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LOCAL HIGHS CONCLUDE MOST REMARKABLE SEASON

The Team is Now the Undisputed Champion of Western North Carolina.

DUE TO MR. ORTON'S COACHING

By JAMES MORROW

The Monroe high school football team, the champions of western North Carolina, concluded its 1920 season last Saturday afternoon on Emerson Field, University of North Carolina, where they played Chapel Hill high school, champions of eastern North Carolina, in the final game for the state honors, which Chapel Hill high school won by the score of 14 to 9.

It's all over now but the shouting. But that's saying a mouthful, since that continues lustily. This is only the second year the Monroe high school attempted to put out a football team. Only twenty men reported for practice and were large enough to participate in the game. However, in spite of this Monroe's high school put out a team that concluded a most remarkable and successful season. It goes without argument that the past season has been Monroe high's greatest, notwithstanding the fact that it is only her second year in the game. The team of 1919 put Monroe high school unquestionably on the state football map; the team of 1920 maintained not only that position but carried Monroe high school a notch higher. The 1920 schedule included teams of greater strength than did the 1919, and this possibly afforded better opportunities for the 1920 eleven to display its real strength and ability, and it went through the schedule not only with credit but with praise. While the 1920 team lost the title for the state championship, although they played superb football, they rejoice over their great and successful accomplishments which have won for them the supremacy of western North Carolina, and rejoicing with them is every man, woman and child in Monroe and Union county, who have taken great interest in the team and who have given their loyal support.

In the union of the seven men composing the Monroe high school line, which averaged 165 pounds, no greater strength can be found in any high school line. The accomplishments of these players, who on almost every occasion proved to be impregnable, attracted state-wide attention and received praise from every football critic who had the pleasure of seeing them in action. The backfield, which averaged only 140 pounds, and possibly the lightest backfield in the state, is highly commended for their laudable achievements. Notwithstanding the fact that they labored under a handicap on account of their weight, they were fast and toxy and possessed wonderful ability. They handled themselves in great style and during the entire season won substantial gains against their heavier opponents.

Not a finer bunch of boys can be found than those who composed the team of 1920. Every one was a perfect gentleman and at all times conducted himself as such. They were taught clean football and that is what they played. In all the games they have participated, and under the direction of the many different officials whom they have played, not a member of the team has ever been reproved for any unsportsmanlike act or play, and that alone is a record to be proud of.

Captain Charles W. Orton

Due to account for the success and general condition of the 1920 team and the game they played, you must turn the mirror of fame so that it reflects much, or a large part of its brightness on Charles W. Orton, ex-Fordham University star and coach of the team and the man behind the gun. I say, with no fear of contradiction, that while the team itself gets much deserved credit, that though it had many stars in its lineup who were just praised to the sky, that Coach Orton is the real and outstanding star of the season. This was his first experience and first year of coaching the Monroe high school team, and while it generally requires a year or two to really build a team, he has turned out a team that has proven the equal of the best in the State and superior to many others, and a team that has won for themselves a great and enviable record and one that Monroe is justly proud of.

There may be high school coaches who know more football than Coach Orton; there are undoubtedly men more experienced in the game of coaching, but if there's a man who can get more football out of his men than Coach Orton, we would certainly like to see him. Coach Orton teaches football from the fundamentals to the nicest points of the game. Coach Orton possessed two assets that greatly assisted him in producing a winning team; namely, a personality and a knowledge of how to handle men. Through his personality he inspired respect and reverence in his team which made obedience, the most necessary thing to a football team, come naturally and

never through compulsion. It was given cheerfully and regarded as a privilege. That same personality made the team work as hard without supervision as when a coach was on their heels.

C. H. Hasty

This same mirror of fame must also be turned so that it reflects brightly upon Mr. C. H. Hasty, assistant coach. "Bull" is an ex-University of North Carolina star and has a good knowledge of the game. He was personally acquainted with every man on the team and knew the characteristics of each of them. He was greatly interested in the boys and devoted much of his time with them in their behalf, and a great part of their success is attributed to the valuable coaching rendered by him.

The 1920 schedule was composed of nine games. The season opened with Charlotte University school, which game Monroe capped by the score of 27 to 0. The second game went to Charlotte high school by one lone touchdown, 7 to 0. Next came Baldr's of Charlotte, which Monroe grabbed 28 to 0. Salisbury high school went down in defeat in the first game, 7 to 0. Next was a scoreless tie. The third game, which was the first game of the western championship series, was taken by Monroe, 19 to 0. Asheville high school was eliminated in the second game, 31 to 0. A safety defeated Greensboro high school in the final game for the western honors, and to the game for the state honors, Chapel Hill high school won 14 to 0. The grand total gives Monroe high school 195 points to her opponents 21.

TWO WELL-KNOWN COUNTY HOME CHARACTERS DEAD

Lindy Anderson, Said to Be One of First Inmates, and Sanford Phillips Pass Away.

Writing of the death of two aged inmates, Mrs. Rosser Wolfe says:

"Uncle Sanford Phillips and Lindy Anderson died recently at the county home, there being but five days difference in the time in which they expired. Uncle Sanford was a good and faithful old man, never shirking work, and always ready and willing to help. Words cannot express how much we miss him, and I feel sure that he has gone to his reward. "Lindy was a shining light at the home and there is no one to take her place. She was enjoying good health until a week ago when she was taken sick. It is said that she and her mother was the first inmates of the county home, which was then a little frame building somewhere close to Lee's Mill on Richardson Creek."

FAITHFUL AND HONEST SOLDIER PASSES AWAY

Although He Knew Death Was Only a Matter of Days, Corporal Medlin Had No Fear.

Corporal John V. Medlin, whose untimely death was a great shock to his hundreds of friends and relatives, did not go overseas during the great world war, but he did render faithful and necessary service as a member of the Camp Jackson personnel detachment. This is attested to by the following remarks in his discharge: "Service honest and faithful." Corporal Medlin was inducted



into the service May 25, 1918, and received his discharge on April 30, 1919.

His death, which occurred Wednesday at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. V. Medlin, who lives six miles south of Monroe, was caused from carcinoma, an affliction somewhat similar to cancer. He was taken ill last June, and everything possible was done for his recovery. He received hospital treatment and the attention of the best Charlotte physicians for several weeks, but his case was pronounced hopeless. The young man knew that death was only a matter of days, but he expressed no fear.

After attending the Wingate school for several sessions, Corporal Medlin took a business course at King's business college. Before his illness the deceased managed the large farm of his mother in Buford township.

Mr. Medlin was a member of the Macedonia Baptist church, and he was of sterling character; quiet, sober, and honest. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. J. Black and Rev. E. M. Haisler.

Of course, if you are in affluent circumstances and of a generous frame of mind you might drop a chunk of coal in the Christmas stocking.

PLAN FOR RELIEVING DISTRESS SUGGESTED

Would Issue Bonds in Small Denominations on Cotton Warehouse Receipts.

WOULD BE SAFE AND SOUND

As a means of relieving to an extent the local distress brought about by the decline in the price of cotton, the formation of a corporation to issue bonds in small denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$25, to be secured by cotton warehouse receipts, has been suggested. The bonds, which would be gilt-edge securities, could be used, it was pointed out, in the liquidation of debts.

Merchants, it is also believed, would accept these bonds at their face value in exchange for merchandise. The merchants, in turn, could pay some of their debts with these bonds.

Farmers, to secure bonds on their cotton, would be charged 6% interest, while the bonds would bear 4 or 4 1/2%, the difference in the interest rates to be used for the corporation's clerical help.

This plan has been worked satisfactorily in Georgia towns, and in one community in the Cracker state, they prevented much of the hardship that the South underwent in 1914, when there was a similar drop in the price of its chief commodity.

Nothing definite has been done towards realizing the project, the promoters waiting to see what attitude the business men of the town will take towards it.

Other Remedial Steps Suggested

In the meantime, Congress and the respective states are discussing measures that will relieve the distress that is rampant all over the country. An effort is being made to revive the old war finance corporation so as to lend millions to the farmers; and in Georgia, a moratorium to prevent foreclosures is under consideration.

Senator Hitchcock is quoted as saying that he will ask Congress to pass legislation that would authorize the loan of six million dollars to the farmers.

"The Restless Sex"

The colorful love stories and lavish settings in Robert W. Chambers' stories lend themselves well to presentation on the screen. The picture versions of "The Dancer Mark," "The Firing Line," "The Dark Star," and "The Fighting Chance" have already met with great success. Now comes the photoplay adapted from one of Mr. Chambers' most brilliant recent novels, "The Restless Sex." Piquant Marion Davies is the heroine and the picture will be on view at the Strand Theatre for one day, Friday next.

"The Restless Sex" deals with feminism, but not in a political way. It portrays the insatiable desire of the modern young woman for excitement and a place of importance in the world. The story portrays the romance of a pretty girl of this type.

Ralph Kellard and Carlyle Blackwood are prominent in the large cast supporting Miss Davies. Robert Z. Leonard directed the picture, which is a Paramount.

MISS JOSELYN SIKES IS SPONSOR FOR UNION CLUB

Local Boys at Wake Forest Organize With A. R. Smith, Pres., Henry Browning, Sec.

Wake Forest, Dec. 6.—Union county is not only well represented at University and State college but she has several representatives at Wake Forest which is shown by the fact that a Union county club was recently organized consisting of fifteen members.

Heretofore as students of Wake Forest college we have failed to recognize the fact that we not only owe it to our college and ourselves to become an active body rather than individuals but we should do so for the benefit of our county and the loyal alumni of this institution. As students we can never hope to have the best support of the alumni so long as we remain inactive and never let them know that we are awake and doing all we can to uphold and keep sacred the enviable record which former Union county men have made at Wake Forest. When we consider that among the Union county alumni we find such men as our present governor and Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker College, we realize that we have an example which we would do well to follow.

As members of this club we hope to be able to serve as a connecting link between the alumni and the college. Plans are under way for a banquet to be had in Monroe some time during the holidays for all alumni and members of the club. By this we should be able to develop and revive the "old college spirit" among all.

The following officers of the club have been elected: A. R. Smith, president; Claude F. Gaddy, vice president; Henry Browning, secretary, and Miss Joselyn Sikes of Monroe was unanimously chosen as sponsor.

The membership of the club is composed of the following students: Seniors, A. R. Smith, C. C. Perry, and Claude F. Gaddy; Juniors, Z. V. Morgan, sophomore, J. O. Purser, Henry Browning and J. C. Meigs; first year, Roy Moore, Frank Olen, Glyn Sikes, Sikes Sanders, O. M. Stanton, Fernander Desso, J. B. Helms and Emmet Griffin.—H. D. Browning, Sec. & Treas.

The fellow who waits for tomorrow lives on the crumbs of to-day.

OLD SANTA CLAUS WAS FOUND IN MARSHVILLE

According to Little Ed Marsh He Has Already Been Looking the Kids Over.

A REAL CHRISTMAS STORY

Marshville, December 6.—Late Saturday afternoon the telephone rang. It was a timid little jingle, in no way prophetic of the thrilling news at the other end of the wire. Imagine our surprise when, in answer to our half bored "all right," there came an excited little voice:

"Oh, I saw—I saw Santa Claus a while ago!" "No!" we responded incredulously, waking up instantly and beginning to get excited too.

"Where?" we demanded further.

"Up-town-n-o, he's coming Christmas, said he was."

"You don't say! What's he going to bring you?" Then on and on we chatted each getting more excited and incoherent every minute over the wonderful visitor who had already appeared and personally promised another visit to the Marshville children. Little Ed. M. Marsh, Jr., was the one who so kindly put us on to the fact that Santa Claus had been right here in our very own town, so after our exciting telephonic conversation we began to inquire further into the visit of the much adored old Saint. It seems that for some reason Santa Claus is showing a decided hankering for Marshville this year. He shipped in a load of the most wonderful toys to be found anywhere, just a week or so ago, and has already set up a Christmas tree; and now appears in person. Probably the girls and boys here have behaved exceedingly well this year and now their reward is a scant three weeks off. Perhaps another reason is because the merchants have so hospitably pushed back their goods and given him room to store a good portion of his pack on their counters until his eventful rounds on Christmas eve.

At any rate, whatever the attraction is the good old fellow really appeared on the streets of Marshville Saturday afternoon, and in a short time traffic was blocked, business suspended and everyone gathered around to shake hands and hear what he had to say. The children could not begin to get close enough or talk fast enough. We were not on hand to greet him personally, but the report is that he is an exceedingly entertaining old fellow, who can tell funny jokes that can make even a man holding low-priced cotton feel better. He would not talk about low-priced cotton at all, but seemed to want folks to forget it for awhile now, and heartily thank the Lord for what they already had, and be as happy as he is. Of course that all fits in with the general idea we all had of him anyhow, for who would not be happy and jolly with such a generous disposition as his. Truly he is a cheerful giver and the Lord must love him a lot. He assured all of the large number of children around him that he was sure coming back to Marshville on the night of the 24th and visit each one of them. Rumor has it that he liked his reception here so well that he is likely to drop by again between now and then for a short visit. Any way the children are all fully expecting him and next time they mean to watch carefully and see where he pitches his reindeer. Or do you suppose he will come in an airship? We strongly advise the latter (in case he reads this) for really some of our roads are in frightful shape just now.

Rev. J. J. Edwards was able to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church here Sunday morning after an illness of six weeks. This was his first sermon in the new conference year as he was taken ill while attending conference and had not been out since. A large congregation greeted him Sunday and all expressed their great pleasure that he was being restored to normal health again, and can once more take up his duties. His sermon Sunday was unusually strong and made a great impression upon his hearers.

When the honor roll of the Marshville school was given in our letter a week or so ago we wondered as we were copying the list given to us, why the name of Haskel Bivens did not appear. Knowing Haskel's past record we were rather disturbed about it. Then Prof. Biggers comes to the front and owns up to an oversight or absent-mindedness or whatever it is professors are so subject to, and informs us that it was his mistake that Haskel's name did not appear, for it really belongs there in the eight grade. So Mr. Biggers requests that Haskel be publicly given his dues in the matter, as since he had made the honor roll he certainly deserved to see his name among the elect.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Long and little daughter spent the week-end in Charlotte.

Mr. Shelton Harrell of Charlotte spent the week-end in Marshville with home-folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude P. Griffin have returned from a bridal trip to Washington.

Mrs. B. C. Griffin charmingly entertained the Book Club on Friday afternoon. The reception hall and parlor were thrown together for the reception of the guests, and a typical Christmas scene greeted the eye upon entrance. An abundance of holly thick with red berries was artistically arranged, and on a table a tiny cedar Christmas tree glittered and sparkled and shook its merry

red bells. Red carnations and white ones in a crystal vase added to the beauty and sweetness of the occasion. The hostess distributed bath cloths, crocket needles and threaded from a Christmas looking red basket and requested the guests to crocket an edge to the cloths. This employed the time pleasantly and when finished Mrs. Griffin passed tissue paper, cards and ribbon and asked that the cloths be tied up in a Christmas package and each lady write her name on her card. Then the hostess collected the packages and thanked the guests for so kindly doing her Christmas presents for her, saying that she hoped the ones who received them would appreciate their efforts as much as she did. Refreshment of fruit salad moulded in cherry jells, sandwiches, wafers, coffee, nuts and minis were served, and when each lady found on her plate the little package she had tied up so beautifully an appreciative laugh and many thanks greeted the sight. Miss Virginia Griffin the daughter of the hostess then gave some Christmas readings.—Lina C. Harrell.

NEWS & INTERVIEWS

In a communication to The Journal, M. H. Gunther, a Memphis, Tenn., business man, addresses the following remarks on cotton to the Union county farmer:

"Your existence is threatened. By a wise policy and concerted action, you may divert this calamity. You were told to produce and then produce, that the world was bare of cotton goods, and it mattered not how much you produced, the world would take your crops at handsome prices. This fallacy was brought about by inflated and fictitious values, ignoring the fact that outside of America the purchasing power of the world had either been entirely destroyed or disrupted by the great war, destroying the lives, directly and indirectly, of over thirty million people.

The finances of Europe are at a low ebb, and it will tax the ingenuity of the ablest financiers of the world to prevent national bankruptcy. The moneys of Germany, Austria, Russia, Italy and France are to-day at almost a minimum value. The Central Powers must go into bankruptcy or scale their debts at virtually present values, a repudiation which seems almost unavoidable. Germany has a debt of two hundred billion marks, and the printing press is still running. The finances of Japan and China are in bad shape. England is not flourishing, but is making heroic efforts to overcome her difficulties, and keep her pound sterling from falling to further discounts. The finances of our own country are badly strained. Your cotton is no longer considered or treated as cash by Southern banks.

"Consider this matter thoroughly and ask yourself the question: 'Who is to buy your cotton?' Who is to take the surplus off your hands? Now many million bales more than the world wants. The carry-over of previous crops was at the beginning of the season 2,932,657 bales of American cotton. The visible supply of American cotton was on November 19th, 5,802,389 bales. Add the surplus carry-over to the present crop, in round figures, 13,000,000 bales, and it is a staggering amount of cotton to contend with under present trade conditions, and you can readily see that the consumer has the whip handle and will dictate his own prices.

"Your salvation lies in heavy reduction of acreage to be planted in 1921. Diversify and make cotton your surplus crop, for unless this is done, you will not be compensated for your work. Your standard of living will be reduced, and your future gloomy indeed.

"From past experience, it is proved that the propaganda to reduce the cotton acreage has failed. Two years ago we had a campaign to reduce the cotton acreage. This campaign was carried on by men of standing and intelligence, but it failed, and from the fact that there was an upward movement in cotton values at planting time, and human nature asserted itself, and 'George' alone was left to do the renegeing. Do not fall into this error again, for unless the acreage is reduced below twenty-five million acres, you will find your cotton again begging for buyers and selling at prices that will not pay for your labor and bring you further in debt.

"Statistics show that the income of the Southern farmer under his One-Crop System is but less than \$160.00. Are you going to be a peasant or a peer? It is up to you."

A Vandevillian

A member of the Player's Club tells of a speedy-looking individual who appeared at the back door in Winchester county and, in support of request for assistance, announced that he was a vandevillian performer in hard luck.

Now the woman of the house agreed to let this individual have food if he would perform the proverbial task of sawing some wood. He retired to the barn; and soon there came to her ears the sounds of a man hard at work on the wood. Meanwhile she had laid out a feast for him, which, in due time, he ate with due relish and departed.

About half an hour after the man had gone the woman went to the barn only to find every stick of wood intact. Upon inquiry she discovered that she had been entertaining unwary a stranded ventriloquist. He had simply gone into the shed and given his imitation of sawing wood.

IMMORALITY AT PUBLIC DANCES IS SHOCKING

Mrs. Griffin, of Marshville, Sends Article Portraying Shame of Such Gatherings.

NEED NOW TO CLOSE GARAGES

Along with the following editorial, headed "A Wave of Immorality," from the Biblical Recorder, Mrs. B. H. Griffin, of Marshville, adds the comment that more should be "said along this line":

"Since the war there has been a perfect wave of immorality in almost every section of our country, and, possibly all over the world. Not in the memory of the oldest citizens has there been any thing like it.

"Here in Raleigh the public dances have become so scandalous that a few days ago the mayor called a meeting of the mothers of the city to confer with him and advise him what course he should pursue. He also stated that the pastors might if they felt disposed to do so. There was a good attendance of women, and a rector of one of the Episcopal churches was present.

"The mayor made a statement that our plainness of speech was, perhaps, never surpassed. He showed that there were visible evidences of sinful revelry. He read a letter from a father who said that he was not included in the invitation, but he had a daughter who would soon be old enough to go into society. This father insisted that the mayor close the auditorium against public dances, and reminded the mayor that if he did not do so, the sin of premature motherhood would rest upon his shoulders.

"We were rather surprised that when the mayor asked the advice of the mothers as to what was best to be done, those who spoke advocated measures that would have merely temporized with the evil. The only man beside the mayor who was in the building moved that the building be closed against public dances, and there were no votes against it, but not all who were present voted. We are glad to say that Mayor Eldridge favored closing all the time, but wanted the sentiment of the mothers on the matter.

"The modern dances are evil, and evil only. The dress of most young women who engage in the dance is disgraceful, and appeals to what is basest in men. Some months ago we published an editorial which contained extracts from a woman who wrote an article for the Atlantic Monthly, on dancing, immodest dress, and other evils of our day. In that article Mrs. Gerould said that young men who danced objected to the wearing of corsets by young women with whom they danced, and that most young women dressed to please the young men. The reason for the desire for this form of dress is too patent to need explanation. We have heard that right here in Raleigh this demand has been made by young men, and complied with by the young women.

"After dancing until after midnight young couples frequently get into automobiles and go—well, they are the only ones who know. What is to be the end of all this no one can tell. Many a home will be wrecked, and many a parent's heart made to bleed. Our nation may go the way of ancient Rome, unless there is a check put upon the social indulgences that are sure to lead to immorality.

"From a ringing editorial in the Baptist, of Chicago, we learn that a magistrate declared recently that out of two hundred cases of delinquency among girls which had been brought before him within the past few months, automobile rides furnished ninety-five per cent of the moral lapses." A recent exchange said that "we closed the saloons to save our boys, but now we need to close the garages to save our girls."

"In the face of these appalling facts there are parents who are undecided as to what course they should take with their girls in regard to the modern dance, and midnight automobile rides. A good way to decide that question is to read Gal. 6:7, 8. 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.'

"If one thinks that these things should not be mentioned in the columns of a religious paper, what is he going to say about the practice of them in so-called high society? We believe the time has come when our pulpits and religious papers should lay aside old squeamish feelings, and cry aloud against the evils that are threatening to blight our homes and wreck our nation. In the editorial from which we quoted from the Baptist are these sensible words: 'Because it is not considered nice to talk such things, we have ignored horrible conditions, or contented ourselves with whispering about them. The time has come for a frank recognition of the great evil which have grown up in connection with the automobile, and for such action on the part of the public as shall reduce this evil to the minimum.'"

Big Bargains in Shoes.

Two hundred pair of shoes, formerly priced at \$6 and \$7, going at our big sale at \$2.98.—Ab Joseph.

But these, professor, are the days when higher education means lower pay.