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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

The city schools will open next Monday.

Rev. John W. Moore, pastor Central Methodist church, will preach at Mt. Carmel Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Public invited.

Rev. Y. T. Shebanc will preach at Hermon church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and at Ebenezer at two-thirty.

Mr. Z. V. McMillan, an attorney of Red Springs, is now practicing in the office of Messrs. Maness, Armfield & Vann. He is heartily welcomed to Monroe.

The quarterly meeting of the Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will be held Monday afternoon at three-thirty. This is the time for election of officers and every member is requested to be present.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet Monday afternoon at four o'clock. Delegates will be appointed to attend the annual meeting which takes place in Shelby, March 23rd to 26th.

The county schools will open next Monday. However, in districts where influenza may still be raging the local committee may use its discretion in the matter, and if necessary, defer the opening until a future date.

Mr. G. L. Nisbet, Secretary of Monroe Chamber of Commerce, received a letter from the Redpath Chautauqua stating that they would probably open in Monroe May 3rd, which will be about three weeks sooner than usual.

Mrs. John Reader, of Crowell street, who has been desperately ill with pneumonia is believed to have passed the crisis, and will now recover. While she was so ill the house caught fire and only the quick work by the neighbors and the fire company put it out before much damage was done.

The county relief association is closing up its work, the influenza situation in the county being so much improved that the assistance of the association is no longer needed. Any firms or persons having any bills against the association for services, supplies or any other reason will please file them at once with Mr. R. W. Allen or G. L. Nisbet at the Chamber of Commerce and they will be given prompt attention.

Mr. John Clement Hanes, youngest son of the late Philip Hanes of Mocksville, died at a hospital in Winston-Salem Tuesday morning after a brief illness, his age being 23 years. Soon after war was declared Mr. Hanes enlisted with Base Hospital No. 65 and was in service in France for more than a year. Since his return he has been with the P. H. Hanes contracting company. Ten days ago he was taken ill with appendicitis and death followed an operation. Mr. Hanes was a brother of Mrs. E. W. Crow of Monroe.

The following extract was taken from "Red Cross Briefs," published by the Southern Division of the Red Cross: "The establishment of a health center in the schools of Monroe, N. C., has been the aim of the Juniors in raising their funds, and by a strong campaign they collected large sums of money. They have fitted up a room at the school and furnished it with a cot and medicine cabinet. Children who are sick or injured will be brought here for treatment, and it is hoped that the timely aid thus offered will prevent many serious illnesses."

Dr. George Edward Flow, who was a delegate to the Republican convention at Greensboro from this county, says of the gathering: "It was a love feast. All weapons and munitions of war were buried by blind-folded pall bearers. The glare of the foe was dispelled from every eye and jealousy and suspicion removed from every heart and mind. The war paint was washed from the visage of every party chieftain and in its stead there glowed a radiant smile as they clasped hands and embraced, all to the great delight of attending delegations and to the dismay of the 'enemy' who denized the galleries."

Two Children of Mr. M. F. Helms Die. Stout, March 3.—Mr. J. T. Hargett and daughter, Miss Ora, spent Tuesday in Charlotte.—Messrs. Exam Hayward and Herman Hayes visited friends and relatives in Marvin Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilder Stinson and children of Center visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Valentine, Saturday.—Mr. F. M. Yandle spent Tuesday in Charlotte on business.—Mr. Sam Harkey took his little daughter to the hospital in Charlotte yesterday to undergo an operation. We hope she will recover soon.—Mr. Clark Harkey and family are right sick at this writing.—Mr. W. T. Hayes is painting his residence which will add much to the appearance of the village.—Messrs. Clayton Yandle and Clarence Hayward went to Charlotte Monday where they enlisted for the army.—Mr. J. P. Ritch returned Tuesday from Charlotte where he had been attending the funeral of his brother, Mr. James Ritch.—Mr. M. D. Gurley has moved back to his old home. We are glad to welcome our good neighbors back.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Helms on last Thursday and again on Sunday and claimed their two children. We sympathize with them very much in their great trouble. Mrs. Helms is very ill at this writing.

Mr. Oscar Price and Miss Amy Hill were married Sunday by Esq. J. M. Harkey. We wish for them a long and happy life.—"Mose."

The Bickett Battery Entertains.

Capt. N. B. Varian of New Orleans was the guest of the Bickett Battery, which he commanded in France, the whole day yesterday.

He was met at the arrival of No. 5 by a number of the members of the Battery and taken in an automobile over the town. Everywhere he was met by the boys of the Battery and they were certainly glad to see him. He lunched at the Hotel Joffre and in the evening was their guest at a banquet at that hotel.

In a short but happy speech he expressed the pleasure that it gave him to be again with the men who had faced the dangers and difficulties of the campaign in France. He spoke of the good comradeship prevailing among them and pleasure that it had given him to be put in charge of the battery, and concluded by wishing all of them success in civil life.

After the banquet there was a smoker in the Chamber of Commerce rooms where "yarns were swapped" until a late hour.

Capt. Varian left for New Orleans this morning, expressing himself more than pleased with Monroe.

MEMORIALS FROM FRANCE

The President of the French Republic Sends to the Next of Kin of the Dead Soldiers.

Memorials in the shape of beautifully engraved certificates have been received by the adjutant of the American Legion for distribution to the next of kin of all the Union county soldiers who died for Liberty in the World War.

The American Legion executive committee at a meeting last night decided that these certificates should be given out at a public meeting to be held in the court house on Saturday, March 27th, at two-thirty; and that Governor Bickett should be asked to be present and present the certificates to the next of kin.

The memorial itself is as follows: There is a group of figures placed on a cenotaph on which is engraved in French an inscription of which the following is a translation. "To the memory of — of the United States of America who died for Liberty during the World War. The homage of France. The President of the Republic," and his signature "R. Poincare."

The group above is a symbolical one and symbolizes the soul and spirit of the American army which helped France to maintain alive the flame of the torch of Liberty and Justice. The sword is not in the scabbard but ready at any time to protect the weak and oppressed which is symbolized by a mother with her babe at her breast, and to insure freedom and justice symbolized by the kneeling boy praying and thanking God for deliverance.

At the right the figure of a man chained and shackled, symbolizes the spirit of evil and the victory over our enemies. At the right stands Glory crowning the figure of America, who rejoices with an old war veteran at the left symbolizing the armies which are always ready to fight for the good of Humanity.

Universal fame is shown flying over the group and trumpeting to the world the great triumph in which the United States participated.

The American Eagle poised on the staff of peace watches zealously, standing ready to swoop down on any destructing the peace of the world. Around the group is a border of oak and laurel which are always awarded the victors.

The flag of France and America are draped and joined by a wreath meaning the homage of France to those who gave their lives for Liberty and Justice.

The following lines from one of Victor Halg's famous poems are engraved in French behind the group: "For those who devoutly died for their country. It is only right that their people come and pray at their tombs."

The following is the list of all those for whom these memorials have been received: Cecil C. Griffin, Lee Mangum, Geo. C. Pressley, Anna L. Garland, S. M. Parker, Thos. F. Griffin, Lydia R. Webb, J. H. McWhorter, Martha J. Smith, Columbus Pressnell, Tabetha Hayward, Mrs. Cauty Crowell, Mary Pate, Harriet White, Alice R. Aldridge, W. T. Doge, Annie L. Fincher, John A. Austin, McNeal C. Deese, Delle Ellis, John F. Howard, Robert Rape, J. W. McGuirt, Wm. H. Griffin, and F. H. Morgan.

It will be noticed that some of these are colored people, who receive them just the same as white, and will get them at the same time and place.

It is requested that all those mentioned will make arrangements to be present or send some one to represent them at the meeting at the court house at Monroe on March 27th at two-thirty, p. m.

Members of the American Legion are requested to be present at this meeting and a special meeting of Melvin Deese post will be held to discuss some very important matters at the conclusion of the public meeting at which the memorials from the French President will be given out as stated above.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday in Lent. Service of the Holy Communion with sermon at eleven o'clock. Sunday school at two-thirty. C. Herndon Hasty superintendent. Men's Bible Class at three-thirty. J. J. Parker, leader. Evening prayer and sermon at seven-thirty. Lenten services Tuesday and Friday at four o'clock, with address on the Lord's prayer. Litany service and address every Wednesday night at seven-thirty.

Central Methodist Church.

Rev. John W. Moore, pastor. 10:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11:30, short sermon followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; 7:30 p. m., mass meeting in interest of Christian citizenship. Rev. Dr. Fitch of Ohio will deliver the address. He will greatly interest you. Come.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

A cordial invitation is given to the following services on Sunday next: 11 a. m., Worship and sermon; 3:30 p. m., Sunday school. There will be no afternoon preaching service as the pastor is to be at the Philadelphia church taking part in a "Progressive Program" meeting.

Will you vote for large or small congregations at our church? Your presence will be a vote in the affirmative. Your absence (unless unavoidable) will be a vote in the negative. Which way will you vote?

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise."—Repeater.

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The testimony of every one that has known him in life is willingly given to his sterling honesty, integrity and capability. His course at Chapel Hill was for the most part paid for by his individual effort. And when he obtained his A. B. degree he still remained at college and acted as assistant teacher of Greek while reading law on which he also graduated with honors as L. L. B.

After his graduation he was admitted to the bar and for sometime was associated with David Stern, in Greensboro. At once his brilliance as a lawyer began to show, and the decision that he gained in the well-known case of Wood vs. Van Story, Trustee, which he carried to a successful conclusion before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals by his own unaided efforts, marked him as among the foremost of the young lawyers and gained him recognition at once among the older members of the state bar.

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"The period of political prejudice and hide-bound partisanship has passed away in North Carolina and I think that the people will at once recognize that the program adopted by the Republican party will appeal to the intelligence of the voters of the state."

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TO THE PATRONS OF UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

You may consider this as a personal letter to each of you concerning some very important facts in regard to the school.

The school will open Monday, March 8th, and it is very important that you send all your children of school age for the rest of the term, if possible, for the following reasons:

First—If you want a better school at Unionville next year you must send your children to school for the remainder of this term. This will help keep our average attendance up, and will thus enable us to have more teachers next year. We now have the prospect of three teachers for the high school and five teachers for the elementary grades. You can help us secure these eight teachers by keeping your children in school.

Second—If you want your children to make their grades and be promoted you must keep them in school. They cannot do this if you take them out of the school before it closes. They would have to go back over the same work again next year and thus a whole year's work will be lost.

Third—You owe it to your children to give them every opportunity possible to fit them for the duties of life when they leave school.

Fourth—You owe it to your neighbors and their children to keep your children in school in order that Unionville may have a better school next year with more teachers and better equipment with which to do the work.

The situation is up to you. You can help us by sending your children to school for the remainder of this term. May we not count on you?—J. T. C. Wright, Principal.

Two avowed candidates are already in the race for Sheriff, Senator J. N. Price and Deputy Sheriff Clifford Fowler.

FAMOUS AUTHOR BELIEVES SOUTHERN SOLDIER BEST

Correspondent Quotes Emerson Hough in This Statement — Dame Rumor Mistaken in Death of W. W. Montgomery's Child.

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ROBBED OF FUNDS AND "IN BAD" BREEZY HERO STAGES A FINE COMEBACK

Wallace Reid in a new screen comedy, "Double Speed," will be the attraction at the Strand Theater next Monday. The story concerns "Speed" Carr, a wealthy young "live wire," who on an auto trip from New York to Los Angeles is robbed of everything and obliged to take a lift into the latter city from a friendly farmer. He had planned to meet his uncle, John Ogden, there to arrange about his inheritance. Ejected from the bank as an imposter when he presents himself there as "Speed Carr, the youth secures a job as chauffeur to the bank president's daughter taking the name of Barry Cole, which he had heard by chance. Anxious to produce "Speed" in order that he may negotiate a loan with his uncle, the banking man gets the supposed chauffeur to pose as the missing young man. All sorts of complications follow, but of course, it all turns out happily for "Speed" and the girl.

Included in the supporting cast are Wanda Hawley, Theodore Roberts and Tully Marshall. The picture, which is a Paramount-Artcraft, was directed by Sam Wood.

MARSHVILLE SCHOOL REOPENS

Flu Has Subsided and Normal Activities Begin — Little Mary Bivens Davis is Critically Ill

Marshville, March 4.—Mrs. Ethel Garrison and son, Oliver, of Unionville and Miss Ruth Green of Monroe were the guests of Mrs. James P. Marsh several days this week.

Mrs. W. B. Love and children of Monroe spent several days here this week with relatives.

Mr. J. T. Garland is now in the North purchasing goods for the J. L. Garland Company. Miss Fannie Harris, milliner for the firm is also North buying Spring millinery.

Misses Mary and Edna Burns of Charlotte were the week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burns.

Mrs. Lon Simpson has been quite ill for several days with grippe.

Mr. Sam Little has gone to Oklahoma City to enter school.

Mrs. Joe Baker is with her mother, Mrs. Malcolm Snipes of Lanes Creek, who has been seriously ill for some time.

The Marshville school will re-open Monday morning unless another flare-up of flu prevents. The school here has grown enormously in the past few years, and is being successfully conducted this year by Prof. B. L. Biggers. It is to be hoped that nothing more will interfere with the work from now until its close.

Dr. H. K. Boyer will preach in the Methodist church here Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

R. L. W. E. Bailey is in Newport, R. I. with her son, Herbert, who has been very ill with pneumonia.

Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Bivens of Charlotte, who have been here for several days with relatives, return home Wednesday.

We are in doubt as to whether The Journal's linotype operator or our own bad writing is to blame for the following brilliant sentence which was attributed to us in the last issue of The Journal: "It is with infinite ruling that we greet the first day of first month of Spring." We were rather amazed to see the sentence appear in this shape as "relief" was the word we thought we had written in place of "ruling." Evidently though our handwriting has taxed The Journal's force beyond even their proof reading capacity.

Mrs. John Long entered the Presbyterian hospital Wednesday to undergo an operation. She is doing well. Miss Austin of Charlotte, niece of Mrs. Long, is with the Misses Long during their mother's absence.

Little Mary Davis Bivens the attractive six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bivens has been critically ill since last Friday with acute kidney trouble. Dr. Crowell of Charlotte has been called in by the local physician to see her. Wednesday her condition showed considerable improvements and it is hoped the danger will soon be over. Scores of friends have called daily to inquire for the little girl as she is a general favorite with all who know her.

Miss Nina McWhirter of Charlotte who has been with her sister, Mrs. Wade Bivens, for several days, returned to her home Wednesday. Miss Mary McWhirter another sister of Mrs. Bivens is still here.

Mrs. Sallie Marsh Griffin expects to return to Charlotte in a few days to resume her work at Ivey's.—Mrs. J. S. Harrell.

ITEMS FROM INDIAN TRAIL ROUTE ONE.

Indian Trail, R. F. D. No. 1, March 1.—Rev. T. J. Huggins will preach at Union Grove next Sunday night if weather permits.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Freeman of Charlotte are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Furr.

The flu is improving very rapidly now. There are no new cases this week.

Mr. James Hill, of Charlotte, is at the bed-side of his brother, Mr. Earnest Hill who has been very sick but is improving now.

Mr. Hermon Furr, of Charlotte is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Furr.

Mr. Vance Rowell was the guest of Mr. Berry Williams Sunday.—Busy.

Mr. R. Sams has rented a cottage on West Crowell street, which is being overhauled and repainted, and will bring his family to reside here. The Gordon Insurance & Investment Company is breaking ground for a fine garage for Mr. Sams, opposite the Post Office.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

The West Virginia Senate in special session has rejected the Suffrage Amendment.

Mary Pickford, motion picture star, has been granted a divorce from Owen Moore at Alder, Nev., on the grounds of desertion.

The government will pay all expenses incident to the return of American soldiers dead from Europe to the home of the next of kin.

A loss of several million dollars around Miami due to the killing of large portions of the winter vegetable crop by heavy frosts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Joyner both died on Wednesday in a Rocky Mount hospital after brief attacks of influenza-pneumonia. The deaths occurred within three hours.

Mrs. Louisiana Hayman died Tuesday at her home in Elizabeth City as the result of several burns received when her dress caught fire from the heater in her room.

Lieutenant B. W. Maynard has recovered from an attack of influenza and on Wednesday left Camp Jackson for a flight to Savannah and Jacksonville.

A bill designed to give salary increases to the teachers of New York was introduced in the Legislature of that State yesterday. It provides for an appropriation of twenty-five million dollars.

President Wilson motored about Washington Wednesday for the first time in five months. "Delighted and much benefited by his trip," was the way Dr. Grayson characterized the President's attitude on his return to the White House.

Miss Mary H. Law, of the Converse College faculty has been made a director of the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce. So far as known, this is the only commercial body in the South to have a woman on its board of directors.

Mr. A. B. Cook, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Gaston Knitting Mills at Cherryville has been arrested and held in a ten thousand dollar bond, the mill owners claiming more than six thousand dollar shortage at the hands of Mr. Cook.

Forty Cent Cotton Plays Havoc With Corn Crop.

Washaw, Rt. 5, March 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Linn Harmon and Miss Myrtle Orr of Charlotte spent Saturday night and Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. L. H. Harmon, who is right sick with the prolonged after effects of the "flu." Mrs. Harmon's condition is not, at this writing, thought to be serious, but some fears of pneumonia are entertained by her physician.

Mr. R. S. Gamble, who has been suffering severely with neuritis since last July has suffered a relapse that is giving him untold agonies. After spending some time in a hospital taking treatment he returned home without relief. On Sunday the 29, he decided to try further, and went to Charlotte for further treatment. Mr. Gamble's many friends hope for him a more profitable experience on this second trip.

The "flu" situation in Jackson is still serious, down in the south eastern corner of the township, and in and around the Chapel neighborhood. There is considerable of the malady yet, and Dr. McCain is still the busiest man in the community.

The recent rains and hard frozes have played "snash" with the "new roads," and as farmers are having their heavy spring fertilizer hauls to make over them, there is considerable grumbling. The hope, however, that we will have better roads later kinder alleviates the misery.

Tom Broom had better come over on this side of the county once in a while, and tell us how dangerous it will be to plant all cotton this year. There is precious little corn in Jackson Township now, and forty cent cotton has had a bad effect on corn prospects for 1920.

Gov. Bickett has taken the most important step toward tax reform that has been taken at all in North Carolina, and yet he is getting most outrageously abused by the enemies of changed taxation methods, and is getting very little encouragement from those who should be among the friends of the movement. What's the matter with the friends of tax reform? Are they waiting to see which side is the biggest? Why not take hold, folks, while the iron's hot, and help put a good thing over. If you will just watch the most bitter enemies of the movement to increase land value taxation, you will see at once which is the proper course. One way to find the right side of some questions, is to see which way the beneficiaries go, and then let its friends do the opposite way, see? The increased land value tax that the revaluation act will put over will not hurt anyone except the man who wants to own more land than he can use, and it won't hurt him any longer than he decides to let some user pay it. And since they resent system has broken down of its own weight, why not quit being a reactionary. We have got to go forward from this time hence, and the idea that the old broken down system is good enough, is rank folly. If it had been good enough, it would not have gotten us in such a "mell-of-a-hess."—Novus Homo.

Mr. C. M. Beik of Buford township has moved to Charlotte to accept a position with the Cole Manufacturing Company.