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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

There will be a Christmas tree at Union school in Sandy Ridge township to-morrow night at seven o'clock.

Messrs. James and R. S. Spittle left last night for Baltimore, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

There will be a shooting match at Russel Rogers at two o'clock Christmas day.

There will be a Christmas tree at Dry Hill school house Thursday at twelve o'clock.

There will be a Christmas tree at Mr. Silvester Hinson's store, 2 1/2 miles east of Unionville, Thursday.

There will be a Christmas tree at New Salem church Thursday night. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Zella Snyder and Mr. H. C. Trull, both of Monroe township, were married Saturday night, Rev. J. R. Warren officiating.

Mr. Erwin B. Caskey of Bakers and Miss Jennie May Helms of Monroe township were married Sunday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. J. R. Warren. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Helms.

James Pressley, the crippled lad who is receiving treatment at Baltimore hospital through the charity of a number of Monroe people, writes Mr. F. H. Wolfe that he thinks his foot has been straitened, and that he believes he will be home in a few weeks.

Dr. George E. Flow, who has made extensive travels over the county in the interest of the revaluation work, states that is has been his observation that less corn and foodstuffs have been raised in this county this year than in a good while. He makes an exception in favor of New Salem township.

Private B. B. Gillen of the Army Recruiting Service, who has been in Union county for the past month, has been ordered to remain in this district for another month. Men will be accepted at the postoffice, Monroe, N. C., for all branches of service in the army. He is very anxious to accept men for Panama Canal service as there are still 3,000 vacancies.

Sixteen of the forty-eight head of Cernersy cows sold by Mr. J. C. Austin last week were bought by Union county men. Some of the purchasers were: L. T. Marsh, Marshville township, four head; C. Rushing, Lanes Creek township, one head; Malcom Edwards, Marshville township, one head; Hurley Griffin, Marshville township, one head; S. O. Medlin, Monroe township, three head. The prices ranged from \$250 to \$575.

Thirty-two prisoners, on their way to the Federal prison in Atlanta, passed through Monroe on train No. 11 Friday night. Fifteen of the men were white, and seventeen were negroes. Every man of the number had been convicted of blockading. They will arrive at the prison just about Christmas Day to begin serving sentences ranging from one year and one day to four years and one day. The men were in a special car, and were guarded by U. S. Marines.

Mrs. H. M. Brooks of New Salem township died Saturday at her home following a long illness. She was about 65 years old and a native of Virginia and met her husband, Dr. Brooks, while he was a medical student in Baltimore. Shortly after their marriage they moved to this county where they have since made their home. She was a woman of splendid Christian character and of bright intellect. Surviving her besides her husband is one son, Mr. J. C. Brooks, and a daughter, Miss Odell Brooks.

The party of Monroe cotton men, who left last week for Anniston, Ala., to appear against the Savage Cotton Co., charged with swindling the Icemorlee Cotton Mill, and J. M. Fairley & Sons, in a cotton deal, has created quite a sensation in Alabama, as is shown by the following Associated Press dispatch of Dec. 22: "D. Henry Riddle, once candidate for attorney general of Alabama, was arrested at Anniston, Ala., today and released on \$10,000 bond on an indictment of the federal court charging conspiracy and misuse of mails. Warrants also were sued for W. A. Savage, president of the Savage Cotton Company of Talladega, and S. E. Graham, former agent of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railway at Talladega, on similar charges. The indictments are based on alleged cotton deals, which caused a loss to the Icemorlee cotton mill at Monroe, and temporary suspension of Fairley & Sons, cotton brokers of that city. Other persons investigated also were indicted, it was said.

Union county men, not satisfied with local investments, have entered the Mecklenburg real estate market, according to the following, which appeared yesterday in the Charlotte News: "One of the largest land deals in Mecklenburg county during the year was brought to a close Monday when a deed of transfer was filed in clerk's office covering from John F. Orr and wife to G. M. Stewart, I. S. Funderburk, W. M. Perry, J. C. McIntyre, J. J. Parker, A. M. Stack, J. W. Little 526 acres of land in Crab Orchard township. The purchasers all reside in Union county. Messrs. Stack and Parker are members of the Union county bar. While the purpose of the buyers has not been disclosed, it is understood they have in mind the development of a live stock farm. The land already has on it a productive dairy farm, it is said. The price of

transfer was given only at \$1,000 and other considerations. The real price is understood to be about \$45,000."

College boys, home for the holidays, will compose a football team that will meet the high school boys at Roberts field Thursday morning.

On display in the A. W. McCall Jewelry Company window are three artistically carved vases made of 75 mm shell by Mr. Julian F. Davis, of Co. F, 81st division, at his home near Monroe. The shells were brought from France by Mr. Davis.

Pensions to old soldiers and widows to the amount of five thousand dollars are being distributed this week by Clerk of Court R. W. Lemmond. There are 101 widows who receive thirty dollars semi-annually, one will receive fifty dollars; 66 veterans will get fifty dollars, and 2 will receive thirty-five dollars. Coming at Christmas time, the money is doubly welcome.

Prof. R. W. Allen, superintendent of the city schools, has been offered a position with the vocational training, guidance and advisory department of the Government, at a flattering salary. At this time of the year, however, Prof. Allen feels that he could not relinquish his duties here, and will not accept the offer unless it is held open until next summer. The offers speaks well for Mr. Allen's ability.

Mr. A. M. Seccrest and Rev. E. C. Snyder have acquired an interest in the Monroe Electric Service Company, and plans are under way for a reorganization of the firm. With Mr. A. L. Helderman as manager, they plan to carry one of the largest electrical lines in this section of the State. The agency for the Delco lighting plant will be placed, and it is their intention to place electric lights in the better class of farm homes in the county. All three of these gentlemen are well-known for their ability, and it goes without saying that the Monroe Electric Service Company is destined for a wonderful growth within the next few years.

NEWS AND INTERVIEWS

Mr. Austin Favors Letting Mills Raise Their Own Cotton.

"Let them raise their own cotton," is the answer of Mr. M. C. Austin, of New Salem township, to the Northern cotton mill men who are complaining about the high cost of cotton, and want the government to fix a price of around twenty-five cents a pound for it. Mr. Austin agrees with Mr. J. S. Wannamaker in the statement that cotton is produced in the South under a false economic system, and believes that if the average cotton farmer allowed a reasonable wage to his children and women folks, who help him in making his crops, that cotton could not be raised profitably for less than fifty cents a pound. "People use to tell me that it was cheaper for them to buy their meat and bread, but I say it is cheaper for one to buy his own cotton," remarked the New Salem man. And he meant every word of it, too.

Mr. Austin, in his talk with the writer, took occasion to make a little fling at the Government for one of its actions during the war. "While they were sending the cream of the land to France to battle in the trenches, shell holes and hell holes," he said, "men, some of them refused for military service, were paid six to ten dollars a day to work at the camps. That was what I called an unjust distribution of justice—if there was any justice in the whole proceedings."

The most humane method of killing a hog, according to the late Dr. Watt Ashcraft, is to shoot them in the head with a pistol ball from a 38 or 42 calibre pistol. The next best way, so he viewed it, is to strike them over the head with a heavy ax. Under no circumstances did he believe in killing them by cutting their throats or by piercing their hearts. Reports reaching Monroe state that some people in this county are employing these two latter methods, and friends of the dumb animals are rightfully incensed over these barbaric practices. Doctors S. A. Stevens and H. D. Stewart both expressed their indignation of these methods to the News and Interviews man, and others have spoken in similar terms against them. Evidently it is beginning to appear that those who continue to kill hogs by cutting their throats or piercing them will come in for some unpopularity.

Well Worth the Effort.

(From The Charlotte Review.)

Under the direction of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce The Monroe Journal of December 16th issued a 48 page magazine section which is of class seldom equalled and never surpassed by a publication of its size. The editors are to be commended for their enterprise and the town of Monroe itself deserves much credit for getting behind the move and supporting the effort. They will find that it will well worth the effort and small amount of money needed to place before the people of the state their attractions as a place to live and conduct business.

Careless Swain.

His fellow clerks gathered round him when the news became public property, and extended congratulations.

"But," said one man, "I understand the girl you are engaged to is a twin; how do tell the difference between her and her sister?"

"Well, it's a jolly nice family," said the lucky man, "and I don't bother very much."

EVERYTHING READY FOR BIG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Old Santa Claus, Singers From the Church Choirs and the Icemorlee Band Will be There to Make Things Happy for the Kids.

Attention! Children under ten years.

Santa Claus wants you to meet him in the courthouse the night of Christmas Day at six o'clock.

The big Community Christmas tree will be on the Courthouse Square, all bedecked with the shining glitter that comes on trees like that, and brilliant with lots and lots of electric candles of different colors.

The Icemorlee Band will be there with all its brass and wind and flare of harmony.

The singers of Monroe, men, women, and children, will make the old Christmas songs ring out.

"I Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," and other familiar hymns and carols will be heard. The children will be expected to make themselves heard with the grown-ups. Everybody in the huge crowd must join in the choruses, big and little.

Children, you mustn't miss it. Be there a little before six o'clock Thursday evening. No need to tell those more than ten to be there, or the grown people; they are sure to be around to see the little ones wind up a perfect day with a handshake from old Kris Kringle, who says he won't stop with a handshake, either, and you know Kris always does what he says he'll do.

And then, too, he always remembers those who can't let him come down their chimneys. He's told Mr. Limerick, chairman of his committee, to see to it that not one be forgotten who couldn't make a way for him this time. So the chairman and his committee called on Miss Mabel Bell, Miss Antoinette Beasley, and Miss Mary Crow, to receive any names that might be sent in and act as Santa's messengers to their homes.

Finally, don't forget that this special and extra invitation from Santa takes in all the small citizens of North Monroe, including Jackson and Bearskin; Icemorlee and Everette; and Benton Heights, as well as Monroe itself.

Additional contributions received by Chairman Limerick since the last publication are as follows:

Previously reported	\$227.10
Icemorlee Cotton Mill	100.00
W. S. Baskerville	5.00
J. D. Futch & Sons	2.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Warren	2.00
R. W. Lemmond	2.00
Crowell's Variety Store	5.00
W. J. Rudge Co.	5.00
Mrs. W. J. Rudge	1.00
Cash	.50
Rev. H. E. Gurney	1.00
Lewis Brewer	.25
Lee & Lee	5.00
C. Sikos	5.00
Grand Theater	10.00
W. S. Blakeney	5.00
V. H. Wood	1.50
Lee Griffin	1.00
W. J. Hamilton	1.00
Cash	1.00
Bivens Bros.	2.00
W. J. Hudson	2.50
Vann Funderburk	1.00
Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft	1.00
Miss Annie May Ashcraft	1.00
R. F. Knight	1.00
Sikes Co.	5.00
Miss Ida Caldwell	.50
Miss Annie Armfield	.50
Total	\$395.85

FARMER GORED BY BULL

Appearance of Son, With Pitchfork, Saved Him From Beast.

(From The Charlotte News.)

T. B. White, a farmer living about five miles east of Huntersville, was painfully hurt Saturday afternoon when a blooded Jersey bull on his plantation attacked him. Only the intervention of one of Mr. White's sons, who appeared on the scene with a pitchfork, prodding the infuriated animal with all the strength he could muster, rescued Mr. White from his danger.

The animal had knocked Mr. White down. As it was, he escaped with painful, but not dangerous, injuries and is expected to be out from under medical attention in a few days.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting First National Bank.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank will be held in our banking room at ten o'clock, a. m., January 13th, 1920.

At this meeting, a board of directors for the ensuing year will be elected and such other business transacted as may arise.

Your presence is respectfully requested.

J. W. LANEY, Cashier.

Monroe Market

Rowden	42
Short cotton	38 1/2
Cotton seed	\$1.12 1/2
Hens	75 to 85
Young chickens	40 to 65
Butter	35 to 40
Hams	30 to 35
Beeswax	30
Eggs	60
Sweet potatoes	\$1.50
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Wool	40
Turkeys	30
Rabbits	20

Doing is very largely a question of trying.

"BILL" TAKES A SLANT AT "SECRET" POLITICAL MEETING

Correspondent Thinks Action of Fellow Democrats Unwarranted — Wants D. A. Houston for Congress.

To the Editor of The Journal:—Should the Hon. L. D. Robinson desire to succeed himself as Congressman from this the seventh district, it goes without saying that he would receive no opposition and that he would receive the undivided support of Union county and would be overwhelmingly the nominee.

On the first intimation, that in all probability, Mr. Robinson had no desire to succeed himself, the political pot began to simmer, and a very few of the old time paper shell politicians, quietly assembled at a self appointed delegation in order to take care of the interests of the "deer people," and for the purpose of boosting the candidacy of one or more of their own coterie, this conduct being behind closed doors, very much to the disgust and chagrin of a few of our most prominent and highly respected citizens. The few invited to attend this meeting, were selected with a view to designate a possible candidate, who might be acceptable, not only to the good people of Union county, but to the district at large; but, lo and behold! the ghost of Lincoln appeared and the doom of this treacherous assembly was the handwriting on the wall, foretelling the inevitable doom that must await the aspirant.

When the ghost appeared, it rebuked in no uncertain language such procedure and in its inimitable style, loudly and defiantly proclaimed its disgust at such cheap methods of boosting any certain ones candidacy as entirely contrary to all principles of honest democracy, which was to have been expected from one whose record in private and political life has been an open book, characterized, by honesty of purpose and unimpeachable integrity.

The hebra at the conclusion of this meeting left a hiatus that can not be bridged, because the debts and credits of this self appointed aggregation cannot be properly entered; hence there was no trade and these guardians of the people's rights must content themselves to go on "blowing bubbles," with a nightly aspiration to their prayers, if such they are in the habit of employing, imploring forgiveness from the divine power, with the hope that in a lifetime, the "deer people" may forget.

In unity there is strength, of course,—in the field of honest endeavor there is a battle ground for success, therefore let us forever discourage the former practices resorted to, as handed down by the professional local book makers and refuse to swallow, in this day of world disorganization, the pill of the political apothecaries.

The backbone and sinew of our civilization is at stake—there never was such a period of discontent and unrest and such an era of interrogations—a time of national distress—a day of social and individual upheaval—living in a period when an astonishing per cent of our citizens prefer loot, lust and licentiousness, rather than Christianity, civilization and charity. A time of frenzied speculation in all things and commodities, a period in which men are sacrificing character for cash, purity for power, manhood for money, principle for party, soul for silver and even their God for gold. We have reached the period for the return of a Joseph, who must solve the riddles of a torn, bleeding and distressed nation and must needs be corralled; men who can lay aside selfish interest and personal aggrandizement, men who are broad enough and big enough, by birth and training, to stand four square upon the perilous problems that so sorely beset us, who have lived and can act with the instincts of patriotism, controlling as against the men who could forget the vital needs of the hour and play to the grandstand of consuming vanity and monstrous egotism, men that will render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's and who will stand as a stone wall in the defense of the golden rule, doing justice and equity to the strong and weak alike, defying the hyphenated doubtful American and forcing the I. W. W., the bolshevist and the communist to sniff the breath of the cannon wherever found, acting in contravention to the spirit of the inspiration that prompted the little party to land at Plymouth Rock and set to work upon the foundation principles that have worked out the greatest and grandest civilization and personal freedom in the entire world to-day.

Now, seriously and without doubt, we of Union county, must not consider for a moment that the office for a Congressional representative will be handed her on a silver platter, because we feel that we are entitled to same, and because of the fact that we are the banner Democratic county of the district and have never been so honored. To the contrary, many of the counties, composing the district, will put forward their "Favorite Sons." So therefore, it would appear to be the wise procedure for us to concentrate on one good strong man and go into the convention with a determination to win.

Union county has a citizen in the person of D. A. Houston, whose universal admitted ability is recognized not only over this congressional district, but over four States, as he now holds the position of President of the Federal Trust Bank, of Columbia, S. C., and is the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Mr. Houston is eminently fit to represent this district with distinction and honor. Qualified as a business man, with wide and varied experience and possesses more knowledge of the needs of the general public, than possibly any man in the State. He is thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the farming classes, and is now leading through the Federal Land Bank many millions of dollars to the greatest wealth producing factor, the farmer of the entire nation. Being thoroughly familiar with their needs, there is no man who could have been selected for the position he now holds, who would have injected any more brain, heart and soul in the work than he.

It is not my purpose in this article to give vent to any pet emotions, but to draw your attention to one of the best men in our district, who can deliver the goods with honor and distinction, because of his peculiar fitness, and is certainly personally and more favorably known from the mountains to the seacoast than any other man whose name has so far been suggested.

Mr. Houston does not profess to be an orator, but is able to present his views in a plain convincing manner, be it by word of mouth or "seated with pen in hand."

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R. W. LEMMOND IS TO MAKE THE RACE FOR CONGRESS

In the Event Mr. L. D. Robinson Does Not Stand for Re-Election, He Will Endeavor to Secure Honor For Union County.

In the event Mr. Robinson, the present representative, does not stand for re-election, Mr. R. W. Lemmond, Clerk of the Superior Court, announces that he will be a candidate for Congress. He concluded to make the race yesterday afternoon after receiving assurances of support from the other local gentlemen who have been mentioned as probable candidates, and in response to insistent demands from his friends. When it becomes definitely known that Mr. Robinson will not seek re-election, Mr. Lemmond will commence waging an active campaign, and he states he will bring the Congressional honor to Union county, which has never had a representative in Congress, if it is within his power to do so.

With the almost solid support of Union county a foregone conclusion, Mr. Lemmond goes into the race with a slight advantage over the two other probable candidates, Mr. W. C. Hammett of Randolph county, and Mr. W. E. Brock of Wadesboro. Union county's vote is the largest in the district, and with the support he will receive in Anson, Richmond and Scotland counties, Mr. Lemmond is pretty certain to land the nomination.

There has probably never been a more popular man in public life in this section than Mr. Lemmond. He has never been defeated at the polls for any office for which he aspired, and his vote has increased at every election in which he has stood for office. He has represented his county in the Legislature, in the Senate, and for nearly seven years he has served as Clerk of the Superior Court.

Mr. Lemmond is forty-eight years old, having been born on May 20th, 1872, at the old Lemmond homestead in Goose Creek township. He is a son of the late Cyrus Q. Lemmond, one of the best known citizens of his day. His father, a lawyer by profession, served in the Mexican war; represented his county in the Legislature from 1858 to 1862, and was one of those who signed the convention bill, which permitted the people to vote on the question of secession. Feeble health, however, incapacitated him from entering the Confederate army.

After a few years attendance upon the public schools, Mr. Lemmond entered Union Institute, and was a student under that grand old man, Prof. O. C. Hamilton. He was a student at Wesley Chapel, also, for awhile. He studied law at Chapel Hill, securing his license to practice law in 1901. Returning to his native county, he formed a law partnership with Mr. Iredell Hilliard; later practiced with Mr. E. C. Williams, and on the dissolution of this partnership, went into a firm with Mr. J. C. M. Vann. He practiced with Mr. Vann until his election as Clerk of the Court in 1912.

Mr. Lemmond has been active in the Democratic party since he was twenty years old. At that age he stumped the county for the party, and ever since has devoted much time and energy in its services. He has not been wholly occupied with politics, however. During the war he made dozens of patriotic speeches over the county, and on every public issue that has confronted the county he has invariably been found on the progressive side.

Union county's candidate for Congress has taken a very active part in local fraternal societies, and at present he heads the district Masons. He has made fraternal speeches at lodges all over the district, and in this respect he is hardly equalled in this section.

County Democrats are determined to land the Congressional nomination for a home man at the next primary, and with an able man like Mr. Lemmond as their candidate, success has never seemed brighter.

Strange!

The blind man picked up a hammer—and saw.

The dumb man picked up a wheel—and spoke.

As we give more we get more.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

The Buffalo baseball team of the International league will train in Raleigh next spring.

The Trans-Atlantic Naval seaplane NC4 was forced to descend at Grand Isle, La., Sunday on account of fog and had several narrow escapes on trip from Galveston to Mobile.

Captain Sir John Alcock, first aviator to make a non-stop airplane flight across the Atlantic died in Rouen, France, December 19th as the result of injuries received when his plane crashed to the ground.

Termination of the soft coal strike was a victory for the Government according to Attorney-General Palmer. He said "There was no settlement in actuality. The men and union officers have complied with our demands and returned to work."

Steps to check the rising price of clothing will be discussed at a conference to be held in Washington in January by persons interested in the production of wearing apparel from the producing of raw material to the finished product.

Conductor W. L. Ellsworth was injured in a mishap to his train, Number 929 on Atlantic Coast Line before it left the Rocky Mt. yards, and died a few hours later. Upon his removal to a hospital conductor W. N. Rowland was placed in charge of the freight and he was killed two hours later in a wreck at Tarboro.

Because of jealousy Pink Mills, colored, of Swathout, N. C., shot and killed his sweetheart, Cattie Bonner.

In the face of a growing scarcity of sugar, more than a billion and a quarter pounds of sugar, valued at nearly \$97,000,000, were exported from the United States during the first ten months of the present year, a Department of Commerce report issued to-day shows.

DUCTIONS IS MYSTERY STORY NEWEST ANITA STEWART PRO.

"A Midnight Romance," Produced by Lois Weber, Noted Director, Shows Camera Possibilities.

A story written expressly for the screen, and with its chief recommendation for conversion into motion pictures, the fact that it conforms in every particular to the technical requirements of the fifth estate will be presented in "A MIDNIGHT ROMANCE," second of the Anita Stewart special productions to be shown at the STRAND Theater THURSDAY.

The story was suggested by Marion Orth, and was produced by Lois Weber. It gives to Miss Stewart a role she never before has attempted. Her introduction is with a boat load of refugees being landed on the American shore from a stranded ocean liner. Then she becomes an enigma in the capacity of a maid at the Sea View Hotel. Twice her charming smile and gracious manner saved her from dismissal for open insubordination born of her resentment of criticism for her lack of a proper attitude of servility toward the hotel guests.

The continuity, or, in the layman's terms, the sequence of action in "A Midnight Romance" is an example of the truly superior results in production with a story written for the screen. In many adaptations of famous stories from books or plays it has been necessary for directors to ignore logic and go beyond the limits of possibility to encompass the theme or motive in the story. This has resulted in breaks which have served to detract the tensile of situations or the smooth moving action of the picture. In the instance of Miss Stewart's second production under the management of Louis B. Mayer, the Boston film magnate, her role as Marie, the maid, requires the portrayal of a character whose experience includes three of the most difficult phases of entertainment in the realm of the screen, the first two of which combine to make the third—mystery, suspense and feasibility.

Sheriff Griffith is Seeking Road Information.

To the Editor of The Journal:—I would like to ask some questions if you will let me.

1. Why have we had no top soil put down on our public roads?

2. When do you think some work of that kind will be done?

3. Are we to spend our five hundred thousand dollar bond issue on scraping the old roads and only building good roads on paper?

4. Is it a fact that the fifty thousand dollar bond issue is gone; that the road commission has borrowed fifty thousand more of the Monroe Graded School bond, and that another one hundred thousand bond issue is fast melting away?

5. Are not the over head expenses entirely too extravagant; have we too many men holding jobs on the little road work that is being done?

6. How many Civil Engineers are needed to lay out roads that are not built?

7. What is the monthly cost of our road work?

8. Why is it every county in the State can build good, lasting roads except Union?

9. Hadn't we better let the people vote on whether any more road bonds shall be issued?

10. Or shall we take the matter in the Primary next June.—John Griffith.

There will be a Xmas Tree at Brief school house December 24, beginning at one o'clock.