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## MARSHAL FOCH WILL STOP IN MONROE

### GOVERNOR CAMERON MORRISON, HIS STAFF, HIGH LEGION OFFICIALS AND CAMP BRAGG SOLDIERS MAY COME

Highly Elated Over the Coming of the Great Allied War Leader, Citizens of Monroe and Local Legionaires Are Planning the Greatest Reception on Record; Monroe Will be the Only Stop in North Carolina of the Party on Tour

The city of Monroe will be signally honored on the evening of Friday, December 9th, by a visit from Marshal Foch, commander of all of the allied armies in the World War, who is making a whirlwind tour of the American continent, greeting millions of his former comrades in the great conflict.

Everywhere people are doing homage to this great soldier, the military chieftain who led the French, the British and the Americans to the world's greatest victory, and local legionaires and prominent citizens, including Mayor J. C. M. Vann and F. G. Henderson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, determined not to be outdone in this respect, are meeting to arrange a reception on such a scale that has never been or doubtless ever will be equalled in local annals.

Already telegraph wires are humming with invitations to Governor Morrison and his staff, high state Legion officials, soldiers and citizens of North Carolina to be the guests of the city of Monroe on this great occasion.

Two regiments of artillery, now stationed at Camp Bragg, will also be asked to come here to have their colors decorated for conspicuous gallantry in the late war. The Shrine band, the best in the state, will be secured, if possible, to play the Marseilles, the national air of France, as the Marshal's train pulls into the station and to later entertain him and his party with "Dixie" and Southern melodies.

The special train will arrive about eight o'clock and will remain here for forty-five minutes.

At first Charlotte was selected as the point for the Marshal's official visit to the state, but because the Southern railroad refused to haul his special train free of charge, like the other railroads of the country, it was decided to switch it over to the Seaboard from Atlanta to Richmond by way of Greenwood and Monroe, the only two stops to be made in the states of North and South Carolina.

The Charlotte folks, however, are moving heaven and earth to get the Marshal to stop there, as the following account in this morning's Charlotte Observer shows:

"That Marshal Foch is not coming to Charlotte was the information contained in a telegram received yesterday from American Legion officials by A. J. Beall, commander of Hornets Nest post, through Thomas W. Bird, state department commander.

"That Marshal Foch is coming to Charlotte or that he will know that he didn't, is the determination expressed by local people interested in bringing him here and who have taken hold of wires that they expect to result in reverting to the original plan of stopping in this city.

"After a telegram was received that told of the train going by Monroe and stopping there 45 minutes, several local people got behind the thing and kept the wires hot yesterday, both to Washington and to the special train.

"The telegrams sent to the special train were addressed to Portland, Ore., and will be received when the train arrives there today.

"Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, who made the original arrangement with Colonel Parker, official aide to Marshal Foch while he is in America, in Charlotte yesterday, wired a protest to the change to Colonel Parker. Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, who started the movement and secured the promise of Marshal Foch to come to Charlotte, wired the Marshal direct, telling him that Charlotte expects him to keep his engagement here.

"John M. Morehead, national committeeman of the Republican party in this state and J. D. Albright, county chairman, wired Secretary Weeks in regard to the change. A. J. Beall wired National Commander Hanford McNider. C. A. Williams and M. J. O'Neill, local members of the Knights of Columbus, yesterday wired national officials of the organization, of which Marshal Foch is a member, in an effort to bring pressure to bear from that angle.

"Dr. Baxter S. Moore, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the coming of Marshal Foch, wired yesterday morning to Alton P. Roberts, chairman of the American Legion's committee on entertainment of distinguished guests, addressing his telegram to Seattle, Wash. Dr. Moore received a reply confirming the telegram received through State Commander Bird by Post Commander Beall.

"This telegram, signed by Hanford McNider, national commander; Franklin D'Olier, post commander, and Alton P. Roberts, and dated at Butte, Mont., November 29, is as follows: "

"We have done everything humanly possible to arrange for stop of Marshal Foch's train in North Carolina. We are making a record-breaking trip across the country with

### MONROE FAVORED POINT

Foch's Coming a Unique Distinction for the Capital of Union (From the News and Observer.)

Marshal Foch having changed his route through North Carolina from the Southern to the Seaboard will pass through Raleigh on his way North. According to his present schedule he will pass through here at about half past two o'clock on the morning of December 10, one week from tomorrow. We presume it would be quite in vain to hope at this late hour that he may re-arrange his schedule so that he could pass through Raleigh in the daytime. Raleigh will have to get what satisfaction it can in having him go through at night. There will be profound regrets that the hour will be such that there will be no hope of even getting a glimpse of the great French military leader. Monroe will be the favored point as he will stop there for about forty-five minutes early in the evening on Friday, December 7. It will be a unique distinction for the Union capital.

### W. T. McQUIRT DIED LAST NIGHT AT THE HOSPITAL

Appendicitis Cause of Death of This Popular Employee of the Monroe Hardware Company

The community was shocked this morning to learn that Mr. W. T. McGuirt, a popular employee of the Monroe Hardware Company, had died last night at the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital. Last Monday morning he was apparently a well and vigorous man. That afternoon he became stricken with an ailment that was later pronounced to be an attack of appendicitis. After his removal to the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital, it was decided that an operation was necessary, and at 2 a. m. the next morning a telegram was sent to Dr. Kemp Neal of Raleigh asking him to come here for that purpose. He caught the first train out of Raleigh, which left shortly after 3 a. m., and was here in a few hours.

The patient, it was found, had been suffering with appendicitis for some time and so grave had his condition become that it was realized that there was little hope for him. It seems that he had been under the impression that his ailment was colic or stomach trouble, which accounted for the fact that he had never secured treatment for appendicitis. However, Dr. Neal proceeded to operate. An incision showed that the appendix had burst.

Mr. McGuirt became delirious. His ailment had passed beyond the curable stage and medical skill was unable to save his life. The end came about 8 p. m. He was 41 years of age.

Six children, their ages ranging from two to sixteen years, survive along with their mother, who is prostrated by the death of her husband. Eight brothers and three sisters, whose names follow, also survive the deceased: Messrs. S. J. McGuirt, R. L. McGuirt, Charles D. McGuirt and Lester McGuirt of Waxhaw; Theron McGuirt of Greenville, S. C.; Curtis McGuirt of Monroe, Ralph McGuirt of Monroe township; Mrs. W. E. Pardue of Lancaster; Mrs. R. D. Robinson of Waxhaw and Mrs. Vern Tomberlin of Monroe.

The deceased was a son of the late W. J. McGuirt. He was a native of Jackson township and was one of the best liked young men of that section. Shortly after his marriage to Miss Minnie Haigler, he moved to Page, where he engaged in the mercantile business. Some four or five years ago he came to Monroe to enter the employ of the Monroe Hardware Company. During his residence here he won the reputation of being an honorable, conscientious man; and also became one of the most valued employees of the large hardware concern.

Funeral services were conducted at Waxhaw this afternoon. Interment was with Masonic honors.

**Ministerial Association**  
The Ministerial Association of Union County will meet in the pastor's study at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday Dec. 6. All Ministers in the county are members of this association.—C. C. Weaver, Pres., and Paul L. Miller, Sec'y.

**Mr. Abernethy Here**  
Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Trinity Methodist church of Charlotte, will deliver his famous lecture, "The Bible," at the Central Methodist church tonight.

**Proving Its Worth**  
Mother—I gave you a nickel yesterday to be good and today you are just as bad as you can be.  
Willie—Yes, ma, I'm trying to show you that you got your money's worth yesterday.

### Local Legionaires Wire the Foch Party

Telegram States That Preparations Are Under Way For a Great Reception For Their Stop

The following telegram was sent this morning to the Foch party which is now in the far west by officials of the Melvin Deese post of the American Legion:

"Preparations for the reception of Marshal Foch at Monroe on Friday evening, Dec. 9, are under way. We are inviting the Governor of the state and his staff, high Legion officials of the state and Camp Bragg artillery regiments to be present. A cordial invitation to the people of the state is also being issued to honor America's distinguished guest by their presence. Judging by comment in newspapers the state is elated over the routing of the train over the Seaboard. Please wire us confirming your itinerary as announced in the news dispatches."

a time limit at the end, which makes it impossible to arrange the desired stops.

"The only thing that can be done in North Carolina is a 45-minute stop at Monroe at 8 p. m. December 9. We know this will not satisfy you, but it is absolutely the best we can do. We are suggesting to 5th and 17th artillery regiments at Fayetteville that they come to Monroe to have their colors decorated by Marshal Foch.

"Since Charlotte received word from Capt. Lhopital that the Marshal would stop there, changes in railroad arrangements have had to be made which makes it impossible to visit that town at all. They got no official word from the American Legion committee that the stop was to be made, so, fortunately, we are not breaking our word with them.

"We hope you will appreciate the difficulties of the committee and do the best you can at Monroe."

"In the first place, the arrangements for Marshal Foch's stop in Charlotte were not made through Captain Lhopital, as the telegram suggests, but by Marshal Foch himself, Colonel Kirkpatrick contends, adding that the captain with the funny name had already returned to France when the arrangements were made.

"Local people interested in the coming of Marshal Foch can see nothing in the change except a controversy between railroads as to which will haul the distinguished guest. The American Legion officers do not know the difference in the towns and cities along the two routes, is the expressed belief of local citizens.

"Telegrams sent yesterday included the information that the Southern railway from Atlanta to Washington five minutes less time than it takes the Seaboard to make the same trip, that the Southern has double track all of the way and that the towns along the Seaboard had made no special effort to get the Marshal to pass that way, while larger cities along the Southern have made arrangements and have been promised that the train will stop.

"These are some of the arguments, along with all of the wires that are in sight, that are to be used in the effort to have the original schedule of Marshal Foch carried out and local workers believe that when the matter is thus placed before those in charge, the original plans will be followed."

The man who speaks softly seldom gets a hard punch on the jaw.

Let's Stamp It Out!

### GREAT WELCOME AWAITING FOCH

Greenwood and State of South Carolina to Make Holiday of the Occasion

### BIG CROWD WILL BE THERE

The Generalissimo Will Be Treated to Turkey Dinner and Party Will Have Quail for Breakfast

Greenwood, Dec. 1.—Reduced rates and sufficient equipment to take care of the immense crowds coming from all parts of this state coming to Greenwood on December 9 to welcome Marshal Ferdinand Foch to South Carolina were promised today by officials of the Seaboard Air Line, Southern, C. and W. C. and Piedmont and Northern railroads, meeting at Greenwood today. The exact rate has not yet been announced but the railway officials assured a local transportation committee that the rate would be sufficiently low to be satisfactory to the public. The railway officials declared that they expected thousands to come to Greenwood to see Marshal Foch, whose only stop in South Carolina will be Greenwood.

Marshal Foch's train will reach Greenwood promptly at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, December 9, from Atlanta. Fred Geissler, traveling passenger agent for the Seaboard Air Line, announced today. According to Mr. Geissler, the special train will have the right of way over every other train on the system, and even through trains are required to take a siding 25 minutes ahead of Marshal Foch's train. Every switch and frog is inspected ahead of the special, Mr. Geissler declared. The hour of arrival in Greenwood has been changed from 4:25 to 4 o'clock and the train will reach here on a schedule time, according to railroad officials.

Plans are on foot to make December 9 a carnival day for Greenwood. A football game between Newberry and Erskine college is practically assured. Hundreds of college students are expected from all over the state. A dance will be given that night in honor of them.

When Marshal Foch visits Greenwood and is officially welcomed to South Carolina by high state officials, there will be one old friend of the marshal of France in the throng the generalissimo's chauffeur at the peace conference, whom he has accustomed to address familiarly as "Casey," or the French equivalent for Casey. He is Tom Casey of Greenwood, a former sergeant in the American army, attached to General Tasker H. Bliss as his chauffeur.

General Bliss obligingly loaned Casey to Marshal Foch whenever the French commander needed him, and, according to Sergeant Casey, from the number of times he drove Marshal Foch, the French commander must have been short of chauffeurs.

So pleased was Marshal Foch with the American driver that he learned his name and called him familiarly, "Casey."

Sergeant Casey will again be at the wheel when Marshal Foch de-lights in Greenwood, and will drive the commander's car from the train uptown, where the welcoming program will be carried out.

A turkey dinner such as prepared only in the south and a large quantity of South Carolina quail will be placed on board Marshal Foch's train when he arrives in Greenwood. The largest turkey in this entire section will be obtained and prepared by the best cooks in Greenwood. Fifty quail will also be presented for the generalissimo's breakfast.

One Greenwood man has secured a large possum which he will present to the distinguished soldier.

### FOUR ARMY AVIATORS KILLED HIGH IN AIR

Two Machines Collided Two Thousand Feet Above the Earth While Doing Combat Drills.

Four army aviators, two officers and two privates, were killed Wednesday when the two airplanes in which they were performing combat duty drills collided while at an altitude of 2,000 feet, and crashed to earth near the post field, Fort Hill, Okla.

As the airplanes struck the earth, their gasoline tanks exploded, enveloping the wreckage in flames. Trucks and ambulances were rushed to the scene but attendants were unable to reach the bodies of the men until they had been charred above recognition.

According to officers who were witnessing the drill, the two machines had been in the air for some time when they attempted to execute a difficult maneuver. As they swooped toward each other their wings met and both airplanes fell to the earth in a helpless tangle.

Hundreds of persons who hurried to the scene were forced to stand by helplessly while the wreckage burned.

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### JUDGE LEMMOND TO STAGE A FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

Some of Best Artists and Dancers in the State Have Already Been Secured

One of the greatest happenings that will ever take place in Monroe, with the exception of the coming of Marshal Foch on the 9th, will be the old time fiddlers' convention to be given at the court house on Friday night, Dec. 16th, says Olin McManus, adjutant of the Melvin Deese Post of the American Legion.

Mr. W. O. Lemmond is the promoter of this convention, and from all indications he will put over a program that has never been equalled in either of the Carolinas. Mr. Lemmond, with the assistance of Melvin Deese Post No. 27, is putting forth some extra efforts to make this one of the greatest that has ever been held in this section of the country.

Some of the best fiddlers and dancers of the Carolinas have already been secured and the application of quite a number of others is pending. Announcements with regard to the fiddlers and dancers will be made just as soon as the program has been arranged. There will also be several stringed instrument bands which will be well worth the time of going to hear.

Special seating arrangements are being made in the court house for this night, so don't feel you will be unable to get a seat. Reserved seats will also be on sale at the Union Drug Co. next week.

Proceeds of this convention will go to help wipe out the deficit of the Legion on Armistice Day and also a hospital bill owed by the Legion.

### PREACHER GOT "LIT UP" ON FINE FRENCH BRANDY

Mr. Boggan of Wingate Tells of Interesting Incident at Church; Mr. Bivens Lost Control of Car

Wingate, Dec. 1.—John A. Murrel, the noted murderer, once preached a sermon in Zion church according to Mr. Y. M. Boggan, a well-known citizen of this place, who has given your correspondent the following interesting account of this famous house of worship: "Zion is the oldest Methodist church in Montgomery county, if not the oldest in this section of the state. It was organized by Rev. Hope Hull in the year 1783 and the first structure was built of logs. Hope Hull at that time was only twenty-five years old, and is called to this day 'The Father of Georgia Methodism.' When on a visit to the New England states in 1792 he preached many able sermons, one of which fell upon the ears of the strange but brilliant Lorenzo Dow, and caused his conversion.

"About 1810 a frame church was erected. Until this time the first Wednesday in every month was 'preaching day,' and old Uncle Tommie Moore and old Jimmie Lightfoot could be seen wending their way to 'preaching,' coatless and barefoot.

"Many celebrated men have preached there. It is generally believed that the noted murderer, John A. Murrel, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in Tennessee, preached in Zion church in 1833 at a camp meeting. Anyway, a very fluent and distinguished looking man at the beginning of the camp meeting of that year put up at the home of Edmund DeBerry. He exhorted the family and the negroes and was so zealously devout that old Aunt Tempy DeBerry, always kind and motherly to preachers, was unusually kind to him and put him in a room where she had stored several quarts of French brandy, a present to her husband from relatives in France.

The next day, inspired by Aunt Tempy's imported liquor, he preached a powerful sermon two hours in length. When the brandy was missed, and a part of it found in his saddle wallets, he was asked for credentials. He was unable to produce them and immediately left the community."

Thursday morning, as he was returning to his home from the town, Mr. Baxter Bivens lost control of his car, permitting it to crash into a telephone pole. A small bone over Mr. Bivens' left thigh was broken, and he sustained several bruises about the body. However, they were not of a serious nature, and the patient is getting along fine.

Rev. V. V. Burris will conduct prayer services at the Baptist church Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Nash are boarding at the home of Mrs. E. H. Hartsell.

Mr. Vann Griffin of Erwin, Tenn., is spending a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Griffin.

### Honor Roll for Benton Heights For November

First Grade—Pauline Crook, Ruth Crook, Morris Funderburk, Hoyt Helms, Demeter Helms, Pearlina Presley, Myrtle Price, Verla Rowell, May Gurley and Speight Camp.

Second Grade—Mildred Tucker, Lurah Williams, Ralph Myers, Nebraska Williams, Paul Williams, Harvey Treadaway, and Richard Hunnicutt.

Third Grade—Millicent Camp, Wilma Simpson, Ann Rose, Woodrow Rose, Ada Lee Helms, Aphelia Plyler, J. V. Griffin, Thurman Benton.

Fourth Grade—Julia Coggins, Eula Howie, Mary Lee Fowler, and Lillian Reid.

Fifth Grade—Coy Bailes, Myrtle Belk, Lee Gullledge, Velma Haigler, Heath Helms, Alston Hunnicutt, Brown McRorie, Lottie Myers, and Kathleen Starnes.

Sixth Grade—Bonnie McRorie, Louise Myers, Aury Funderburk, James Helms, Rosa Mills.

Eighth Grade—Dayle Gullledge, Fay McRorie, Bernard Helms, and Thurman Helms.

### BIG 'TATER YIELDS REPORTED BY SIMS

His Neighbor Raised so Many on Small Patch That He Feared to Plant Many Acres

### THEY WILL BE A SIDELINE

Rehoboth Union Local is Addressed by Messrs. Broom and McGill, an Expert on Potatoes

Waxhaw, N. C., Rt. 1, Dec. 1.—At a meeting of the Rehoboth farmers' union local, on Monday night, Nov. 28, Mr. T. J. W. Broom, county demonstrator, and Mr. McGill from Raleigh were present and both made some very timely and well-chosen remarks on the present outlook for farmers under prospective conditions to be brought about by the advent of Mr. Weevil, who has very loudly announced his intention to make us sit up and take notice of his presence next year.

Mr. Broom is very enthusiastic for co-operative marketing of all farm products, and especially does he feel the need of farmers becoming vitally concerned with the marketing of the small amount of cotton they may expect to raise during the next few years under the rapid fire attack of the B. W. brigade.

Mr. McGill was present for the specific purpose of giving the farmers information and instruction on the building and maintaining scientifically arranged potato curing and storing houses that will insure the saving of this very valuable crop.

Several of the Rehoboth folks have been agitating sweet potatoes as a farm crop next year to be carried as a sideline to their regular farming operations, and were therefore in proper mood to listen attentively to Mr. McGill's instructive lecture on this subject. During the latter part of the lecture, when the speaker had gotten to the point where he was ready to answer questions that the audience might be interested in on any point that he had touched on and had not properly cleared up, it was suggested by some in the crowd that "maybe our lands were not well enough suited to the growing of potatoes to make the venture profitable for us, 'Oh! yes it is," said Will Sims, "I had been thinking of planting as much as three to five acres in potatoes next year, but my neighbor has made this year on his small family patch a yield at the rate of 300 bushels per acre, so I have decided that its no use to figure on such a large patch, for at that rate I would make so many I wouldn't know what to do with them." Of course everybody tittered and Mr. Broom came to the rescue with the statement that Ed Yarborough made 96 bushels a few years ago on one fourth acre."

That settled the question of the adaptability of the lands around Rehoboth to potato growing, and made Jim Carter feel better.

Work began this morning on the laying down of the material for the erection of the new school building at Rehoboth. The people of the community are very much interested in this work and will doubtless put it over at the earliest possible moment. It has been conceded for some time that we needed a school building, but we carelessly neglected to make a move toward the erection of one until we suddenly realized that we thought more of our community center than we thought we did.

Mr. M. A. Helms and family, also Mr. Houston Helms and family, have recently moved into the Rehoboth community. These are excellent people, and the community is glad to have them as citizens and neighbors among us.

We understand that Mr. J. R. Crow of the Baptist Church section has rented out his home place, and will move his family to Hamlet in a few days. We are informed that Mr. Crow will engage in the business of feeding the folks in his new home; he is going into the hotel business.

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### Landru Sentenced to Die by Guillotine

Versailles, Nov. 30.—Henri Landru, who has been on trial for more than three weeks in the assizes court here, charged with the murder of ten women and a boy, was found guilty of murder in the first degree tonight. Landru was sentenced to die by the guillotine.

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