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## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

### Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Seven year locusts are reported to be thick in the Howie Mine section.

Rev. C. H. Martin will preach at New Salem Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Harry Coble has a position with the Gordon Insurance and Investment Company.

Rev. B. B. Shankle will preach at Benton Heights school house at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and at Lee's Park school house at 8 p. m.

Mr. L. M. Taylor of Houston, Tex., spent several days in Indian Trail last week with his old friend, Mr. R. M. Conder.

Miss Beulah Ritch and Mr. Charlie Conder, both of Indian Trail, have been appointed delegates to the Epworth League convention, which will be held in Winston-Salem next week.

Messrs. R. D. Sims, Leroy Sims, of Jackson township, and Fred Horton and H. R. Stegall, of Laues Creek township, have returned from Catawba county, where they bought five registered heifers.

The government report of crop conditions, which was received by Monroe cotton buyers Wednesday, was 62.4. These figures are nearly ten per cent lower than the average for the past ten years.

Mr. J. W. Springfield has bought the stock of goods of Mr. James Meacham at the intersection of Wadesboro and Windsor streets. He has made improvements in the store and will carry a nice line of goods.

Mr. Paul L. Miller of Hickory has arrived in Monroe and will act as supply pastor for St. Luke's Lutheran Church this summer. Mr. Miller is a student at the Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, S. C.

The Union county spirit again manifested itself yesterday when neighbors met at the home of Mr. James Richardson in Goose Creek township and worked his crop. The family of Mr. Richardson is ill with typhoid fever.

Central Methodist church, Rev. John W. Moore, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Worship with brief sermon at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., followed by the sacrament of the Lord's supper. Theme at 11 o'clock: "Proofs of Love." Subject at 8 p. m.: "A Man for These Times." Everybody invited.

Messrs. Sam Helms and Sidney Broom of Buford township went to Baltimore Tuesday night in an effort to secure the transfer of Mr. Ob Doster from a government hospital in that city to one in this state. Mr. Doster is suffering from the effects of being gassed while serving with the American army in France.

Over 30,000 bales of cotton were ginned in this county, according to Mr. J. G. Rogers, government cotton statistician for this county. His last report, which was dated March 1, showed less than this number, but since then he has learned that several hundred more bales have been ginned.

Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shute the Chamber of Commerce has secured the Pastime Theatre for the illustrated lecture, "The Troubles of a Merchant and How to Cure Them," to be given Tuesday night, June 8th, by Mr. W. H. Hawley of Dayton, Ohio. There will be no charge for admission to this lecture, and it has attracted much favorable comment in other cities.

Beginning Sunday, the Seaboard will re-establish the old schedule between Wilmington and Rutherfordton, which was in effect nearly twenty years ago. There will be no new trains running from Raleigh to Rutherfordton and return will run from Wilmington to Rutherfordton and return, making connection at Hamlet for Raleigh. After Sunday it will be possible to go to or from Wilmington on an all-day trip.

Elder Samuel McMillan will preach at the following churches: Jerusalem, first Sunday at 3:30 p. m.; Jones Hill, Monday, June 7, at 11 a. m.; Howards Chapel June 8, at 11 a. m.; Clarks Grove June 9, at 11 a. m.; Crooked Creek June 10, at 11 a. m.; Hill High June 10, at 3:30 p. m.; Union Grove, Friday, June 11, at 11 a. m.; Watson, June 11, at 3:30 p. m.; Pleasant Grove, Saturday and second Sunday usual hours and funeral of Mr. Cull Tarlton Sunday; Union Grove second Sunday at 3 p. m.

Mr. J. B. Smith of Stallings came near being seriously injured recently when he drove his automobile into a two-horse wagon which was standing in the road near Stewart's mill. The wagon, which was heavily loaded with fertilizer, was left there by its owner, Marshall Little, colored, when one of the wheels became mired in the ditch. Mr. Smith, when he started down the hill, was unable to see the wagon in time to avoid hitting it. His car was badly damaged, the tongue of the wagon being rammed through the radiator and hood.

Mrs. Mary Deese, better known as "Granny Deese," for many years an inmate of the county home, died last week. Very little was known about granny's people or her age, but she was a good, christian woman, greatly loved by all the inmates of the Home. She has been a real mother to Lindy, another inmate, and requested that the unfortunate woman be buried by her side. Just before her death she expressed a regret that she had to leave such a good home, but said she was going to a better one. Mr. and

### Mrs. Rosser Wolfe saw to it that the old lady had every possible attention.

Rev. M. D. L. Preslar will preach at Benton's Cross Roads church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. P. P. W. Plyler has purchased the Barrett place on Houston street from Fowler & Lee.

Mr. Massey Horton has resigned as bookkeeper at the Farmers and Merchants Bank to accept the position of assistant cashier of the Bank of Fountain, N. C.

Mr. A. W. McCall has rented the store room in the rear of the Farmers & Merchants bank, which has been occupied for the past few months by the Heath Cotton Co., who have obtained offices in the Bank of Union building. Mr. McCall has installed modern jewelry fixtures in his new location, and he now has one of the best jewelry stores in this section.

"Everything was free, and we had one of the best times of our lives," said Mr. S. E. Belk, in referring to the state reunion of Confederate veterans held at Fayetteville this week, as he stepped off the train here this morning. He was accompanied to Fayetteville by the following comrades: W. G. Long, John E. Haigler, Stanley Smith, James Griffin, William McWhorter, James Lathan, W. T. Rorie and Julius Yountz.

"Uncle Dick" Baucum, one of Chesterfield's oldest and most highly respected colored citizens, died last Monday afternoon after an illness of several days, says the Chesterfield Advertiser. "Uncle Dick" was about 93 years of age. His passing will cause a feeling of regret to those of both races who knew him. He was an interesting character and his stories of ante-bellum days and the war between the sections were always worth hearing and were listened to with deep interest both by those older people who knew something of the times and the younger generation, to whom they gave an insight to conditions in South Carolina many years ago.

### PROGRAM FOR WOMAN'S MEETING AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

First Service—Wednesday Evening, the Ninth of June—Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, Missionaries to China, Will Speak.

The Charlotte Division of the Baptist Women's Missionary Conference will meet with the First Baptist church June 9th-11th. About two hundred delegates will be present, among them notable speakers of the denomination. Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, missionaries to China, will make their farewells at this meeting. The program is as follows:

Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock—Greetings in behalf of the church by Rev. J. A. Wray; Greetings from Union Association by Rev. E. C. Snyder; Pageant by young people; Closing words.

Thursday, 10 o'clock a. m.—Opening hymn, "I Love to tell the story"; Chain of prayer for God's presence and leadership, that we may have power to present His promises and plans so that the Kingdoms of the world may soon become Kingdoms of our Lord, closed by Mrs. J. F. Scruggs of Cliffside, N. C.; Devotional exercises by Mrs. A. G. Martin of Concord; Address of welcome by Mrs. D. B. Snyder; Response by Mrs. W. J. Roberts of Shelby; Enrollment of delegates; Minutes of Norwood session by Mrs. S. N. Watson; Appointment of committees; Victory basket by Mrs. J. M. Mauney; Threefold obligation of stewardship (Living, Giving, Soul-winning); Mrs. H. B. Moore, Gaston Association; Mrs. Wm. Archer, King's Mountain; Mrs. S. D. Swain, Liberty; Mrs. J. W. Nichols, Brushy Mountain; Mrs. C. L. Jackson, Pee Dee; Music; Address by Mrs. H. H. McMillan; Adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Session—Music; Devotional exercises by Mrs. R. L. Hardison of Wadesboro; Stewardship continued by Mrs. J. J. Roddick of Pilot Mountain and J. Y. Killian of South Fork; Mrs. C. S. Cheswell of South Yadkin; Mrs. J. R. Moore of Sandy Run; Mrs. J. H. Tharpe of Surry; Mrs. Ernest Walker of Catawba River; Mrs. Della Woodhouse of Yadkin; Mrs. W. L. Wright of Montgomery; Music; Tract and book exchange by Mrs. Archer and others; Danger signals along life's highway by Mrs. S. J. Beaker of Leaksville; Story hour; Music.

Evening Service, 8 o'clock—Song service; Missionary hours by Rev. H. H. McMillan and Mrs. McMillan; Song—Rose—by Little Miss Nancy Lee Brasington; Other exercises.

Friday, 9:30 a. m.—Music; Devotional exercises by Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby; Stewardship continued by Miss Clara Morris of Green River; Mrs. J. D. Weathers, Mecklenburg; Cabarrus; Mrs. O. L. Grice, Caldwell; Mrs. D. B. Snyder, Monroe; Music; Address by Mrs. Wesley N. Jones of Raleigh; Music; Personal service triangle; Mrs. H. K. Studdenbroke of Triangle; Open conference on personal service by Mrs. B. F. Dawson of Charlotte and others; Music; Home; Mrs. Willard Rogers and others; Open conference; Mrs. J. J. Roddick and others; Volunteers. Miss Sara Helk; Slogan, Mrs. L. L. Little; Report of plans of work; Reports of time and place; Reports of officers for 1920; Report of Resolutions; Announcements; Adjourn.

"No, sah, Ah, don't neber ride on dem things," said an old colored lady looking in on the merry-go-round. "Why, de other day I seen dat Rastus Johnson git on an' ride as much as a dollar's worth and git off at the very same place he got on at, an' I sez to him: 'Rastus,' I sez, 'you spent yo' money, but whar yo' been?'"

### O. MAX GARDNER HEARD HERE BY A LARGE CROWD

Shelby Man Delivers Address on His Candidacy to One of the Largest Crowds Ever Assembled to Hear a Political Speech.

With the political oval on the ten-yard line and only two more downs to go, O. Max Gardner won his way across the chalky lines against his opponents here last night by what was declared one of the most thrilling and inspiring speeches ever heard in Union county, says the Monroe correspondent of the Charlotte Observer.

Now, Mr. Gardner with his state-wide teammates stand ready, according to his own statement, to put the ball beyond the opposing uprights for a gubernatorial touchdown with hundreds of members of the "Gardner for governor" club on the side lines cheering as only a crowd with really something beyond personal honors, private pet schemes and public promises to certain classes can claim.

Lieutenant Governor Gardner was greeted by what was estimated by even the friends of his opponents, as the largest crowd which had ever gathered in Union county to hear a political speech.

The "fighting candidate" was in real form when he declared that after visiting practically every hamlet in the state he was assured that he would be the choice of the democrats, as his party's choice for the chief executive office.

The lieutenant governor was met with a cyclone of cheers when was introduced by Mayor John C. Sikes as "the man of the hour and the next governor of the Old North State." In opening his speech he struck a responsive chord when he said that the greatest fact in the state and nation today was that we had too many laws and outlaws; that the whole tendency of certain classes was to adjust every private and public relationship by law; that Congress had set the example by attempting to regulate, restrain and control the policy of every individual and organization by the modern inquisition method; that the least governed people on earth are the best governed people and that too much government is just as bad for a state as too little government.

Concluding, he said that a revision and overthrow of the laws not needed and not needed in North Carolina is worthy of the study of North Carolinians when these laws had to do with the restraint of the individual and the repression of the initiative of that individual.

At the conclusion of Mr. Gardner's address, A. R. Edwards, of Marshville, announced that he and his nine sons would all vote for Gardner.

Previous to the meet here a parade, which included two bands, auto parties from Waxhaw and Goose Creek and a large portion of the voters of Monroe, paraded the streets of the city with Gardner banners and American flags.

### Death of Miss Ethel Price.

Miss Ethel Price, daughter of the late Sheriff A. J. Price, and Mrs. Amy Price, died Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte from the effects of two serious operations. She had been ill only three weeks. Funeral services were conducted at the old home-place of the family near Weddington by Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of Trinity Methodist church in Charlotte, Rev. Seymour Taylor, a former pastor of the family, and Rev. J. E. McSwain of the Weddington church. Interment was in the cemetery there. Miss Price was a talented and educated young woman, having graduated from Dayport College. She also took special work at the University of Virginia and music at Salem College. She taught music at Weddington, Lilesville, and at the Methodist Children's Home in Winston-Salem, and at the time of her death, had a large private class in Charlotte. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church since early childhood. She is survived by her mother, and the following brothers and sisters, Senator J. N. Price, Baxter Price, Mesdames F. H. Wolfe of Monroe, and Misses Beulah, Jennie and Lucy Price of Charlotte.

### To the People of Union County.

My name has been before you for some time as a candidate for Sheriff, and as the time nears when you shall say who will be your sheriff, I wish to say that I have gone along in my usual quiet way, not being a politician, trusting and believing that you had judgment and sense enough to do the right thing when the time came. I have spent my life in the county, and whatever good or evil I have done, you have benefited or injured thereby and I am asking for the office because I would like to be sheriff of my county and because having had 7 or 8 years experience in the office with the late J. V. Griffith and with the present sheriff, I believe I could save the county more money than any man in the race. I am not knocking the others, they have as much right to run for the office as I have, provided they are competent to fill it. Go to the polls and vote with your best judgment, which I am trusting you will do, and you will hear no growling.

From FRANK BENTON.

"Early to bed, early to rise," will make a man "healthy, wealthy and wise," if he keeps grass from growing under his feet between the two earles. Some men are up with the birds and to bed with the chickens but feel so virtuous about it they do not find time to do much else than sing their praises in the wrong key.

### PAGE DENIES THE CHARGE THAT HE IS A "QUITTER"

Ex-Congressman, in Speech Here Tuesday, Reminded His Audience That He Refused to Stand for Re-election a Year Before War Was Declared.

Robert N. Page, for fourteen years a member of Congress from this district, and now a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, spoke here Tuesday evening to an audience which taxed the capacity of the court house. Mr. R. A. Morrow, one of the leading Page supporters in the county, presided, and the speaker was introduced by Mr. J. Z. Green.

After making several references to platforms and Mr. Page's position on various matters, Mr. Green concluded his presentation speech in the following happy manner:

"The old machine has been rocking along for so many years that the 'Cam' will be missing after Saturday, June 5. Usually, I believe in early gardens, but the season this year is unfavorable for a 'Gardner.' Let's turn (at this juncture Mr. Green pointed to the speaker of the evening) to the next 'Page' and see the next Governor of North Carolina." This sally brought down the house.

In the beginning Mr. Page made a brief survey of things in North Carolina and offered some interesting facts and figures dealing with material progress in the Old North State. As a state we have been growing so rapidly in recent years, says Mr. Page, that the average man, busy with his own affairs, has not taken time to inform himself as to the great things that are taking place in North Carolina. From a position of relatively little importance as an agricultural state North Carolina has come upward until in the year 1918 it was fourth among all the states of the Union in the volume and value of its farm crops, the states of Illinois, Iowa and Texas alone ranking above North Carolina. In textile manufacturing North Carolina is the second state in the United States, Massachusetts alone ranking ahead of her. In finance it is a great state. Its population has almost doubled in the last 20 years, and it is predicted that the 1920 census will show a population of approximately three millions with the smallest percentage of foreign-born of any other state. In a material way the state, thinks Mr. Page, has made such progress that the results are little short of astounding to our own people, as well as startling to the outsider.

Proceeding with his remarks Mr. Page next spoke of the state government, saying that the biggest business in North Carolina is the government. In its various phases, its several departments and in the scope and sphere of its activities, it transcends every other enterprise in the commonwealth. And in the administration of this tremendous volume of business and the work of the many departments, Mr. Page declares the state is pursuing the same methods as those employed a half century ago when we had not half the present population and only a fraction of the wealth.

The speaker declared that he had not a word of criticism for any state administration in the last 20 years; that the men in public office have served admirably and well, but the trouble is with the system and the fault is in fundamentals.

Without calling names, at this juncture Mr. Page took occasion to refer to certain remarks made by one of the candidates for governor to the effect that the office in North Carolina under the constitution is a position without power and authority. Mr. Page said he had no such conception of the high office and if he had would not seek election thereto.

He recalled the administrations of Vance, Jarvis, Aycock, and Kitchin and said he did not believe these men were without power as governors of the great state of North Carolina. Mr. Page pledges that one of the things which he will do if elected governor, will be to recommend to the legislature that the very best and most competent efficiency experts anywhere be employed by the state with a view to re-organizing and establishing on a thorough business basis the several departments of the state government. In this way Mr. Page thinks the state can save much money for the taxpayers. He says there is an overlapping of effort in many instances and that there is a chance to save to the taxpayers a good deal of good money when the state's business is administered on a purely business basis.

Every taxpayer, avowed Mr. Page, is a stockholder in the state, and as such has a right to a balance sheet showing where his money goes. There is complaint in all parts of the state he finds at taxpaying. He does not think the people are unwilling to pay taxes to support the government, but rather that they want to know where their money goes, a right that is inherently theirs. Under a Page administration he promised that they shall know. He said he had some practical knowledge of business affairs and that it was his ambition to apply that knowledge to the business of the state in an effort to conduct the government more efficiently and more economically.

The ex-Congressman said he was not seeking the office of governor to gratify a personal ambition, though he is not unmindful of the honor that attaches thereto, but rather he wants to be governor in order to give the state the benefit of his knowledge and ability to serve the people.

Mr. Page touched the subject of re-

### NEWS & INTERVIEWS

#### Sidelights on Monroe and Union County Life.

The editor of this paper was out one day last week with County Agent Broom and visited a score or more farms in Jackson and Sandy Ridge townships. While crops generally are about two weeks late, we found no farm where the work was behind the crop. Rather in most cases the farmers were waiting for proper planting for corn. Cotton was up to a fair stand on every farm visited and was looking well. The most encouraging thing noticed was the increased number of purebred cattle and the greatly increased acreage in pasture. Many old fields have been fenced within the past year and the heretofore idle acres are producing cattle. Farmers generally are much interested in clover, grasses and cover crops. From observations made on this excursion, brief as it was, we are led to the conclusion that if cotton holds up in price for a few more years this will be the finest farming section in the whole country. And we do not mean that farmers are devoting more attention to cotton. Far from it. But until a very few years ago farmers in this section lived from hand to mouth and had no surplus to expend in farm implements. Now they have money to buy wire fence, clover seed, improved cattle, home conveniences and all such, and these things are paying splendid dividends. At every stop the farmer had something of which he was especially proud and to which he directed our attention, and in every case this was something that a few years ago the farmers in this section did not have. At one place it was a fine Jersey cow; at another place a thriving young orchard; at another farm a pen full of fine bred pigs or a colt, or a tractor with plows and harrows, or a braze clover or grass patch. And so it went, showing that while our farmers are not abandoning cotton, they are giving attention to these other important things. One of the best cures for the pessimist that thinks this country is going to bow-wows is a visit to these farms, and comparison of their condition now with that of several years ago. Home comforts and conveniences which the farmer-wife of ten years back could only dream wistfully of are now her daily help. Arriving at Mr. J. T. Crane's home at Marvin about the noon hour, we were treated to a splendid dinner, and not a thing on the table, except probably some of the condiments such as sugar and salt, but what was grown on the farm where it was served. In this connection we cannot refrain from a word about the great work County Agent Broom is doing. Union county owes him a great deal for its progress along agricultural lines, and he evinced such a genuine desire to serve the people, and they showed such a spirit of co-operation and interest in his suggestions, that better things, we know, are ahead for this county. If anyone thinks that Mr. Broom doesn't work, he is off in his thinking. We can testify that he worked that day especially during the half hour we were at Mrs. Crane's table.—From the Waxhaw Enterprise.

**Vance and Settle's Debate.**

The coming to Monroe of Mrs. Mary Settle Sharp, Republican nominee for superintendent of public instruction, who spoke in the court house Tuesday, recalls to many of the older citizens the famous joint debate which took place here over forty years ago between her father, the late Tom Settle, and Zeb Vance. The debate was held on the Blount Hill, the lot on Franklin street where now stands the home of Mrs. Charlie Bruner. Hundreds of people from a radius of fifty miles were here to listen to the forensic bout between the two giants, and it remained a memorable occasion for years afterwards. It is said they were well-matched, but Vance had the sympathy of the audience.

**Gardner Says He is Sure of Twenty-Six Counties.**

Lt. Gov. O. Max Gardner, who spoke here last night, in his final statement before the primary for the gubernatorial honors, said:

"You can tell my friends in every county in North Carolina that I am going to win a certain 26 counties of the 100 in the state. I am assured of a vote totalling 32,250. That leaves the 74 remaining counties in which to get enough votes to nominate me in the first primary, that means that, according to the best vote available, I will only need 27,700 votes in the 74 counties alluded to before to assure my nomination.

"In my pre-election statement I wish to thank from the bottom of my heart my managers, co-workers and friends for their loyalty in my behalf in this history-making campaign."

**Why Poets Are Poor.**

It's all right to woo the Muse, but her editorial guardians make it pretty hard to get hold of any of her money.—Boston Transcript.

### GOOD ROADS

Of the subject of good roads, Mr. Page claimed that the greatest single problem facing the people of North Carolina and of the world today is a possibility of famine or starvation, because of an insufficient food production. People are deserting the farms and he avers that the boys and girls will never stay on the farm—and he doesn't think they ought—until good roads bring to them the same comforts and conveniences and opportunities that young people have in the larger centers of population. Mr. Page told the audience that he has driven an automobile 17,000 miles over North Carolina roads in his campaign and he knows that there are many places where an automobile will not go, on what some folks call roads. But nowhere in North Carolina, he says, has he seen a deserted farm house on a good road. He does not think the problem can be solved by building one or two great highways the length of the state from the mountains to the sea, or three or four others across from the Virginia to the South Carolina line, but that there must be built up in each county a local system of good roads that will reach out into the isolated districts and bring them in close touch with the world.

Of the charge sometimes made against Mr. Page that he quit his post of duty by declining to remain in Congress in 1916 and 1917, he referred to his record there and at home which, he says, will show that he was fully in accord with the administration at all times.

Of capital and labor and the problems attending these two factors in the industrial organization of the country, Mr. Page says we do not need any further legislation. That legislation will not solve the problems, but that only men coming together in an unselfish way and working out these things for themselves will ever be sufficient to allay the feelings that exist between the classes today. "If this be socialism," said Mr. Page, "then St. Paul was a socialist and Jesus Christ was a socialist." (At this juncture an over-enthusiast colored brother broke in with the exclamation, "Gawd in heaven, brudder, I'm wid ye, Amen.")

Mr. Page closed with a story of the man who offered to deliver to the hotel steward a wagon load of bull frogs, but failed to make good. Later when asked why he did not bring the frogs, he said that he had calculated from the noise in the pond near his house that he could get a wagon full of them but when he went to see he found only a few frogs. Mr. Page says his opponents are overworking their claim departments and that Saturday, June 5, there will not be as many frogs in the pond as they thought.

### A Letter From Raymond Griffin.

Monroe, N. C., June 2, 1920.  
To the Democratic voters of Union County:

I know you are already aware of the fact that I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Union County.

On Saturday, June 5th, you as citizens will be called upon to cast your vote for the man you think most capable of filling the office.

I have been unable to meet and talk with many of you about the office. I am no stranger to the people of the county. I was born and reared in Union county and those of you who do not know me, know of me. I am asking for the office because I feel that I am capable of filling the same. If you feel that way about it I would appreciate your support. However, I think it is the duty of every citizen to consider the office, as well as the man, and select the man most capable of filling the same with credit to the intelligent citizenship of the county. If I, in your opinion, am not the man, then it is your duty regardless of ties of friendship that may exist between us, to vote for the other man. If you feel that my qualifications are such that I could fill the office without any reflections on the intelligence of the good citizenship of the county, then I hope you will decide to vote for me.

I have made no promises to any one more than that I hope to see citizens of the county stand up for the right thing and look to the best interest of the county and for the moral uplift of the county at large. If elected, I promise to give my entire time to the county and will do all within my power to perform the duties of the office with credit to myself and the citizenship of the county.

When you walk up to the box to cast your vote

"Consider your county as well as the man."

Fill the office as best you can; Vote for the man who will fill it best. Regardless of the feelings of all the rest."

Respectfully,  
RAYMOND C. GRIFFIN.

Mr. J. H. Myers and family are spending a few days in Asheville.