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## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

### Latest Happenings in and Around Monroe.

Mrs. Carl Benton of Hamlet is the guest of Miss Hattie Benton.

Mrs. E. C. Snyder is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Seymour, in Gainesville, Ga.

Mr. John Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Austin is at Grady Hospital in Atlanta undergoing treatment.

Miss Lillian Stack who has been employed in the Civil Service Department in Washington has resigned and returned home.

Miss Allie Carnes of Monroe Route 8, who has been sick for 43 days with influenza, is able to be out again.

Rev. E. C. Snyder will preach at Sardis church next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The Parent-Teachers' Association will not hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon. The date of the next meeting will be announced later.

Major W. C. Heath will address the voters of Marshville township at Marshville, Friday night, May 7th, at 8 o'clock.

There will be no service at Harmony Springs Saturday, but Rev. M. D. L. Preslar will preach there Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

Rev. E. C. Snyder will attend the Southern Baptist convention, which meets in Washington, D. C., May 12, at the expense of his churches.

Mr. R. A. Morrow has been appointed a delegate to the national conference on education, which convenes in Washington May 12-14, by Gov. T. W. Bickett.

Mr. Claud Duncan, a student of Lincoln Memorial University, at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., arrived yesterday to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Duncan, of Goose Creek township.

Mr. Ulrich Goble, of Alexander county, and Miss Lona Hill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hill of Goose Creek township, were married here yesterday morning by Esq. R. H. Harrett.

The Union county board of tax appraisers expect to complete the work of revaluing property within the next thirty days. The assessments have been completed for all townships except Monroe, and it is about finished.

The following contributions to the Near East Relief Fund have been received since the last report: Rev. E. C. Snyder, pastor Faulk's church, \$19.88; Sorosis Book club, \$15.50; T. B. Broom, \$2.00; Mrs. A. H. Stevens S. S. Class, \$2.30.

Rev. R. M. Haigler will preach at Philadelphia Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He will also administer the ordinance of Baptism at West Monroe church Sunday at 6:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The meeting of the aldermen Friday night ended harmoniously. Alderman J. D. Bundy, having decided to retain his seat on the board. The differences between the members are said to have been healed, and all will work together for the betterment of the town.

The three members of the county board of commissioners, Messrs. A. A. Secret, W. L. Hemby and W. D. Bivens, marched in mass into The Journal office yesterday and handed in their joint announcement for re-election. No opposition to them has developed.

Numbers of Monroe negroes have flocked to Winston-Salem in the last few months to work in the tobacco factories. Census takers say in a number of instances colored families paid rent for their homes here months in advance, locked the door, and left for the Twin City. The exodus to Winston will doubtless reduce Monroe's census figures considerably below the anticipated number.

Monday, May 10th, is Memorial Day, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy has invited the Confederate Veterans of the county to assemble in Monroe on that day. The U. D. C.'s will give dinner to the veterans and will have a program of interest. Capt. S. E. Belk, commander of Camp Walkup, urges every member of the camp to be in Monroe at noon on that day to take part in the exercises.

Geo. Blakeney, a Monroe darkey, is said to have gotten in serious trouble at Wadesboro last week when he was found engaged in enticing labor away from Anson county. Fortunately, the Anson authorities were lenient, allowing him to come home on the payment of a fine of about \$125. Blakeney, it is said, was trying to secure farm labor for large Chesterfield county farmers.

"Sugar is being sold in Union county at a profit of six cents a pound," according to Mr. Lee Griffin, fair price commissioner for the county. This is a violation of the law. Sugar is still under the control of the food administration, and merchants are prohibited from selling it at a profit of more than two cents a pound. "Judge Webb fined a merchant for selling sugar for more than a profit of two cents a pound at Salisbury the other day, and Union county violators had better be careful," Mr. Griffin concluded.

### Meeting of Road Electorate.

Government engineers refuse to change the location of the Wilmington-Charlotte highway through Monroe and Marshville townships, it was learned yesterday at the regular monthly joint meeting of the road commission and electorate. The highway is located with the view of eventually making it a hard-surface road, and the grade on the other proposed route is too much for hard-surfacing, it was stated.

An audit showing receipts and disbursements of the former road administration was exhibited. This audit will soon be published.

Since the improvement in weather, road work has progressed very satisfactorily, it was announced; and it was predicted that a good showing would be made with the work that will be accomplished in the summer months. Parties who have ridden over the finished roads on the Jackson highway and the Morgan Mill road, are said to have praised them highly.

The members of the commission are looking forward with keen anticipation to the time when a good system of roads can be realized on the main highways of the county. There now seems to be a spirit of co-operation existing between all members, and everything is said to be working harmoniously. The following were present at the meeting: Edwin Niven, W. C. Heath, Samuel Redwine, W. E. Lemmond, T. L. Price, George W. Smith, J. C. McIntyre, H. F. Parker, T. C. Eubanks, and J. C. Winchester.

### DAY OF THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE HAS PASSED

So Declared Dr. E. C. Brooks Here Saturday — Says Mr. Funderburk One of Best Superintendents in the State.

"The day of the one-room school house in North Carolina has passed," declared Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction, to a good-sized audience in the court house here Saturday morning. "Advanced pupils cannot do satisfactory work when the lone school room is packed with thirty or forty students, nor can the teacher do justice to the work," he added.

Dr. Brooks, who was the first superintendent of schools in Monroe, paid a tribute to his old associates, and expressed his delight at being in the county of his first educational efforts. He recalled with evident pleasure the first speech he ever made, which he delivered at Morgan's academy. He also eulogized that great school man, the late Prof. Andrews.

School vandalism was scored by Dr. Brooks. He cited numerous instances of where communities let their school house, the "children's temple," go to rack and ruin through indifference; and how in some counties it was considered great sport to break school window lights, and tear off the weatherboarding. Vandalism of this sort, he said, was of the most insidious kind.

Consolidation of school districts was urged by the state superintendent. He maintained better facilities, better teachers, and more interest in school work would result when two or more districts joined together in the erection of a five or six room school house. Trucks would be used to carry the children to school when they lived beyond a certain distance from the school house.

Mr. Ray Funderburk was declared to be one of the best county superintendents in the state by Dr. Brooks, who says what he thinks regardless of consequences. After his lecture, Dr. Brooks told The Journal that Prof. Ray Funderburk, with the financial backing and moral support of the citizens, could bring our schools on a par with the best in the state within five years.

The address was a masterful appeal for more interest of the citizens in the schools. Dr. Brooks said he had about come to the conclusion that folks generally in this state are not much interested in education, and that he was seeking to revive more enthusiasm in our schools, the most essential thing, next to the churches, in any community.

### Storm Fund.

The following contributions from Goose Creek township have been sent in by Rev. T. J. Huggins: A. B. Hayward, \$5; G. W. Rowell, \$5; J. A. Pressley, \$1; J. C. Hill, \$1; J. A. McCollum, \$5; J. H. McCollum, \$5; F. D. Pressley, \$2; E. E. Presson, \$2; Mrs. G. M. Garrison, \$2.50; Mrs. C. B. Russell, \$2; H. M. Williams, \$5; O. B. Haigler, \$10. Several names on Mr. Huggins' list were lost, and if those who contributed were not acknowledged will inform Mr. Huggins of the omission, the matter will be rectified.

### Superior Court in Session.

Superior court, for the trial of civil cases, convened here yesterday with Judge T. B. Finley presiding. All jurors who are engaged in farming have been excused. The following cases have been disposed of:

Clyde D. Broom is granted a divorce from Glennie Broom.

Nancy Owen is granted a divorce from David Owen.

R. A. Williams, administrator of J. B. Williams, recovers judgment against Tallahassee Power Company for \$375, on account of the death of plaintiff's intestate.

M. L. Sinclair recovers full judgment against the American Railway and Express Company for \$114.

E. D. Starnes is granted a divorce from Mattie Starnes.

The court is now engaged in the trial of Perry Mill Co., against Mecklenburg Lumber Co.

### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

We hereby announce ourselves candidates for re-election as members of the county board of commissioners, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. — W. D. Bivens, W. L. Hemby, A. A. Secret.

## CHAUTAQUA PROGRAM UP TO USUAL HIGH STANDARD

So Far the Lecture of Dr. Carolyn Geissel Stands Out As Predominant Feature—Miss Louise Stallings to Give Concert To-night.

The Redpath Chautauqua which began its annual seven day engagement here on Saturday afternoon, is up to its usual high standard of excellence with the best programs yet to come. The ticket sale has been splendid and each program has been rendered to a large audience. The tent in use this year is rectangular in shape, as are all the new ones belonging to the Redpath company, and the acoustics of these are said to be much better than that of the old, round tents.

Mr. J. J. DeBoer, the superintendent, is a minister and a man of very pleasing personality. His introductory remarks are short and to the point and he has eliminated the wranglings with the children which displeased so many Monroe people at last year's chautauqua. We may state here, however, that the behaviour of the kids is much better this year; they seemingly realize in a measure the advantages which this university of the people brings to them.

Miss Higginbotham, who conducts the childrens hour, and who is arranging the childrens pageant "Thrift," for the seventh afternoon, has already won the hearts of the little folks. She is a young woman of much charm, possesses an attractive personality and is an experienced playground worker.

Notwithstanding the interest given the Sybil Sammis Singers and Dr. H. E. Rompel's masterly address on "Facing the Task," it is the consensus of opinion that the lecture of Dr. Dr. Carolyn Geissel given last evening before a large audience is the outstanding feature of the program rendered so far. Dr. Geissel is a member of the Battle Creek Mich. sanatorium staff and is personally known to a number of Monroe people. She has medical degrees from three American universities, the universities of Paris and Russia and has attended clinics in all the European countries. Her talk on "How to be young at 70 or old at 40," in addition to being a great health lecture was incidentally a powerful sermon. She addressed her remarks chiefly to the men of middle age, on whom the task of reconstructing the world and of keeping the peace treaty will fall. At the outset she impressed them with the absolute necessity of keeping physically fit in order that these herculean tasks may be accomplished; and this can be done only through man power, just as the war was won with this very potent factor with the help of American dollars and American aces.

Dr. Geissel stated that eleven million people died of preventable diseases each year in the English speaking countries alone, Bright's being the chief cause of this enormous death rate. The eminent physician's advice was to cut down the bill of fare, drink two and one-half quarts of water each day, have a competent doctor examine the entire body once each year, and thus ward off those chronic diseases which are absolutely incurable, once past the incipient stage.

Statisticians, according to Dr. Geissel, have computed that the loss of Germany as an integral factor in the civilized world has set civilization back a century and a half, while the loss of potential parenthood in the war and during the three months of the influenza epidemic is a loss of sixty years. The twentieth century stands on the mountain tops of civilization along with ancient Greece, Rome and the Italian Renaissance. Each of these previous great periods have been followed by dark ages due to degeneracy caused by dissipation and sinful excesses. Will history repeat itself in our case? According to Dr. Geissel, congenital idiocy and insanity have increased five hundred percent and unless this is stopped our civilization will stand with that of ancient times. In pleading with the men of America to "Be strong for the task" and carry on the work begun by the boys who gave their lives in the war, Dr. Geissel quoted Lt. Col. McRae's matchless poem "In Flanders Field," as follows:

In Flanders fields the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row by row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky,  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead; short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from the falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

The monologue "The Fortune Hunter," given by Mr. V. S. Watkins yesterday afternoon is generally conceded to be the best dramatic reading that has ever been rendered on the Chautauqua platform here.

The prelude to the afternoon and evening performances by the Emerson-Williams company, consisting of Scotch songs and piano selections, were enjoyed. Monroe people are now looking forward to the opera, "Pinafore," the play, "Nothing But the Truth," and the lecture by Ralph Parlette, whom W. J. Bryan says he had rather hear than any man living.

## MARSHVILLE SCHOOL CLOSES A MOST SUCCESSFUL TERM

Under Leadership of Prof. B. L. Biggers and his Efficient Faculty the School Has Become an Important Factor of the Community and Has Reached a High Standard of Excellence.

Marshville, May 3.—The close of the Marshville school for the session '19-'20 was marked by unusually well prepared and well executed commencement exercises. Throngs of people were present on each occasion, and at the evening exercises many disappointed ones were turned away for lack of even standing room in the auditorium. Hearty expressions of commendation are heard on every hand of the high standard of the exercises, and the splendid way in which the students participating acquitted themselves, giving evidence of a year of hard, conscientious work upon the part of the faculty and student body.

On Friday evening a concert was given by the entire school demonstrating the remarkable work accomplished during the year in public school music both in chorus work and sight singing. It was an inspiration to hear even the first grade sing the "do, re me's" at sight and correctly. The grades up to the seventh engaged in a singing contest, and to prove the excellence of the performance, it was found that each one of the judges had voted for a different grade. However, a compromise was effected and the blue ribbon awarded to the 3rd and 4th grades. Rev. A. C. Sherwood making the presentation to Miss Helen Garland, teacher of the winning grades.

Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the following young men participated in a declaimers' contest: Messrs. Byron Williams, Rommie Pierce, Loyd Gray and Hal Marsh. These speakers, although very youthful and most of them speaking in public for the first time, acquitted themselves with such ease and ability as to draw forth words of genuine praise from the entire audience. The medal was awarded to Mr. Hal Marsh, with Mr. Loyd Gray of Concord as second choice.

The contest was followed by a short address by Dr. E. C. Brooks of Raleigh, State Supt. of Education. This was Dr. Brooks first appearance before a Marshville audience, and his keen, forceful thoughts, delivered in a half humorous, half serious way, made a profound impression upon his hearers. He took for his subject "The Things That Educate," and in developing his theme he instilled some ideas into the minds of the people that will not soon be forgotten.

At the conclusion of the address, Mr. Ray Funderburk, County Supt. of Education, delivered certificates to twenty-two members of the 7th grade, who out of the twenty-five candidates successfully passed the 7th grade examinations and were thus promoted to the high school.

Music was furnished during the afternoon by the school orchestra. Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock a capacity house-greeted the performance of "Son John," a four-act drama staged by the high school. The delightful, wholesome comedy enhanced by the clever acting of the characters offered an evening of keen pleasure to all so fortunate as to hear it. Hundreds were turned away after every inch of available space had been filled, and owing to this fact and also to the initial success of the performance the play will be repeated at an early date.

Music was furnished between acts by the 7th grade orchestra. Between the 3rd and 4th acts Miss Virginia Griffin, a sixth grade pupil, gave a reading, "Salute Your Brides," and charmed the audience with her grace and clever interpretation.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Dr. Gurney of Monroe preached the baccalaureate sermon in the Baptist church, which was filled to overflowing. Dr. Gurney is well known and greatly admired in Marshville and is always eagerly welcomed. His message on this occasion was of rare excellence and worthy the close attention it received from the large congregation. Special music was rendered by a chorus composed of Messdames W. M. Davis, G. J. Whitmer, J. S. Harrell, Misses Bessie Hallman, Grace Henderson, Messrs. Roy Marsh, Chester Braswell, Joe Taylor, Sebron Blair and Lee Hallman.

Monday evening the exercises will come to a close with a reciters' contest and debate. The reciters will be Misses Margie Marsh, Nell Hasty, Bonnie Harrell and Julia Medlin. The debaters will be Misses Kate Morgan and Pauline Stegall against Messrs. Sebron Blair and Edwin Griffin. The medals will be awarded and the diplomas given at this time.

The Marshville school is at last coming into its own as the predominant factor of the community, Prof. B. L. Biggers and his assistant teachers have during the past year, accomplished a great work in spite of the influenza interruption, and brought the school to the close of one of the most successful years of its history. The crying needs of the hour are more room and more teachers, and indications are that these will be supplied ere another year is gone. With this in view the future looms ahead bright with hopes and possibilities of a school larger and better than ever before.

Patrons and friends of the school will be glad to know that Prof. Biggers will have charge of the school again next year. The remainder of the faculty has not yet been announced.

Supt. Ray Funderburk announced to the seventh grade pupils that when they received their diplomas four years hence they would be recognized anywhere in the state as coming from an A1 school, and would be accepted by any college in the country as such. So Marshville feels very grateful, and quite proud of what is being accomplished here in the line of education, and thus for the betterment of the country.—Mrs. J. S. Harrell.

### CAPT. FLETCHER FATALLY INJURED AT ROCK QUARRY

Was Trying to Cut Power Off Motor When He Was Dealt Severe Blow on the Head.

In an unusual manner, Capt. B. T. Fletcher, for years in charge of the chain gang, was fatally injured at the county rock quarry at noon yesterday. The belt on the rock crusher slipped off, and was being gradually wound around the small motor pulley when Mr. Fletcher rushed towards the motor to cut the power off. His hand succeeded in reaching the switch, but before he could escape, Mr. Fletcher was struck a severe blow over the head by the belt, which was revolving around at a terrific rate of speed. He fell, and as he lay prostrate, the belt hit him several more times about the face.

The injured man was rushed to the Union Drug Company in an unconscious state. Medical attention was immediately summoned, but the doctors quickly saw that his injuries would prove fatal. One eye was knocked out, the skull fractured, and the head badly bruised. Mr. Fletcher lived for an hour, but did not regain consciousness.

The deceased was a native of Chesterfield county, having been born about fifty years ago. He came to Monroe in his youth. For a number of years he was clerk in the office of the Stewart House of which his brother, the late Mr. J. C. Fletcher, was proprietor. For nearly twenty years he had been superintendent of the chain gang for Union county and for Monroe township. He married Miss Ada Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fowler, Jr., of north Monroe township, about twelve years ago. She died in 1912, leaving two little girls, Elizabeth and Kathleen. Messrs. Robert and David Fletcher, of South Carolina, are brothers of the deceased.

The death of this strong, healthy and genial man was a great shock to the people of Monroe, by whom he was so well-liked. Honest, square and frank, he was of the kind who made warm friends and his cheerful greetings will be missed by those who frequent the streets. Capt. Fletcher was a member of the Presbyterian church.

### MONROE'S POPULATION MAY BE GIVEN FIRST NEXT WEEK

Director Rogers Promises Mr. Morrow to Have the Figures Compiled—Will Wire Them.

The census figures for Monroe may be announced the first of next week, according to a letter received yesterday by Mr. R. A. Morrow from Sam L. Rogers, director of the census bureau. The letter follows:

"My Dear Mr. Morrow:—I have your letter of the 28th instant, and shall be glad to have the figures compiled for the population of Monroe, North Carolina. I believe we will be able to give the information to the newspaper representatives the first part of next week, and the totals will be sent you by telegram at the time they are announced in Washington. Under the regulations of the Department the message must be sent at your expense. Trusting this arrangement will be satisfactory to you, I am very truly yours, Sam L. Rogers, Director."

### Death of Mr. S. L. Alexander.

Mr. S. L. Alexander of Charlotte died last Wednesday night. The funeral services were held Friday and the body was laid to rest in the Charlotte cemetery. Mr. Alexander married Miss Ellen Flow, a daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. G. W. Flow, and she with a son, Mr. S. L. Alexander, survive. For many years Mr. Alexander was in the drug business in Charlotte, but several years ago he entered a real estate firm which he has since been connected with. He was a native of Paw Creek, Mecklenburg county and was about fifty-five years old. Mr. Alexander was a conscientious and loyal member of the Presbyterian church and a man of upright character.

However men or manner may vary, keep cool and calm.

## LATEST HAPPENINGS

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

Corn ranks third in crop values in North Carolina, yet the average yield is only 19 bushels an acre. Good seed will help raise this average.

Cost of living figures in fourteen American cities put Detroit at the top of the list with an increase of 108 per cent since 1914. Norfolk, Va., ranked second with 107 per cent.

In number of carloads of sweet potatoes shipped up to April 1, North Carolina outranked Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana, yet she ranks only seventh among states shipping sweet potatoes.

The Sulgrave Institute of New York city has issued an appeal urging the people of the United States to hold appropriate ceremonies in every section of the country in celebration of the tercentenary landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. June 4 is the date. Great Britain and Holland will celebrate and will send representatives to this country.

Doughboy pals of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who served as a private in the 27th division in France, mingled with New York's most exclusive social circle in St. Thomas Episcopal church Thursday, to witness the marriage of the young millionaire to Rachael Littleton. Wedding gifts said to exceed one million dollars in value were received by the young couple.

Two American Red Cross workers have succeeded in bringing 2,300 refugees out of southern Russia. Floeing before the advances of the soviet forces the Americans had many adventures in taking their charges across the Dnieper river. Life boats were used in threading a perilous journey through fies of ice, and one boat was crushed and sunk in mid-stream.

Sugar refiners have entered into an agreement with the Department of Justice to co-operate with the government in preventing the resale of sugar to the trade and to that extent decrease speculation. Refiners agreed to refuse to sell to any firm except from whom the commodity would take a direct course to the consumer. The committee, which functioned during the war, has been reappointed to determine a "reasonable profit" and stop profiteering. The department does not expect the present sugar shortage to be materially relieved before July, when the 1920 beet crop will come on the market.

### MORE THAN FIFTY KILLED WHEN TORNADO HIT PEGGS

Many Families Were Entirely Wiped Out by Tornado Which Swept Oklahoma Town.

Muskogee, Okla., May 3.—The number of persons known to have been killed in the tornado at Peggs, Cherokee county, reached 51 early tonight, according to a telephone message from Locust Grove, with seven persons not accounted for and about 100 injured.

Peggs virtually was destroyed by the tornado Sunday night and the list of casualties continued to increase as rescue parties from surrounding towns pressed their search of the ruins of the village. No estimate of property loss was available.

Members of rescue parties who returned to Muskogee tonight with the injured told of difficulties encountered in finding and identifying the bodies of victims. A deluge of rain accompanied the tornado and the village was a mass of wreckage, with numerous pools of water and mud shoe top deep.

In many cases several bodies were found among the ruins of a single building, indicating that whole families had been wiped out. Through a freak of the storm a small frame building, uninhabited, was left standing in the heart of the town, while brick structures surrounding, which had housed many persons, were razed. Clothing was found on trees several miles from the path of the storm. A large gasoline barrel was found flattened and wrapped tightly around the trunk of a tree.

The area swept by the tornado was said by members of the rescue parties to be about three miles long and a mile wide.

Peggs was a village of about 250 inhabitants.

### ONE DOLLAR PER POUND COTTON

Two Chesterfield Farmers Got That Price Last Wednesday.

(From The Chesterfield Advertiser.)

Cotton Welcher H. A. Watson has the distinction of being the first man in that position in Chesterfield to weigh dollar cotton. Likewise Mr. John T. Hurst is the distinguished buyer of the first bale to bring a hundred cents to the pound. The distinguished growers are two in number, hailing from Cole Hill township. They are Messrs. John Ratcliffe and A. B. Merriman. Mr. Ratcliffe received \$1.01 a pound for a 465-pound bale. Mr. Merriman got an even dollar a pound for a bale that tipped the scales at 565 pounds. The cotton was brought to town on Wednesday.

### Card of Thanks.

I want to thank my friends and neighbors for the kindness shown me during the sickness and death of my husband and daughter who died of influenza. May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one.—Mrs. M. V. Carnes and Family.