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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Hon. Robert N. Page will speak in the courthouse Tuesday night, June 1, in the interest of his candidacy for Governor.

Rev. E. C. Snyder requests The Journal to announce the following appointments for next Sunday: Union at eleven, Mt. Pleasant at 2:30, and West Monroe at 7:30.

Mrs. R. W. Lemmond's kindergarten class closed this morning with a picnic for the children. Margaret Love was the only pupil to make an honor roll average for the month of May.

Mr. R. L. Stevens and Mr. T. F. Limerick will speak in the Waxhaw school auditorium Saturday night, in the interest of Mr. Vann's candidacy for Congress.

The Confederate veterans will leave at 5:50 Tuesday morning, June 1, to attend the State reunion in Fayetteville. The round trip fare from Monroe is \$5.10.

Prof. Ray Funderburk and Mr. W. B. Love will speak at Belmont school house, Goose Creek township, Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Miss Lura Heath will be present and exhibit educational pictures.

Elder T. W. Stanley will preach at North Monroe Primitive Baptist church next Saturday night at eight o'clock and Sunday morning at 11. There will be a song service at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

The high school commencement begins this evening at 8 o'clock with the class day exercises in the graded school auditorium. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. H. E. Gurney in the Methodist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Francis Laney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Laney, who is a junior at Georgia Tech., won the W.P. Andrews oratorical medal May 20th. He spoke on the "Preservation of Freedom." The medal is given by Col. Walter P. Andrews and will be presented to Mr. Laney during the commencement exercises this week.

Mr. Ira B. Mullis, who resigned as county road engineer several weeks ago, has been appointed a government highway engineer at a lucrative salary. His headquarters will be Washington, where he will supervise laboratory work in addition to doing field work. He enters upon his work June 1st. Mr. Mullis has many friends in Union county who will be pleased to learn of his appointment.

Mr. J. A. Russell, of Marshville, and Mr. Ernest Godwin, of New Salem township, had an automobile collision while passing each other at the cross roads at Fairfield Sunday, says the Marshville Home. Mr. Russell was approaching the forks of the road from one direction while Mr. Godwin approached from another when the accident occurred. With the exception of battered cars no damage was done.

The Journal is requested to make the following announcements of speaking engagements for Saturday night, May 29, at 8 o'clock: Hon. R. B. Redwine and G. S. Lee, Jr., at Indian Trail; B. C. Ashcraft and W. O. Lemmond at Stouts; A. M. Staek and J. C. Brooks at Wesley Chapel; G. L. Nisbet and R. W. Lemmond at Unionville. These gentlemen will speak in the interest of Mr. J. C. M. Vann's candidacy for Congress.

Seventeen Monroe citizens are being initiated into the Shrine in Greensboro to-day. They are: Dr. Paschal Abernethy, John A. Austin, Emsley Armfield, John W. Broom, John Beasley, E. C. Carpenter, C. A. Gibson, Carl Griffin, George L. Hart, R. A. Morrow, W. B. McManus, C. H. Richardson, C. M. Redfern, W. Albert Redfern, J. C. Sikes, Howard Smith and Fred Smith. A number of local Shriners are attending the ceremony.

All this talk about starving in this country is silly, to say the least. When there comes a food shortage that pinches in the least steps will be taken to tickle the earth sufficiently to make it yield a plenty. The country hasn't had time to get out of its brain storm produced by the war and folks who get too much excited now about what is going to happen have short memories of the past and poor imaginations for the future.

Mrs. Mary Settle Sharpe, who will speak in the court house Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, is the only woman candidate for state office in this State, being on the Republican ticket as candidate for superintendent of public instruction. Her address will not be of a political nature but in the interest of better preparation of women for citizenship. For twenty-five years she has taught in the State College for Women and her former pupils are especially invited to hear her speak.

Last Saturday night about nine o'clock while Mr. J. B. Sherrill, accompanied by Mrs. Sherrill and his daughter, were returning home in their little Saxon car from a visit to the home of W. M. Sherrill, they were run into at the intersection of Church and Loan streets by a young man driving an Essex car with license number 75,510 says Stanley News-Herald. No one was hurt, but the Saxon was badly damaged, being knocked entirely over the curbing and ten feet beyond. Mr. Sherrill did not know the Essex was in the rear until it struck his car. He was making the turn into Loan street, and the Essex was coming at too great a speed to stop before it struck the Saxon.

MR. ARCHIE McLENDON OF VANCE COMMITS SUICIDE

Body Found in Woods Near His Home—No Cause Can Be Assigned For the Act.

The body of Mr. Archibald McLendon, son of the late Rev. J. J. McLendon, was found Sunday afternoon in the woods about a half mile from his mother's home in Vance township. He committed suicide Friday afternoon. From the position the body was in it was judged that he had placed a shot gun in his mouth and fired, blowing the top of his head entirely off; the gun was lying beside him. A note, neatly folded and written in Mr. McLendon's own hand writing, was found in his pocket. It was addressed to Mrs. N. R. McLendon, Matthews, N. C., and read as follows:

"Dear Mamma:—I hate to do this when I think of you. You have been so good to me, but I have failed in all that I hold dear in the world and I can't pass on into the gloom of the future will hold for me. I want you to have all my property, both real and personal, and hope that you will forgive your unfortunate son.—Archie."

Mr. McLendon had shown no signs of despondency or mental unbalance, although his mother states that he seemed somewhat disappointed Friday at noon when he failed to receive a reply from a letter he had written to a young lady. That afternoon about two o'clock, taking a single barrel shot gun, the young man announced that he was going out to shoot crows. In the evening when he failed to return a little uneasiness was felt but the family supposed he had gone to his brother's home. Sunday afternoon a younger brother noticed buzzards gathering in the woods nearby and went to the scene where he found Mr. McLendon's body in a decomposed condition. The sheriff's office was notified and Deputy Sheriffs Clifford Fowler and Paul Griffith and Dr. G. C. Pruitt went out and took charge of the body.

Mr. McLendon was a man of upright character and for a long time had been a member of the Baptist church. He attended Wake Forest College for two years and his education served him well in his chosen work as a farmer. At this he was successful. His family is a splendid one, always standing on the side of right. An uncle, Dr. A. C. Robinson, who is a professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is reputed to be one of the world's greatest Greek scholars. An older brother is a lawyer, practicing in Rockingham. Mr. McLendon was 28 years old.

Neighbors in Buford Get Their Cows Mixed Up

It is a Well Known Fact That There are Two Cows Within a Mile of Each Other That are Exactly Alike—Funny Incident Occurs.

Monroe Rt. 4, May 27.—It is a known fact that there are two cows in Buford township that are just alike and as a result of this unusual likeness a funny thing happened here May 26th. Mr. J. A. Melton was letting his son-in-law, Mr. Lee Gay, milk one of his cows. Mr. Gay lives about one mile from Mr. Melton. On the morning of the 25th a cow belonging to Mr. Vance Laney came walking up to Mr. Gay's and Mrs. Gay put her in the lot with the calf of Mrs. Melton's cow. Now this was a dry cow and forthwith immediately she began kicking the calf and cutting all sorts of shins. Milking time came, but no milk! Finally they decided the cow had been bitten by a mad dog and was having a fit in general. Mr. Melton got the news and summoned medical aid. The doctors bored her horns, cut her tail for hollow tail, rubbed her with liniment and turpentine, all to no avail. Still she fought the calf, kicked and bellowed. All Mr. Melton's neighbors came in and they agreed that this cow was bit by a mad dog at the same time that one belonging to Mr. Dove Helms was bitten, as the two were in the pasture together at the time. They had about concluded to kill her when Mr. Laney strolled up hunting his cow. He claimed this one and the crowd adjourned to Mr. Gay's pasture where Mr. Melton's cow was found unmilked for two days and raising sand. The only difference between the two cows is that one is a milker and the other is dry. This is a fact that we would be glad if you would make a note of it in The Journal.—J. W. Richardson.

Habit Forming.

(Anonymous.)

The following rules are grounded in the laws of habit forming:

1. Make good resolutions intelligently, and record them.
2. Take advantage of every circumstance that will help you keep your resolutions.
3. Keep away from temptation.
4. Keep away from associates who discourage you.
5. Put yourself in right relations to encourage you in the new way.
6. Seize the first opportunity to act on resolutions you make.
7. Make engagements that will keep you out of the old way.
8. Never suffer an exception to occur to hinder the new habit from becoming surely rooted in your life.
9. Remember until the new habit is fixed, each lapse makes the effort more difficult.
10. It is the keeping, and not the making of good resolutions which affects the brain.

"What is this spiritualism all about?"
"Remains to be seen."

REVALUATION A GOOD THING FOR THE FARMERS

Novus Homo Makes This Statement and Gives an Instance to Prove It—Doesn't Want the Farmer to Be the Goat.

To the Editor of The Journal:—It is really amusing to witness the deep interest professional politicians manifest in working people, and especially in farmers every campaign year. They are always very sure that workers need a great many things done for 'em, and they are as full of promises as an egg is of meat; but when the election is over the defeated ones are sore and the lucky ones don't care a "tinker's dam" what they said during the campaign, or what anybody with little enough sense to expect them to carry out their campaign pledges thinks of their course in office.

I have often wondered why it is that working people are the only ones that can't get along in the world anyhow. It seems to me that the workers ought to be "in clover" and the "non workers" ought to need looking after.

Some one please tell us why it is that people who work not at all are always able to "paddle their own canoe," while people who do all the work and produce all the materials of wealth are always down and out and need the assistance of all the politicians and all the political parties and platforms to keep 'em from starving?

I think if politicians would just let us alone and quit promising to do so much for us, "and also quit doing so much for us," we would be better able to make it.

There is just now a special effort being made by some of our political spell-binders to prove that farmers are being robbed by revaluation. They say that revaluation is putting too much of the burden of taxation on the farmer. They are powerful anxious to get revisions of the revaluation act and save the farmer from being the goat in the taxation regime.

None of them, so far as I have seen, have undertaken in any specific sense to prove the truth of their charge and I am pretty sure that the reason why they haven't is because they can't.

If the small land owner is going to be imposed on under revaluation, why don't these fellows who say so point out how and where? Have you seen one do it? I haven't.

Let's take the case of one of the little ones and analyze it and see what the effect will be. If John Smith owns one hundred acres of land, and has one thousand dollars worth of personal property, including cash, and the land has been valued at \$10 per acre, including the buildings, it is easy to see that John Smith has been paying taxes on two thousand dollars worth of property. The present rate is about two and 2-5 cents; therefore, he has been paying about \$48 tax. Now let's revalue his land at forty dollars per acre instead of ten dollars, and, of course, let his personal property and his cash remain as it was (the enemies of revaluation say this is where the devil of it comes in). Mr. Smith will now pay tax on five thousand instead of two thousand, but Mr. Bickett tells us the rate will be divided by three, at least, so then instead of \$250 on each hundred dollars he will pay \$80 cents on each hundred or \$8 on each thousand. Therefore, since five eighths equals forty, John Smith will pay \$40 tax instead of \$48. How much does it hurt a little farmer to save eight dollars on his taxes?—Novus Homo.

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LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

The American Woolen Company of New York and of Massachusetts are charged with profiteering in woolen goods by a Federal Grand Jury in New York.

Colonel W. C. Proctor, Cincinnati manufacturer testified in the senate investigation of pre-convention financing, that he had advanced half a million dollars to General Wood's campaign fund.

Adolpho de la Huerta, governor of the State of Sonora, was appointed president of Mexico after the congress had been in session an hour and a half Monday. He will serve until the new president, who will be elected on Sept. 5, is inaugurated.

A growing tendency to thrift, a general downward revision of prices of all commodities except food, and improvement in the labor situation are three encouraging signs of better times officially reported from the West.

Out of census results given for 261 communities 161 show a decreased percentage of increase in 1920, so that with few exceptions, the industrial cities and towns represented seem to reflect a distinct slowing down in the growth of the entire nation.

King George V of Great Britain and Ireland recovered a verdict in New York this week for fifty-two thousand dollars in a suit against a steel broker. The plaintiff alleged failure on the part of the defendant to deliver steel as per contract for use in Italy during the war.

Senator Lenroot, right hand man of Senator Lodge in the upper house, speaking for what is believed to be the majority of Congress, said that under no conditions would President Wilson's request that the United States accept a mandate over America, be granted.

Lieut. Melvin W. Maynard, the flying parson, who recently was given an honorable discharge from the army, has signed a contract with a chaqueta company and his first engagement will be in Danville, Va. He will lecture on "The Motor Troubles of Society."

Senator Sherman, Republican, of Illinois, has denounced the proposed soldiers relief bill as a "disgraceful deterioration of the patriotism of a great country." The attack was precipitated by a telegram received by the Senator from an American Legion post inquiring as to his attitude towards the bill.

Senator Hiram Johnson, candidate for the Republican nomination for president, is in North Carolina and will make eight political speeches. He announced in Concord Thursday that he would not bolt the Republican party at Chicago if he is not nominated there. General Leonard Wood is also in this state and will speak in every city that Senator Johnson does and will try to go him one better.

B. D. West, all-American tackle and Captain of Colgate University's foot-ball team, has organized his men along with scores of other students into a "farm help" team. They are assisting New York farmers who found themselves short handed and are receiving five dollars a day with board and laundry. The proceeds, with the exception of cases where students need the money for self-support, will be donated to the Colgate million dollar endowment fund.

The largest seizure of sugar in the South since the Lever act became effective, occurred Wednesday at Rose Hill in Duplin county, when agents took 600 barrels of granulated sugar consigned to J. G. Townsend & Company, of Selbyville, Del. Oscar Fussell of Rose Hill, J. G. Townsend & Company are charged with willfully hoarding, holding, delivering and storing five car loads of sugar, and that the sugar was removed from the usual course of trade to inflate the market and increase prices.

Several days ago a white couple was married by a negro minister in Danville, Va. The man came to the city to marry a young woman who worked there. He had been divorced by his wife some years ago. A Baptist minister to whom they applied for marriage certificate informed them that there was an agreement between Danville ministers not to marry persons who had been defendants in divorce actions. Learning that it was useless for them to try further they went to the home of the negro and were made man and wife.

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