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## MONROE MAY GET SOME BIG TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS

Mr. Jones Gives Encouragement and Pledges His Support in the Effort to Induce Cotton Mill Men

WOULD MEAN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO UNION FARMERS

Detailed Information is Being Prepared to be Used in the Big Undertaking at Early Date.

Mr. Jesse M. Jones, chief of the development department of the Seaboard Air Line railway, with headquarters in Norfolk, met with the Chamber of Commerce yesterday evening at six o'clock to discuss plans for sending a delegation to see New England textile manufacturers with a view to inducing them to locate mills in Monroe.

Mr. Jones has all the information anybody is looking for along these lines right on the tip of his tongue. He is a busy man, receiving one hundred letters a day and employing two secretaries whom he carries with him. His ideas are therefore valuable and he gave Monroe some mighty encouraging talk in regard to the proposed project. He promised that, provided the delegation is sent, as it in all probabilities will be, either he or Mr. Capps, vice-president of the road, will go with the delegation and lend a helping hand.

Mr. Jones believes that with the advantages Monroe has to offer the city stands a good chance to bring large manufacturing interests here. It was pointed out that in Union county the costs of construction are much lower than in New England, living expenses are cheaper, raw material is grown right here, sanitary conditions are excellent, unbounded development power, cheap labor, freedom from labor troubles, that this section of the state is capable of producing sufficient food to feed any size population, and that large textile manufacturing interests would mean thousands of dollars to Union county farmers, who would then be in position to grow all the truck and dairy products they could and find a ready market at profitable figures.

Mr. Jones states that the Seaboard is ready to send representatives familiar with freight rates and industrial conditions and suggests that Monroe's representatives thoroughly inform themselves with the necessary figures relative to tax rates, which are much less than in New England, cost of employees' homes, coal situation, cost of power, lights, labor, freedom from pneumonia, road improvement, schools, churches, industrial laws, etc.

It has been known for some time that New England capitalists have become interested in manufacturing in the south, which is the logical place for cotton mills, and that large sums of money are yearly being invested in the textile business in the cotton belt. There is no reason why the farmers of the south should be compelled to ship their staple to New England to be worked up into the finished product and pay freight both ways, when all the natural advantages imaginable are right here where the cotton is grown, and this step on the part of Monroe business men to bring the mills right to the door of the cotton farmers will doubtless meet with the hearty approval of every citizen of the county.

Details are being worked out and the necessary information will be obtained by the energetic and efficient secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. C. W. Orton, and the delegation will probably be sent at an early date.

## Pershing Will Visit Charlotte

Washington, April 26. — General John J. Pershing today accepted an invitation to attend the 20th of May celebration in Charlotte next month. He told Representative Bulwinkle that he would go and take his aide, Major Marshall. Representative Bulwinkle will accompany General Pershing and Major Marshall.

## FORMER RUSSIAN PRINCESS ARRIVES



First picture of the wife and son of Robert Goelet, American multi-millionaire, who has just arrived in New York. Mrs. Goelet was formerly Princess Riabouchinsky, widow of a wealthy Russian Prince, a resident of Paris. The Goelet family has been living in Paris for the past year, where the son, Robert, Jr., was born.

## MICK ARNOLD, COLORED, SUDDENLY GOES INSANE

Lost His Mind While at Work With Road Force Wednesday and Was Brought to Monroe and Jailed

Mick Arnold, colored, who worked with the road building force of Mr. J. C. Zobrist, near town, suddenly went absolutely crazy Wednesday afternoon about five o'clock and was brought to Monroe and lodged in jail, where he will be kept for a few days until it is ascertained whether he will have to be carried to Goldsboro and committed to the insane asylum for colored people.

Arnold had apparently been in his right mind up to the time he went all to pieces as if the balance wheel in his brain might have been removed, when quite a commotion was created in the camp as the crazy negro made a dash for the other workmen and frightened them out of their wits. It is reported that he ran every nerve on the camp off and when Mr. Zobrist and his assistants reached the scene of operations he had full control and had taken every garment from his body and greeted his boss in his birthday suit. It took several men to bring him to jail, some holding on to his hands, arms and legs while others sat upon him to hold him down.

One of the most interesting things in connection with the episode took place when Policeman King started to place Arnold in jail. He grabbed the policeman in the collar and when pushed off he cast a wicked look at Mr. King and said: "Boss, kiss me just one time."

Sheriff Fowler states that Arnold talks and carries on in jail practically all the time but that he appears to be a little more at ease than when first committed. He was one of Mr. Zobrist's most valuable workmen and he is anxious that he may recover his mind sufficiently to go back to the camp.

## Gardner Proves His Calibre

The following is taken from The Cleveland Star, Mr. Gardner's home paper, and will prove of interest to the people of Union county:

The Democratic papers of the state are generously commending the lofty unselfish announcement of our fellow-townsmen Max Gardner that he believes "political equity entitles Eastern North Carolina to the next nomination for governor." This statement is bound to become of historic interest in the state.

There is no thinking man or woman in North Carolina who does not know that if Max Gardner had entered the race as Governor Morrison's successor that he would have entered with brilliant prospects for success: In the first place, he has a tremendous following of intensely loyal, devoted and fighting friends, who enthusiastically follow him with a zeal and spirit rarely known even in politics. In the second place, Gardner's attitude when defeated by a small majority in 1920 was superb; he was heard to utter no complaint, but submitted without sulking to the mandates of his party and plunged with courage and confidence into the campaign of his successful opponent and made over fifty speeches in behalf of Governor Morrison's election. This act alone established Gardner in the minds and hearts of North Carolina as a man of gubernatorial calibre, but his recent convention statement reveals the reason why Gardner has more personal friends than any man in the state.

To our minds however his announcement which puts him in the very front rank of North Carolina's democracy means more to the future of the Democratic party in North Carolina than it means to Max Gardner for the reason, if Gardner had marshalled his forces, backed by the splendid womanhood of the state, for whom he stood and suffered in 1920, and launched the fight for the nomination in 1924, it might have broken and ruptured the Democratic party. The party cannot stand many campaigns such as it encountered in 1920.

Of course the people of Cleveland county where Max Gardner was born and reared and loved and served are and have been ambitious for his election as governor of North Carolina, but his friends are just as happy in the knowledge that our son has the confidence, love and devotion of North Carolina in full measure, and that if he lives no power or influence on earth can keep him from becoming in 1928, Governor by the biggest majority in the state's history.

## A Financial Campaign For Colored School

The colored citizens of Monroe held a mass meeting at the colored M. E. church Monday night for the purpose of starting a financial campaign in the interest of better school facilities for colored children in this community. The meeting was largely attended by the patrons and leading colored folks. It was presided over by Prof. J. F. Massey. The object of the meeting was explained by Prof. J. N. Brown, principal of the colored schools, and after much discussion pledges were solicited which amounted to \$385.00. The goal was fixed for a \$500.00 drive or more. This amount will be raised and put into the hands of our distinguished board of education to help equip the proposed new building. Dr. J. S. Massey is the bonded treasurer of the campaign fund and reports will be made to him. Another meeting will be called within the next thirty days.—Contributed.

The fellow who says he has nothing to do until tomorrow usually does it tomorrow.

## HOW THEY GOT WITCHES OUT OF MILK LONG AGO

The Old Time Mammies Looked Carefully After the Children and the Cows.

Few people of the present day probably realize the extent of the superstitious beliefs of the old time colored "mammies" who used to dominate the homes of the white folks, a least so far as the cooking, house-tending and looking after the milking and caring for the cattle was concerned.

Prof. McCall was relating some of his childhood experiences with these old "mammies" the other day and this was one of the points he yet remembers distinctly: He said the old milk maid would look very carefully to the condition of the milkers, and was very much interested in having the family supplied with wholesome milk, and if it occurred to her that the milk was not just right, she at once concluded that the cows had been "witched." His job, then, as a very little fellow, was to run down to the branch nearby; gather some nice straight little willow switches and bring them in to the old "mammy," who would proceed to take some of the milk that was infected with the witch germs, hold it over the fire in a tin vessel, and while it heated she would whip it out of the vessel into the fire, and thus burn the witch out of it.

This treatment not only burned the witch out of the milk already in the house, but it took the witch germs out of that the cow was going to supply at next milking time.

Thus the cow's life and also the good health of the family were preserved by this very simple method.

We had a little chat with a Michigander the other evening. He was wending his way homeward from his winter resort in the land of flowers. "You folks are ruining the railroads, and resort hotels, are you not," we asked him. Well, I don't know about that," he replied. "Myself and wife travel in our little Ford sedan at a cost of some three cents per mile, baring car depreciation, and we would have that anyway. So if we had to pay about three and a half cents per mile each, and sleeping privileges to boot, also profiteering hotel rates, we would not have made the trip."

Some twelve years ago when Willie Keziah was writing the Rehoboth items for the Waxhaw Enterprise he related an experience with "mollypop" jelly as follows: "Last summer a lady from Hot Springs, Ark., spent a few days in this section, and one day she remarked that molly-pops made the most delicious kind of jelly; that it was the staple kind out there. After her departure we hid ourselves to the ditch banks and gathered a basket full of big ripe molly-pops, hulled them, cooked the seed a few minutes, strained off the juice and the matter proceeded to make jelly. Well, sir, from about two gallons of molly-pops we got six glasses of the prettiest yellow jelly, which for villainess of taste could not be equalled by anything ever turned out of a chemistry. Disheartened, but not altogether discouraged, and still believing that molly-pops were made for some good use, we were soon after relating the experiment to Editor Nisbet, who was very skeptical of molly-pops, we sought to clinch matters by saying, 'They do say the Good Lord made everything for a purpose; what do you suppose He made molly-pops for anyway?' Same thing as rag weeds; Jimson weeds, flies and 'skeeters.'"

Willie says that one glass of that jelly saved over winter completely lost its obnoxious flavor and was as good as any he ever ate. He declares he will try it again and flavor the stuff with everything from wild onions to castor oil until he hits the proper solution. I wonder if he has anything on final results of the later efforts?

Here are some newspaper editorials clipped from an old issue: "An illiterate farmer, wishing to enter some animals at an agricultural exhibit, wrote to the secretary as follows: 'Also enter me for the best jackass. I am sure of taking the premium.'"

Here is an answer to an advertisement of a music committee for a candidate for organist, music teacher, etc.: "Gentlemen: I noticed your advertisement for organist and music teacher, either lady or gentleman. Having been both for several years, I offer you my services."

Another advertisement reads: "If the gentleman who keeps the shoe store with a red head will return the umbrella of a young lady with whalebone ribs and an ivory handle he will be suitably rewarded."

Here's one attempting to catch a run-away: "A hired man named John, his nose turned up five feet, 8 inches high, and had on a pair of corduroy trousers, much worn, has been gone ever since he left home. Please notify his people who live on the south side of the dug-out."—Novus Homo.

## Meeting at Unity Next Sunday

Rev. S. J. Hood, pastor of Unity A. R. Presbyterian church, has planned a community meeting at Unity next Sunday at 3 p. m. with the following program dealing with the country church problems: Rev. H. K. Wood will speak on "The Duty of the Layman to the Country Church"; Rev. Q. N. Hunnycutt will speak on "The Country Church—its Problems and Possibilities"; Rev. J. A. Bledsoe will speak on "The Country Church, a Recruiting Station for Workers in the Master's Vineyard." The congregations of Tirzah, Zion, Hermon, Walkersville and Tabernacle are expected to attend and the public is cordially invited.

## RAPID STRIDES ALONG OUR EDUCATIONAL LINES

School Property of the State Worth Twenty-Five Times What It Was Twenty-Two Years Ago

Raleigh, April 27.—A marked impetus in the building of school houses in those counties which are still without adequate buildings is expected as a result of the validation by the decision of the State Supreme Court just handed down of the bond issue of \$5,000,000 provided for by the last Legislature to loaned to counties for the erection of schools. Superintendent of Public Instruction E. C. Brooks declared that the decision is one of the most momentous insofar as the educational life of the State is concerned, ever made by the courts of North Carolina.

The way is now open for the most rapid expansion of the school facilities of the state that has ever been experienced. School houses of a value of more than \$6,000,000 have been built through the aid of the old loan fund and much of the progress of the State in school work has been made possible through that expansion. And yet that fund, at the most, was only a small fraction of the fund that will now be available.

The State of North Carolina is spending annually on its rural schools today more than \$8,000,000 as compared with less than one million a year two decades ago. The school property of the State is worth today more than \$25,000,000 as compared with little more than one million in 1900. If the value of school property in the State has been increased 2,500 per cent in twenty years under the handicap that has existed, what will not the expansion be annually hereafter with a loan fund of \$5,000,000 available? This is the pleasant question in the minds of the educational leaders of the State.

## Monroe Will Tell It to the World

The Chamber of Commerce is making arrangements to have a large electrically-lighted sign erected on the brick building occupied by the American Railway Express Company at the passenger station here. The sign will be sixty feet long and five feet high, on which will be printed words setting forth the advantages of the city of Monroe. The painting will be done by Mr. Fansler, who has been in Monroe for the past few weeks doing work of this kind. Mr. M. C. Howie will install the electrical fixtures, and it is believed that the sign can be completed within the next few days. It will be so arranged that it may be readily seen and read from all passing trains. The lettering will be from one to two feet high and the sign will be very attractive from every point of view. It will supply information that people passing through on trains have heretofore had to ask for.

## Children's Week Services

Children's Week services in Central Methodist church were well attended last night, considering the inclement weather. Parent's meeting was held in the main auditorium and Dr. W. R. Burrell made a most interesting and instructive talk on different phases of the Sunday school work and child problems. Mrs. Clarence Houston, Prof. S. G. Hawfield and others also made splendid talks. But the big time took place down in the basement of the Sunday school building, where a large crowd of children assembled and were entertained by story-telling, games, etc. Miss Annie Redwine and other ladies had charge of the program and the children had a most enjoyable and helpful evening.

## News From Monroe Route Six

Monroe Route 6, April 27.—We are very sorry to report that Mrs. J. A. Pressley is sick.

Miss Callie Morton is visiting her brother, Mr. Lewis Morton.

The farmers of this section have done very little plowing as the weather has been so unfavorable.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Yandle of Stouts spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. J. E. Wentz.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morton visited Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Starnes of Indian Trail Sunday.

Mr. Houston Helms of Charlotte spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Helms.

Miss Annie Polk is visiting her sister, Mrs. Loyd Baucom, near Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Helms of Monroe visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haywood Monday afternoon.

Miss Atta Presley of Charlotte is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Presley.—Daisy.

## Only Tenting

I am living in the present, For the friends who know me true; Only tenting like an Arab 'Neath the skies of heavenly blue. I desire no earthly prestige, Fear no Father Adam's woe; Only for my own misdoings I shall suffer when I go. —Mrs. R. S. Pownall, 536 S. Main St., Keyser, W. Va.

## An Electric

In a small town in the western portion of Illinois there was a rumor that a certain family were planning on buying an "electric." An auto salesman, hearing the news, hastened to the home. "But we don't want to buy an automobile," explained the man of the house. "Why, I thought you did. It has been the talk around here that you were going to buy an electric." "Oh! That was an electric toaster."

## WHEN CYCLONE STRUCK MR. BYRD'S RESIDENCE

Hair-Raising Experiences of April 12, 1920, Are Related by Mr. R. W. Byrd, Whose House was Hit

Mr. R. W. Byrd tells some interesting and hair-raising experiences he had during the cyclone that swept sections of Goose Creek township on the night of April 12th, 1920. Mr. Byrd's residence was in the wake of the storm and was completely demolished. He was badly hurt and was unconscious and he therefore knows very few details about what took place while the house was being torn up.

Mr. Byrd states that he and Mrs. Byrd were up at the time, but four of the children were asleep. The entire building was picked up and carried some distance. Not a piece was left, not even the pillars, and the children were blown from their beds, one little boy being found in the debris rafted up against the barn twenty-five yards away. And yet none of them were seriously hurt. One of the boys stepped in the well from which the curb had been blown, but fortunately timbers had fallen in it and the little fellow was enabled to climb up over these timbers. Mr. Byrd states that he hauled several wagon loads of timber from his fields. They had been blown from Mr. Sam Presson's house a mile away.

The miraculous thing about it is that so few people are killed in storms of this kind. Mr. Byrd says that ten residences were destroyed in that cyclone and that but three persons were killed. However, the experience is nerve-racking, according to Mr. Byrd, and he always feels uneasy and even frightened when a cloud begins to form since his home, family and all, was blown away. He states that it is almost impossible to keep his family in the house now when a storm comes up.

## Remembers Circus in 1840

Rock Hill, S. C., April 26.—I am clipping from each issue of The Journal the old marriage records and am making a book of them to have bound and keep as a permanent record. It will be valuable for future generations.

In my reminiscent moments I often think of things that happened when I was a boy. One that comes to mind is a show that went through Union county in 1840 when I was six or eight years old. A circus performance was given at my grandfather Thomas Griffin's home on the Negrohead creek, where Mr. Atlas Edwards now lives. The big tent was a little west of the dwelling and the big elephant was chained to a tree now standing some thirty or forty feet from the house.

There was a lion and other animals in the show and I was very badly frightened to see a man open the lion's mouth and put his head in it. I heard that the lion later killed him when he pulled off the same stunt. I believe it was P. T. Barnum's show and there was a large crowd in attendance. They had band music and some negro minstrels. I remember two lines of a song they sang: "Music in mush pot; music in the pan; music in dis nigger Jim, as much as any man."

I wonder if there is any other person living who was there. I hope John Q. Griffin was there and can tell more about it than I can. J. W. HUNTLEY.

## Mrs. Lonnie Phifer Dies Almost Suddenly

Mrs. Lydia Phifer, wife of Mr. Lonnie D. Phifer, prominent Marshville merchant, died at her home in Marshville Tuesday night about 11:30 o'clock of apoplexy. She had been in her usual health until about seven o'clock in the evening when she was suddenly stricken while dressing to attend a play in the school auditorium. She never regained consciousness and died about four hours later. The last words spoken to her husband after she was stricken were, "I believe it is a stroke of paralysis." Mrs. Phifer was 36 years of age and was a most excellent woman, a kind and devoted wife and mother and a good neighbor. She was a member of the Baptist church and lived a consistent christian life. Before her marriage to Mr. Phifer she was Miss Lydia Austin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Austin. She is survived by her husband and five children, the oldest 12 years and the youngest 14 months of age. Surviving Mrs. Phifer are also three brothers, Messrs. Coleman, Lindsay and Jodie Austin of Marshville township, and five sisters, Mrs. D. H. Perry of Wingate, Mrs. Duran Medlin of Monroe, Mrs. Hamp Taylor of Monroe township, Mrs. J. D. Davis of Peachland, and Mrs. W. R. Broadaway of Albemarle. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. Wade Holmes and the remains were interred in the cemetery at Deep Springs, in Anson county.

## Effort to Have Work Resumed at Howie Mine

An effort is being made to begin operations in the near future at the old Howie mine near Waxhaw. The property is now owned by the Waxhaw Mining Company and operations have been at a standstill for the past three or four years, the company becoming involved in litigation. Wednesday Mr. J. A. Osborne, editor of the Washington Daily News, and Mr. E. W. Stevens of New York City were in Monroe in the interest of the old Howie mine, with a view to beginning operations within a short time.

## THE DEAD AND MISSING IN THE FLOODED DISTRICT 59

The Property Loss in Fort Worth Flood Is Now Estimated at a Million Dollars or More

CHECK OF LIST OF DEAD AND MISSING NOT YET POSSIBLE

Flooded Areas Being Searched by the Rescuers—Levee Board to Investigate Report of Dynamite.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 26.—Continued reports of dead and missing in the flood that has gripped Fort Worth for two days, tonight had brought the list to fifty-nine. A check is not yet possible and verifications of the unofficial reports are held up while the flooded areas are searched by rescuers. Three bodies have been recovered.

The list of injured remained at 29, according to reports from the hospitals. The property loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The levee board will investigate the reported dynamiting of the embankments in several places Monday night as soon as the flooded waters recede, according to M. L. McCain, board chairman. Board members, he said, did not believe that the water could have torn the holes in the levees which were pronounced in excellent condition recently.

Action looking to the prevention of future flooding of the city's utilities plants probably will be taken after the floods recede, Mayor E. R. Cockrell stated tonight. Water service was made available today when the flood water which put the plant out of commission yesterday was pumped out by the fire department.

The latest report of the river stage was 36 feet, but recession since this afternoon was expected to bring it down rapidly. All railroads reported improved conditions today and operation on schedules is expected by tomorrow night.

Fort Worth today was surrounded on three sides by a sheet of water extending over an area estimated at 25 to 35 square miles.

Food was taken by boat to isolated districts. There has been little looting and only a few arrests.

## Road Contracts Run to Million

Raleigh, April 25.—Another million dollars' worth of highway and bridge construction work was put under contract today by the state highway commission. The six highway projects aggregate in cost \$769,855.04, and the bridges \$253,362.61. The total mileage is 55.86.

The commission plans to award contracts May 25 for the construction of approximately 198 miles of hard-surfaced macadam and top soil roads in every district of the state, the total cost running in to the millions. This will exceed all previous awards, and will be, therefore, the biggest jump towards the 1922 goal of 1,000 miles.

Fifteen million dollars in highway construction bonds to be sold Thursday to meet the cost of increased road work are expected to go at a good premium, according to the state treasurer's office. Bids are being received daily and state officials are confident the series will bring a good price.

## U. S. Boys Who Served With the Allies Get Preference

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Under a ruling of the United States civil service commission today, citizens of the United States who served in the forces of the Allies during the World War will be given preference in appointments to civil service positions. Heretofore, the preference has extended only to those who served in the American forces, to their widows, and to their wives under certain conditions.

In authorizing this extension of the preference, the Civil Service commission states that consideration is given to the fact that service in the forces of the Allies was a common cause, and for a considerable time under a commander-in-chief; that is, after March 29, 1918, when Marshal Foch was placed in command of all the allied forces.

## Uncle John's Josh

THE RADIOPHONE HAS ADDED ENORMOUSLY TO THE NUMBER OF LECTURES YOU DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO.

