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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Rev. E. C. Snyder will preach at Cedar Grove school house next Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

A severe hail storm visited the Union church community in Sandy Ridge township Thursday afternoon.

A meeting of the Eastern Star will be held in the Masonic hall Thursday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers.

Mr. T. B. Moore was badly bruised about the head last Thursday afternoon when he was struck by large hail stones which fell in parts of Sandy Ridge township.

The affirmative team from Wesley Chapel high school won out in the first two rounds of the triangular debate at Chapel Hill Thursday and Friday. Asheville won the Aycock memorial cup this year.

Income taxes for the month of March should be sent to the revenue collector at Raleigh as there will not be a collector in this county for the present. All checks should be made to J. W. Boling before the last of April to avoid being penalized.

Mr. George S. Lee, Jr., will represent the American Legion at the educational conference which will be held in Greensboro May 4. Governor Bickett and a host of notable educators from all over the country will be present.

Major W. C. Heath and Clerk of Court R. W. Lemmond addressed an enthusiastic gathering of voters at Indian Trail Saturday evening in the interest of Mr. Morrison's candidacy for governor. They received much applause, and were given hearty assurances of support for their man from many of the Indian Trail citizens.

Drastic changes in the Monroe and Marshall road made by government highway engineers has caused another road flare-up in this county. Win-gate citizens were in Monroe yesterday morning protesting the new locations, and Major W. C. Heath, chairman of the road commission, has induced members of the highway commission to come here Thursday to hear their side of the matter. The proposed changes could not be learned. The county road commission has no voice in the matter, it is said, the highways of this nature being altogether controlled by the state commission.

Saturday afternoon a young man who had suffered a temporary loss of reason was found in Mr. H. D. Browning's yard and was given medical attention. When it was discovered that he was a discharged Canadian soldier he was taken in charge by the Red Cross chapter and given every possible attention. For two years the young man, who gave his name as Frank Fletcher, has been in a government hospital in Washington state suffering from shell shock. About a week ago he was given his discharge, his physicians stating that nothing more could be done for him. He went to visit a sister in New Orleans and on his return he was in the Greenwood, S. C. hospital for two days. Arriving in Monroe he felt a re-appear-ance of his trouble and left the train. Reservation was secured for him Sunday night and he left for Richmond where his people live.

Lieutenant Colonel A. H. Gansser of the 125th Infantry, 32nd Division, spent Saturday in Monroe. He was passing through this section and stopped to say a word to Monroe people in appreciation of the way his regiment was treated here while passing through on the 9th of February, 1918. Colonel Gansser was then Major of the regiment and in charge of it. They had left Texas a few days before and were experiencing the hardships of the journey when they arrived in Monroe and spent two pleasant hours and were handsomely entertained by the people of Monroe. They were given a dinner that was long remembered. Colonel Gansser said that after the battle of Chateau Thierry forty of his men were in the hospital with him and half of them had received letters or some kind of remembrances from the people of Monroe. Of the six captains in the regiment in Monroe four were killed in battle. Colonel Gansser received honorable mention from General Pershing and was promoted as a result of his services. He is now State Commander of the Michigan Legion.

Whenever The Journal wants to know anything about the past fifty years or so which requires the services of a good memory it calls on Squire Henry McWhirter, who never fails to come across with it. The squire was in town Saturday and was asked about the backwardness of farm work this year as compared with past years in this section. The Spring of 1888, he said, was the worst he ever saw. Farmers in this section began plowing that year on the 20th of April and did not get their cotton in till late in May. Then the wet weather ceased and a long dry spell set in and a stand was not secured till the last of June. But then the plants grew and it was the finest fruited crop on record. But misfortune came on the 27th of September in the shape of a big frost and the cotton was cut down with the effect of a mowing machine. So completely was the crop destroyed that it required from ten to fifteen acres to gather a bale. Squire McWhirter made only a bale and had in twelve acres. His brother William made only two bales and brother George made only a bale and a half. A neighbor who was considered a fine cotton farmer made

only four bales where he was accustomed to make eighteen. The only thing that saved the day was the good corn crop of that year.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at eight o'clock for the purpose of discussing a fair for Union county.

Major W. C. Heath will address Marshallville citizens next Saturday night on the gubernatorial candidates. He will be accompanied by either Mr. A. M. Stack or Mr. R. B. Redwine. Major Heath and Mr. R. W. Lemmond will speak at Wingate tonight.

The "overall club" fad was short-lived in Monroe. Nearly fifty citizens signed an agreement to wear denim until there was a reduction of 25 to 33 1-3 per cent in the cost of clothing, but after wearing them for a few days, most of the signers discarded their overalls.

Miss Lura Heath, director of community service, announces the following meetings: Wesley Chapel, Wednesday, April 28; Olive Branch, Thursday, April 29; Waxhaw, Friday, April 30; Union, Lanes Creek township, Monday, May 3. All meetings begin at 7:45 p. m.

George Overby, William Burnett and P. W. Cook were knocked unconscious and badly bruised about the body and face last night when a large belt broke at the Icemoriee mill, where they were working, striking them with terrific force. Their injuries will doubtless prove to be of a light nature.

Major B. H. Hinde, who was recently appointed a special representative of the treasury department, is in Washington securing a few weeks of training in his future work. He will probably be made a regional director of the war risk bureau, which has charge of soldier insurance, and will have headquarters in one of the cities of the South.

Mr. J. A. Sell of Goose Creek township, who never plants his cotton seed until the tenth of May, says farmers should have no occasion for worry on account of recent heavy rains, which have caused considerable delay in getting spring planting under way. By late planting, Mr. Sell says he makes a bale of cotton to the acre; whereas, when he used to plant around the twentieth of April he seldom made over a half bale to the acre.

Mr. Z. B. Griffin, Marshallville chief of police, was assaulted in open court at Marshallville yesterday by Mr. J. E. Austin, according to reports received in Monroe. A son of Mr. Austin was being tried by Esq. T. C. Griffin on the charge of driving a car without license, it is said, and Mr. Austin became incensed at testimony offered by Mr. Griffin, who made the arrest. Leaping across a table in the room, Mr. Austin struck Mr. Griffin square in the face, knocking him down. Spectators in the court room restrained any further damage.

The men in charge of the revaluation work in this state are very unpopular, according to Esq. M. L. Flow, and he cites the following letter to illustrate his contention: "Dear Sir—Yours to hand in regard to the revaluation of my land. I have misplaced your letter but I think your valuation was about \$72 an acre. At that valuation I would have to do like the poor Turk. When he could not live because of the high tax on his orchard, he cut his fruit trees down. So don't tax my land so high that my fruit trees will have to fall. The cry of the renter is reduce the rent. The cry of our lawmakers is increase the taxes on the land in which both man and beast get their living. This is not the Turkish empire. The people are going to rule some day. I will be willing to value my land at \$35 or \$40 an acre. Nero fiddled while Rome burned."

PARKER REPUBLICAN CLUB FORMED AT CHAPEL HILL

Position on State Issues Taken by Monroe Man Elicits Much Praise From Students.

Chapel Hill, April 25.—In response to the enthusiasm created by the speech of J. J. Parker, Republican candidate for governor, the Republican students of the university, in a recent meeting, organized a Republican club with the following named officers: President, J. C. Kennedy; vice-president, F. O. Bowman; Secretary, H. Brantley.

The main purpose of the club is the furtherance of the candidacy of Mr. Parker for governor. The positive position taken by Mr. Parker on all state issues elicited favorable comment even from the warmest supporters of his opponents. A number of students, classing themselves as independent voters, now supporting Mr. Page, unhesitatingly declare that contingent upon the defeat of their favorite in the primaries they will support the Republican candidate. Also, the new club, judging from expressions of opinions of many students, expect that a number of Democratic students will desert their party by casting a vote for the Republican nominee in the straw vote contest arranged by the campus cabinet, which is to take place here at an early date.

Girl Avenges Death of Her Father in Feud.

Mary Pickford will be seen at the Strand Theatre, in her latest First National production from her own studios, "Heart O' the Hills," adapted from the story by John Fox, Jr., beginning Wednesday. The story tells of a Kentucky mountain girl who avenges the death of her father, saves her mother from land sharks, and pleases her sweetheart by marrying him.

TWO-MEN GOVERNMENT IS SAID TO BE BUNDY'S VIEW.

He Retires From Board When Purchasing Agent McRae Refuses To O. K. Order For Fire Hose, It Is Claimed.

Alderman J. Dunham Bundy, who has sent in his resignation as a member of the city board of aldermen to Mayor J. C. Sikes, will be called before the board to explain certain statements in his letter of resignation before action is taken. The nature of the allegations could not be learned, but it is said the retiring alderman charged that the city government was a "two-man affair."

The resignation of Mr. Bundy was prompted, it is said, by Alderman J. D. McRae's refusal to o. k. an order for 500 feet of fire hose, which Mr. Bundy is said to have purchased for the city. Mr. McRae, it was learned was appointed purchasing agent several months ago. All purchases for the city, it was given out, are supposed to be made by him. Mr. McRae's reason for refusing to endorse the hose purchase could not be ascertained.

Mayor Sikes, it is said, suggested that the board examine the hose bought by Mr. Bundy, and if it was found to be up to expectation, and the fire department was in need of it, he advised it be purchased. Mr. Sikes made this proposal, it is understood, in an effort to avert a split between the hitherto considered friendly board.

In case Mr. Bundy's resignation is accepted, his ward will probably be without representation on the board for the remainder of the term. The city officials are said to be of the opinion that six aldermen are too many, and are believed to be glad of the opportunity to curtail the number.

Marshallville School Closes This Week.

Marshallville, April 26.—The Marshallville school comes to a close this week with an unusually elaborate program. This has been one of the most successful years in the history of the school, and in spite of the influenza interruption, the students have made their grades and prepared for the commencement exercises too. The opening event will be on Friday evening when a grand concert will be given by the public school music department under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Ashcraft. Some especially attractive choruses have been prepared for the occasion, demonstrating the value of this course to a community and school.

Saturday afternoon Dr. Brooks of Raleigh, State Superintendent of Education, will deliver the address. A declamatory contest will also be a feature of this program. Saturday evening the high school will stage a four act play, "Son John," under the direction of Prof. Biggers and Miss Grace Henderson. Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Baptist church at 11 o'clock. The name of the speaker will be announced later. Monday evening a reciter's contest and a debate will bring the exercises to a close. Diplomas will be given to three young ladies who complete the eleventh grade this year—Miss Nell Hasty, Telda Fitzgerald, and Pauline Stegall. The declaimers are Messrs. Loyd Gray of Concord, Bryan Williams, Rommie Pierce and Hall Marsh. The reciters are Misses Margie Marsh, Nell Hasty, Banna, Harrell and Julia Medlin. The debaters are Misses Kate Morgan, Pauline Stegall, and Messrs. Sebron Blair and Edwin Griffin.

Mr. Roy Marsh of Rutherfordton spent the week end here. Mr. and Mrs. Care Tucker of Page-land, S. C., spent Sunday here.—Mrs. J. S. Harrell.

Resolutions of Respect.

The following resolutions were passed by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Presbyterian church on the death of Mrs. Fred Williams:

Whereas, God in His all-wise providence has seen fit to call our sister, Mrs. Fred Williams, from her work on earth to the peaceful rest and rewards of heaven, we realize that a beautiful life has gone out. She fell asleep in the faith of Him who said, I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Be it therefore resolved:

First, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we realize that He makes no mistakes; but we mourn the loss of her gentle lovable personality, and her intelligent interest in Missions. She loved the church will all her heart, and responded gladly to every call made upon her for its advancement.

Second, That it is as a devoted christian woman that we like to think of her. She loved her family and home as only a christian mother can, and no self-denial in service for them was ever too great for her to make in their behalf.

Third, That our warmest sympathies go to her husband, parents, brothers and sisters, and with increasing tenderness to the little children who will so sorely miss her care and loving ministry.—Mrs. R. J. Mellwaine, Mrs. C. E. Houston, Mrs. H. E. Gurney.

D. J. Gilles, a member of the state board of examiners and institute conductors, has entered the race for the office of state superintendent of public instruction against E. C. Brooks.

No great man ever minds stooping.—Ruskin.

SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE FORTHCOMING, SAYS MAYOR

Nothing Can Be Done Until the Legislature Meets, He Says—Will Ask For A Hundred Thousand Dollar Bond Issue.

"Monroe will have a modern school in a short while," declared Mayor J. C. Sikes yesterday when acquainted with the fact that some organizations were claiming the money used for street paving ought to be applied towards the erection of a high school building. "It will be impossible to build a school until the next legislature authorizes the issuance of more bonds," said Mr. Sikes. "I am now drawing up the bill," he continued, "and if the citizens of the town will only keep quiet for a few months they will get the opportunity to vote on a hundred thousand dollar bond issue; which, with the fifty thousand already passed, will be sufficient for school needs."

The need of a new high school building has been a subject for much discussion for months. Some citizens have been unable to understand, according to Mr. Sikes, why money that was being used for street work could not be appropriated for a school building. He says it can't be done under the statutes.

"I would like for a public meeting to be held at some future date so I could take the people into my confidence," said Mr. Sikes. A little thought would conclusively show that his plan is the only plausible one at this time."

"Don't hamper other constructive work because it is impossible for us to secure a school building at this time," pleaded the Mayor. "Nothing can be done until the special term of the legislature meets, and I ask that the school advocates be patient until that time. Then the matter will be in their hands, not in the hands of the city authorities."

OSCAR HAMILTON HEADS NEW HANOVER SCHOOLS

Union County Man, Son of Late Prof. Hamilton, Elected Superintendent of Public Instruction in That County.

Wilmington, April 25.—Prof. O. A. Hamilton, at present superintendent of public schools in Goldsboro, and formerly principal of the Hemenway school in this city, was elected to the new position of superintendent of public instruction in New Hanover county at a special meeting of the board of education held last night. Professor Hamilton will fill the newly created office made by combining the positions now held by Prof. John J. Blair and Prof. Washington Catlett. It was stated that Professor Hamilton has been recommended for this position by President H. W. Chase of the University of North Carolina, Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction and many others.

Professor Hamilton came to Wilmington as principal of the Hemenway school in 1919. Six years later he went with the American Book Company. Since that time he has also been in charge of the Greensboro and Goldsboro schools.

Prof. Hamilton is a native of Union county, and is a son of the late Prof. O. C. Hamilton, a noted educator of that section.

SUPPORT THE CHAUTAUQUA URGES REV. JOHN A. WRAY

Recognize the Benefits of This worthy Organization, and Greet the Ticket Seller With a Smile, He Asks.

To the Editor of The Journal:—At the request of the Monroe Chautauqua Company, and the courtesy of the editor, I am seeking to send this personal word and appeal to my fellow citizens in Monroe and Union county.

The Redpath Chautauqua has won for itself a place in the best life of this nation and our community. I would not insult your intelligence by advancing an argument that it is a great and worthy institution, and a recital of the many benefits derived from it in the past by this community is unnecessary. They are so self-evident that I am sure every far-seeing and enthusiastic advocate of the best things has recognized them.

This has led to the organization of the Monroe Chautauqua Company in order to make it possible to have the Chautauqua return from year to year. The thing we wish to especially emphasize and have clearly understood that the twenty-two men composing this company have no thought of making any money. Every member is advancing his money and putting his head and heart into it for the benefit of the community, recognizing it as a community affair and counting on every citizen catching its vision and giving it his hearty support. Any surplus from the sale of tickets about meeting the contract with the Redpath Company, which this year is twenty-one hundred and twenty-one dollars including the war tax, will go into a sinking fund of the local organization and be used as a guarantee for future Chautauquas.

"The Chautauqua is educational as well as entertaining, presenting high class entertainment and instruction. High ideals are emphasized, visions are broadened, community life is quickened and uplifted. What a substitute for the street carnival and cheap John shows!

It would be almost impossible to estimate in money the benefits of the Chautauqua, and yet the cost to the individual is nominal indeed—made

so by the wonderful circuit movement of the Redpath. No individual could finance the program to be presented here this year for two or three times its cost to us.

Twenty attractions are to be presented. Single admissions would be \$8.60 for adults and \$4.30 for children, while with the season tickets at \$3.93 and \$1.65 including war tax, each attraction costs the adult a fraction over 15 cents and the child a little less than 8 cents. The season tickets are on sale now. It is only with the receipts from sale of season tickets that the local organization can meet the contract with the Redpath Company and the money should be in hand before the opening of the Chautauqua.

Now, our appeal is that you will recognize the benefit and advantage, greet the ticket seller with a welcome and buy your ticket at once. Secure one for every member of the family. A wholesome ideal and inspiration will be worth more to the child than a new suit of clothes.—John A. Wray, President Monroe Chautauqua Co.

HORRORS! THE PRINTER HAS ERRED ONCE MORE

And How He Did It Remains a Mystery—The Abandonment of the Fourth Disappoints the Kids.

By Mrs. Knox Wolfe-Hargett.

Oh, horrors! The printer made us say that woman had been "branded" by all civilization, and that she had been "exiled" since the days of Eden. It is inconceivable how he should have taken laudable, and extolled for these stigmatizing words. Civilization elevated woman, and lifted her to the position that the Creator made her for—the equal of man, in all, but physical strength.

We have learned since writing last that the celebration of the Fourth will be abandoned. What a disappointment to the small boy! It has been said that one giant firecracker with an explosive voice will breed more patriotism in the soul of the average boy than the grandest flow of eloquence that ever trembled on a human tongue. The boy of thirteen with a slouch hat, and a stone-bruise, doesn't care a snap whether Thomas Jefferson wanted to "establish justice" or a country newspaper—he is a dear lover of freedom. It's part of his nature. Give him gunpowder! Give him firecrackers; what if he does blow out an eye, or tear off an ear. Providence has kindly provided him with two of each, and when burnt with powder he can recite all the better. "When freedom from her mountain heights."

Well, we didn't intend to write a line at this time, only to correct the typographical error, but we want to thank every one who has shown their appreciation for our poor efforts in kind words, over the phone, by letter, and verbally. We are more fully aware than our readers know of, that these attempts had around them none of the appearance of study or scholarship, but they issued spontaneously from the depths of a soul only imbued with loving kindness for our fellow man, and our great gratitude to the good God for our lives, and for the beautiful world in which he placed us.

We will say good-bye now, for a long time, perhaps, and we'll ever cherish the good wishes of our readers.

"If every joy were mine to sing, What joyous sounds I'd sing thee, If every gift were mine to give, What pleasures I would bring thee; Such as I send, I send with love, And kindest wishes 'tend thee."

Mr. Beasley Honored at New Orleans.

The friends of Mr. R. F. Beasley, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, will be pleased to learn that at the National Conference for Social Workers lately held at New Orleans, the work being done for public welfare in North Carolina received universal commendation and in consequence Mr. Beasley was given considerable personal recognition. He was assigned two places on the weeks program for set speeches and in addition was called upon for several impromptu talks. The Conference numbered two thousand accredited delegates from every state in the Union. His work is so large and varied that ten divisions are necessary and all of these hold independent meetings during the day and unite on one big meeting each night. From all sections of the country delegates were seeking information about North Carolina affairs and constant reference was made upon the floor to North Carolina. Mr. Beasley was elected Chairman of one of the divisions of the Conference, and thereby becomes a member of the executive of the whole for the next years session, which will be held in Milwaukee.

Transformed.

The Wild Cat Eighty-first Division, from Florida and North and South Carolina, was moving up to the front line trenches. An Engineer from another division stood by the roadside trying to figure out the insignia on their left shoulders. Unable to stand the suspense any longer he called, "Hey, buddy, what's that thing on your arm?"

"That's a wild cat," shouted back a mountaineer buck, "and we're proud'n' for Jerries to-night."

A few days later the same prowling buck was on his way back and was again asked about his zoo insignia.

"That's a wild cat," he murmured, "but, personally, I'm a damn tame pussy."

LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

Actual work on the Carolina Beach railway between the beach and Wilmington has begun.

Five hundred striking railroad switchmen in Cleveland have unanimously agreed to go to jail rather than return to work.

Miss L. Exum Clement, a lawyer of Asheville, has announced herself for the House of Representatives on the Democratic ticket, in case the suffrage amendment is ratified.

The two affirmative debaters of the Asheville high school were winners in the final contest of the triangular debate held at Chapel Hill Friday night. The final contestants of the winning team was the negative team from Goldsboro.

The Supreme Council of the Allies has decided that since the United States refuses to accept a mandate over the country that Armenia will be created as an independent state. The boundaries have not yet been decided upon.

Because of two months delay in planting due to wet and unseasonable weather, farmers throughout South Carolina are reported to be working with tractors as late as 11 o'clock at night in an effort to partially make up what is described the longest delay in history. They claim to be at least two months behind.

Two warships from the Pacific fleet were dispatched Friday night to Mexican waters to protect American citizens and interests at Mazatlan and Topobampo. Nothing definite is known concerning the conditions which are caused by the revolt of the various states. The cruiser Salem and destroyer No. 276 are under instruction to investigate the situation.

C. C. Partain was marooned on the topmost pinnacle of the dam across the Savannah river near Anderson, S. C., and was finally rescued by a boat attached to a cable stretched across the half mile dam of the stream. The bateau in which Partain and W. L. Conwell were riding was swept down stream. Conwell was drowned and Partain managed to reach the dam.

Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase will be formally inaugurated President of the State University tomorrow. Governor Bickett will preside at the inaugural exercises. Chief Justice Walter Clark will administer the oath and Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire will deliver the benediction. Among the distinguished guests will be Secretary Daniels, President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard, President John C. Hibben of Princeton, and Dr. Charles Mann, the head of the War Department educational system.

Mrs. Josephine Buchanan of Raleigh was granted her second divorce from James Y. Buchanan on Friday. The couple were first married in 1915 in Wilson and were divorced in Wilson county in 1913. Later Mr. Buchanan persuaded his former wife that he had completely reformed and they were again married in Henderson in 1916. The second experiment proved less fortunate than the first and Mrs. Buchanan has again received a divorce on the grounds of marital infidelity and non-support.

REV. R. M. HAIGLER DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CON.

He Leaves For Washington May 10—Cow Killed by Falling Into Creek.—Farmers Still Behind With Work.

Monroe Route 5, April 26.—The farmers of this community are doing but little in the way of planting. They are still preparing their land as fast as they can catch it dry enough to work.

We are glad to say that Aunt Re-bull Richardson, who has been sick for several days, is some better.

Misses Bright and Ethel Helms returned home Saturday from several days visit to relatives in the Peachland community.

Mr. Will Hannah and sister, Miss Lillie Hannah, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives at Peachland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helms of Monroe were Sunday visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Usher's.

Corporal John H. Hannah, who has nearly spent his sixty days furlough with his parents and other relatives, will return to Walter Reed hospital at Washington Thursday. He expects to get another furlough shortly after he arrives in Washington and return home to stay until about the first of September when he will return to Washington to have another operation performed.

Mr. J. R. C. Helms had a valuable cow to die Saturday evening. It was tied on the bank of a branch and it supposed she tried to get a drink of water and fell in, breaking her neck.

Rev. R. M. Haigler will go as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Washington, D. C., May 12th. He will start on the 10th to be there when the convention opens and remain until it closes.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Beik is very sick at this writing.

Mr. B. F. King tells the writer that Mrs. Irene Carter, an aged lady who lives near him, is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffin, who have been living in Charlotte for several months, have rented a farm near Mrs. J. F. Doster's and have moved to it.

Miss Emma Plyler of the Mt. Prospect neighborhood spent all of last week with her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Doster.—"H."