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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

The Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal church will have a Christmas sale the 11, 12 and 13th of this month.

Mr. J. E. Simpson of New Salem township will soon move to Charlotte where he has bought a house and lot.

The poultry show, slated for Jan. 7, 8 and 9, will be held in the second floor of the new annex to the Seibert Motor Company, which faces Jefferson street.

Mr. T. P. Dillon is exhibiting a clock in his store which will run four hundred days on one winding. The pendulum of the clock revolves instead of swinging.

Mr. J. F. Williams has moved into the Vann Sikes house on Morris street, which he bought several weeks ago. The house has been remodeled and many conveniences and improvements added.

When the four o'clock closing rule went into effect, some of the boys working at the wholesale store of the Monroe Hardware company on Main street hung up the following sign on the front door: "We close at night on account of darkness."

Mr. John W. Smith of Spartanburg county, S. C., and Miss Annie Gertrude Smith of Kings Creek, S. C., were married last evening at 7:30 at the home of the groom's cousin, Mr. C. Sprouse of West Monroe, Rev. J. R. Warren officiating. Miss Ethel Sprouse played the wedding march. Only a few friends were present.

Contributions, both large and small, for the community Christmas tree and relief fund are invited. Checks may be left at the Journal office, or given to Mr. Frank Limerick, chairman of the committee. Contributions toward making it a happy Christmas all around. Donations will be acknowledged in this paper.

"Boss, I hates ter cause all ob dis trouble 'bout marriage, but ah needs a book," apologized John Rorie, colored, aged 62, when he entered the Register of Deeds office this morning to obtain a marriage license. John is a respected citizen of White Store township, Anson county, and owns a two hundred acre farm, valued at about \$50 an acre. His intended spouse lives in this county.

The largest sum ever paid for one bale of cotton on the Monroe market was received Wednesday by Mr. H. E. Howell, of Vance township, from Messrs. J. E. Stack & Company. His bale weighed six hundred and fifty pounds, and at 72 1/2 cents, his check amounted to \$474.81. Had he sold his seed the total receipts from this one bale would have been over \$500.

Governor Bickett refused Wednesday to pardon Claud Nance, colored, serving an indeterminate sentence of from six to ten years in the penitentiary for the murder of George Little sometime in March a year ago. Mayor J. C. Sikes represented Nance in the hearing before the Governor, while Messrs. J. C. Brooks and J. J. Parker represented the family of Lytle, which was opposed to the grant of a pardon.

"The Monroe Wants You" edition of The Journal, gotten up by the Chamber of Commerce, is now being printed, and will be distributed to subscribers of the paper Friday, December 12th. The edition contains many photos, street scenes, and historical data about Monroe. Proofs of the edition were received here yesterday, and Mr. T. L. Riddle is in Clinton, South Carolina, home of the publishing firm which is doing the printing, to-day making final corrections before the edition goes to press.

"Old Jim," colored, the holy terror of his fellow-inmates at the county home, is in trouble again with the authorities. The other day he bought some wood near the home, and securing one of the county's teams, was hauling it to town to dispose of at a neat profit, when the mules became frightened, tearing up the wagon. "Old Jim," although he causes quite a bit of trouble at times, is very industrious. He makes baskets for F. B. Ashcraft's store, and in this way earns a neat sum of money every year.

Workmen are engaged in tearing down the old building on the corner of Jefferson and Main streets to make room for the brick structure now in process of erection by Mr. R. S. Houston, owner of the lot. This building was erected in about 1860, according to Esq. C. N. Simpson, and has been the headquarters of a number of prominent merchants in its day. The first occupant was its builder, the late H. J. Wolfe, who conducted a general merchandise store in it. The building was later sold to the late H. M. Houston, but was occupied by the late John M. Thomas and company. The late D. B. Heath, one of the largest business men in the state at the time of his death a few months ago, operated a merchandise business in the old building for a short while before moving into the old Heath building, which stood at the spot where the Savings, Loan and Trust Company is now erecting a bank building. The late J. M. Fairley also once conducted a merchandise and cotton business at this stand. Later occupants include Crow Brothers and N. D. Saleeb.

The Journal received a box of pecans, grown by Mr. Oscar High of Whiteville, from Mr. W. B. Keziah, editor of The News-Reporter of that place. In The Charlotte Observer,

Mr. Keziah gives the following account of Mr. High's experiences with pecans: "Mr. High has seventy-five trees, many of them just coming into bearing. From some of the trees that have been bearing for a year or two he will have a net profit of about thirty dollars or over. There are several groves in this county with upwards of a thousand bearing trees in them and nearly every farmer and home in the town have their full quota of trees that yield an annual harvest that would total many thousands of dollars if estimated commercially. One tree was called to my particular attention a year or two ago as having yielded eleven bushels of the nuts that year. The standard weight for a bushel is 32 pounds and these eleven bushels would have totaled 352 pounds in weight. At the retail price of seventy-five cents per pound, which prevails everywhere, this one tree would have brought the owner \$264 for its crop. It was an unusually large tree and serves as a shade tree in the yard of Mr. A. C. Oliver, of Whiteville."

Two \$50,000 damage suits were filed in superior court today against the Seaboard; one by Mr. W. F. Benton, administrator of Wiley Benton, deceased, and the other by Mr. J. L. Hill, administrator of R. B. Hill, deceased. Both of these gentlemen were engineers, and met their death in discharging their duties. Mr. Benton was killed when the boiler of his engine exploded near Raleigh, and Mr. Hill met almost instant death when his engine was derailed near Lilesville. Messrs. J. C. Sikes, A. M. Stack and J. J. Parker are appearing for Mr. Benton, while Messrs. Stack and Parker and E. A. Harrell of Hamlet are representing Mr. Hill. These are two of the largest suits ever filed against the railroad in this county.

Pension money, amounting \$8,000, possibly more, will be received by Mr. R. W. Lemmond, clerk of court, in a few days for distribution among Confederate veterans and widows of the old soldiers. Though the pension list is smaller than ever, the amount has been increased from \$45 to \$60. Coming at Christmas time, this money is doubly welcomed by the old soldiers.

The wood saw engine of Mr. T. M. Williams exploded the other day at the home of Mr. T. P. Smith, causing quite a commotion for the time being. The force of the explosion threw gasoline on the tails of the horses, which were hitched to the outfit, setting them on fire. Workmen, however, extinguished the flames before the animals became badly burned or frightened.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE MAY BE HAD THIS SEASON

Journal Starts Fund to Make Everybody Happy This Yuletide — Mr. Frank Limerick Heads Committee.

There are two classes of people for whom The Journal has a warm feeling around Christmas time — the little children and the needy. There are hundreds of the former, but not so many of the latter class in Monroe, but this season, when prosperity, abundance, and cotton hanging high, and while we are enjoying a comparative freedom from epidemics, The Journal is determined it shall not be its fault if any small children or needy persons in Monroe are left out this Christmas. So this paper has jumped in and started something with this end in view.

In order that no child or needy family will be neglected this happy Yuletide, The Journal inaugurates a community Christmas tree and relief fund, and heads a subscription list with a ten dollar donation. All persons, high or low, are urged to help in the undertaking by sending a subscription to this office. It will be acknowledged in these columns.

Mr. Frank Limerick, a member of the Monroe Bar, has consented to act as Chairman of a committee to have charge of the details of the undertaking. He will handle and disburse the funds, and have general supervision of the affair. To co-operate with him, Mr. Limerick has appointed the following committee: Dr. H. E. Gurney, Rev. J. W. Moore, Rev. John A. Wray, Rev. S. L. Rotter, Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft, Mrs. G. B. Caldwell, Mrs. J. C. Sikes, Miss Lura Heath and Miss Beatrice Fairley.

The Journal's idea is to erect a huge Christmas tree on the court house square some evening during the holidays, possibly Christmas day. The tree will be wired and lighted by varicolored incandescent lamps, with yule-tide decorations suspended from every twig. Gifts to the children will be distributed in the court house, the children filing through the hall to receive them. The various church choirs will be asked to join in a united chorus around the tree to sing Christmas carols.

The Journal's thought as to any who may be destitute or needy at this happy season is to have boxes or baskets go to them on the same evening that the tree is lighted, carried by boys and girls of the city. Of course however, all details must be left to the committee to work out.

This paper believes that the people of Monroe need only some such suggestion as is herein made to cause them to send in their contributions for a cause like this so fast that it will keep Mr. Limerick busy for a few days entering them and depositing them for the use of his committee.

The time is short, however, and the people of Monroe, if they wish to make a success of the community Christmas tree, must send their donations in at once.

PRESIDENT ASKED TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH MEXICO

Senator Fall Charges Carranza and All His Consuls With Bolshevik Propaganda — Murder of Americans and Treatment of Jenkins Arouses Both Houses.

President Wilson was requested in a resolution introduced Wednesday in the senate to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico.

The resolution was offered by Senator Fall, Republican, of New Mexico, who, as chairman of a subcommittee investigating the Mexican situation, declared evidence had been found which "would astound the world." It also asked that the President withdraw recognition of the Carranza government.

Senator Fall boldly charged that the Mexican embassy, the consulate generals in New York and San Francisco and the consulates along the border, with the knowledge and consent of President Carranza, had been actively engaged in the spreading of bolshevik propaganda in the United States. Evidence, it was said, would be forthcoming to bear out the charge.

By this resolution, which was sent to the foreign relations committee of the senate for consideration the whole Mexican problem, admittedly grave in view of the refusal of the Carranza administration to release Consular Agent Jenkins from the penitentiary at Puebla, will be put before Congress.

The latest note from the State Department, calling for the immediate release of Jenkins, was laid before the Mexican government on Monday. Word to this effect reached the State Department but there was no intimation as to when an answer might be expected.

An early report from the committee on the Fall resolution is expected, and this will put the question squarely before the senate, aroused to a high pitch by recent murders of Americans in Mexico and the treatment of the American consular agent.

Cause of It All.

(From The Gastonia Gazette.) Greed and the love of money is the underlying cause of profiteering and the attendant evils of high costs, said Judge E. Yates Webb in his charge to the grand jury in Asheville last Monday at the first session of the U. S. District Court. Mr. Webb was in fine form and a large crowd of interested friends and spectators was present for the opening session.

Mr. Webb gave those present some good sound sensible advice concerning profiteers and rapped in no uncertain terms those who would take advantage of those trying time to exact high prices from their neighbors. "It is an age of money madness, an era of wealth gathered, a period of the worship of the golden calf. Laws cannot cure this national malady. They can only help. The real cure can only come from the adoption of three noble precepts from the Bible — 'Bear ye one another's burdens,' 'I am my brother's keeper,' and 'Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.'"

Judge Webb said that the man who lives to eat and drink and accumulate money is a failure. This is a fatal error, and declared no man deserves to be crowned with honors whose only ambition is that of greed and money-making. He cited the "even stages in a man's life nowadays as follows: Man sees the world, he wants it all, he hustles to get it, he is satisfied with half of it, he is satisfied with less than half, he is satisfied with a strip two by six and finally he gets the strip.

Mr. Rosser Wolfe has been chosen keeper of the county home, succeeding Mr. Ellis Godwin, who resigned. The salary of the keeper has been raised to \$800 per year. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe are good people, and the inmates of the home will be sure to get the best of treatment from them.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS TURNED ON IN MARSHVILLE TUESDAY

This is a Most Progressive Step for Our Enterprising Neighbor — New Pastors Welcomed by All Denominations—Business Houses Readily Conforming to Fuel Regulations.

Marshville, Dec. 4.—A social event of particular interest to the entire community was the reception given in the school auditorium on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2, by the denominations of the town as a welcome to the two new pastors, Rev. A. C. Sherwood of the Baptist church and Rev. J. J. Edwards of the Methodist church. A general atmosphere of good will and fellowship pervaded as the introductions were made, and a hospitable greeting extended to every one. Rev. C. E. White, pastor of the Presbyterian church, had charge of the program and in his usual pleasing manner welcomed the guests in a short talk. This was followed by five minute addresses by Smith Medlin and Prof. B. L. Biggers. The responses by the new pastors were in a happy vein and drew the hearts of the people close to these men who have come to labor among us. The seventh grade of the high school rendered two songs which were especially enjoyed, and Mrs. C. E. White, who is a talented musician, charmed her hearers with a piano solo. Altogether, the evening was one long to be remembered in Marshville. Not only for the pleasure derived from the social gathering, but as an occasion when the barrier of denominational creeds was lowered and the people mingled together in christian fellowship for a single purpose.

The two new pastors are men of christian strength of character and breadth of mind and Marshville is indeed fortunate in having three men of such ability as Rev. Messrs. White, Sherwood and Edwards for pastors, and indications are that henceforth the churches will be closely united in their fight against evil and for the uplift of the town, and not devoid much time to petty bickerings over inconsequential points of doctrine.

The long anticipated electric lights have at last been turned on in Marshville, Tuesday evening witnessed their first appearance, and the town was lighted from one side to the other for the first time in her history. This is the most progressive step that Marshville has made in several years, and is a clear indication that the citizens are at last awake to the possibilities of the town. There are many inducements here to draw manufacturing interests, and it is inevitable now that something of the kind will be brought here in the future.

The business houses here readily conformed to the early closing and late opening hours requested by the authorities, though heretofore the town has been famed for unusually long business hours. This change will be in the nature of a half vacation for the business people, and should be accepted as such instead of spending the time regretting the nickels and dimes which might be taken in during the forbidden hours.

The infant daughter of Mr. Vann Hinson was buried in the cemetery here Tuesday evening. The little girl died Monday at the home of her father's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brady Hinson several miles from town. She was buried by the side of her mother, who preceded her to the grave by only a few weeks. Mr. Hinson's many friends sympathize deeply with him in his double sorrow.

Misses Mary Marsh and Ellie Bivens and Mr. Henry Marsh spent Tuesday in Charlotte. Mr. Lee Hallman of Charlotte is spending several days at home. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cunningham and children have been the guests of Mrs. J. B. Bailey several days. Miss Nell Hasty has accepted a position as saleslady with Mrs. A. P. Phifer. Mrs. J. A. Stevens and daughters, Misses Hattie and Lillian Matthews, were the guests last week of Mrs. Stevens' daughter, Mrs. R. L. Griffin. Mr. Luther Yandle of Charlotte spent Wednesday in town.

on Business. Miss Bessie Mae Hallman spent Wednesday in Charlotte. Miss Glennie Phifer went to Charlotte Monday. Mrs. John McDonald has been quite sick for several days but is improving. Mr. E. H. Moore spent Tuesday in Charlotte on business. Miss Mildred Stephenson of Rockingham, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. S. Harrell for a week, went to Monroe Thursday to spend several days with relatives. Miss Otis Mars has returned home after an extended visit to relatives in Charlotte. Mr. Hugh Phifer continues very ill with typhoid fever at his home in east Marshville.

Grammar School Honor Roll.

The following children of the grammar school have averaged above 90 for the month of November and are on the honor roll:

Lower First: Lillian Warren, Martha Wager, Edward Wood, George Stovall, James Holloway.

Higher First: Ruth Davis, Mable Hinson, Lorraine Stack, Frances Lee Stack, Hannah Presson, Herman Stewart, Helen Cunningham, Viola Broom, Mildred Brooks, Betty Threat, Walter Lee, Heath Howe.

Lower Second: Adeline Fowler, James Cox, Jack Cole Blakney.

Higher Second: Hannah Lou Benton, Rachel Hudson, Kathryn Lee, Margaret McCormick, Marion Simpson, Billy Parks Smith, Myrtle C. Fulewider, John Fulewider, John R. Counts.

Lower Third: Ruby Mae Austin, Leon Brooks, Louis Brewer, Florella Carroll, Fannie Garland, Jesse Lockhart, Mary Lee Porter, Geannette Ross, George Robinson, Helen Schachner, Ardrey Wolfe.

Higher Third: Martha Ruth Kendall, C. C. Sikes, Jr., Elizabeth Miller Caldwell, James Fowler, Mary Terrell, Louise Tedder, Frances Shute, Robert Clark, Laura Stewart, Christine Peake, Freda McRorie, Bertha Pressley, Gladys Pruitt.

Lower Fourth: Lena Mae Hill, Nancy Maynor, Margaret Steele Norwood, Margaret Redwine, John B. Ashcraft, Harry Lee.

Higher Fourth: Ella Mae Helms, Juanita Langley, Ruby Lemmond, Laura McCormick.

Lower Fifth: Rena Broom, Queenie Carlile, Lois Fowler.

Higher Fifth: Henry Austin, Irene Presson, Thelma Williams.

Lower Sixth: Eleanor Stevens, Johnnie Lathan Virginia Blakney, Annie Louise Caldwell, Katherine English, Mary Evans, Mary Faust, Katherine Fulewider, Katie Gravelly, Ashe Lane, Virginia Neal, Elizabeth Simpson, Selma Penecar, Neal Clark, Henry Clark, Walter Lockhart, Byron Long, George McDowell.

Higher Sixth: Etta Winchester, Pat Boyte, Edna Carroll, Harry Presson, Cecil Knight, Edwin Winchester, Seventh Grade: Katherine Redfern.

North Monroe—First Grade: Curtis Helms, Roy Helms, Sarah Thomas, Grover Byrum, Ethel Helms, Nellie Coan, Lotise Roberts.

Second Grade: Murry Lemmond, Elise Williamson, Eula Bowers, Sadie Medlin, Bernice Coan, Mabel Head, Henderson Mullis.

Fourth grade: Lola Crump, and Fred Irby.

MANY DOUBT BOLL WEEVIL HAS APPEARED IN JACKSON

Farmers About Monroe Believe the Insect Found at Mr. Gulin's Farm Some Other Kind of Pest.

The news of the alleged discovery of the boll weevil in Jackson township, carried in The Journal Tuesday, failed to create much alarm around Monroe, and many farmers unhesitatingly declared the Jackson township men must have been mistaken in their identity of the pests found on the farm of Mr. Gulin, County Demonstrator T. J. W. Broom says he has heard nothing of weevils being found in the county, and though he does not dispute the statement of the man from Texas, who pronounced the pests weevils, says it is possible that an error might have been made.

"Numbers of farmers having been bringing strange insects found on their farms within the past two years to me for inspection, but none of them proved to be weevils," says Mr. Broom. "The tendency is when an unknown pest is found on the cotton to immediately pronounce it a boll weevil. You may say for me that when the weevil strikes Union county we will all know it."

However, as a precautionary measure, Mr. Broom advises farmers in the immediate section of Mr. Gulin's farm to plow their land this fall so an early cotton crop can be made next year. The weevil does not commence its depredations until August, and by getting a good stand in July, it will have been beaten.

A Musical Home.

To the Editor of The Journal:—The modern equipped farm house of Mr. Lem Helms contains more than just a piano and some other musical instruments. It also contains real musical talent, as is shown when Mr. Helms draws his bow across the old violin with the accompaniment of his daughter with the guitar, while a younger daughter keeps the perfect step to the old tunes.—A Friend.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

A cordial invitation to the following meetings on Sunday next is given to all: 11 a. m., Worship and sermon; 2:30 p. m., Sunday school; 4:30 p. m., Praise and sermon.

Remember your Church and Manse. Erecting pledges. Pay them after the morning meeting. Second call is now made and the money is much needed by the committee.—Reporter.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

Greensboro has completed a victorious drive for \$125,000 with which to build a Y. W. C. A.

Several High Point grocers have been penalized for using liquid measure in handling commodities for sale when they should have used dry.

The Woman's Club of Wilson, N. C., has made arrangements to have ex-President William Howard Taft make an address in that city on March 20th.

In keeping with the campaign for the conservation of coal, the S. A. L. Railway has taken off the dining cars of three of its passenger trains, substituting therefor stops at Norfolk for twenty minutes.

The sugar situation was discussed in Washington Tuesday by refiners, producers and officials of the Department of Justice. Cuban sugar was looked upon as the only source of relief.

Coal restrictions in the North are being clamped still tighter. The situation caused by the strike and below zero weather, in ten States, combined to urge officials to action. Many schools have been forced to close.

Francisco Villa has been captured by a band of his own men and is being held for a reward from the Mexican government. One state of Mexico has already offered fifty thousand pesos for the bandit.

In a resolution introduced yesterday in the senate President Wilson was asked to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico. Mexicans persistently refuse to release Jenkins and Congress is aroused to war fever by their conduct.

Secretary Glass stated in his annual report, sent to Congress yesterday, that no appreciable reduction in taxes for the next fiscal year can be thought of. He urged Congress to deny "every appropriation for expenditure in new fields."

Officials of the North Carolina Merchants' association are advising strict compliance with the Fuel Administration's regulations, saying "concerted action and uniform compliance by all merchants will eliminate discrimination and unfair advantage."

Baptists in the State are joyous over the fact that they have gone beyond their six million dollar allotment in the drive on this week. Hundreds of churches are yet to report and more than five million dollars has already been reported.

Representatives of the National Democratic executive committee say that if Republicans win in this district the fact will be advertised throughout the United States as a repudiation of the Democratic party by the South.

Henry Clay Frick, pioneer ironmaster and one of the foremost coal collectors in the United States died suddenly Tuesday in his seventieth year. He rose from a farm hand to become the possessor of a two hundred million fortune.

Damage estimated at three hundred thousand dollars was done to the plant of the Union Seed and Fertilizer company in Henderson Wednesday morning. Flames started in a house where two thousand and five hundred tons of cotton seed were stored and damage to this constituted a large part of the loss.

November was a month of almost no rain for this section, according to a weather report. During the month there were only four rainy days, as compared to a normal of seventeen; five partly cloudy, as against a normal of nine; the average temperature 51.7, as compared to a normal of 49.5. The coldest November on record was in 1901 with a mean of 42.6.

EDUCATION FOR SOLDIERS

Monroe Boy Enlists in Order to Go to School at Fort Slocum.

Having been denied the opportunity of securing an education, George Wallace, 25-year-old young man of Monroe, has enlisted in the army in order to attend the military school at Fort Slocum, N. Y. There he will be taught how to read and write, and given at least a common school education. Young Wallace enlisted at the recruiting station here, which is in charge of Private B. B. Gillian.

"The army offers an unequalled opportunity for the man who cannot read and write," says Private Gillian. "He is sent to the army school at Fort Slocum, where he is placed in classes with young men of his age, who, too, are unable to read. After acquiring the rudiments of an education, these men are sent to vocational schools where they are taught a trade. And while they are learning they draw \$39 a month in addition to board, clothes, and other necessary expenses."

Private Gillian is receiving enlistments for service in the following countries: The Philippines, Hawaii, Alaska, Panama, Siberia, Germany and France. Service is also open in the United States and on the border. Full information can be secured from Private Gillian at the postoffice.

Central Methodist Church.

Rev. John W. Moore, pastor. Sunday school, with growing men's class, at 10:30 a. m., followed at 11:30 by brief sermon and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Let every member commune. Special services at 7 p. m. Sermon on "Chosen Vessels." Visitors and strangers most welcome.

