition grew rapidly worse. A few weeks ago he suffered a sinking spell which led his physicians to believe that death was only a question of a few hours, but a remarkable rally brought him to the point where he began receiving visitors, reading the daily newspapers and discussing public affairs.

His strong constitution, however, was unable to weather the continued strain and his condition again became serious Monday. Death, however, was not believed to be imminent today, and only his brother, John S. Martin, of Scottsville, Va., his physician and a nurse were in the room when the end came.

An Accident.

(From The Youth's Companion.) "Willie," said his anxious mother, "I thought I forbade your fighting any more, and now see that big scratch on your face! You've been at it again, haven't you?" "No, honestly I haven't, ma," said Willie.

"Did someone strike you?" "No, ma, I haven't been fightin'—it was an accident."

"An accident?" "Yes, you see I was sittin' on Johnny Jones, and I forgot to hold his feet."

Presbyterian Church Notes.

A cordial invitation to the following services on Sunday next: 11 a. m.—Worship and sermon. 2:30 p. m.—Sunday school. 4:30 p. m.—Evening worship. Next week is to be devoted to Assembly's Home Missions.—Reporter.

Different Lengths of Fathoms.

When sailors speak of fathoms they do not always mean the same thing. On board a man-of-war a fathom means six feet; on board a merchantman means five feet and a half; and on board a fishing vessel five feet.