

**SCHOOL NOTES**

By the Pupils of A Section of the Higher Eighth Grade Monroe High School

**High School Library**

One of the greatest aids to any school is an up-to-date library. Almost every day there are some pupils who wish to look up information on subjects with which they are not familiar. If these pupils do not have the reference books at home and no library to which they may go to get information, their work suffers. Good standard novels serve to conduct the pupils' thoughts in the right direction. In the new high school there is a room for a library, which we hope will be filled with books before the year is out. Since the Chamber of Commerce has long been wishing to establish a city library, why not make ours a public school library which both town and school may have the use of? At the opening of the new high school there will be a program and we suggest that each person bring a good book. In order to have a library where pupils may go any time during school hours, there must be a paid librarian to record the books taken out and to keep order while the pupils are there. The school alone could not afford a librarian, but if the town and school co-operate it would be possible. This library would also be beneficial to the people of the town. Many people who work hard all day, receiving such small wages that they cannot afford to buy books, would be glad of a chance to make use of the library. **KATIE GRAVELY.**

**The High School Chorus**

"We will now have a selection by the chorus," says Professor Hawfield, and you should note the hush of expectancy which falls over the school, then the beautiful music which follows and the applause when it has stopped. This chorus is composed of boys and girls who are the best singers from every grade in the high school. Miss Folger, the director, is doing great work with them. Every Monday afternoon at the last period of the day they go down to the music room where they learn the songs which they sing during the chapel exercises. Every one who is interested in the school and its activities should hear these boys and girls sing, for as some one said, "the music thrills you through." The Christmas music was especially good. When they have sung we feel like saying as Professor Hawfield said, following the rendition of the "Soldiers Chorus from Faust," that we would not mind having them sing again if they will do that well. At last our dream of good music in the school has come true! **VIRGINIA BLAKENEY.**

**Memorial Arch to Gov. Walter Bickett**  
North Carolina has had three governors that stand out like mountain peaks. One came from the west and his name was Vance. One came from the east and his name was Aycock. The other came from the Monroe high school and his name was Bickett. While North and South Carolina still scramble over the birthplace of Jackson we all know that Bickett was a product of Monroe. The historian of the future in writing concerning the world war will place Bickett as one of the great governors of the south. He reached and held with honor the highest position ever held by a student of this high school and it is fitting that some tribute of our love and esteem should be made to his memory. As for me, I know of nothing that would be a more constant inspiration to the students of the Monroe high school to "Go and do thou likewise," than to place over the entrance to the high school grounds a mammoth arch to his memory. Then every student as he enters the high school grounds will pass beneath an arch that will be an inspiration impossible to sum up in dollars and cents. One of the greatest teachers who ever lived in this county was not noted for his learning but for his capacity to inspire young men and women. And after all in the words of Edward T. Candler, one of North Carolina's greatest lawyers, "The best education that a boy can have is to get an inspiration, and I would rather have a teacher for my child that would inspire him than one that would teach him." I am therefore urging the

erection of a memorial arch for these reasons: First, because a student of this institution who has held the highest office in the state is entitled to a memorial and I would advocate not only the erection of this arch to Bickett's memory, but I would that the time might come that others would achieve similar greatness until the campus would be covered with arches. Secondly, I think that a beautiful arch at the entrance to the high school grounds would improve its looks and lend dignity not only to the school but to the students as well. Thirdly, I think this arch should be erected to Bickett because of his love for this school, this community and this county. But lastly and greatest of all I believe that a memorial of this kind will inspire the student body to higher and nobler things. "Lives of great men all remind us; We can make our lives sublime; And departing leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time." **LOUIE C. SIKES.**

**Rules for the Care of the New Building in Parody**

- Cut your name upon the desks, It is no sin; Show the pupils who will come, What fool you've been.
- Get a pencil, write on the wall, Both in the rooms and in the hall; Then when you see Professor Hawfield coming, You'd better start your feet a' running.
- Scatter paper on the floor, Make it snappy— Although the janitor looks gloomy, He's very, very happy.
- Throw chalk around the room— Put out someone's eye! Phsa! what difference does it make, Whether they laugh or cry?
- Eat in school, even cake; Grease up the floors and desks. What difference does it make Whether or not you make a mess?
- When to school you start to stroll, Stick your feet into a mud hole, Come right in school and scrape your feet— It makes the rooms and halls look neat.
- The seats in chapel were especially made Just for the benefit of your knife-blade. If all of you boys with knives would make a raid, We wouldn't sit on those seats again, I'm afraid.
- When off the shelves you take one of the reference books Be sure to give it awful looks; Give a kick and knock it around And be sure to step on it a time or two while its down.
- Take anything you see, Break it up and throw it away. When you think about, giggle "te he," If asked about it, "I don't know, you'll say." **ELEANOR STEVENS.**

**Why We Need a High School Orchestra**

We need a high school orchestra to play in chapel every morning instead of having to call on one of the high school girls. There may be a time when we cannot secure a girl or boy either to play for chapel exercises—then what would the exercises be? Music is one of the leading things in the best of high schools. Without a good orchestra we cannot cheer our good ball teams with thrilling music. The school often has plays and other entertainments and it is very hard to find some one to be ready to play for them at any time. Some may say, "Who could be put in the orchestra?" If they should I would like for them to come to me and I should be delighted to tell them. If you visit the school very often you will notice how the pupils keep step when Fannie Person Rudge gets up and plays a selection. She has almost as much music in her bones as a whole orchestra, but if you stop to think about it she will not be with us always. I could name at least nine high school pupils who have musical instruments. They are: George Browning and Jack Snyder, trombones; John Brewer, Jr., clarinet; Yates Laney, violin; John Eford and Lacy Faust, saxophones; John Correll, drums and traps; Fannie Person Rudge and Martha Adams, pianists. I think this would be a good plan for our new high school which we are so proud of. And when visitors come out to the school they will remark: "What a fine school and such a good orchestra. They must have the best kind of school spirit." **ELIZABETH MEARES.**

**Comment on Base Ball Team of '22**

Our base ball team this year will suffer the loss of five of last year's most valuable men. These men and their respective positions are: English and Crowell, who alternated on mound and at short stop and who would have been a credit to any high school in the state; Wray at second base; Secrest at third and Bruce Williams at first. Bruce is in school this year but on account of sprained arm muscles received in foot ball season, will probably not play. Nevertheless, we expect to have a light, fast and snappy team by the first of April, one that will do justice to the Monroe high school and will enter with the larger schools of the state in the contest for state championship. At a meeting of the school boys about three weeks ago, Frank Snyder was elected captain by a large majority and Alexander Crowell was elected manager. Mr. Crowell has been busy writing to nearby towns for games, and answers have been received from four places wanting games. We are expecting the valuable services of Coaches Orton and Hastv, both of whom are equally as good at foot ball as base ball. Some of the fellows have been out to the athletic field getting limbered up and it is reported that Yates Laney and Mack Fairley have already landed several over the fence in practice games. The prospects for this season look very encouraging and if every one will do his part and boost the team it will be a success. We are expecting the fans and fanettes of the city and school to give us their support as

they did last season. We are also glad to say that the high school team of last year created more interest than did the city base ball league. Let's make it even more interesting this year. **JOHN CORRELL.**

**The Valentine Party**

The Valentine party last Friday night given by the Parent-Teacher Association to pay for the new encyclopedia for the school was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The American Legion room was beautifully decorated for the occasion with hearts everywhere. Many young people were there and all had a good time. Music, which was furnished by the high school orchestra, was thoroughly enjoyed by every one. Interesting and exciting contests created much fun. The first contest was a heart hunt, where hearts were hidden everywhere and Toccoa Clary won the prize, a lovely bottle of perfume. The next contest was making words out of the word "Valentine." The prize went to Nick Laney. Another exciting game was trying to find the word on each other's backs. The prize, a beautiful pin, was won by Mary Browning. The arrow was pinned on the heart by Fannie Person Rudge, who received a pretty thimble as prize. After the contests every one was coupled off and a Valentine was given to each couple to make an original verse. Each verse was read aloud and the judges decided Mr. Hawfield and Margaret Lee's was the best and a large box of candy went to Margaret Lee. Delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches and punch were served. After blowing out the candles the young folks danced awhile, then went home after having a most wonderful time. **ASHE LANE.**

**The Excelsior Literary Society**

The Excelsior Literary Society has been doing fine work this term, and hopes to have some triangular debaters to go to Chapel Hill this year. At the beginning of this term the society was divided and has had one inter-sectional debate, which the eleventh grade section won, although there was a hot argument given on the defeated side. But for all the work that is being done over at the graded school, we ought to do even better when we get to our new high school. At the high school there is a room which was intended for physical culture, but it has been decided that this room will be used for the boys' literary society. Much better work can be done when all the boys are together, and co-operate so that better and longer programs may be given. The room in the new high school has a skylight, and is going to be furnished by the boys. There are already enough chairs, but we are planning to buy a table and build a platform for the speaker to stand upon, and this will make the speeches much more effective. **BYRON LONG.**

**Jokes**

- Miss B—"Make a sentence with 'notwithstanding' in it." Horace—"The girl is notwithstanding examinations."
- Amon (to Neal)—"What's that sticking out from your collar?" Neal—"I don't know; what is it?" Amon—"Your neck, of course."
- Foot ball on team on return from Asheville: Once more we hear the story That was told so long ago, The referee was ag'in us And we didn't have a show.
- Mr. Hawfield, while talking in chapel on the subject, "Judgment Day Witnesses," said: "Now you have to be mighty careful of the way you act down here. No one is going to tell on you; you're not going to tell on me and I won't be there to tell on you."
- George (to Miss G.)—"Can Caesar be in any case?" Miss G.—"Yes." Henry S.—"Well, I guess he's a hard case now."
- Teacher (to James) —"Conjugate the verb go." James—"I would just say 'we are all going' and go on."
- Mrs. B.—"Why was the ocean once called a barrier?" Walter L.—"Because it bore ships across it."
- Teacher (after putting examination on the board)—"Now, do any of the questions bother you?" Student—"No, sir, it's the answers that bother me."
- A philosopher is one who can look an empty glass in the face and smile.

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**CURTAIN FALLS IN CASE SAVAGE COTTON COMPANY**

Men Convicted of Using Mails to Defraud Must Serve Their Terms; Many Monroe Losers

Union county citizens will be interested that the promoters of the Savage Cotton Company will have to serve their sentences for the fraudulent scheme worked upon the Icemorlee mills, J. M. Fairley & Sons and numerous other dealers. It will be remembered that Mr. John C. Sikes of the Monroe bar appeared in the case, representing the Monroe concerns that were defrauded. The following explains the case thoroughly: The curtain has finally been rung down on the case of the Savage Cotton company, one of the most colossal fraudulent schemes ever perpetrated, according to Chief Postal Inspector W. R. Keys of the Chattanooga district. The case was finally decided in New Orleans when seven men, all prominent in the state of Alabama, were found guilty of using the mails to defraud and on other charges. The case is interesting to the people of this vicinity because of the fact that by the alleged crooked transactions of the company a million dollars was lost by citizens of North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Virginia. The company's cotton was sold through the brokerage firm of H. T. Lamkin & Company of Charlotte. Mr. Lamkin is said to have lost \$150,000 personally through the company's transactions. His tragic death occurred shortly after the seven men involved were first convicted. He died broken in both pocket and spirit. The first trial of the men took place in Anniston, Ala., in May, 1920 when the following men were convicted: D. H. Riddle, W. A. Savage, A. M. Savage, W. O. Wooten, T. M. St. Johns, W. G. Hardy and S. E. Graham. Four of these men carried appeals to the United States supreme court. The information on which the men were convicted was gained by Mr. Keys, who had been working for several months in the Lamkin office, and Miss Ethel Hayes, of Charlotte, secretary in the local brokerage firm. The defendant company was organized with D. H. Riddle, a prominent Alabama lawyer as vice-president and general counsel. He perfected the organization and for a few months the company sold a high grade of cotton to the mills in North and South Carolina and Virginia. The mills were enthusiastic over the grade of cotton secured from the Savage company and immediately ordered more. The company at this juncture is said to have made arrangements with railroad agents and secured bills of lading without the delivery to the railroads of the cotton shipments. The bills of lading were sent through the mails to the customers with draft attached, and the cotton was paid

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for by draft before the cotton was loaded, evidence showed. After a time the customers inquired as to their shipments and were given excuses such as "the war was responsible," that the cars had been commandeered. Thus delays were excused and the company continued to send bills of lading and drafts to various customers, it was brought out. Just as soon as the railroads became aware that bills of lading were sent out and the cotton was not shipped the Savage company went into the open market and bought anything it could get which was composed of "bollices," "linters" and all sorts of nondescript product that was immediately shipped to the customers who had paid for a high-grade cotton, evidence at the trial showed. The cotton was not only inferior, but was short in weight. The United States circuit court of appeals upheld the sentences and fines imposed on Riddle, Wooten and St. John, and denied them a new trial, which will be allowed Graham, one of the railroad agents, W. A. Savage, A. M. Savage and W. G. Hardy went to the penitentiary to serve their terms, declining to appeal their cases.

**Bill Stood Bad with the Pigs**  
The village worthies were discussing the veracity of one of their neighbors, and the oldest inhabitant ambling up, they appealed for his opinion. "Would I call Bill Perkins a liar?" repeated the old man. "Well, I don't know as I'd go as far as that; but I tell you what, when feeding time comes he can't get his pigs to stir until he gets some one else to call them for him."

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