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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Mr. Roy Brewer is in St. Louis buying mules for the Sikes Co.

Mr. W. B. Keziah, editor of the Whiteville News-Reporter, has been spending several days in Jackson township with relatives.

Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Wingate, Sunday. Mother and children are doing well.

Work on the new garage, which is being erected below Efrid's store by Mr. W. M. Gordon for Mr. R. Sams, started yesterday morning.

Four hundred dogs were returned for taxation from Buford township. Their owners valued them at prices ranging from a dollar to a hundred.

Governor Bickett passed through Monroe yesterday en route to Raleigh from Davidson college, where he delivered an address Sunday.

Rev. R. M. Haigler will fill his regular appointment at Corinth Saturday at two o'clock and Sunday at eleven a. m. He will also be at Macedonia Sunday at three p. m.

Messrs. S. S. Richardson and L. L. Fincher, both of this county, are serving on the Federal grand jury in Charlotte this week. A negro, Henry Warren, is on the same jury.

The Henby school will close Friday night, April 16th. A play, "The District School Down at Blueberry Corners," will be given, beginning at 8:20 o'clock.

A Union county bachelor is advertising in this issue for a wife. The fortunate damsel must be of middle-age, or younger, and must have in her own name property to the amount of nearly ten thousand dollars.

Mr. G. L. Nesbit, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has in his office a piece of timber which came off the original George McKamie cabin in Jackson township, in which Andrew Jackson was born.

Maj. B. H. Hinde has been appointed Special Expert for the State of North Carolina by the Director of War Risk Insurance. Major Hinde will go to Washington for a stay of several weeks; after that his office will be in Raleigh.

The school at Stouts, which is taught by Prof. J. W. Baucum, Miss Mamie Duncan, and Miss Estelle McRorie, will close Saturday, April 17. Judge W. O. Lemmond will deliver an address at four p. m. and a play, "The Face at the Window," will be given at night by students of the school.

A number of Monroe citizens are speculating in foreign exchange, and they anticipate receiving large profits from the venture. German marks, normally worth about twenty-four cents, are quoted at less than two cents; while French francs worth at par around eighteen cents can now be bought for six and three-fourths cents.

The Wesley Chapel High School will close April the fifteenth and the following commencement program has been arranged: Thursday, 15th, 7:30 p. m.—Debate; Friday, 16th, 7:30 p. m.—Exercises by the Intermediate grades; Saturday, 17th, 10:30 a. m.—Declamation and Recitation contests; 1:30 p. m.—Address by J. C. M. Vann; 7:30 p. m.—Play, "A Kentucky Belle"; Sunday, 18th, Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. John W. Moore.

Rev. John A. Wray returned Saturday from Baltimore where his father is in a critical condition and undergoing hospital treatment. Mrs. Wray has been at Wake Forest some time on account of the serious illness of her father, Prof. L. R. Mills. Mrs. Claude Kitchin who is a sister of Mrs. Wray, was also at the bedside of her father at Wake Forest when the news came of the serious illness of her husband, Hon. Claude Kitchin, who was stricken while making a speech in Congress.

Mr. A. M. Hopkins, superintendent of agencies for the Philadelphia Life Insurance Company, was the guest of honor at luncheon Friday afternoon given by the Gordon Insurance & Investment Company at the Joffre Hotel. Mr. W. B. Love acted as toastmaster. The following guests made happy responses: Messrs. W. M. Gordon, W. B. Brown, Frank Benton, Jr., J. F. Williams, R. E. Lee, W. B. Love, E. S. Wood, F. G. Henderson, J. H. Lee, R. D. Crow, and G. L. Nesbit.

Mr. R. F. Beasley, the Commissioner of Public Welfare, spent Sunday in town en route to New Orleans to attend meetings of the National Probation Association and the National Conference for Social Work. These bodies number several thousand persons from every State in the Union. Commissioner Beasley will make two speeches, one on "North Carolina the Banner State in the Development of a State-wide Juvenile Court System," and "The Development of Public Sentiment for Effective Social Service."

In last Friday's Journal we referred to the race now on for governor and stated that Gardner, Page, Morrison and Parker would receive about the same size vote in this county. In making this statement we were under the impression that the highest vote cast for a Republican candidate in recent years was around eight hundred and that would constitute about one fourth of the total vote of the county. Of course we were not sure and did not offer it as an accurate forecast. Mr. Vann, our congressional candidate, is a man of fine ability, logical, original, never

dull and always interesting as a public speaker. If he is nominated, as now seems likely he will poll the full democratic vote of Union County and carry the banner of democracy to victory in this district.

Mrs. Philip Gwaltney of Kinston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Iceman. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gaddy and little daughter, Margaret, who have been with Mr. and Mrs. Iceman since the Gaddy home was burned several weeks ago, returned to Charlotte yesterday.

Mr. W. Henry Long died Saturday afternoon at his home in Monroe township following an attack of pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Salem Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member, by Rev. J. W. Little. Mr. Long is survived by his wife, four sons and four daughters all of whom reside in this county. Mr. Long was a Confederate veteran and was about 80 years old. He was a fine type of citizen, respected by all who knew him.

The Revival services at the Methodist church will continue throughout this week. Rev. Mr. Moore is preaching powerful sermons and large numbers of people are attending both the afternoon and evening services, many coming from the near-by towns. Sunday afternoon the service was for the children and Sunday evening the various denominations joined with the Methodist congregation in worshipping. Last night Mr. Moore preached a strong and unusual sermon on "Several Sorts of Fools."

The Elizabeth Browning Literary Society held its last regular meeting Friday, April 9th, at the high school. A very interesting musical program was carried out. The first number being a piano solo, "Souvenir," by Margaret Helms. Mildred Lee next read us the life of Beethoven. The third number was a synopsis of the opera "Madame Butterfly" by Lucile Watkins. After this Lois Laney told us of Bach's life. The last number on the program was a piano solo by Martha Adams.

In a letter to his uncle, Mr. J. W. Houston, of Monroe township, Judge J. P. Coon, of Kaufman, Texas, writes as follows, about land in his section: "The country has changed wonderfully since you were here. Our old home place sold last fall for a hundred dollars per acre. Some of the best black land has sold for four hundred dollars per acre and the price of all land is still advancing. They are building good roads all over Texas. Kaufman county is spending two million dollars this year on roads. We are only thirty-five miles from Dallas, which now has a population of about two hundred thousand. This country has developed beyond the dreams of the most optimistic. Our county produced more than sixty-five thousand bales of cotton last year, and there is on deposit in the bank of our county more than eight million dollars. I bought some more land last fall and I will have about nine hundred acres in cotton and three hundred acres in other crops this year. It has been pretty dry here for about ten weeks. We have had only two rains in that time. It has been too dry for oats. Corn has not come up well. Most people are planting cotton now."

ABOUT GARBAGE COLLECTION.

I wish to make a final announcement to the public regarding the city hauling. Last week was "Clean-Up Week." I suppose our citizens have cleaned their premises thoroughly, therefore all cans and trash have been placed for hauling away, and we will remove it as rapidly as possible.

In the future (beginning this week) I kindly ask you to place all cans, bottles and trash in a box or barrel of some kind, otherwise we cannot remove it. The wind and children play havoc with papers and cans loosely placed on the ground. Our street cleaner cannot spend even one half hour at any one place. I hope every house-keeper will feel it her duty to pick up all loose papers blown on her yard and burn them.

We want to establish a regular system for hauling garbage from the city and a notice will be placed in the papers when this system is perfected. Each person is expected to place all accumulations of trash from his place of business in a box in front of his place each morning, then after sweeping his sidewalk, that trash must be picked up and placed in the same garbage can so that the street man may cover more territory in shorter time. The city wagons will not collect trash deposited behind stores; that must be moved by the individual. Merchants shall not leave empty boxes on the sidewalks. The public is entitled to use them. I know our citizens have great pride in keeping Monroe clean and to do it each must help. Let us lay aside thoughtlessness and selfishness, and all work together for the health and beauty of our town. The sanitary inspector has authority to see that Monroe is kept clean, so I advise you to assist her in every respect. I am pleased to inform you that Monroe is cleaner today than in all her past history, and in the near future we hope to boast of the cleanest town in the state.

J. B. SIMPSON, Chm. of Streets, April 13, 1920.

The shipping board steamship Lake Calvenia was rammed by the Steamship H. H. Rogers in Hampton Roads Sunday night and sank in five minutes. The entire crew of the Calvenia was rescued by a Coast Guard Cutter. It takes two to create a scandal, one gossip to tell it, and one to listen to it.

BROOKS' CANDIDACY IS VIEWED FAVORABLY HERE

Sheriff Griffith Sizes Him Up to Be Capable Gentleman—Mr. Lemmond Tells Why 'Tis Better to Change Horses in This Instance.

Mr. A. L. Brooks of Greensboro, who is opposing Hon. Lee S. Overman, the present incumbent, for the United States Senate from this state, is developing unexpected strength in Union county. His candidacy is viewed with much favor by the political leaders, and if sentiment over the state is the same as it is in this county, Senator Overman will likely be re-elected at the next election after many years of illustrious service.

Prominent among those who view his candidacy in a satisfactory manner are Sheriff John Griffith, Clerk of the Court R. W. Lemmond, and Mr. Frank Limerick, a well-known Monroe attorney. While attending the Democratic convention in Raleigh last week, Sheriff Griffith had a conference with Mr. Brooks, and he came back to Monroe singing his praises. "He speaks to be a sensible, capable gentleman," says the Sheriff, who is inclined to believe Mr. Overman has been honored sufficiently.

Mr. Lemmond, who is an avowed Brooks' supporter, is meeting the old cry, "Never change horses in mid-stream," with a unique argument. He says: "Both Senator Simmons and Senator Overman occupy commanding positions, earned by their long periods of service. They are, however, about the same age, and both will probably end their period of usefulness at the same time. Then unless we retire one of them, in a few years North Carolina will have to send two inexperienced legislators to the Senate to succeed them, and neither will profit by the experience of their predecessors. Now, in my opinion, the way out of this contingency is to elect Mr. Brooks, who is a progressive, well-informed citizen, to succeed Mr. Overman. He will, for a time, be under the tutelage of Senator Simmons, who will teach him the tricks of the game. Then, when Mr. Simmons retires, Mr. Brooks will be in a position to step into his place, and thus continue the influence which this state has exerted in Congress. The Senator to succeed Mr. Simmons will be under the guidance of Mr. Brooks, and eventually they will bring the North Carolina representation to the high position maintained by Messrs. Simmons and Overman."

In brief, Mr. Lemmond thinks a younger man should have the advantage of training under Mr. Simmons, who probably holds the most dominant position in the Senate. Friends of Mr. Brooks expect him to come to Monroe in a few weeks.

News from Monroe Five.

Monroe Route five, April 12th.—Mr. W. A. Griffin of Matthews spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in this community. He was accompanied home by Mr. W. V. Tucker who will visit his daughters, Medames T. J. and Sam Presson.—Mr. Carl Price and family spent Sunday with Mr. J. B. Price.—Mrs. Jennie Helms of Peachland was the Saturday and Sunday visitor of Messrs. James Walt Benton and T. Richard Helms. Mrs. W. E. Helms accompanied Mrs. Helms home and will spend several days with old friends in Peachland.—Rev. R. M. Haigler will preach at Corinth next Saturday at two p. m. and Sunday morning at eleven a. m.—Roy Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. C. Helms has enlisted in the United States Medical Corps for one year and is stationed at Baltimore, Maryland.—Mrs. Florence Tucker who has been spending some time at Kannapolis returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bradley of Baltimore were wired Wednesday to come at once to see the latter's brother, Mr. Earle McCorkle who was at the point of death. Mrs. Bradley arrived just in time to see her brother before he died Friday night about ten o'clock. The remains were brought to Corinth Sunday and the funeral service was conducted by Rev. B. M. Haigler, pastor of the deceased, in the presence of the largest number of friends I have ever witnessed at a like service. The remains were interred in the Corinth cemetery. Earl was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCorkle and was liked by everybody.—"H."

Prospect Items.

Mineral Springs, Route One, April 12th.—The weather is unseasonably cool. "As Spring approaches, Rats and roaches From their holes come out. And mice and rats In spite of cats Gally split about." The school has almost recovered from the suspension on account of flu and has nearly reached its prestige glory. It will close on the 24th with speaking and a picnic.—Prof. and Mrs. W. F. Starnes of Rutherford College visited Mr. Starnes parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Starnes, Sunday.—W. L. Motes was elected delegate to the District Quarterly Conference to meet in Monroe May 12-13.—Miss Rose Lee Fincher, a trained nurse has returned from the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. McAttee.—Prospect sent six young people to school this year as follows: Messrs. Warren and Howard Lathan and Hoyle Starnes to Rutherford College, Vera Montgomery and Daisy Fincher to Salisbury and Edna Nesbit to Albemarle.—The people in our neighborhood seem to be contented and happy even if their work has been delayed.—Excelsior.

TORNADO LEAVES 3 DEAD IN ITS WAKE; DAMAGE WAS GREAT

Mr. Polk and Two Williams Boys Lost Their Lives Last Night

MRS. PRESSON SERIOUSLY HURT Carried to the Hospital Today, Her Recovery Is Doubtful

SEVERAL HOMES A TOTAL LOSS Homes and Barns Destroyed; Much Fine Timber Blown Down

Three persons are dead, one woman is seriously, perhaps fatally, injured, a number of homes and barns are a total wreck, and thousands of feet of fine timber were destroyed as a result of a cyclone which swept parts of Monroe, Goose Creek and New Salem townships about 9 o'clock last night. The dead are:

Robert L. Polk, aged about 30 years; Aubrey Williams, aged 5, and his brother, Hilton Williams, aged 6. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Williams, who live a few miles north of Unionville.

Mrs. Sam Presson, who was badly injured, is in a serious condition, and is not expected to live. She was carried to a Charlotte hospital. Mrs. Presson was injured about the neck, waist and kidneys. Among those injured are: R. W. Byrd, his son, Roy Byrd; and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Griffin, all of whom live in Goose Creek township. Others were probably injured, but their names could not be learned today.

The cyclone was reported to have started about Bakers. It swept through the southern part of Goose Creek township, missing Unionville by about a mile and a half, through the edge of New Salem, on to Rocky River. Some damage is reported from the Rocky River vicinity. Both the school and church at Ebenezzer are said to have been destroyed, though it could not be ascertained to be a fact.

FIRST STRUCK POLK'S HOME

From what could be learned today, the home of Mr. Robert L. Polk, which is on the Seceest short cut road, about 6 and a half miles from Monroe, was the first to be destroyed. The house was picked up from its foundations and carried for a distance of about twenty-five feet. The dead body of Mr. Polk was extricated from the timbers by neighbors shortly after the destruction of his home. The body was badly bruised, but not mutilated. In some miraculous manner, the wife of Mr. Polk and his three children escaped. The deceased was about 30 years of age. Funeral services over his remains were conducted this afternoon at the old Waxhaw Baptist church.

The next home destroyed by the on-rushing tornado was that of Mr. R. W. Byrd, who lives on the Concord road, a short distance above the point where the road forks to Unionville. His home, barn and outbuildings were totally wrecked; and Mr. Byrd, and his young son, Roy Byrd, were both injured. The former was cut and bruised about the head and face, while the latter was cut on the leg. Mrs. Byrd and several children escaped injury.

When the house was picked up by the force of the wind, Roy Byrd was thrown into the well, the curbing of which had been torn away. Fortunately, he caught a timber before falling to the bottom. He was rescued by neighbors, who arrived on the scene a short while afterwards. Mr. Byrd was knocked unconscious by the falling timbers. A number of chickens were killed, but his pigs, horses and cows were not hurt.

The next home destroyed by the tornado was that of Mr. Sam Presson, who lives only a short distance from the home of Mr. Byrd. In addition to the loss of his home, Mr. Presson suffered the loss of a good barn, a mule, wagon, and other farming implements. Mrs. Presson was seriously injured, and is not expected to live. A child was unharmed from a mass of timbers uninjured. Mr. Presson's loss is about \$2500.

CHILDREN DIED TOGETHER.

The most pathetic incident of the havoc was the death of the two little Williams boys, Aubrey and Hilton. They slept in the same bed, and the tornado, which simply tore up their father's home, threw heavy timbers across their little bodies. Their stomachs were crushed in and it is thought they died instantly. Six men were required to lift the timbers from their bodies.

The two lads had attended the funeral of an infant cousin the afternoon before they met their death. They were handsome, likable young chaps, and the community is mourning their untimely death. Mr. Williams' store, which he conducted in the yard of his home, was lifted from its pillars, and carried for a distance of several feet. Nothing in the store, however, was broken or destroyed.

Severe losses were also suffered by Mr. J. H. Griffin, who lives in the same community with Messrs. Byrd and Presson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were badly hurt; their home destroyed, and barns and outbuildings totally demolished. His loss is around \$2,000.

Mr. Arthur Pusser lost his barn, a mule and some timber. Mr. Carl Griffin lost a tenant house, and from 50,000 to 70,000 feet of extra good timber. The home of Mr. Marcus Little, who

is a bachelor, was destroyed. His barns and outhouses suffered likewise from the force of the tornado.

Mr. Caldwell Love's barn was blown down, but his stock escaped injury. The hay in the loft fell upon a mule, almost completely covering him. The mule's neighs and grunts attracted Mr. Love, who released him. Rev. J. S. Simpson and Mr. H. C. Simpson had about 100,000 feet of fine timber blown down. Mr. David A. Simpson lost about 5000 feet.

An unconfirmed report was received at Monroe this morning stating that several people were killed in Stanly county, across Rocky River. It is believed, however, that the report is erroneous.

Mr. R. W. Byrd was the only sufferer, so far as is known, who carried tornado insurance. His loss is about \$2000, with about one-fourth that amount of insurance. Several families lost most all they had, but their neighbors are assisting them in rebuilding. Carrier school house, and Mr. Menlenhall Helms' barn, it was reported in Monroe, were destroyed.

Death of Mr. McCorkle.

Mr. Earl Wearn McCorkle died at the home of his parents in Buford township last Friday night after a lingering illness of several weeks. Earl has been a great sufferer. For several years he has been afflicted with rheumatism and spent some time at Hot Springs, Ark., in hope of recovery. Late in the fall he contracted flu from which he never fully recovered and his heart was left in such a weakened condition. He entered school at Wingate last fall and was making good as a student. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCorkle. He was sixteen years old and a young man of splendid character. Besides his father and mother he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Clinton Braxton of Baltimore, Maryland, who was at his bedside when the end came. Leaning upon the arm of his father he expressed a willingness, and a readiness to die.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning at Corinth church by Prof. C. M. Beach and Rev. R. M. Haigler in the presence of one of the largest congregations ever assembled at that place on a similar occasion. The interment was in the cemetery at that place. The expression in flowers were beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle have the sincere sympathy of all their neighbors and friends in their sad bereavement.—R. M. Haigler.

WOMEN SHOULD ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH GOV'T.

Miss Helen Taft Recommends Two Books for Study—News Items From Marshville.

Marshville, April 12.—Saturday afternoon an automobile belonging to John Kellock, in which John, his son, another colored man and his wife were riding, suddenly grew tired of life as lived on Union county roads, and turned turtle several times on the road leading by the home of Rev. A. Marsh about two miles from town. John was very severely, if not seriously injured, his jaw being smashed, some other bones broken and a deep gash cut across his head. John's son was driving the car and escaped with a few scratches. The woman had a collar bone broken and her husband's shoulder was dislocated. The car was completely wrecked. It is said it had been acting queerly for several days and had run into a post that afternoon just before starting on the trip. John's condition is very grave.

Mr. John M. Long went to Salisbury Monday on business. Rev. C. E. White is in Polkton this week conducting revival services at the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore spent the week-end in Hamlet. Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Bivens of Charlotte spent the week-end here with relatives. Dr. E. S. Hamilton has returned to his home in Charlotte after spending last week here with relatives, recuperating from an enlarged gland on his neck.

Quite a large number of Marshville Methodist attended services at the Methodist church in Monroe Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Moore has many friends and admirers in Marshville. The condition of Miss Sallie Harrell who was paralyzed three weeks ago continues to improve slowly. Her nurse, Miss Edith Austin of Charlotte is still with her.

Speaking of women and politics reminds us that Helen Taft recommends two books—Bryce's "American Commonwealth" and Ostrogoski's "American Politics"—that the American women should read to acquaint themselves with their government, and help prepare them to become citizens with correct ideas of how to use the privilege. The last named sounds as if it might have a Russian flavor, but we are willing to risk Miss Taft's judgement. Miss Taft is very optimistic about the women getting the vote, and thinks that their introduction into the affairs of the nation will have a leavening effect, the good points of one sex offsetting the bad points of the other. This sound reasonable—if the men will ever realize that women have any good political points and be willing to accept them. Women realize, of course, that they have much to learn, but they probably will be able to use discretion in choosing the good from the bad political points in the methods of the men.—Mrs. J. S. Harrell.

Rev. B. B. Sahnkle will preach at Benton Heights school house Sunday night at 7:30.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

The North Carolina department of the American Legion has asked Senator Simmons to use his influence towards securing the removal of Colonel Lyster, from command of Oteen hospital.

Kenneth Gossett, young seventeen-year-old man of Abbeville, S. C., convicted of criminal assault, was sentenced to forty years imprisonment. Just before being placed in the prison at Columbia he stated that he was innocent of the crime.

The first automobile truck in the world was manufactured in Raleigh in 1902. The truck was built by the telephone company of that city to use in hauling poles. The machine was manufactured at a total cost of \$893.-62.

Rather than serve a sentence on the county roads, Jim Shores of Lenoir, drank a one-ounce bottle of carbolic acid as he was being taken into the county jail and died ten minutes later. Shores was convicted at the November term of court on the charge of immoral conduct.

Prince Albert, a brother of the Prince of Wales, will represent Great Britain at the Tercentenary celebrations of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers in the United States next autumn. He will spend some time visiting cities in this country and Canada and will call at the White House.

Fourteen men were arrested in Columbus, Ohio, and jailed on charges of selling lottery tickets or promoting a lottery and more than one hundred thousand dollars worth of lottery tickets were seized. These tickets were offered for sale at from fifty cents to ten dollars each and the prizes offered ran as high as ten and twenty thousand dollars.

Attorney General Palmer has ordered an investigation of the railroad strikes around Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cleveland. The strike, to all appearances, is spreading rapidly, especially in the middle west, but administration officials believe that the authorized railroad union leaders will be able to control the situation without government interference.

Raymond B. Fosdick who has resigned as under secretary-general to the League of Nations returned to this country Sunday. He says the failure of the United States to ratify the Peace Treaty has made us regarded abroad as "a race of outlaws" while "our professions of idealism and disinterestedness are marked down for sham and hypocrisy." "Our isolation is complete and we face the rest of the world in alliance and the price of our isolation will be armament," he further stated.

Mourning as dead for many years, Howard Bell of Raleigh last week discovered the whereabouts of his mother and went to her. When Bell was eight years old he drifted out into the Chesapeake Bay and was supposed to have been drowned. It develops, however, that he was picked up by a party of North Carolina fishermen and was unable to locate his parents as they moved away from Norfolk. He fought with the thirtieth division overseas and is a graduate of a Raleigh business college.

After fourteen years absence, during which time he has been living in security under an assumed name, Richard Derick, walked into the Athens, Tenn., jail and surrendered. He was charged with the murder of Hugh Ducean. The killing took place fourteen years ago this month and had almost been forgotten. Derick was accused but escaped arrest. He stated to the sheriff that he had promised his wife on her death bed to return to Athens and give his children their rightful name and in order to do this he had to surrender.

AMERICAN LEGION AFTER COLONEL LYSTER'S SCALP

Senator Simmons Asked to Use His Influence to Secure Removal of Army Officer.

Asheville, N. C., April 11th.—Senator F. M. Simmons, of North Carolina, has been requested by John Beasley, of Monroe, N. C., commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion, to use his influence to secure the removal of Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Lyster, commander at United States army general hospital number nineteen, at Oteen, near here.

In his telegram to the senator, Commander Beasley declared that the North Carolina department of the legion holds Colonel Lyster responsible for the conditions which have existed at Oteen and not the enlisted men who are held for court martial. His message follows: Senator F. M. Simmons, Washington, D. C.

"The North Carolina department of the American Legion requests that you use your influence towards securing the removal of Lieutenant Colonel Lyster from command of the government tubercular hospital at Oteen. The war department's investigation of conditions there has practically substantiated our contentions of abuse of patients and the prevalence of unsanitary conditions. We hold him responsible and not the enlisted men who are held to face court martial. Your efforts to bring about his removal or demotion will be appreciated by the thousands of ex-service men in North Carolina."