

NEWS & INTERVIEWS

Sidelights on Monroe and Union County Life.

A new cotton picking machine is now on the market, according to Mr. Hall Wilson, who gave News & Interviews the following description of the wonderful invention, which is said to be practical: "The vacuum picker is a simple machine which facilitates the picking of cotton. It consists of a large storage vacuum tank mounted on two wheels, attached to and transported by a farm tractor on which is mounted a powerful vacuum pump of special design. When in operation, the pump receives its power from the tractor by means of a chain drive belt connected to a pulley on the tractor. Six lines of hose lead from the tank to the operators. Each hose is supplied with two suction nozzles. Each man operates two nozzles. The operator applies the nozzle to the cotton bolls and the cotton is immediately sucked into the storage tank. Merely a touch of the nozzle and the cotton disappears. When the storage tank is full, a cloth sack is placed over the door, the exhaust from the vacuum pump is turned into the tank and the cotton blown into the sack." The manufacturers claim that the cotton picked by the machine will be at least ten per cent better grade than the hand picked cotton. Six operators with the machine, it is said, will do the work of thirty-six hand pickers at a net saving of \$82.20. Many large planters, including Col. Gracie of Arkansas, who has over 10,000 acres in cotton, testify to the practicability of the machine.

The Governors of Race?

After analyzing newspaper reports, and talking with prominent leaders from many of the large counties of the state, the News & Interviews man is convinced that Page, Morrison and Gardner will get about the same vote in the first primary, which will be held Saturday. Gardner will possibly lead the ticket by a slight margin, but whether his opponent in the second race will be Morrison or Page, he will be beaten, according to information the writer has received from presumably reliable sources. In Union county, the three candidates are running close together. This county, judging by the way folks are talking, will not return a majority for either of the three.

To an effort to create more interest in the historic old cemetery near the birth place of Andrew Jackson, Mr. G. L. Nisbet, secretary of the Monroe chamber of Commerce, has written the following letter to Mrs. Theodore Quantz, a prominent member of the Rock Hill, S. C., Daughters of the American Revolution:

"November 18, 1920, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the death of General William Richardson Davie, whose body is buried at the old burying ground at Waxhaw Presbyterian church in Lancaster county. General Davie as founder of the North Carolina University, as a commanding general in the war of the American Revolution and the war of 1812, as ambassador to France, and as a citizen and leader of thought, exerted a tremendous influence upon the history of the Carolinians. It would be most appropriate to honor his memory with some kind of exercises at his tomb. This will afford occasion, also, to bring to the attention of the country one of the most historic spots in the South—and one of the most neglected.

In the same burying ground lies the body of General Davie's foster father, Rev. William Richardson, pioneer Presbyterian minister of this section; there the father of Andrew Jackson was buried, and the exact stone which marks his grave is not known; in the old church building which stood near by young Andrew, who was to become one of the dominant figures in American history, was baptized; this old building was also used as a hospital for the victims of General Tarleton's massacre when he ruthlessly murdered Colonel Buford's gallant band, and in the burying ground were deposited the dead gathered from this battlefield several miles distant.

"The community around old Waxhaw church is closely identified with many of America's greatest men, and it has been called the 'cradle of presidents.' Andrew Pickens of Continental army fame once lived here. The father of John C. Calhoun lived here, and in this community met, loved and married Jane Craighhead, daughter of Alexander Craighhead, one of the greatest of the early Presbyterian preachers in America. And so the list might be extended to those who once lived here and who went forth from the environs of the old church to make an impress upon the character of the young nation, destined to become the greatest nation of all.

"I am of the opinion that your D. A. R. chapter went to this place a few years ago and that you had in view some plan to clear up and maintain in order this old burying ground, but this plan failed to mature. Would not the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of General Davie be an opportune time to revive it? I am sure the D. A. R. chapters of Charlotte and Monroe, as well as the North Carolina University faculty, especially Dr. Archibald Henderson, will be glad to co-operate with you. If I can be of any service to you in perfecting arrangements for any celebration you may see fit to have, you have only to command me.—Respectfully, G. L. Nisbet."

Crop Prospects Poor.

A leading Goose Creek township farmer, who requests that his name be withheld, has sent News & Interviews the following observations on the crop outlook:

"That the crop prospect in this county is serious no one who has traveled over the county for the past few days can deny. But very little corn has been planted and the stand of cotton is the poorest in years. In fact many farmers are planting over their crop at this late date, June 1st. The continued cold, dry weather has interfered with the proper preparation of the soil and the growth of the crops until the situation is becoming alarming. The labor situation on the farm is also serious. Farm labor can hardly be had at all and especially at a price which farmers can afford to pay. I do not wish to be an alarmist but we should awake to the situation as it is and meet conditions as best we can. Let us hear from others.

Mr. Helms and Five Cent Cotton

Mr. C. L. Helms of east Monroe township, was comparing the price of cotton ten years ago with the price of today. "Some years ago," he said, "I came to Monroe with four bales of cotton, which I sold to pay a note of \$100. My check for the cotton amounted to only \$55, so I went back home for a load of seed, thinking I would pay the difference between the amount my cotton brought and the amount of the note. To my surprise however, the seed did not bring but \$4. In order to pay the note, I had to get another dollar from some other source. On the same day that Mr. Helms was relating this incident, Mr. J. M. Barr, a Union county farmer, sold four bales of cotton for a total of \$124.18.

Prosperity in Union County.

"The revaluation books will show when completed that most Union county citizens own more than their homestead," says Esq. Kemp Helms, who is on the board of appraisers. "Yet," declared an older citizen, who overheard this remark, "it hasn't been so many years ago since the majority of our citizens considered themselves fortunate if they paid the interest on the mortgages against their property."

Getting Ready For Primary.

Mr. George S. Lee, Jr., chairman of the county board of elections, is sending out tickets to the various precincts in the county today, getting everything in readiness for the primary, which will be held next Saturday from sun-up to sun-down. He forecasts a large vote.

Only eleven names appear on the county ticket, which is the smallest known in years. It follows: For sheriff: Clifford Fowler, W. Frank Benton, Raymond C. Griffin, Will H. Pressley, and Russell W. Rogers; for representative: C. J. Braswell, T. F. Limerick, Earl Ezzell, and Henry McWhirter; for coroner: T. B. Davis and W. T. Delaney.

The state ticket reads: For United States Senator: Lee S. Overman and Audrey L. Brooks; for Governor: O. Max Gardner, Cameron Morrison, and Robert N. Page; for Lieutenant Governor: F. C. Harding and W. B. Cooper; for State Auditor: D. A. McDonald, D. L. Boyd, James P. Cook, William T. Woodley and Baxter Durham; for State Treasurer: B. R. Lacy and B. F. Renfrow; for Commissioner of Agriculture: W. A. Graham, and H. E. Thompson; for Commissioner of Labor and Printing: M. L. Shipman and David P. Dellinger; for Commissioner of Insurance: C. T. McClenaghan, John Underwood, and Stacey W. Wade; for Associate Justice of Supreme Court: O. H. Gulon, Noah James Rouse, B. F. Long, W. J. Adams, W. P. Stacy, W. A. Hoke and Needham Y. Gully. There are three candidates for Congress in this district, Messrs. J. C. M. Vann, W. C. Hauser and W. E. Brock.

Miss Howie Entertains.

Miss Mae Howie delightfully entertained at her attractive home eight miles south of town Friday evening. The house was made unusually attractive for the occasion, roses and ferns being used effectively in the decoration of the parlor. After a number of interesting games were played the guests were ushered into the dining room by Misses Kirtie Howie and Sallie Hunnicutt. The dining room was beautifully decorated with poppies and ferns. The guests were served with cake, mints and tea. Those who enjoyed Miss Howie's hospitality were Misses Ethel Davis, Mary Gordon, Lucile and Texie Howie, Ruby Craig, Jessie Gordon, Houston and Sallie Hunnicutt, Onie Gordon, Winifred Davis, Mae Winchester, Ruby Stephenson, Margaret Helms, Mary Thomas and Marie Hinson of Wingate; Messrs. Dewey and Price, Howey Newton, Tracy Gordon, Henry Blythe, Samson Howie, Henry Blythe, Lawson Howie, Joe and Grady Hunnicutt, George Gordon, Murry and Earl Howie, Edward Helms, Carl Trull of Monroe, and Edward Hinson and Lee Austin of Waxhaw.

Vast Fortifications.

(From Scientific American.) An article of Colonel E. M. Blake, C. A., in the Journal of the United States Artillery, speaking of the modern Metz fortifications, says that the tunnels containing the Krupp guns can be manned and supplied without ever exposing a man, as all batteries are connected with other works of the "Feste" by deep subterranean galleries. Miles of these galleries have been cut, with a cross section and grade to allow men to circulate rapidly when needed, and one finds complete kitchen, bakeries, bathing and toilet rooms for the garrison, large recreation rooms, electric lighting and power, and a complete system of forced draft ventilation.



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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executor of the last will and testament of N. A. Funderburk, deceased, of the County of Union, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the fifth day of April, 1921, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This 4th day of May, 1920.
VANN FUNDERBURK, and RAY FUNDERBURK, Adm.

NOTICE

By virtue of an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Union County, the undersigned will, on Monday, June 14th, 1920, at 12:00 o'clock, at the court house door in Monroe, N. C., sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, five shares of Preferred Stock in the Icemore Cotton Mills Company, of the par value of \$100.00 each; five shares of the Preferred Stock of the Monroe Hardware Company, of the par value of \$100.00 each; and one share in the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of the par value of \$100.00.
This the 24th day of May, 1920.
J. M. HARKEY, Administrator of Ida Broom, deceased.
STACK, PARKER & CRAIG, Atty's.

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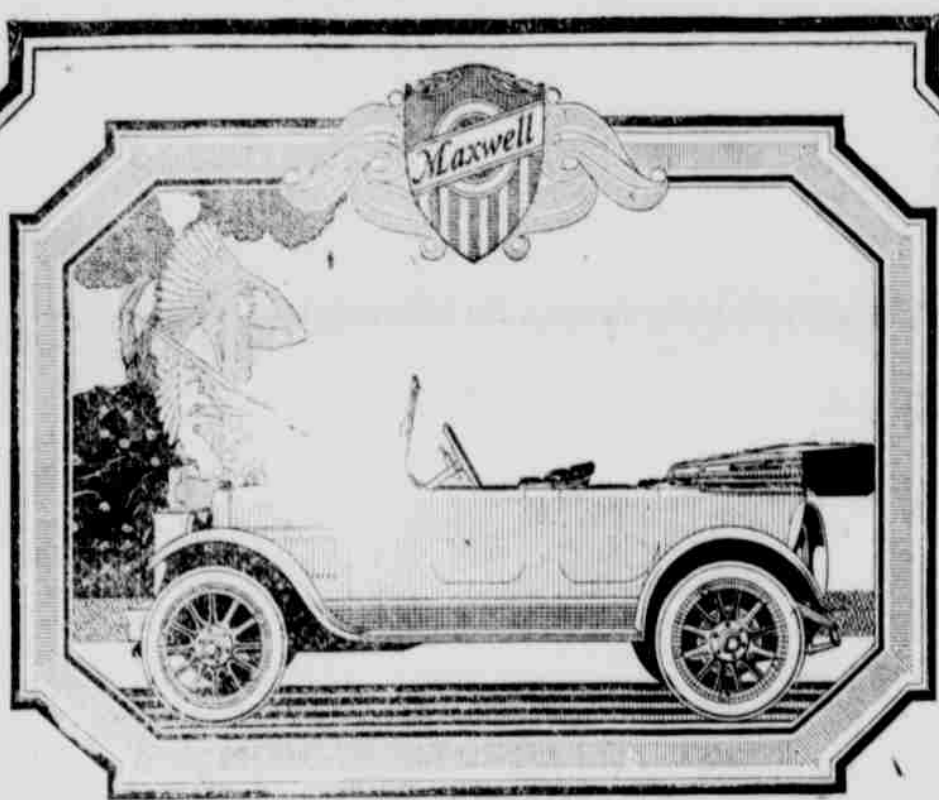
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