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## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

### Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Mr. J. W. Fowler has just returned from the West where he bought stock for Fowler & Lee.

Mr. W. T. Stewart has moved his family to Buford township, where he will engage in farming.

Mr. S. R. Doster has moved into his new home on Windsor street, which he recently purchased.

Mr. Charles Bundy, son of the late S. B. Bundy, has been elected vice-president of the Trinity College "Page for Governor" club.

Mr. W. Frank Benton, who is a candidate for sheriff, prior to his retirement several months ago, served as deputy sheriff for ten years.

Mr. Will Rose and Miss Cordia A. Thompson, both of Monroe township, were married yesterday by Esq. R. H. Hargett.

Mr. Dewey McCorkle, son of Mr. E. M. McCorkle, and Miss Velma Helms, daughter of Mr. Ramsey Helms, both of Monroe, were married in Chester Sunday, March 14th.

Rev. A. Marsh will preach at Ebenezer Baptist church Saturday at 2 o'clock and Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

The contest for the nomination for Sheriff is beginning to warm up. Three staunch Democrats, Messrs. Clifford Fowler, J. N. Price and J. Raymond Griffin, have already announced their candidacy, and there is a possibility of several more entrants within the next few weeks.

The latest report of the North Carolina geological and economic survey shows that in 1917 Union county led all of the other counties in the state in the mining of gold. This was the year when Messrs. Frank Armfield and J. C. Sikes operated the Howie mine in the capacity of receivers, and \$3,930.00 was the value of the gold mined in that year in this county.

Col. D. P. Waters, who once made his home in Monroe, has been seriously ill for some time at a hospital in Rutherford. The transfusion of a quart of blood into his veins from the body of Mr. R. E. Price, editor of the Rutherford Sun, saved his life and prolonged it from three to ten years, according to a newspaper dispatch. Col. Water once worked for both of the local papers.

The place on the county board of education made vacant by the death of Mr. A. Lex Funderburk has been filled by the appointment of Mr. John Beasley. The appointment was made yesterday by the State Board of education. Mr. Beasley has accepted and will be sworn in at the next regular meeting. The board will then consist of Messrs. B. F. Parker, P. P. W. Plyler, S. A. Lathan, Zeb M. Little, and John Beasley.

A contract for ten thousand yards of asphalt paving has been let to the Gulf Paving Company by the board of aldermen, work to commence quickly as possible. Petitions for the paving of streets on the sewer line will be received by Mayor Sikes, and those desiring to get rid of the dust this summer had better get busy. The Gulf Paving Company laid all of the asphalt now on Monroe streets, and it was the lowest bidder for the new contract.

The audit report of receipts and disbursements of the county road commission from May 1, to Dec. 31, 1919, has been completed, and will be published in Friday's Journal. The report is very comprehensive, and shows that the total overhead expenses of the administration, including engineering service, was 4.97%. This is considered an excellent showing, as the engineering cost alone is usually 5% on a half million dollar contract. The report was made by a reputable Charlotte auditing firm, and is, of course, accurate in all details.

Governor T. W. Bickett has agreed to come to Monroe Sunday, March 28th, to present the French memorial diplomas to the surviving relatives of the men from this county who were killed or died in service. The presentation of the diplomas, which will be done through the local post of the American Legion, was set for Saturday, March 27th, but when Mr. Gilliam, Craig, post commander, learned that the Governor could not come until the following Sunday, he immediately changed the date to the 28th. The services will be held in the court house at three p. m. Colored people, especially those who had sons in the war, are urged to attend. The gallery will be reserved for their occupancy.

The much abused, often ridiculed farm demonstrator is coming into his own. Nowadays when three county commissioners of the narrow-visioned kind fail to appreciate his services he is instantly employed by private institutions to do similar work. A case of this sort occurred recently in Rutherford county. C. C. Pruitt, the county demonstrator, was about to leave for another section of the State when a Forest City bank, knowing his worth to the farmers, persuaded him to remain and take charge of a farm department, which it created for the purpose of keeping up the demonstration work. Now Mr. Pruitt will continue to preach better farming, but will do it at the expense of this bank instead of the county. There isn't a farm demonstrator in North Carolina who isn't worth \$5000 a year to his county.

The masterly mapner in which Mr. Oscar Richardson played the position of center on the Trinity College basketball team was a determining factor in clinching the State championship for that institution. Mr. Richardson is a son of Mr. Pink Richardson of Buford township and is a graduate of the Monroe high school.

Probably the first efforts at securing Mr. J. J. Parker to deliver a speech in connection with his campaign for governor came from the Republican club of Trinity College. The G. O. P. following at that institution recently perfected an organization and took steps toward inducing Mr. Parker to address the members at an early date.

Miss Helms the Bride of Corporal Hannah.

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Wealth in his banquet hall wooed her; Gaming halls lured her to shame; Still on her mission she wandered, Shorn of her beauty and fame.

Truth found her, poverty-stricken, Calling nobody her friend, Guided her safe to a cottage To Love, and her long journey end.

Paceant of radiant splendor; Drama of mighty appeal; Pictured in scenes of rare beauty That life in its fullness reveal.

Violet Heming and other Favorites feature the cast; "Everywoman," the peer of The greatest film hits of the past.

## MISS VIGA TADLOCK ENDED HER LIFE LAST SATURDAY

Young Woman, Who Has Been an Invalid For Years, Drank Carbolic Acid—Clark Lumber Plant at Marshville Burns.

Marshville, March 15.—A mild blaze which proved to be in the engine room of the Clark lumber plant aroused the citizens of Marshville about 11:30 o'clock Thursday night. The building was burned entirely down but nothing else caught from it. This is the second time the company has had the misfortune of having half the plant destroyed by fire. The building will likely be replaced at once as in the former instance.

Mrs. Irene Marsh returned Thursday night from Raleigh where she has been on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Little.

Miss Lottie Harrell returned home last week from Raleigh and immediately developed a mild case of influenza.

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## "AUNT POLLY" HELMS DEAD AT THE AGE OF HUNDRED

Remains of This Venerable Woman Laid to Rest Near the Scene of Her Birth a Century Ago.

Monroe, Rt. 6, March 15.—Our school reopened last Monday with a good attendance and everything has got back to about normal now; no new cases of "flu" and everybody welcoming the approaching spring weather.

Our first service since January was held at Shiloh Sunday when Rev. A. C. Davis filled his regular appointment at eleven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mangum and daughters, Misses Ethel and Mattie, and son Parks, spent Sunday at Mr. L. C. Polk's.

Mrs. James Garrison and daughter, Isabelle, spent Sunday and Monday of last week at Waxhaw with their uncle, Mr. Pink Spratt.

Mrs. Wherry spent several days last week in Charlotte visiting her brother.

Mr. Roy Garrison went to Charlotte yesterday to see his uncle, Mr. Pink Harris, who is undergoing treatment in a hospital.

The Woman's Missionary Society will observe a day of prayer for Home Missions next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Secrest are welcoming a new son at their home.

Mrs. F. M. Helms and Mrs. Fairle Holland are visiting relatives in Gastonia.

Mrs. Mary Helms, better known as "Aunt Polly," whose sickness we gave an account of in our last letter, died Thursday at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Bartley Helms. Mrs. Helms took gripe about four weeks ago and gradually grew worse till Thursday at noon when she gently fell asleep. She was the widow of the late Mr. Aley Helms, who died about 33 years ago. Mrs. Helms had been a member of Salem Baptist church since its organization. Her daily prayer for months past was to go to her Saviour, and we feel assured that she is now resting in the sunshine of His love. She is survived by six children, one son and five daughters. The daughters are: Mesdames Bartley Helms, D.J. Helms, Daniel Helms, J. M. Stephenson and Andrew Mullis; the son is Mr. J. A. Helms. The funeral was held Saturday morning by Rev. E. C. Snyder, one mile north of Monroe, at the old homestead, where she was born one hundred years ago, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery near there.—Busy Bee.

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## Personals from Wingate.

Wingate, March 15th.—Mrs. E. C. Snyder and sons, William and Herman, and Mrs. Bruce Snyder of Monroe were Wingate visitors Thursday.

—Mrs. J. J. Perry who has been very sick for some time is convalescing.

—Mrs. Marshall Newsome is having her house remodeled.

—Mrs. Dan Tusculoo of Charlotte was the guest of Mrs. Tiny Hartwell Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Helms spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wobble.

—Miss Johanne Perry is the guest of her grandfather, Mr. John Wilson Helms of Monroe.—Mr. Dee Perry of Badin visited in Wingate last week.—Mrs. Jim Thomas of Peachland spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Nell McIntyre.—Miss Ruby Perry celebrated her birthday by having her many friends with her on Saturday. Many games were played and delicious refreshments were served and a most enjoyable occasion was spent by the younger set.—Messrs. John Davis, Ester White and Ervin Sawyer, all of Winterville, N. C., entered school here last week for the Spring term. Many more new students continue to arrive. Under the supervision of our most efficient principal, Prof. C. M. Beach, the Wingate school is having a most successful year.—The public school reopened here Monday.

## NEWS AND INTERVIEWS

### Sidelights on Monroe and Union County Life.

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## LATEST HAPPENINGS

### News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

New Jersey joins Rhode Island in appealing to the Supreme court about the Prohibition Amendment.

General Leonard Wood, speaking at Lansing, Mich., said he was in favor of the United States entering the League of Nations.

The independence of the Syrian people was declared in Beirut, the capital of the little country, yesterday.

The Swiss National Council has voted, 114 to 55 to refer to popular vote the question of joining the League of Nations.

The return of the railroads from government management to private, the first of this month, was accomplished without confusion as far as the public was concerned.

A tornado on Friday killed at least thirteen persons at Branson, Maryland, and flooded streams added a further menace to life and property in that section on the following day.

John Barton Payne retired Monday as chairman of the shipping board and was sworn in as secretary of the interior to succeed Franklin K. Lane, who retired March 1.

Wilbur Smith, negro and ex-soldier, was shot to death near Montgomery, Alabama, Friday by six masked men after he had been arrested by a white farmer, charged with attacking a six year old white girl.

The Supreme Council of the Peace Conference at Paris, has decided to lighten the German Peace terms somewhat. Indemnities will be postponed a while and very likely a loan will be made to the fallen foe.

France is preparing to keep a standing army of one million men. It considers that number absolutely necessary to protect it from another attack by Germany now that it despairs of any support from America.

More than one thousand and five hundred persons in Grand View, Texas, have been made homeless by a two million-dollar fire which swept the town. The business and residential sections were virtually wiped out.

About \$25,000 damage was done to the buildings at the state prison in Raleigh last night by a fire of unknown origin which for a time threatened the entire plant. Prisoners fighting valiantly greatly assisted the firemen.

The special session of the General Assembly in July will be asked by Governor Bickett to ratify the Susan B. Anthony amendment giving the women a right to vote. The governor has definitely indicated his purpose to throw the weight of his influence on the side of the suffragists.

The deepest well in the world has lately been sunk near Fairmont, West Virginia. It reached a depth of 7,575 feet, or approximately a mile and a half, when it had to be abandoned because of a cave-in caused by the enormous side-pressure at that depth. This depth was reached in four hundred days of actual drilling.

The State of Washington is certain to ratify the Woman Suffrage Amendment soon, and only two more States will be needed. Suffragists believe that Vermont, Connecticut and perhaps Delaware would ratify if their Legislatures were in session. But the governors of these States have so far refused to call special sessions.

Passengers on the Cunard Line steamship Mauretania, which arrived in New York Saturday from Southampton, were entertained 100 miles at sea with a concert transmitted by wireless telephone from the Marconi works at Chelmsford, England. They reported that they heard distinctly the vocal and instrumental selections.

Prohibition is causing so many foreign-born to leave the United States that emigration is exceeding immigration, according to Congressman Isaac Segel, member of the House Immigration Committee. Ellis Island records showed that immigration since January 1st totalled fifty-three thousand, while sixty-one thousand persons left the country.

A North Carolina negro, who is mayor of Monrovia, the capital of the small country, Liberia, has amassed a great fortune. He conducts a hotel, operates an ice plant, and an ice cream parlor, manages the post office, and is a police court magistrate. This little country has no roads, no railroads, no steamboat or any practical exploitation of her wealth. The thermometer sometimes registers 110 in the shade.

Friedrick Ebert, who has been at the head of the German government since the kaiser abdicated, is reported overthrown. Press dispatches state that monarchists have seized the reins of authority at the capital. Revolving troops entered Berlin early Saturday morning and issued proclamations stating that a new government would be formed at once. It is reported that it is intended to proclaim Field Marshal Von Hindenburg "Imperial President."

The country is faced with a serious shortage of school teachers, chiefly through the lack of sufficient salaries, according to the United States Bureau of Education. The report shows that on last February 13, there were 18,279 schools closed because of lack of teachers, and 41,900 being taught by teachers characterized as "below standard" but taken temporarily on the emergency. Greater shortages are shown to exist in Southern States including seven hundred in North Carolina.