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THIS COUNTY MAY BE PLACED IN A DISTRICT WITH ANSON & STANLY

If State Is Re-Districted a Big Shake-Up Will Likely Take Place in This Section.

GARDNER MAY GO TO CONGRESS

Tucked in somewhere among the score or so of road bills and the thousand or so measures to protect squirrels, quail and cattle ticks that will flow over the reading clerk's desk in the 1921 session of the General Assembly there will be a simple sounding proposal to re-district the State to make room for two additional Congressmen that the State gains through the 1920 census.

Whereupon it is believed will be precipitated one of the bitterest fights that has ever raged under the copper roof of the capitol. Twelve districts with seven of them going west of that political equator that divides the State into East and West, all crowd that territory a little, and upset several status quos that suit a good many people very well as they are now.

That county west of the Blue Ridge mountains, up in the north-west corner of the State, it is declared, is going to be erected into a district and turned over to Frank Linn, or whomever the Republicans want to send to Washington.

None of which will seem unreasonable to the average Democrat, but to Governor Rufe Doughton, who has his habitation up in that northwest territory, it will not seem good at all.

Leaders Expect Doughton to Fight. Nor does reason end here. It will amount practically to legislating Congressman "Farmer Bob" Doughton out of a job.

Counties in District. The proposed line-up of the new district is as follows: Stokes, Alleghany, Wilkes, Ashe, Watauga, Yadkin, Avery, and Mitchell.

Not a district in the west will look anything like it does now after the General Assembly gets through with it next spring, it is declared. The fact is going to have some old blood drawn out and some new blood infused into its arteries.

Both Nervous. He—You don't know how nervous I was when I proposed to you. She—And you don't know how nervous I was until you did so.—Chicago Herald.

TO-MORROW IS THE LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION. Mr. Rogers, the Registrar, Will Be At Court House From Early Morning to Late in the Evening.

To-morrow is the last day to register for the school bond election, to be held Tuesday, December 14th. Mr. Judge Rogers, the registrar, was forced to be out of town Thursday and this morning to collect the winners' reports, but he will be in the court house all day Saturday.

CHILDREN SET FIRE TO THREE STACKS OF HAY

Banks Meders Suffers Loss of Hundred Dollars—Union Men Get Saw Mill Contract in Stanley.

Indian Trail, R. F. D. No. 1, Dec. 2.—Several Sundays ago, while the parents were away, several small children of Banks Meders set fire to three good-sized hay stacks, and it was all consumed before aid came. The hay is estimated to have been worth about a hundred dollars.

Messrs. Babe Tucker, J. H. Rowell, Charlie Ford and Grady Lemmond have gone over to Stanley county to do saw mill work. They are "hatching," Mr. Ford doing the cooking.

Mrs. Eliza Lemmond spent last week at Unionville with her son, Judge W. O. Lemmond.

The Brief, Jerome, Mill Grove, Belmont, and Furr schools are now in session.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Boyte, and son, Mr. Edwin Boyte, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Helms, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dixon, all of Charlotte, were recent guests of friends in this section.

MEMBER OF TRINITY CLUB PLAYED ON BATTLESHIP

He Has "Tooted" His Horn Many Times While Subs Lurked Nearby in Water.

The Trinity college musical clubs, composed of a glee club of twenty-five members, a twelve-piece orchestra, and an excellent mandolin club, will give a concert here on the evening of December 4 at the court house.

A program ranging from selections in the classics to the latest songs hits has been arranged. Some of the latest hits to be given in word and music are "Love Nest," "Hold Me," "Bermuda Blues," and selections from the musical comedy "Irene."

These clubs in their annual tours over the state have established quite a reputation for excellence. In reporting their initial appearance of the season in Durham recently the Durham Herald said with reference to the mandolin club, "The boys who handled the stringed instruments performed in a manner which has made a native Hawaiian jealous of his art."

Appearing as a member of the orchestra, there is a man who for months was a member of the band of one of the largest of Uncle Sam's battleships. He declares that the performances on the tour are quite a tame matter when compared with keeping the instrument going when a German sub is supposed to be lurking near waiting for an opportunity to send in a torpedo.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Sanford L. Rotter, M. A., Rector. December 5th, second Sunday in Advent. Sunday school at 10 a. m., C. H. Hasty, superintendent.

Presbyterian Church.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, in all places unto the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ." 8:10:00 a. m., Sunday school. 11:00 a. m., Worship and sermon. 7:50 p. m., Prayer service and sermon.

Marriage of Miss Janie Elygle.

(From the Pageland Journal.) A very pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening, the 24th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mungo, when Miss Janie Elygle became the bride of Mr. Harmon W. Allen. The bride was attired in a beautiful suit of tricotone with accessories to match, while the groom wore a French serge of midnight blue.

There were only a few friends present to witness the quiet but impressive ceremony performed by the Baptist pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen are two of Pageland's most popular young people and have many friends to wish them much happiness. They will make their home on the farm of the groom just south of town.

Getaine Surprise.

Tittleton, the tragedian, boasted that nature was his only teacher. "Please tell me," an admirer once asked, "is that expression of astonishment you assume in the second act of your last play copied from nature, too?"

"It is," said Tittleton. "But I had no end of trouble to get it. To secure that expression I asked an intimate friend to loan me fifty dollars. He refused. That caused me no surprise. I tried several other friends. They refused. Still I was not surprised. Finally I asked one who was willing to oblige me, and as he handed me the sum I studied in a glass the expression of my own face. I saw surprise there, but not astonishment. It was alloyed with the suspicion that the money might be counterfeit. I was in despair. Where should I find genuine astonishment?"

"Well," continued the admirer, "where did you get it?" "Then an idea struck me," the tragedian said. "I resolved upon a desperate course. I returned the fifty dollars to my friend the next day and on his astounded countenance I saw the expression I sought."

Prominent Monroe Women Urge The Passage of the School Bonds

MRS. PRESSON URGES THE WOMEN TO VOTE THE BONDS

Says She For One Is Not Afraid to Trust School Board in This Important Matter.

By MRS. L. N. PRESSON.

In response to a request from Mr. Bessley to write a piece on the school bonds, I submit the following: Every man and woman in Monroe is facing an issue of vital importance—that of school bonds. We can not evade this issue. We must either favor the bonds by voting for them or oppose them by voting against them or not voting at all.

Monroe's greatest assets are its children and young people.

These young people have a right to an education. It goes without argument that we do not have a suitable high school building. Surely, every citizen of this town will favor providing a building in which to educate our children. I want to urge every woman to vote for the bonds—who knows but that we have been given the ballot for just such issues as this? As for one, I am not afraid to trust our school board with these funds after the pledge they have made to us. Let's all vote for bonds so that when the hour strikes to build, our board will be empowered to do the work.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS ARE COUNTING ON YOU

Old County Home Will No Longer Do For High School, Says Mrs. Snyder.

By MRS. D. B. SNYDER.

I have no child to send to school, but I love the boys and girls and I dare not fail to do all in my power to make it possible to give them an education. It is a fact which can not be denied that the Monroe high school facilities are greatly inadequate to the demands. We surely do not want to have new stores, new hotel, a hospital, modern homes, fine streets, etc., and not have a school building that will compare favorably with all these. We are living in a new day, and the old county home will no longer take the place of a high school building. The person without an education, like the eagle with the broken pinion can not reach the crest of the mountain and view the beautiful landscape. Can anyone place the cold inanimate dollar above the warm, pulsating heart and mind of the boys and girls? The small increase in the tax-rate from the bond issue should not be considered in comparison to the needs of a well equipped school building.

Therefore let everyone and especially our women register at once, as we must register in order to vote, and Saturday is the last day. Registering in the past election has nothing to do with voting for the school bonds. Let our good women use the telephone and get their neighbors and friends to vote. Don't fail the boys and girls for they are counting on you.

A "COMEDY OF ERRORS" BASED ON SCHOOL BONDS

Mr. Blank, Suddenly Coming to Life, Finds There Are Things Finer Than Money.

By MRS. F. B. ASHCRAFT.

Time:—Wednesday morning, December 15, 1920. Scene:—A private residence in Monroe. Knock at door.—Enter a neighbor. Good morning! Have you heard the bad news? No, do tell. Mr. Blank died last night. Yes, and his last official act was to vote (Continued on Page Eight.)

Compositions Tell the Need Of New High School Building

PRESENT BUILDING IS A MENACE TO EYE-SIGHT

Impossible to Throw Light Over Left Shoulders, as Doctors Say It Should Be.

By LACY FAUST.

Monroe badly needs a new high school building. In the first place, if a man is looking for a place to live, the first thing he asks, has the town good schools and churches. Monroe has good churches and paved streets, but the children of Monroe have to go to a county home to secure an education. The roof leaks, and who could study with water dripping from the ceiling. The building can not be heated sufficiently to be comfortable, and no one can study, and not be comfortable.

The old building can not be remodeled so as to overcome all of these faults or to properly ventilate the building. The doctors say that in studying the light should come over the left shoulder. But in this building the windows are all in the front of the room, and instead of the light coming over the left shoulder, the students are facing a glare, running every student's eyes. In the last place the discarded county home is no place to confine growing boys and girls during the greater part of each day, exposing them to the dangers incident to such deplorable conditions.

WOULD BE GREAT SHAME TO DEFEAT SCHOOL BONDS

Are the Minds of Our Children Less Important Than Our Dollars and Cents?

By MRS. J. FRANK LANEY.

We have reached a crisis in the history of our city. It is the consensus of opinion that we need a high school building. The bitterest enemies of increased taxation agree on this point. Can we afford to refuse to pay fifteen cents on every hundred dollars we own to give our children a decent place in which to get an education?

What man would be willing to conduct his business in a place like our high school and are the minds and characters of our girls and boys, the most precious asset of our nation, less important than our dollars and cents? It will be to our everlasting shame if we fail to vote for the school bonds December 14.

HOPE OF WORLD DEPENDS ON SCHOOL ROOM WORK

And Yet, Says Mrs. Crowell, We Place Dollars Above the Making of Men.

By MRS. WALTER CROWELL.

The most distressing fact brought out by the discussion of a new High School building is the attitude citizens are taking concerning educational matters. Education is treated as something trivial rather than as a fundamental. Herbert Kaufman says the hope of the world depends on the work done in the school room for the next generation. And yet we put hopes, stocks and bonds ahead of the making of men. Isn't there something wrong with the ideals of a people who can spend twenty million dollars for the upkeep of motor cars (a great many for pleasure only) and a little over two million dollars for all educational equipment? Can Union county continue to boast that she is one of the most solidly prosperous counties in the State and that Monroe is one of the most progressive towns when she has the poorest high school equipment for her size, of any town in North Carolina or for that matter in the United States. Is it fair to expect our splendid boys and girls to compete with boys who have every advantage? Aren't our boys as deserving as the boys of California? Yet her great university cost more than all the colleges in North Carolina?

WE CARE FOR UNFORTUNATES BETTER THAN OWN CHILDREN

Present High School Building Is Source of Embarrassment to Monroe People.

By MRS. KNOX WOLFE HARGETT.

Time is speeding, and Saturday is the last day for registering to vote for the school bonds. We feel inclined to say something, at your request, in its behalf, but so much has been said in its favor that there is little left to say. The catechism that was compiled for The Journal Tuesday, fully explained everything. Anyway, we all know that out yonder where two of the county's principal roads meet, is standing a bat-shaped dilapidated brick building which has declined through several generations from a county home into a High School, and has grown at last to resemble, with its rotting eaves a resting place for many colonies of English sparrows that haunt its gabled front. It's rickety look, and mottled face is really grotesque, and when visitors are being shown around our nice town their attention is sure to be diverted in the opposite (Continued on Page Eight.)

ELEVENTH GRADE PUPILS PLEAD FOR SCHOOL BONDS

Although They Will Never Study in the New Building, They Want It For Others.

Very unselfishly the members of the graduating class of the Monroe High School have gone on record for a new high school building, although they will never study in the new structure, and have addressed the following appeal to voters:

"We, the undersigned, members of the senior class of the Monroe high school, implore the citizens of Monroe to register and vote for the school bonds.—Ira Tucker, Cyrus Sarahard, John Hobeika, Garah Caldwell, Hoyte Griffin, Billie Puffer, Hoyte Mauss, Willie A. Seerest, John A. Wray, Everett English, Eleanor Armfield, Lucy Lee, Berta Allen Houston, Elizabeth Alexander, Leona Bowler, Myrtle Hinson, Jessie Harper Brown, Annie Potts Heath, Mary Deane Laney, Christine Gordon, Rose Penegar, Lois Laney, Harriette Alexander, Clara Anderson, Mildred Taylor, Ida Mills and Ruby Williams."

ATTEMPT MADE TO ENTER THE STORE OF MR. PLYLER

Iron Bars, However, Proved an Effective Barrier—Making Money Off Celery Beds.

Mineral Springs, R. F. D. No. 1, December 2.—Mr. W. P. Plyler, whose safe was robbed of about ten dollars the other day, has come to the conclusion that it was a neighborhood job, he having found the remains of some food taken from the store on a farm near his place.

An attempt to enter the store of Mr. Henry Plyler the other day was frustrated by iron bars nailed across the inside of the windows. The window lights were broken, and the front door was considerably battered before the would-be robbers decided further efforts would be useless.

Several people in this community have made quite a success with celery beds this year. One man says he will get more of his small celery bed than his index cotton crop will amount to.

Mr. C. H. Hinson reports having seen bull weevils in a field near Chesterfield while he was in that section on a visit last week.

Graded School Honor Roll.

The following Monroe graded school students made the honor roll last month:

First Grade: Laura Fowler, Lillian Lockhart, Elizabeth Rice, Agnes Pinkston, Francis Williams, Worth Whitaker, Florie McManus, Margaret Lee, Edmie Lou Simpson, Herman McCorkle, Walter Henderson. Second Grade: Martha Wager, Elizabeth Redwine, Betsy Lee Sikes, Mary A. Long, Worth Winchester, Helen Cunningham, Ruth Davis, Sarah Hinson, Elizabeth Griffin, Sarah Horton, Frances Rotter, Frances Stack, Heath Howie, Herman Stewart, Ernest Plyler.

Third Grade: Frances Crowell, Adeline Fowler, Harry McDonald, Neil Morgan, Maime Stovall, Robert Seerest, Sam Wardick, Lillian Warren, Marion Simpson, Kathleen Lee, Margaret McCorkle, Ruth Price, Hannah Lou Benton, Jane Austin Sikes, George Heath, James Ashcraft, John Faulweider, Raeford Howie, Walter Lane, Helen Douglas.

Fourth Grade: Mary Myers Faulkner, Elizabeth Miller Caldwell, Frances Green, Martha Ruth Kendall, Freda McRorie, Laura Stewart, Margaret Wager, Gladys Pruitt, Walter Hargett, Edward Crow, Mary Lou Porter, Floreola Carroll, Katherine Williams.

Fifth Grade: Maude Bowers, Alida Fairley, Ella Mae Helms, Francis Houston, Ruby Lemmond, Maurice Redfern, Chattie Stack, Edith Boyles, Margaret Redwine, Mary Steele Norwood, John B. Ashcraft, Harry Lee.

Sixth Grade: Johnnie Lathan, Henry Austin, Mary F. Lemmond, Thelma Williams, Jeannine Austin, Kirby Kroushaw, Max Griffin, Elizabeth Wray, Annie Toole Rotter, Charles Wray, Helen Cason, Hilda Morgan, Allie Hawn, Winnie Boyler, A. G. McNeely, Homer Connell, Cecil Meacham, Mary F. Clark, Claudia Brown, Roma Broom, John Glenn, Thelma Robinson.

Seventh Grade: Virginia Blakeley, Annie Louise Caldwell, Katherine English, Mary Elizabeth Faust, Katie Graveley, George McDowell, Selma Penegar, Louie Sikes, Eleanor Stevens, Kate Helms, Harry Presson, Nellie Cadieu, Lois Walter, Bessie Parker, Cecil Knight, Evelyn Snyder, O. C. Curlee, Donald Taylor, J. D. Snyder, Erskine McIlwaine.

Eighth: Celeste Armfield, Sara Ashcraft, Margaret D. Sikes, Ed Roe Houston, George Laney, Thomas Young, Sam Lemmond.

Ninth Grade: Ethel Gullledge, Ethel Hinde, Grace Newell, Florence Redwine, Hazel Belk, Whiteford Blakeney, Clarence Houston, Lucy Faust, Abram Crowell.

Eleventh Grade: Eleanor Armfield, Garah Caldwell, Hoyte Griffin, John Hobeika, Berta A. Houston, Lois Laney, Mary D. Laney, Hoyt Mauss, Mildred Plyler, Ira Tucker, Ruby Williams, Christine Gordon. North Monroe: Winfred Helms, Clyde Helms, Roy Helms, Curtis Helms, Sarah Hargett, Nellie Coan, Mary Lee Privett, Eula Rice, Harold Crook.

"And does your daughter dance the tango?" we asked. "Does she?" repeats the proud mother. "Lillian has been warned ten times and arrested twice!" (Continued on Page Eight.)

ELECTROCUTION OF WAXHAW NEGRO WAS SET FOR TEN O'CLOCK

Unless Bickett Interfered, Arthur McDowell Has Paid the Penalty For His Crime.

ANOTHER NEGRO ALSO TO DIE

Unless Governor Bickett ordered an eleventh-hour stay of execution, Arthur McDowell, a Jackson township negro, was electrocuted at 10 o'clock this morning at the state prison for an assault on a Davidson county woman about five months ago. Tom Johnson, a Guilford county negro, was scheduled to pay the extreme penalty for a similar offense today.

The Lexington Dispatch, in giving an account of the approaching electrocution, said: "Both negroes were convicted several months ago and formal notice of appeal given in each case. There were some steps taken by counsel for Johnson to perfect the appeal and take it before the Supreme Court but after investigation it was found there was nothing tangible upon which to base such an appeal, so it was dropped. In the case of McDowell notice was merely given but counsel took no steps to carry the matter further after the prisoner was taken to the death cell at Raleigh. However, the records in the case when sent to Raleigh bore note of appeal and it was necessary that this be dismissed in an orderly way before a new date for execution could be set. McDowell was sentenced here in August by Judge J. Bis Ray to die in the chair early in October."

McDowell's crime was of a particularly brutish nature. While Mrs. Minnie McCarn, a woman of sixty years, was engaged in bringing a cow from the pasture she was set upon and assaulted, after being choked into virtual unconsciousness. A large posse formed at once and search was made throughout most of the night, the crime being committed just before sundown. Early next day McDowell crossed the Yadkin river and was captured by Deputy Sheriff Yarbrough, near the Piedmont Toll Bridge. He admitted his crime to Mr. Yarbrough and also to another Rowan deputy while being taken to Charlotte jail for safe keeping.

"Immediately following the crime Mrs. McCarn described the negro's features and clothing and the latter corresponded in every detail when he was caught. As soon as she was able to be taken to Charlotte to view the prisoner Mrs. McCarn made positive identification. At the trial here her identification was again positive. The negro denied having admitted the crime to the officers and denied the whole affair. He admitted, however, that he had shot another negro in Winston-Salem on the night before the crime at Linwood was committed. He tried to frame an alibi by telling of his movements on the day following the assault but the round he described could hardly have been made in twice the time he said he made it.

"When arrested the negro said his name was Jim McDonald and that his home was near Wadesboro. Later, however, he said that Arthur McDowell was his real name and that his home was near Waxhaw, in Union county. This appears to have been a true statement of identity although he will probably go to his death as Jim McDonald."

Brief Items.

Brief, December 1.—Misses Amelia Helms and Grace Taylor spent Thanksgiving at home.

Misses Nannie Pigg, Essie Long, Eva Leigh Helms, and Mae Russell, and Messrs. Roy Long, and Clyde Helms went to Wimate Thursday night to the play. They reported a nice time.

Mrs. M. A. Williams of Rockingham spent Thanksgiving with friends and relatives here.

Lawyer Smith and wife of Charlotte together with the latter's sister, Miss Era Kerr spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kerr.

Mr. Hoyte Carricker of Charlotte badly wrecked his Hudson Sunday night on his way home from his cousin's, Mr. F. D. Black.

Mrs. W. A. McManus spent the week-end with her son, Mr. John McManus, near Charlotte.

Mrs. Tom Clontz who has been ill is much better.—Hesper.

FOOTBALL LADS REQUEST CITIZENS TO VOTE BONDS. Before Leaving for Chapel Hill Hill They Sign a Petition to This Effect.

The members of the Monroe high school football team, before leaving for Chapel Hill, where they play for the state championship, signed the following petition:

"We, the players on the Monroe high school eleven, as we are about to leave for Chapel Hill to play the high school team there for the state championship, respectfully urge the good men and women of Monroe, who have so loyally stood by us in our battle for the championship, to register tomorrow so they can vote for school bonds in the election to be held Tuesday, Dec. 14.—Frank Snyder, Ira Tucker, Garah Caldwell, Ogburn Yates, Pete Russell, Bruce Williams, George Bessley, Everett English, John Wray, Mac Fairley, and Gene Lemmond."