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### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

#### Latest Happenings in and Around Monroe.

A picnic will be held at Sell's fish pond, Saturday, July 31st.

Mr. H. A. Redfearn of Wingate cut two tons of hay off one and a quarter acres of land this spring.

There will be no reunion at the home of J. R. Sweatts this year on account of sickness.

There will be a meeting early Friday morning of all persons interested in the Macedonia cemetery for the purpose of clearing off the grounds.

Mr. J. L. Davis of Waxhaw route 4 presented The Journal Saturday with some of the finest peaches seen on the market this year.

Prof. G. W. Moser requests The Journal to announce that he will start a singing school at Olive Branch Monday, July 26th.

Mr. A. B. Helms, who lives on route 2, six miles north of town, reports that he has discovered what he thinks to be boll weevils in his cotton.

Those interested are requested to meet at New Salem church, in Monroe township, Saturday morning for the purpose of cleaning the cemetery off.

Cabbage are being sold on the Monroe market at ten cents per pound. For the cost of five pounds at this price, one could have bought a hundred pounds ten years ago.

Everyone, old and young, is invited to a supper to be given at Fairview school house in Mecklenburg county next Saturday night, July 24, beginning at 8 o'clock. Proceeds go to the Pleasant Plain church.

The Wesley Chapel high school opened for the 1920-21 term this morning with appropriate exercises, and an address by Ray Funderburk, county superintendent of schools.

Prof. L. A. Price is in charge of the school.

Traveling men report that Republicans over the State are claiming that the entire Monroe bar will support Mr. J. J. Parker for Governor. This is erroneous. The only member of the local bar who will vote for Mr. Parker is Mr. W. B. Love, a life-long republican, so the lawyers claim.

The officers captured a seventy-gallon copper still and seven gallons of beer on the farm of Alexander Purser, in New Salem township, Thursday. On the following day they found a small ten-gallon galvanized iron still in a tummy on J. W. Jenkins' farm in Lanes Creek township.

Mr. J. L. Taylor and Miss Maggie Taylor, daughter of Elder Henry Taylor, both of Monroe township, were married at the home of Esq. S. A. Helms on Benton Heights Sunday by Esq. Helms. Mr. Taylor is a prosperous farmer and Mrs. Taylor is a popular young woman, both having many friends.

Heath Helms, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. Coleman Helms, who returned a few weeks ago from a trip to South American points with William Stack, died Friday in Charlotte from the effect of injuries he sustained on a leg a number of years ago. Funeral services were held at Bethlehem Methodist church Saturday.

The Monroe and Lincolnton base ball teams will engage in a series of two games at Roberts' field Wednesday and Thursday, July 21 and 22. Lincolnton has one of the strongest teams in the state and some fast playing is expected. Thompson, University of Tennessee pitcher, who twirled a no-hit game against Vanderbilt and fanned 24 men, will work in the box for Monroe in one of the games.

Ten or fifteen Monroe citizens have signified their intention of going to Raleigh on the August 10th to attend the good roads rally. Mr. Nispet, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is making an effort to secure a couple of Pullman cars for the Monroe delegation. The ice-cream wagon will be carried along. Among those who are going are Mayor Sikes and Mr. F. G. Henderson, president of the local booster organization.

D. B. Smith, of Charlotte, former lieutenant-governor Newland, W. E. Brock, Fred Hackett, J. C. M. Vann, and several others are among those mentioned as the probable successors to W. C. Hammer, United States district attorney, who is the Democratic congressional nominee from this district. Newland has the endorsement of Senator Overman, and it is thought that he will receive the appointment if he desires it. Mr. Vann is making no effort to land the job.

The barn of Mr. Marshall Simpson of New Salem township was destroyed by fire caused by lightning about five o'clock Friday afternoon. Two valuable mares, a lot of feed and farm implements were consumed by the flames. The loss amounted to about \$2500. Mr. Simpson was away from home with a threshing outfit at the time and there was no one to help Mrs. Simpson save the property. She succeeded in getting some of the horses out of the stable, but when turned loose, it would not leave its mate, which was killed by the bolt of lightning which fired the building. The mules when turned loose galloped away to safety.

Work on the Ellen Fitzgerald Memorial Hospital, which has been delayed for several months on account of inability to get materials and labor, will be resumed this week and will be pushed rapidly to completion, according to the secretary of the board of trustees. Delayed shipments of heating equipment made the work of in-

### CORN NEEDS SOIL HIGH IN CONTENTS OF HUMUS

#### Mr. Broom Tells the Unionville Correspondent How to Successfully Cultivate Corn.

To the Editor of The Journal:—In the last issue of The Journal your Unionville correspondent asked about the cultivation of corn in dry weather and since the drought has been broken we will answer by saying a few things about the growing and cultivation of corn in general. To grow corn profitably we need a soil high in humus content. The average soils in this section contain only about one and one-half per cent of humus and the average yield is about twenty bushels per acre. Whenever we find a farmer making forty bushels of corn per acre we find that he has attained this yield by increasing the humus content of his soil, preparing a deeper seed bed, fertilizing judiciously, and proper cultivation. Water is the most important element in the production of crops. It requires about three hundred and fifty pounds of water to produce a pound of dry matter in the corn plant on good land and about five hundred pounds of water produce a pound of dry matter if the corn is grown on poor land. We see that poor soils requires more rain to make a crop than do rich soils. So at a glance, we see the importance of improving our soils through the incorporation of organic matter. This can be most cheaply done by putting on cover crops, such as rye, oats, crimson clover, bur clover and vetch, as winter cover crops, and soybeans, cowpeas, lespedeza and red clover as catch or inter-tilled crops. Just in proportion as we increase the humus content of our soils do we increase their nitrogen content and water holding power, and their power to produce crops.

The seed bed should be at least six to eight inches deep, thoroughly pulverized. The preparation of the seed bed is perhaps the most important operation in the production of the corn crop. He who plants on a poorly prepared seed bed invites failure and it usually comes without a second invitation.

On most soils in this county it is advisable to plant in open furrow, three or four inches below level of surface and one and one-half to two inches deep owing to condition of land and seasons.

The first cultivations can most economically done with section harrow, going with the rows a few days later until the corn is large enough for the cultivator. When the corn is about eight inches high it may be given a deep cultivation, say three or four inches deep, and after this, the cultivation should be more shallow, always taking care not to injure the roots in the cultivation. Remember that the whole purpose of cultivation is to destroy weeds and to conserve moisture. Weeds take moisture from the soil, they take plant food also, and should not be allowed to grow. Many farmers seem to think that the corn middles need to be broken up at a later date than the time mentioned above, and so they do deep cultivation when the corn is two to three feet high and tear the roots of the corn in a fearful manner. They forget that the seed bed was, or should have been prepared, before the crop was planted, that the roots that are being plowed up are out in the middles seeking pasture, plant food and water. That when these roots are torn out they are temporarily destroying the power of the plant to get food and water, and that they are by the very operation driving moisture from the soil by opening it up and letting in the hot air and sunshine, and thus depriving the plant of its most needed element, water. When the corn and cotton roots get into the middles we want our fields to feel like a dusty road when walking across them, dusty on top and firm ground underneath.

Now as to cultivation in dry weather. Should we continue to cultivate regardless of whether rain falls between times for cultivation? Yes, cultivation should be given every week or ten days in order to keep the dust mulch perfect. If we cease to cultivate the winds and the natural settling of the soil will restore capillarity and moisture will evaporate rapidly. However, the cultivation should be shallow and with implements that will not turn or expose the moist soil beneath.

How shall we cultivate now since the rains have fallen? All cultivation should be shallow and the cultivation should continue well into August.—T. J. W. Broom.

#### Picnic at Ebenezer.

There will be a picnic on the grounds of Ebenezer church in Goose Creek township on Saturday, July 24. It will be remembered that this church was in the wake of the cyclone which came through this county on April 12th. Visitors from all over the State have journeyed to its grounds to see the devastation, and it will long stand as a remembrance of that destructive storm.

The public is cordially invited to gather at 9:30 a. m., bringing with them well filled baskets, and they are assured of an enjoyable time.

There will be refreshments of all kinds on the grounds and interesting contests will be staged.

Afternoon speakers will be present. Come and learn and enjoy yourself with a wonderful day's outing and breathe the good air of Ebenezer community.—J. G. Bacon, Indian Trail Route 1.

### Can Ignorant Wife Hold Her Husband's Love?

Do you think a girl who, though exquisitely beautiful, is so ignorant she can neither read nor write can hold the love of a man of wealth and genius? This is a question raised in the romantic drama, "The A. B. C. of Love," in which Mae Murray, the maid of many moods, is starring at the Pastime Theater, Thursday.

Have you picked out a spot for planting late crop Irish potatoes? Owing to the high price of potatoes at this time, and the reported small quantity in cold storage, it seems as if this crop will prove profitable to the grower. By all means, every farmer and tenant should plant an acreage large enough to supply his own family.—The Progressive Farmer.

### PROTECT THOSE PRISONERS AT ALL HAZARDS SAYS BICKETT

#### "Shoot Straight," is the Order Given by the Governor to Captain in Charge of Machine Gun Company at Graham.

Asheville, July 18.—"Captain Fowler, protect those prisoners at all hazards, and notify the people I have ordered you and your machine gunners to shoot straight if an attempt on the life of the prisoners is made," was the order given by Governor Bickett to-night over long distance telephone from Asheville to Captain Marion B. Fowler, captain of the Durham machine gun company, which is protecting the jail at Graham, in which three negroes, charged with an assault on a white woman, were lodged to-day.

Later Governor Bickett got into communication with Captain Fowler and learned that the machine gunners had the situation well in hand, and at ten o'clock to-night quiet prevailed.

Graham, July 18.—Making two attempts in broad daylight to-day to lynch three negroes held in the Alamance county jail here, an angry mob of over fifteen hundred persons was held off by Sheriff C. B. Story of Alamance, and four deputy sheriffs until the machine gun company sent to Graham to-day from Durham, under orders of Governor Bickett, arrived to check further trouble. The mob was outtalked by Sheriff Story.

The three negroes, William Lee and Jim Hazel, both of Burlington, and Arthur Veasey of Elon College, are being held in the Alamance jail on suspicion of having criminally assaulted a white woman, aged twenty-seven, of Burlington, at the home of her husband there last night at nine o'clock. Her husband, an electrician at the power house there, had gone up to the business section of Burlington when a negro entered the home, drew a pistol on the wife, who was alone with her little child, attacked her and made his escape. Upon her husband's return home, the alarm was sounded and the search for the negro continued all night without result.

Sheriff Story sent for bloodhounds at Raleigh, which arrived at Graham at six o'clock this morning. They immediately picked up the trail and ended it a few miles from Burlington at a negro house where Jim Hazel and Arthur Veasey were arrested at about seven o'clock this morning. The negro Lee was arrested on suspicion as he seemed to resemble the description given by the woman of her assailant. He was arrested near the Burlington hospital at the home of his father. He had been employed at the hospital.

The negroes were taken before the woman this morning but she was unable to identify positively any of the three as her assailant. She is in a rather serious condition and nervousness resulting from the attack helped to make identification impossible.

By this time the mob was large and at about twelve o'clock to-day made the first attempt to secure the negroes and lynch them. Sheriff Story told the mob that none of the negroes had been identified as the guilty person and asked it to disperse. The mob left the jail and made no further attempt until five o'clock this afternoon when a second attack was made, the mob beating on the doors of the jail. Again Sheriff Story asked the mob to let the law take its course, and the mob left again.

It was a thoroughly aroused collection of men from Alamance, Guilford and Orange counties. None of the members of the mob wore masks.

At six o'clock this afternoon the Durham company of militia arrived, about thirty-five men under the command of Captain Fowler, coming through the country in trucks and immediately went to the jail to prevent mob violence. By this time the rain was falling and the mob began to disperse. The city has quieted down after a day of turmoil and no further trouble is expected.

It is the intention of the authorities to remove the negroes to the penitentiary at Raleigh for safe-keeping. The request for troops was made to Governor Bickett at about two o'clock to-day by the county commissioners of Alamance county.

The three negroes all deny any connection with the crime. They range in age from about 22 to 32 years.

### SAVE THE CORN CROP BY CUTTING AND FODDERING

Broom Says That Pulling Fodder is not only a Waste of Time but a Loss of Money.

An I going to have forage in abundance for all my livestock this winter and until haying time next spring? This is a question that every farmer should ask himself this week. There was a great shortage of forage last winter and spring, and thousands of dollars were sent out of the county for hay that might have been raised at home. We should not permit this to happen again next winter. It is not too late to plant forage crops. Sorghum planted this week, or next will make an abundance of good feed for livestock next winter. The land should be well prepared and manured or fertilized. Cowpeas and soybeans can also be planted and will make hay. A day spent in putting hay crops on will produce more feed than can be gathered in a week by the slow method of pulling fodder. We should not pull fodder any way,

### LATEST HAPPENINGS

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

Prince Joachim of Hohenzollern, youngest son of former Emperor William, committed suicide Sunday in Potsdam. Joachim is believed to have been in financial straits. He recently was divorced.

Mr. E. M. Andrews, died at his home in Greensboro last Tuesday evening. Mr. Andrews was seventy years old and formerly lived in Charlotte. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son.

Los Angeles, Calif., July 16th.—Four severe earthquakes here to-day threw the city and its suburbs into excitement indirectly caused a number of injuries to men, women and children, and slightly damaged several buildings, chiefly old ones, but none to a great extent.

Statesville is to have a daily paper, Mr. Pegrum A. Bryant, owner and publisher of The Landmark, is to begin the publication of a daily August 1st. The publisher announces that the daily will in no way interfere with The Landmark. It is to be a local afternoon paper and will be a member of The Associated Press.

Strikes and lock-outs in the United States in 1919 numbered 3,374 and affected more than four million workers, according to a review issued July 7th by the Department of Labor. Approximately one-half of the strikes occurred in five States—New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois.

Governor Clement, of Vermont, has issued a proclamation in which he refused to call the Vermont Legislature in special session to make possible ratification of the Federal amendment for woman suffrage. Governor Catts of Florida has also refused to call the Florida Legislature in special session to consider the amendment.

A son of Dinley Gragg, living near Grandfather Mountain, was accidentally killed a few days ago while in the woods chopping wood. The boy was using a double-bladed axe and struck it in a log and started to climb upon the log but his foot slipping, he fell on the axe, which sank into his body, causing an ugly wound, from which he bled to death before aid could be administered.

According to a statement issued from Mexico City, Mexico will export during 1920 between 130,000,000 and 135,000,000 barrels of oil, more than all the rest of the world, including the United States, according to the estimates made by George Blardone, Tampico oil statistician. Exports for May alone are given as 12,520,568 barrels, which is nearly double the shipments for May, 1919, and sets the world's record for one month's production.

Tulsa, Okla., July 18.—Albert W. Newsum, of Unionpoint, Georgia, and Robert F. Midkiff, an adopted son of Madame Schumann-Heink, and son of a minister at Decatur, Ill., were instantly killed in an airplane fall near here to-day. Newsum, pilot of the machine, was maneuvering for a landing when one of the wings suddenly dropped off and the plane fell about thirty-five hundred feet. Newsum was manager of a commercial flying field at Okmulgee, about fifty-nine miles south of Tulsa.

Approximately \$9,600,000,000 will be added to the nation's living costs for the year beginning with September, J. E. Weatherly, economic expert of the department of justice, predicts. Weatherly said he based this prediction on the belief that the Inter-State Commerce Commission would be forced to increase freight rates approximately \$2,000,000,000. An appeal for increase totaling \$1,600,000,000 now is being considered by the commission at the request of the railroad managers. Another billion must be added when the railroad labor board grants proposed wage increases to two million workers. Weatherly said he assumed.

Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting. On Thursday evening before the 3rd Sunday in August, the Pleasant Grove camp meeting will begin. We expect to run about ten days. A number of tents will be built. We ought to have at least fifty built by the opening of camp meeting. We had a good meeting last year, more than fifty professions of religion.

On Tuesday, August the 17th we are to have a reunion of the Union county Methodist preachers. Will be glad to have other preachers also, but we expect all the Methodist preachers, those now serving in the county and all those born or reared in the county. Rev. E. K. McLarty, D. D., has been asked to preach at eleven o'clock—and other Union county men will preach at other hours of service during the day. Dr. McLarty has been asked to conduct the camp meeting but have not heard from him in regard to it. Let everybody get ready for camp meeting.—E. Myers, Pastor, July 19, 1920.

Fined Fifty Dollars for Failing to Report Births. Raleigh, July 17.—The highest fine yet imposed in a local court for a violation of the State vital statistics law was imposed during the week on Dr. B. W. Tugman of Warrensville, Ashe county, who was fined fifty dollars and the costs in two cases for failing to report births where he was the attending physician.

The case of Dr. Tugman was aggravated by the fact that last summer he was convicted and given a nominal fine for a similar offense, and in the present instance prosecution was instigated only after repeated efforts had been made to get him to comply with the law.

"It is the inherent right of every baby born in North Carolina to have its birth promptly and properly registered," declared Dr. F. M. Register, state deputy registrar of vital statistics, in commenting on the prosecutions being instituted by his division of the state board of health. "In this case the state board of health has extended its activities to the most north-western county of the state. Its arm is long enough to reach across the mountains and say to the doctors and midwives who are derelict in their duty, 'you must treat every baby right, and register its birth.' Failure to comply with the provisions of the law will not be tolerated, and prosecutions will be instituted in all cases of violations, regardless of why may be affected."

Messrs. J. D. Hill and W. G. Lomax of Goose Creek township spent the week-end in Albemarle.

### for we pay for it twice when we get our winter feed by this method.

Coker has found that the yield of corn is reduced twenty-five per cent on corn producing forty bushels per acre. Lloyd in Mississippi found the loss less in some cases, but even higher than those of Coker in others. Dugan of Alabama says that the loss will be from three to five bushels per acre when the blades are pulled, he also says, that leaves will equal about one-fourth the grain in weight, and this agrees pretty closely with Coker. On a twenty bushel crop, estimated on this basis, the weight of fodder, (dry leaves) obtained would be 280 pounds, but if we allow an average of three hundred pounds per acre, at forty dollars per ton, the three hundred pounds of fodder is worth six dollars. At two dollars a bushel it would only require a loss of three bushels of corn per acre to equal the entire value of the fodder obtained. In other words, the fodder is paid for in lessened corn yields and then again in the labor cost expended in pulling it.

We should plan to save the entire corn crop by cutting and shocking when corn is ripe. There are feed mills on the market that will grind the corn, stalk and all, or the corn can be shredded. Farmers who have tractors will do well to investigate these feed mills. There are some of them in use on farms in this county and they are a success when it comes to grinding anything in the way of roughage grown on the farm. One farmer reports to me that he has put away four hundred bushels of oats in the shed to be ground, straw and all, on his mill for his livestock this winter. This farmer also says that his mill will grind the whole corn plant, with ear on, and wrapped from bottom to top with velvet beans, with rapidly. They will grind corn in the ear and with the shuck on, shelled corn, cotton seed, wheat or oat straw and all kinds of forage. They whip to eliminate waste in feeding.

According to all averages of progress of the boll weevil into new territory, says Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist, Union county will be invaded late this fall, but no damage will be done this year. Most of these weevils will die out this winter and the county will be invaded in greater force in 1921, but not in time to do material damage. In 1922 the real test of our preparedness to meet the foe will come. Every farmer that is not raising an abundance of food and food for family and livestock will have a mighty hard time getting any. We had better start now preparing for grasses and clovers for forage and pastures, for corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, beans and peas, for food and feed.

Time will help the grasses and clovers, peas and beans, and incidentally will help all other crops. Better get your order in for lime now for you will not be able to get it later. For further information about lime and grasses see your county agent.—T. J. W. Broom.

Mae Murray Will Give Lessons on A. B. C. of Love. Mae Murray is going to give lessons on "The A. B. C. of Love" at the Pastime Theater next Thursday and from all accounts the lessons are extremely interesting. The object of the lesson is an orphan girl who possesses nothing in the world but beauty and innocence. Left to his care, Harry Bryant marries her. Bryant is a playwright who has once successfully eluded the wiles of one Diana Nelson, a charmer if ever there was one. Diana is an actress, and all her best acting is not necessarily done before the footlights, as poor little Kate learns when she finds her husband slipping from her—a disaster her intuition warned her of when they went to the city and she would have to match her untrained wits, her lack of social training and her ignorance of even reading and writing, with such hothouse, wordy creatures as Diana.

"The A. B. C. of Love" is one of those frolicsome pictures that puts springtime into your blood. Mae Murray is utterly irresistible as the untrained country girl suddenly plunged into the sophisticated whirl of New York, and her supporting cast, including H. E. Herbert, Dorothy Green and Arthur Donaldson is a corking one.

See T. P. Redwine for seed; turnips, rye, cane, and collard plants.

Mae Murray in the A. B. C. of Love at Pastime Theatre Thursday.