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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Nance are convalescing from an attack of influenza.

Messrs. Fred Horton, R. L. Stevens and R. B. Redwine are recent purchasers of registered Jersey cattle.

Mr. R. P. Laney and Miss Maud Privett, both of Buford township, were married recently by Esq. R. H. Hargett.

Miss Connie Helms returned yesterday from the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte, where she has been undergoing treatment. She is much improved in health.

Rev. John A. Wray has returned from Baltimore, where he left his father in a much-improved condition, and will fill his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mae Whitley, sixteen-months-old daughter of Mrs. Estelle Whitley of North Monroe, died last Friday night as a result of influenza. This child is the fourth one of Mrs. Whitley to die of influenza in the past three months.

Mr. J. E. Broom of Vance township is now the proud possessor of two registered Poland China sows which he purchased from an Illinois breeder. He is one of the few farmers who are preparing to meet the onslaught of the boll weevil.

The charter for the Monroe Athletic Corporation has been received, and there will be a meeting of the stockholders at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Monday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of perfecting an organization and the election of officers.

Mr. Joseph S. Gardner died Friday morning at his home near Kershaw and the remains were buried at Westville. Mr. Gardner was in his 90th year and was a fine old man; a good citizen respected by all who knew him. He was an uncle of Mrs. R. E. Gardner of Monroe.

Union county cotton seed has been in great demand this year. Thousands of bushels have been shipped to Arkansas, Georgia, and South Carolina, and smaller lots have been shipped to farmers living in the following counties in this state: Anson, Richmond, Bladen, Harnett, Moore, Montgomery, Cabarrus and Columbus.

The Monroe Coca-Cola Bottling Company will soon have a new home on Mr. Eugene Ashcraft's lot near the cotton platform. A contract for the construction of the building has been let to Mr. Ashcraft and Mr. William Copenhaver, and will be built of concrete. It will be two stories high, 40 by 70 feet.

Mr. T. L. Crowell has handed in his resignation to Mr. A. A. Secrest, the chairman of the board of county commissioners, as local registrar of vital statistics for Monroe township, and Mr. J. G. Rogers has been appointed to the office. Mr. Crowell has filled this office since the law went into effect in 1913, to record all births and deaths in the state.

Messrs. W. C. Kanoy of Briscoe, and Charles M. Brice of Anderson, S. C., have joined the county engineering force, succeeding Messrs. W. E. Leeper and R. E. Lewis, who recently resigned. Mr. Kanoy has been with the Tallahassee Power Company and the State Highway Commission, while Mr. Brice has been with the Southern Power Company. Both engineers are said to be among the leaders of their profession, and it is anticipated that they will do much towards putting an end to the recent dissatisfaction which has arisen over the conduct of the road work in the county.

Work on the Ieeman Knitting Mill is progressing rapidly. The foundation of the mill has been laid, the office building has been completed, and several mill dwelling houses are in the process of construction. Barring the unforeseen, the mill will probably be in operation in three or four months. The size of the mill will be nearly 400 by 75 feet, and when completed, will be the second largest of its kind in the state. Mr. Ieeman, who is superintending the construction, has planned the buildings, no architect's drawings having been made. He has erected twelve cotton mills in his life time, and has employed but one engineer in the construction of them.

Capt. A. T. Cole, father of Mrs. W. S. Blakeney and Mr. W. B. Cole, died suddenly Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. K. C. Council, at Lake Waccamaw, where he and Mrs. Cole were visiting. They had spent the winter at Monroe with Mrs. Blakeney, and had been at Lake Waccamaw only two weeks. The deceased was apparently well until Wednesday morning when he fell across the bed, after he had arisen, dying instantly. Heart failure was the cause of his death. The remains were carried to Rockingham, where funeral services were conducted Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakeney and children and Mr. W. B. Cole attended the services. Capt. Cole was 81 years old. He attended the state university, but left before graduating to join the Confederate army. He was a member of the 4th cavalry, was a brave soldier and received several wounds. He was once captured and confined in a military prison for six months. Six children survive. The deceased was well-known in Monroe, and he has many friends here who mourn his passing.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Easter Sunday, April 4th, morning service with sermon at eleven o'clock. Sunday school at 2:30. C. H. Hasty, superintendent. Men's Bible class at 3:30. J. J. Parker, leader. Evening service and sermon at 7:30.

SOME OF THE HELPFUL WAYS THE STATE SPENDS MONEY

By Furnishing Free Vaccine, Free Dental Service and Free Treatment of Throats of School Children

To the Editor of The Journal:—Its fortunate for ordinary newspaper correspondents that printers sometimes make typographical errors. We noticed recently in one of our letters a statement or two that didn't look very well, and on second thought we would probably have changed it a little. I do not think the typist made any error in his part of the work, but it is some consolation to hope that the reader may think he did.

Mrs. W. H. Felton, who edits the "Country Home" department in one of our popular southern semi-weeklies makes some very timely remarks on the condition of our European debtors. She says Europe owes us near ten billion dollars of borrowed money, and that not a single one of the debtor nations are able to even pay the interest on their account. She says the American people have furnished their countries cash to carry on their war maneuverings and have submitted to burdensome taxes in order to do so, and that since these bonds on which the money was advanced are held by capitalists who demand interest on them according to their specified interest drawing ability, that the same Americans are having to submit to further burdensome taxation in order to supply the funds to pay the interest that should be paid by Europe; but Europe can't pay.

Looks rather complicated doesn't it? It seems a little unfair to make a man "cough up" funds to be loaned, and then make him cough up again to pay interest on the funds he coughed up, eh?

We asked the question once some time ago, "That if each of the 21 million families of this country owned a thousand dollar bond, who would pay the interest?" As yet, no one has answered and we hardly expect 'em to. Our reason is, those who would answer probably can't, and those who can don't want to, see?

If we could realize the ideals of the boys who fought "a war to end war," and could ever reach the goal of the pacifist who reasons that any kind of war is waste pure and simple; thereby cutting out these monstrous waste of both wealth and the products of wealth, we could then spend tax money in productive channels and be benefitted rather than injured by the tax.

The State of North Carolina is now spending large sums of money that a few years ago would have been impossible to spend. The people would not have stood for it. But a great deal of this money is being spent in a manner that makes the state richer after spending than before. If this was true of all tax—and it could be—and then it would be impossible to overtax a people.

Some of the ways in which the State is spending money that helps rather than burdens its citizens, are the following:

First—Furnishing free vaccine and physicians to administer it as a preventive of typhoid fever. We have had this service free in Union county now since 1915 and I am not aware of a single person who took the treatment who has had typhoid since. In fact there has not, to my knowledge, been but one case in Jackson township in the past five years, and that was a party who had not been treated. How would we estimate the value of a dollar spent in an undertaking that accomplishes so much?

Second—During the present school term we have had free dental service for the school children. Of course the treatment is not free for children over twelve years—I believe it is free for children under twelve—but how much is it worth to a person to have their teeth examined and if found to need treatment, have the parents appraised of the fact that great injury to health will result from further neglect?

Third—I believe we are now promised free examination of the children for throat troubles. This seems to be one of the very serious health underminers that creep up insidiously and result too often disastrously before we are aware of its presence. How are we to know the real value of the tax dollars spent in this direction? This all may be bordering on socialism, if it is, it seems to be a selection that has taken the best points of the "ism" and applied them in a manner that none, as yet, have had nerve enough to tackle them on. Taking the general trend of events and noting the wonderful strides of progress during the last twenty-five years, and watching the current of thought closely, listening to the repeated assertion of President Wilson that "we are entering a new day," and seeing the manifest spirit of the nations leading lights to get together and so on and so forth, it seems we are headed forward. If we would just all believe it and get to work to bring about better results; not forgetting the fact that money is not wealth and that to spend a dollar profitably doesn't hurt it a bit, since the same dollar is still in existence and will do just as much, or more, for the man who has it today as it did for the man who had it yesterday.

Some of us seem to look on money as if it was a postage stamp, "dead everytime it does service." It's not, and won't be the next time you hear from it.—Novus Homo.

Eight students were expelled from Wake Forest College last week for hazing, five of the men being freshmen.

REPUBLICANS MAY PUT OUT A COUNTY TICKET

Mr. Lum Price is Slated for Sheriff, and J. J. Perry and Gus Haigler for the Legislature.

The Republicans, it is freely predicted in Monroe, will put out a county ticket this year. A convention, it is said, will be held soon to endorse candidates for the various offices, even for road commission. Mr. Lum Price will be the nominee for sheriff, and Messrs. J. J. Perry and Gus Haigler for the legislature, local Republicans say.

For county road commission, this ticket is planned: Monroe, George Edward Flow; Lanes Creek, E. A. Collins; Buford, L. L. Fincher; Jackson, S. S. Dunlap; Sandy Ridge, Will Biggers; Vance, Captain Jule Yontz; Goose Creek, John Haigler; New Salem, Tom Brewer, and Marshville, Hilram Strawn.

Mr. Gilmer Joyce will doubtless be the nominee for register of deeds. He has opposed Mr. M. C. Long, the Democratic incumbent, before, and the honor will be nothing new for him. Mr. S. A. Warlick is said to be a candidate for recorder, and his candidacy will probably not be opposed.

Messrs. M. C. Haigler, Duke Yontz and Blair Secrest are slated to run for county commissioners, and J. F. Biggers for coroner.

CONDITIONS AT OTEEN BAD. SAYS AN OFFICIAL REPORT

Food Has Been Poor; Unclean Dishes Used and Men Ill-Treated—Guards Discourteous to Sick.

Finding that the food served at army hospital No. 15, Oteen, N. C., has been poor; that guards have not at all times been courteous in their treatment of the sick soldiers there; that there has been growing discontent among the tubercular patients over mess hall conditions, and that the mess officer in charge should be relieved, the inspector-general of the army has made this report on the investigation at Oteen.

This report is an indictment by an army officer of the conditions at the hospital, although it does not sustain all of the charges made by soldiers, who telegraphed Senators Simmons and Overman, and other senators, demanding a civilian inquiry.

The report, which has been approved by Secretary Baker, is made by Major-General J. L. Chamberlain, inspector-general, who includes the findings of Colonel C. C. Kinney, the officer who went to Asheville to make an inspection.

Highlights of the report are: Recommendation for the discharge of Major Frank A. Crawford, sanitary corps, and his replacement with "a competent officer." The adjutant-general of the army says this officer has been discharged.

Recommendation for the court-martial of three enlisted men who participated recently in a fight in the mess hall.

Admission that "the mess hall conditions at this hospital for the past year have not been satisfactory; that little effort has been made to provide food to ambulatory patients in an attractive and appetizing manner."

Criticism of the fact that cockroaches are found in the mess halls and kitchens and that no real campaign has been waged to get rid of them.

Criticism of the serving of manufactured milk to tubercular patients.

Disclosure that sometimes dirty dishes are used in serving meals to the soldier patients, and that "good food has been spoiled in the cooking."

A statement that there has been growing discontent among the enlisted men over food conditions; that white and colored patients have been served in the same dining room by colored cooks and that the white patients have accused these colored cooks of favoring the colored soldiers.

Expression of regret that the commanding officer did not permit Walter Clark of Charlotte to inspect the hospital when charges were made some weeks ago.

The report shows that the food served to officers and in the wards has been superior to that served in the enlisted men's mess hall and that the hospital food inspection board did not trouble to examine food for the enlisted men.

The three men to be court-martialed are Sergeant Joseph Reilly, of the guard; Private William P. Hickerson, and Private Edward P. Brown, all participants in the dining room melee.

Soldiers who telegraphed senators and congressmen are declared to have violated army regulations but since they are sick men "and in a measure not responsible for their acts, disciplinary action is not recommended."

The inspector-general finds those telegrams of complaint were exaggerations, that claims that "each meal is a riot" are untrue, but that it is true food conditions were bad and guards were not always considerate of the sick soldiers.

FORMER MONROE MAN DEAD FROM OVERDOSE MEDICINE

A. Torrence Latta Found Dead in Bed Last Week—Was a Son of the Late Rev. A. T. Latta.

A. T. Latta, Jr., a former resident of Monroe, died last week in Dallas, it is said, will be held soon to endorse of medicine. News of his death was conveyed in a clipping from the Dallas News, which was sent to The Journal by Mr. D. B. Wolfe, a native of Monroe, who now makes his home in Dallas. This clipping reads:

"An overdose of medicine caused the death of A. T. Latta, jeweler, aged 55 years, according to a verdict rendered by Justice of the Peace S. J. Barnett on inquest Tuesday morning. Latta, who had been ill for some weeks, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning at his room, 1605 Bryan street. Several empty vials were found in Latta's room. Their presence guided Mr. Barnett in his verdict."

The deceased, though reared in Monroe, was a native of South Carolina. He was a son of the late Rev. A. T. Latta, who conducted a book store here for many years. A. T. Latta, or "Torrence," as he was known in Monroe, left for Texas a few years before the death of his father, which took place over fifteen years ago. In late years Monroe people had lost trace of him.

Another son of the late Rev. Mr. Latta, W. A. Latta, is said to be a wealthy jeweler of St. Louis, Mo.

VANN CHARGES SOLICITOR BROCK "TOOK TO BUSHES"

Anson Man Is Disinclined to Let People Know Some Things, He Says—Calls Upon Hammer and Brock to Resign.

After charging Solicitor W. E. Brock, who declined his invitation for a joint discussion over the district, with having "taken to the woods," Mr. J. C. M. Vann, at a Democratic rally in the court house last night, confidently predicted his nomination in the first primary. "I am in the lead," he declared, "and I am the only man in the race who can be nominated on the first ballot."

Should Union county give him 3500 votes, and should he receive an average of 200 votes from each of the remaining counties in the district, Mr. Vann will be elected. These figures were given out at the meeting. "I may get less than 200 votes in some of the Republican counties in Mr. Hammer's end of the district, but I will treble this number in some of the Democratic counties," said Mr. Vann. "All that is necessary for success is that Union county give me 3500 votes," he continued.

"I have no hard feelings for Anson county," said Mr. Vann. "In 1916 we gave Mr. Robinson 1650 votes with the tacit understanding that when he retired Anson county's support would be thrown to Union county's candidate."

Declaring that no Democrat should use his high political office to further his own interests, Mr. Vann openly demanded his opponents, Brock and Hammer, who hold office, to resign and place their candidacies on a parity with his. "Their failure to resign," he said, "is either an admission of the weakness of their candidacies or a deliberate attempt to pervert their high offices to carry public favor."

In referring to Mr. Brock's recent letter, in which he refused to participate in a joint debate, Mr. Vann said: "Mr. Brock says there are no issues to be discussed. He pretends to place party welfare above his own interests, but the truth of the matter is that he cares nothing about softening disaffection, but is disinclined to come out and talk about some things that the people ought to know about."

Hammer received a deft blow from Union county's candidate. Mr. Hammer is boasting that he secured a marked increase in the Democratic vote in his own county; and, therefore, is competent to secure a like increase in the district. Mr. Hammer has never been able to reduce the 1000 Republican majority in Randolph county, and he would be a fine candidate to attempt a reduction of the vote of the opposition party in the district.

Mr. Vann's speech drew much applause, and the confidence he exhibited in the final outcome of the race inspired his hearers. They left the meeting with increased determination.

Mr. R. A. Morrow, long one of the leading Democrats in this county, presided at the rally. At the close of the meeting he made a few remarks, which again brought cheers.

The Charlotte Observer's defense of Brock's position on the joint canvass was severely criticised by Mr. R. L. Stevens. "Wade Harris' attempt to show that a joint canvass would arouse disaffection is inconsistent with his efforts to elect Cameron Morrison for governor. I thought about replying to his editorial, but I have a hesitancy about engaging in a controversy with a newspaper man, who always has the last word. On the stump, however, I would make him run like a turkey."

Rousing speeches were made by the following: Messrs. R. B. Redwine, Charles Ieeman, F. G. Henderson, M. K. Lee, Rev. S. L. Rottler, J. C. Gibson, P. W. Allen, C. L. Nisbet, Gilliam Craig, and Dr. H. E. Gurney.

Charges of unfitness against five members of the New York general assembly have been sustained by a majority of the Judiciary committee. The committee's report says their seats should be declared vacant.

TWENTY DOLLARS IN GOLD OFFERED FOR BEST STORY.

Mr. Morrow Will Reward School Child Who Writes the Best Short Story.

A prize of \$20 in gold has been offered by Mr. R. A. Morrow to the Union county school child who writes the best short story, the subject to be selected by the writer. The contest is confined to pupils below the high school. It will close April 17. The rules of the contest are as follows:

1—The contest is open to any and all white children in the rural schools below the eighth grade.

2—The story must contain not less than 300 words and not more than \$90.

3—The teacher and pupil must make a statement that the child did all the work.

4—Any subject may be used except it must be no "love story."

5—All students in a school may participate in the contest, but the teacher will select the best story from her school and forward it to County Superintendent Ray Funderburk. The county superintendent and Mr. R. W. Allen will select a committee to grade the papers. Six of the best stories will be published in the county papers.

6—All papers must be in the hands of the county superintendent not later than April 17.

7—The story must be written with pen on local cap paper, written on one side only.

8—The points by which the story will be judged are penmanship, spelling, grammar, punctuation, subject matter, neatness of the work, etc.

9—The teacher may help the pupil to select a subject.

Hoover Gives Governor Bickett "Dry Grins."

Raleigh, April 1.—Herbert Hoover's declaration in today's paper gave Governor Bickett the dry grins. The New York World tonight is asking what the state press is saying and it is very still. It had been Hooverish somewhat.

Mrs. Ida McGlone Gibson, organizing Mitchell Palmer clubs for women, and Dean Caldwell boosting Palmer personality, received the Hoover pronouncement with undisguised joy. They hope that he will get the nomination for in it they see the certain wrecking of the Republican organization. Two tickets would enact another Taft and Roosevelt campaign they think.

But Governor Bickett is frankly disappointed. He has nothing in his system which he wishes to get out tonight.

REVIVAL SERVICES IN PROGRESS

Rev. Messrs. White and Edwards Divide Time at Meeting.

Marshallville, April 1.—Miss Eva Marsh of Coker College, Hartsville, is spending the Easter holidays at home. Miss Mildred Stephenson returned to her home in Rockingham Tuesday after a week's visit to Mrs. C. B. Covington.

Messrs. C. R. Haywood and J. S. Harrell of the Marshallville Motor Company attended a meeting of Ford dealers in Wadesboro Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry C. Ashcraft leaves Friday for Washington, D. C., to spend some time with her son, Mr. Lee Ashcraft.

Mrs. B. A. Hallman, Mrs. L. E. Huggins and Lil Kirk Huggins spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

The meeting in progress at the Methodist church is attracting good congregations and the close attention which is given the sermons is inspiring. Rev. C. E. White, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preaches in the afternoon and has been delivering some forceful messages. Rev. Mr. Edwards conducts the evening services in his usual earnest and impressive style, and between the two, Marshallville is getting some good, straight gospel preached to it. The co-operation of the other denominations is a wonderful factor in reviving the spiritual life of any church, and it is a source of satisfaction to the Christians of the town to note that the various churches here are being drawn nearer together in their labors, and to win more Christians is growing to be a greater and nobler object than winning more Baptists, Methodists or Presbyterians. There are still a few exalted moss-backs who never attend services at any church save the one of their belief, but public and Christian sentiment is gradually forming a separate and distinct place for that brand of so-called Christianity, and indications are that it will likely be a place of complete isolation. When a church member is too narrow to recognize another denomination it would seem that he would be very uncomfortable in heaven where representatives of all beliefs will be gathered—that is provided he can squeeze into heaven. Marshallville hopes soon to be free from any such incumbrances in its churches.

Messrs. Chester Braswell and Lee Bailey will open up a first class grocery store and meat market in Dr. M. P. Blair's brick building at an early date.

NEWS & INTERVIEWS

Sidelights on Monroe and Union County Life.

Miss Virginia Lawrence of Warsaw, N. Y., who was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Gurney during the past winter, has in her possession the pen with which General Robert E. Lee and General U. S. Grant signed the articles of surrender at Appomattox Court House. It was given to her by her father, the late Col. A. B. Lawrence, who was chief quartermaster of the Federal army of the James. He was present at the surrender, and being a curio collector, recognized the historical value of the pen, and requested it to him. Miss Lawrence also has the original draft of the terms imposed on the vanquished Confederacy, which were later incorporated in the articles of surrender. Miss Lawrence is now visiting a classmate at Anderson college. She was a member of Dr. Gurney's congregation when he was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Warsaw.

Register of Deeds M. C. Long, when it comes to issuing marriage licenses, is very careful to ascertain the real age of the prospective bride. Until proof can be submitted otherwise, he takes it for granted that the young lady is underage; and a case in point, which illustrates his zeal in this matter, occurred yesterday. A young man entered his office, and made a request for license. "How old is the girl?" he asked. "Nineteen," was the reply. "How do you know?" Mr. Long fired back at him. "She said so," answered the nuptial-inclined young man. "That's not sufficient," said Mr. Long. "I must have a statement to that effect from her parents." The applicant said the parents could not readily be summoned. "Well," said Mr. Long, after some deliberation, "I will get Mr. Funderburk to look up her age in the school census." As Mr. Long went out one door to perform his mission, the young man went out the other. He hasn't been seen since. On looking up the girl's age in the census report, Mr. Long found that it was only 14.

A. L. BROOKS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR SENATE

Prominent Greensboro Lawyer Will Oppose Overman in the Coming Primary—Is a Progressive.

Aubrey L. Brooks, a prominent attorney of Greensboro, and a very progressive citizen, has announced himself a candidate for the senate, and will oppose Senator Overman for the Democratic nomination at the coming primary. His announcement, in full, follows:

"I desire to announce my candidacy for a seat in the United States senate, beginning March 4th, 1921. I shall enter the Democratic primary to be held June 5th. North Carolina under the constitution is entitled to two United States senators. No Democrat has so far announced his candidacy for this office. I am therefore not entering the field against anyone. I am entering it for everyone, both men and women.

"My decision to become a candidate for the senate is born of the conviction that I am in entire sympathy with the currents of thought that are shaping the lives of our people. A vast and complex task confronts the senate of the United States, and the intelligence and efficiency with which it is done will largely determine the destiny and happiness, not alone of North Carolina and the United States, but of the whole world. No man has any personal claim on the people in such a crisis. Vision, fitness and capacity should be the controlling factors in selecting a senator for this high service.

"My candidacy is in no wise dependent upon the ratification of the federal amendment, granting equal suffrage to women. I feel that the women of the state will be interested, however, in the election of a man who has from the beginning been in sympathy with and an ardent supporter of their aspirations. I shall not change my position upon any public question in order to induce anyone to vote for me. Death-bed repentances are thought to be advisable for the next world, but they have never been regarded as shining examples for this one.

"I invite the forward-looking men and women of North Carolina to support me for this position. I shall from now until the day of the primary lay before the people of the state the reasons for the faith that is in me, so that you may judge of my worthiness to represent and ability to serve you."

Presbyterian Church.

Next Sunday's services: 10:30 a. m., Sunday school. 11:30, Worship and the Lord's supper.

There will be no evening service as the pastor expects to be in Waxhaw attending an installation service. The Session will meet at 11 o'clock Sunday morning to receive members, and those desiring to unite with our church are requested to be present at that time.

Mississippi on Wednesday declined to be the thirty-sixth state to ratify the suffrage amendment. At that time the lower house adopted a resolution disagreeing with the senate's resolution which had favored ratification.