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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Prof. J. C. Jones of Wingate will deliver an address at Hermon Baptist church Sunday, April 18th, at 11 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the Union county board of elections in the court house tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. All registrars, judges of elections and poll holders are urged to be present.

Mr. B. L. Goodwin requests The Journal to announce that the people of the Cross Roads community are urged to meet at their church Saturday night to make arrangements to help the homeless people of their neighborhood.

Mrs. Randolph Redfearn requests the families who were loaned sheets and pillow cases during the flu epidemic by the Red Cross to return them to her and save some time and trouble for the committee. These articles are needed now to help out the sufferers in the cyclone district.

Mr. E. S. Wood has acquired an interest in a wholesale house at Hamlet, and will move there very shortly to live. Mr. Wood has been a resident of Monroe for a number of years. He is a clever gentleman, and his decision to move to Hamlet is very much regretted by his hundreds of friends.

The Redpath Chautauqua will open here Saturday, May 1st, with a seven day program. The tent will be located on the Houston lot opposite Fowler & Lee's stables. This is almost an ideal location. Season tickets this year will be \$2.05, including war tax, for adults and \$1.66 for children. Tickets will go on sale the first of next week.

Lottie Brigman, the young woman who is addicted to the drug habit, has been taken to Samaritan Manor, the home for wayward girls in this state, by Mr. F. H. Wolfe, county welfare officer. She has expressed the desire to be cured of the habit, which she acquired when she was a mere child, and Mr. Wolfe is confident she will leave the institution in a few years a changed woman.

Mr. J. K. Trull, of Goose Creek township, was among those who suffered from the effects of the cyclone, which swept parts of Monroe, Goose Creek and New Salem townships Monday night. The chimney of his house, one of the porch columns, and several windows were destroyed. Between one hundred and fifty and two hundred thousand feet of timber were also blown down.

Rev. E. C. Snyder extends a warm invitation to the members of the Ebenezer congregation whose church was destroyed by the cyclone Monday night, to worship with his congregation at the Benton's Cross Roads church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday of each month. He also places his church at the disposal of the Ebenezer congregation until they can rebuild. Rev. A. Marsh is pastor of the Ebenezer church.

The community service moving picture outfit, under the direction of Miss Lura Heath, has given shows at Indian Trail, Waxhaw and Olive Branch. Miss Heath states that on all three of these occasions the attendance was very good considering the fact that very little advertising had been given the engagement. There will be no further dates made until next Thursday night, the place to be announced later.

By the purchase of the entire stock of Rush Bros. dry goods and notions, and adjoining stores of Asken & Wright in Greenwood, S. C., Belk Bros. add the 31st store to their chain of department stores. The purchasing of these stores involves in the neighborhood of \$150,000 and it will be made one of the largest department stores in South Carolina. This new branch will be under the management of Mr. J. B. Walkup, formerly connected with the Belk store at Charlotte.

The Journal received a number of notices of school closings too late for Tuesday's issue. As today was the closing date, they were not inserted because the paper would not have reached our readers in time to do any good. We mention this in order that teachers may know their items did not appear because of carelessness or for lack of interest. In this connection it is well to say that often we receive news letters and advertisements intended for the paper the day after it has been mailed to our readers. If those who send such will mail them a day or two earlier we will then be able to get them in the paper.

Trinity Happenings.

Monroe, Route 8, April 12.—The rain fall has been so heavy around here that little plowing has been done.—Mr. Franklin Laney of this community has been very sick but we are glad to know he is improving.—Come down Uncle Ben and stay with us during this wet weather and we will go fishing.—Uncle Jerre Laney hasn't been hollering these cool mornings as usual; but a little warm weather will thaw him out.—Mr. Herbert Belk has returned from Relefort college.—Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wilkerson of Charlotte have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Belk.—Mr. W. E. Baker has moved to his new home which he has just completed.—We are all broken-hearted because there is not going to be a Fourth of July celebration, but we guess Mr. Dillon knows what is best for another year.—Tulp.

W. B. LOVE HEADS UNION COUNTY RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Organization Perfected to Secure Funds For Relief of Tornado Sufferers in a Systematic Manner.

A relief association, with Mr. W. B. Love as chairman, has been formed to raise funds to assist those who felt the fury of the cyclone last Monday night in rebuilding their homes, barns and outbuildings. Mr. John Beasley is secretary and treasurer of the association, and the committee is composed of the following: Messrs. G. B. Caldwell, Leander Benton, T. P. Dillon, L. C. Clontz, M. C. Haigler, Dr. J. M. Belk, R. A. Morrow, Charles Icenman and A. M. Secrest.

In addition to this committee, the following named gentlemen have been appointed to look after the canvassing for funds in their respective townships: Monroe, Mr. G. H. Clontz; New Salem, Mr. G. W. Smith; Vance, Mr. W. P. Kendall; Sandy Ridge, Mr. J. N. Price; Buford, Esq. W. A. Eubanks; Jackson, Mr. C. S. Massey; Lanes Creek, Mr. Henry Parker; and Marshville, Mr. Luther Huggins.

The county papers, the Marshville Home, the Monroe Enquirer, the Waxhaw Enterprise, and The Journal will also receive subscriptions and acknowledge them in the columns of their papers.

Mr. A. M. Secrest, and Mr. W. B. Love, chairman of the committee, inspected the devastated districts to ascertain the amount of the damage. They report that \$10,000 will be necessary to replace the homes of the sufferers. In connection with this visit Mr. Love has issued the following statement: "I have been over this territory personally and I know that a number of these people are badly in need of help in a substantial way. In most instances all buildings of their farms are completely destroyed, and in a number of cases their supplies are gone, their stock destroyed, and their farming tools gone. On account of the tremendous strain in which they were placed they are not in physical condition to get down to the management of their affairs at once. The neighbors are doing all they can to restore the buildings, but this can be done only in part. But even when their buildings are restored the majority of them have nothing on which to start their farms.

"I want to ask that the people of Union county contribute as liberally as they can to this fund. All contributions will be taken up by a committee and will be distributed as the circumstances of each particular case demands. The various papers of the county will acknowledge receipt of any contribution which you may see fit to make, and the same will be handled in this common fund. In addition to the papers a committee has been appointed in each township and a petition is in his hands. If you cannot send your contribution to either of the papers will you kindly see one of these gentlemen and give him your contribution. He will forward the same to the committee at once. I would ask that every man contribute as early as possible and as largely as possible. If anyone does not feel that these people are entitled to some help I would suggest that they go and look over the territory through which this terrible storm passed. Please send your contributions at once."

The following contributions are acknowledged: The Journal, \$30; Stack, Parker & Craig, \$50; Secrest Motor Co., \$50; J. M. Fairley, \$1; D. L. Middleton, \$1; George L. Hart, \$5; W. J. Hudson, \$5; Vann Funderburk, \$2; Cash, \$1; John McCorkle, \$1; Walter Ayers, \$1; J. W. Richardson, \$1; J. R. Pointer, \$1; F. B. Ashcraft, \$10; D. H. Hinson, \$1; E. W. Crow, \$5; R. D. Crow, \$5; Crowell's Variety Store, \$5; A. M. Lee, \$1; H. J. Hinson, \$1; Dr. B. C. Redfearn, \$5; Mrs. C. N. Simpson, \$1; C. Smith, \$1; B. C. Hinson, \$1; W. W. Bland, \$50; N. B. Ayers, \$2; Cash, \$50; Earl Surratt, \$1; C. H. Hough, \$1; J. P. Keziah, \$2; Green Whittles, \$1; J. B. Simpson, \$1; R. B. Anderson, \$1; S. Keziah, \$1; T. P. Dillon & Sons, \$10; J. W. Laney, \$5; Cash, \$1; Lee & Lee Co., \$10; H. G. Clark, \$1; V. C. Redwine, \$1; L. Fish, \$5; Miss Nancy Lowe, \$50; Mrs. E. L. Davis, \$1; Myron Davis, \$1; Ruth Jones, \$50; cents; Lois Worley, \$50; Ruby Harker, \$50; Cash, \$50; Jas McNeely, \$1; Miss Mattie Ogburn, \$1; T. C. Haigler, \$1; T. P. Smith, \$1; M. E. Yandle, \$50; Mrs. W. B. McManus, \$1; E. D. Worley, \$1; S. C. Snyder, \$1; G. F. Horn, \$1; J. H. Myers, \$25; Austin & Clontz, \$10; H. B. Clark, \$5; Efrd's Department Store, \$25; P. M. Kendall, \$25; Union Drug Co., \$50; total, \$383.

World War Veteran Home.

Stouts, April 15.—Mr. Clyde Ritch of Mt. Holly spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ritch.—Sgt. Margie Current is at home with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Current after having received an honorable discharge from the army at Camp Grant, Ill. Sgt. Current saw several months of active service in France.—Our school closes Saturday, April 17. There will be no exercises by the students, but prizes will be delivered in the afternoon, and Judge W. O. Lemmond will deliver an address at four o'clock. The play that was to be given tomorrow night has been postponed until Wednesday night, April 21.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the sickness and death of our beloved son and brother, Earl McCorkle.—J. T. McCorkle and family.

MR. POLK'S NECK BROKEN; HIS HOME A TOTAL WRECK.

Baker's Correspondent Tells of the Horrors of the Tornado Which Visited This County Monday Night.

Monroe R. F. D. 6, April 15.—Very little work in the way of plowing has been done by farmers in this section as the ground continues wet and cold. Mr. Mike Helms left today for the western part of the state after visiting his sister, Mrs. L. C. Polk. Mr. Helms will spend the summer in the mountains.

Mrs. Hiram Secrest has a goose that has laid an egg every other day since December and hasn't said anything about stopping.

Mrs. R. E. Garrison and Mrs. L. C. Polk attended the state annual meeting of the W. M. U. in Shelby.

Mrs. M. A. Prealar has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Polk.

Messrs. Eugene and Hiram Secrest recently went to Hickory and purchased some pure bred Jersey cattle. Mrs. Fred Maness and children of Monroe spent Monday with Mrs. T. W. Maness.

Mrs. J. B. Pierce and sons from near Marshville spent Sunday with Mrs. Pierce's sister, Mrs. A. J. Baucom. Mrs. Baucom accompanied them home.

Mr. R. W. Killough has purchased from Mr. L. C. Polk his entire saw mill outfit and has moved it to his home at Indian Trail.

We cannot command language to tell of the horrors of the terrible tornado that swept through this section Monday night when Mr. R. L. Polk lost his life. Mr. Polk's home is a total wreck, it being lifted from its foundation and blown several feet. The room in which the family were sleeping was turned completely over and Mr. Polk was found several yards from the house with his neck broken and his head badly bruised. Mr. Polk was a son of Mr. William Polk and was 37 years old. He was an upright christian man, a kind husband and father. Just thirteen years ago the day he was buried he was married to Miss Maud Hough of Lando, S. C., and she with three children survive. Funeral was held Tuesday at old Waxhaw church and interment was in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Polk and children will leave for Lando today where she will make her home with her father.

The school at Shiloh with Mr. A. B. Collins as principal will close Friday, April 23rd. The following is the program: Girls' recitation contest at 1:30 in the afternoon; and address by Prof. C. M. Beach at 2:15; at night, beginning at 7:30, two plays will be given. They are: "Axia her Father" and "Bonny Belle"; also other exercises.

Mr. Charlie Polk from Chester and Messrs. Oscar and Lawrence Polk and Andrew Black from Charleston came up to attend the funeral of Mr. Robert Lee Polk.

About twenty men gathered at the home of Mr. F. M. Helms yesterday to repair the buildings that were so badly damaged by the storm. Mr. Helms' barn was unroofed and some smaller buildings were totally wrecked. He estimates his loss at \$1200 with no insurance.—Busby Bee.

Lost Five Good Milk Cows.

Monroe, R. F. D. No. 8, April 15.—Mrs. Ruth Litaker is visiting friends and relatives in Concord. While there she will attend commencement at the Laura Sanderland school, of which she was a former student.—Mrs. John Belk, who has been ill for some time, is recovering.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Garmon of Orangeburg, S. C., who are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Belk, were called to Midland last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Garmon's father.—Among those who have purchased cars lately are the following: Messrs. Robert Laney, Robert Belk, and G. W. Glenn.—Miss Myrtle Plyler of Prospect has accepted a position with the Monroe Telephone Exchange.—Mr. W. P. Plyler of Prospect is serving on the Federal grand jury at Charlotte this week.—Minter Blakeney, a respected colored woman of this community, is seriously ill.—An infant of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Baker was buried at Prospect Monday afternoon.—After services Sunday at Bethany, which were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Watson, a Sunday school was reorganized. The school will be conducted on the cross and crown system. This is not a new system, but we think a very progressive one. Mr. C. H. Hinson was elected Superintendent. Sunday school was also reorganized at Altan, and the same system adopted.—Ellison Funderburk, a prosperous colored farmer of this section, lost five milk cows last week. The writer has not been able to ascertain the cause of their death.

Week of Prayer For Baptist Women.

The Woman's Week of Prayer at the Baptist church will begin Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and it is desired that every woman of the church attend these meetings. The program for the week is as follows: For Sunday afternoon, Mrs. R. F. Price as leader, the subject, "Praise and Prayer;" Monday, Mrs. P. S. Wilson, leader, and the subject, "Women of the Mountains;" Tuesday, Mrs. G. O. Stovall as leader, and subject, "Women in China;" Wednesday, Mrs. Stanley Pope as leader, subject, "The Home Board School;" for Thursday, Mrs. E. C. Snyder as leader, subject, "Indian Women;" for Friday, Mrs. J. Frank Williams as leader, and subject, "Negro Women." All who cannot attend please pray for the meetings.—Mrs. R. F. Price, secretary.

Faulks School Reputed TO BE ONE OF THE BEST

State Doctor Praises it For its Progressiveness—More Room is Wanted for Next Term.

To the Editor of The Journal:—The Faulks school, taught by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Baucom and Mrs. C. L. Brooks, closed a most successful term Saturday, April 10. There were no closing exercises on account of the slight prevalence of measles and influenza in the nearby communities, but all felt it was the end of the best term in the history of the school. The teaching force was excellent, students and teachers worked in perfect harmony, and no trouble occurred during the year. There was an enrollment of one hundred and forty-five with an average attendance of one hundred and twenty-five, which is entirely too large an attendance for three teachers.

Plans are being made for an additional school room so that the number of grades may be increased, and in order that more time may be given to each class. That room must come, so Professor Funderburk and his board of education had better take notice.

Nine students have passed the seventh grade, and are prepared to enter high school despite the absence of six weeks from their studies on account of influenza. This shows there are some exceedingly bright boys and girls around Faulks.

Dr. G. M. Cooper, of the State Board of Health, Dr. S. L. Bobbitt, and Miss Williams, a state registered nurse, pronounce our school to be the very best one of the many schools they had visited in the county. Professor Funderburk has also said our school was one of the best in the county, and when Professor Funderburk says so, "it's so."

Students from Charlotte to Wilmington were enrolled at the Faulks school last year. This fact, alone, gives one an idea of the success the school has had.

The influence of our teachers has been wonderful. They have set us an example that is worthy of imitation; they have helped and urged us on with untiring effort; for which, appreciation can not be properly expressed. And so great has been their success that not one complaint has been registered, which is something unusual among teachers, is it not?

Prizes were awarded to the following students: Best spellers, Misses Esther Haney, Bleeke Pressley, Carroll Haney, Nellie Haney, Wilma Griffin; best all-round students, Misses Fannie Mae Gaddy and Ruth Hornback; most improvements, Misses Grace Bivens and Kate Halley.—Farmerette.

News Around Belks.

Belks, April 15th, Miss Annie Baucom a student of the Wingate school spent the week end with home folks.

—Ellis the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis is seriously ill with pneumonia.—Miss Amy Baucom who has been visiting in Wingate for the past week returned home Saturday.—Among the community visitors Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Gibson and children of Matthews, Mr. Vann Hinson of Marshville and Mr. Judel Rollins of Monroe.—Miss Besse Sustar, our primary teacher, who has been on the sick list for the past week returned Sunday to resume her work.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan Thomas, the tenth, a daughter.—Miss Mary Thompson spent the week end with home folks at Mint Hill.—Mrs. Wade Small visited home folks Sunday.

Very little farming has been started in this section owing to wet weather. The farmers are getting behind the times.

The students of the school will present the plays—"Poor Pilloddy" and "My Mother-in-Law"—Friday night, the 16th, beginning at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited.—XYZ.

Dr. Stewart Wants to Form an "Overall Club."

To the Editor of The Journal:—The wool trust, centralized in Boston, has absolute control of the wool industry. It holds the price of the raw material down and charges the consumer an enormous profit for cloth. In England, where the government will not tolerate a trust, wool brings twice as much and woolen cloth sells for half the price charged in the United States.

Most of the tailors in the United States are Russians and Poles. They are charging as high as ninety dollars per week for making clothing. So much wool was wasted in blankets, clothing, etc., during the war as to seriously affect the natural laws of supply and demand. Add to all these things the fact that the wholesalers and retailers are profiteering abnormally, and you have the cause of the high cost of clothing.

Join the "overall club" and don a suit at the old price. Then help to catch the overall profiteers and jail them and you will see a marked drop in the price of clothing.—H. D. Stewart.

An Unusual Sale at Belk's.

In this issue Belk Brothers advertise an unusual departure in sales. On Wednesday, April 21, there will be a sale featuring shirt waists only. Alluring georgettes, trimmed, braided and embroidered, crepe de chine, handsomely embroidered tricollette blouses, voiles in exclusive and charming patterns. A most wonderful opportunity.

"Practice what you profess to be."

CITY OF MARSHVILLE IS NOW STAGING A CLEAN UP WEEK

Our Correspondent Suggests the Main Street as a Beginning—Mr. Talmadge Austin's Car Wrecked.

Marshville, April 15.—Mr. Talmadge Austin had the misfortune to get his Dodge touring car wrecked Saturday night by running into a post which had been placed at a bridge at the intersection of two streets. The post was placed there presumably to keep drivers from running off the edge of the bridge at this turn, but as the ditch is rather shallow it would seem preferable to the post; which is very hard to see and avoid, and has caused this expensive accident so soon after it was put in place. The front of the car was badly wrecked, though none of the occupants of the car were injured.

The mayor has requested the town to clean up. The good work would do well to begin on main street. In the most prominent place in town the ditch in front of several stores has been allowed to fill up and the recent rains have formed a loblolly for several feet into the street. This spot is further enhanced by all the refuse that can be dumped into it by pedestrians. Then, in order to cross the offensive mess a plank or two has been thrown part way across it. The rest of the way is accomplished by various gymnastic contortions on the part of the one so foolish as to try it. Why such should be allowed in a civilized community is a puzzle to many, especially when the town is perfectly able financially to have it removed and the ditch opened. Well the women will soon be busy. Let's see what they can accomplish along civic lines.

Mrs. Seymour Taylor of Marvin spent several days here this week with old friends.

Mr. B. L. Biggers spent the weekend in Statesville with relatives.

Mrs. W. M. Davis is spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. Wallace near Charlotte.

Rev. C. E. White attended the Presbytery at Rockingham this week.

The commencement of the high school this year will be the most elaborate of any held here in several years. There will be a musical recital to begin with, followed by a play; debaters and declaimers night; reciters contest, graduating exercises and address, and a commencement sermon. The exercises are being anticipated with much eagerness. They will begin the 28th inst.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon with the president, Mrs. M. P. Blair. Delegates were elected to attend the Missionary Conference which will meet in Morganton the 4th of May. Those who will attend are Mrs. M. P. Blair, Mrs. L. E. Huggins, Mrs. Loyd Green and Mrs. J. S. Harrell. Seventeen members of the society were present.—Mrs. J. S. Harrell.

Death of Mr. W. H. Long.

On last Saturday evening, April 10, at 7 o'clock, the death angel came and claimed one of the oldest and best citizens of our community, Mr. W. Henry Long. Mr. Long had been in declining health for the past winter and at the time of his death was at the home of his son, Mr. J. M. Long. Mr. Long was a devoted husband and father and a most congenial neighbor. He had been a deacon of New Salem Baptist church for a number of years, and a few years ago was elected for life. Mr. Long was a veteran of the 48th regiment of South Carolina and served four years in the army. At the time of his death he had in his possession the discharge he received at Appomattox, Va. Mr. Long was conscious up to the time of his death, and a few minutes before he died he called his children to his bedside, and taking each one by the hand, he requested each one to meet him in heaven. He then bid them a last farewell. He then called his wife, and the arms that had been too weak to raise for some time were lifted with ease and placed around her neck. He then said: "I hate to leave you, but the end has come. Do the best you can."

And asking to be raised up he said: "Tis sweet to die," and passed away. Mr. Long was born at Lenoir, S. C., in the year 1843, and was therefore nearly eighty years of age. He was the father of eight children, forty-nine grand-children and twelve great-grand-children. Those surviving him are his wife, four girls and four boys: Mesdames Bob Alexander, John Rape, Hamp Starnes and Ode Cooke, Messrs. Scott, Roscoe, Bob and Veru Long. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Little at New Salem Baptist church and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery there.

"A friend we loved has gone above, His voice is silent and still; A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled."—M. H.

Did Census Takers Miss 'Em?

To the Editor of The Journal:—I notice you offer a prize for guessing the population of Union county. There were several families up here who were not included in the census. Mr. J. D. Coan was one of them with two in his family, and the family of Calvin Fetterston, colored, to the number of eight or ten, was also missed. I am told that C. C. Crawford, with something like ten in his family, was not included.—F. S. Crane, Waxhaw.

Central Methodist Church.

Rev. John W. Moore, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m.; Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor. Reception of members. All visitors and strangers most welcome.

Health is better than wealth.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

President Wilson has called a meeting of the cabinet today to discuss the general situation. It will be the first time Mr. Wilson has met with his official family since last August.

Princeton University students have offered their services as railway strike breakers to the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the civil engineering department has offered to furnish engineers for the locomotives.

Thirty-five states have ratified the suffrage amendment; seventeen have rejected it; and six are still to vote on it. If one more state ratifies it, it will give the necessary number to change the constitution.

France's wheat stocks are so low that a greater quantity of flour substitutes must be used in bread, at least until June, when according to the government's program, importations of more wheat will be received.

Four additional women have been appointed as members of the executive committee of the National Democratic Committee and two others will be named, giving the woman equal representation with the men in the executive body.

The "overall club" fever has struck Winston-Salem and canvassers are soliciting subscribers to a petition and very few are refusing to sign. The office force of the R. J. Reynolds tobacco company are reported to have signed in a body.

Trinity College has launched a campaign to complete the securing of funds for the erection of the proposed memorial gymnasium, which will be built in the near future in memory of the men who gave their lives in the great war.

The 1920 population of Winston-Salem is given out as 48,395, which is more than double that of 1910. With this announcement the Twin-City takes first place among the cities of North Carolina. A great celebration was staged Wednesday evening in honor of the event.

General Pershing made this statement to friends in Washington: "Although I am in no way seeking the presidential nomination from the Republican party, I feel that no patriotic American could decline to serve in that high position if called upon to do so by the people."

More than fifteen thousand mine workers near Scranton, Pa., are idle as a result of the railroad strike and this number is being swelled each day. Rob Cureton of Charlotte was found in his room Tuesday morning with a bullet through his heart. No revolver was found about the home, indicating that the person who did the killing had made his escape.

The government lost \$78,531,521 on the sixteen army camps, due to "waste, inefficiency and graft," according to the report of an investigating committee. The construction work of these camps was equivalent to the building of 32 cities, each with a population of 37,000 to 46,000. This tremendous task was accomplished in practically three months and stands out as one of the great achievements of the war.

Service Flag to Be Lowered at Siler Church

The service flag will be lowered at Siler church, in Sandy Ridge township, on Saturday night, April 24, the exercises to begin at 7:30 p. m. Mr. J. N. Price, the chairman, has prepared the following program: 1. Opening exercises by Rev. B. B. Shankle; 2. Song, "America," by congregation; 3. Recitation, "True Patriotism," by Miss Ruby Rogers; 4. Exercises by the children; 5. Recitation and song, "The Star Spangled Banner," by Miss Ruby Lee Craig; 6. Address by Dr. H. E. Gurney, of Monroe; 7. Joint recitation by two girls; flag lowered, and song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic"; 8. Flag presented to the officers of the church with instructions that same be jealously guarded as a most sacred piece of property; 9. Bouquet given to the 15 ex-service men who went from Siler church and Christian Endeavor society, by the direction of Siler Red Cross society.

Indian Trail Sends Up Familiar Cry, "Unable to Work."

Indian Trail, R. F. D. No. 1, April 15.—On account of the recent hail and rain storms, farmers will be unable to do any plowing before next week. Everybody is behind with their work except Mr. D. M. Simpson. He planted corn about two weeks ago.—Mr. H. M. Furr has been walking on crutches for the past two weeks on account of the rat mat. The families of Mr. Williams and Mr. Wilson Scott are recovering from a light attack of influenza.—Preaching next Sunday at Union Grove Methodist church at 11 o'clock by the pastor.—Thirty farmers of this section clubbed in and had a car of fertilizer shipped to Indian Trail, which they are now unloading.—The young folks are dressed up in their new spring clothes on Sundays.—Fairness.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Sunday, April 18, Sunday school at 10 o. m., C. H. Hasty, superintendent. Morning prayer and sermon at 11; Men's Bible Class at 3:30, J. J. Parker, leader. Every Wednesday night at 7:30, Litany service, followed by choir practice. Friday, April 23, at 8 p. m., annual visitation of the Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire.