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MONROE SCHOOL HAD A MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Commencement Exercises Came to Close Friday Night with Address by Hon. T. W. Murphy

MANY MEDALS AND PRIZES AWARDED SCHOOL STUDENTS

Largest Graduating Class in History of the Institution and the Youngest Graduate Ever.

Commencement exercises of the Monroe school came to a close last Friday night when Hon. T. W. Murphy delivered the annual address and the diplomas, medals, prizes and Bickett Memorial cup were awarded.

Friday afternoon the seniors held their class day exercises. The exercises were splendid, but the occasion was a sad one for the seniors who are now outsiders. Following is a list of the graduating class: Mary Austin, Kathleen Adams, Mary Irene Bowie, Beatrice Burrell, Carolyn Cason, Ola Connell, Virginia Carroll, Cornelia Dillon, Connie Fowler, Ethel Gullege, Margaret Helms, Ethel Hinde, Mildred Hinson, Marion Lee, Mildred Lee, Elizabeth Morgan, Juanita Meares, Grace Newell, Gladys Presson, Anna Frances Redfern, Annie Heath Redfern, Florence Redwine, Lucile Shannon, Mary Hinson Watkins, Lila Welsh, Grace Williams, Whiteford Blakeney, Jr., Robert Browning, Roy Cadieu, Abram Hill Crowell, James Griffin, Clarence Houston, Jr., Sam Presson, Stephen Presson, Robert Williams and John Neal Cadieu.

Mr. Murphy's address Friday night was a most excellent one and the largest audience yet assembled in the new high school auditorium gathered to hear him. He was introduced by Mr. J. C. Sikes, who said that to know him is to love him.

The Bickett Memorial cup, won by Monroe High School in the county commencement a few weeks ago, was awarded by Ray Funderburk, county superintendent of schools.

Mr. F. G. Henderson, member of the school board, awarded the diplomas and made an interesting talk. The medals were awarded by Dr. W. R. Burrell to the following: Scholarship medal, Lee Todd; debator's and essay medals to Whiteford Blakeney, Jr.; second best essay, Abram Hill Crowell; in the art department Frances Blakeney won \$5 prize given by Mr. J. T. Shute, Jr., Julia McLendon, \$3 prize given by Mr. F. D. Pinkston, and Margaret Faulkner, \$1 prize given by Mr. Pinkston. Clarence Houston ran Mr. Blakeney a close second for the debator's medal, Arnecie Baker won honorable mention in the art department, Annie Louise Caldwell and Max Griffin were second and third in scholarship and Florence Redwine was valedictorian of her class.

The graduating class this year was the largest in the history of the school and bears the distinction of having among its members the youngest person ever graduating from the institution, Abram Hill Crowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crowell, who is only fourteen years of age and has had only five and a half years in school, having entered the fourth grade when he started, and has always made the honor roll except when sick.

Last night Mrs. John Beasley's music pupils of the grammar school gave a recital that was greatly enjoyed and tonight her pupils of the high school will give their recital.

Milliken For Representative

It is of the utmost importance that the people of Union county should send as their next Representative in the Legislature a man of activity, sound judgment and experience.

The first duty which confronts Union County's Representative will be that of enacting such legislation as will insure economy in the administration of local government, and no man in the race for the legislature has a better knowledge of the laws relating to expenditure of public funds than has Mr. Milliken. He is not only familiar with the law, but he has thorough knowledge and experience with legislative procedure and knows how to get about securing the recognition of the rights of his constituents.

We know Mr. Milliken to be a man of the highest order of ability and patriotism. He volunteered in the army during the war and saw two years' service. He is not seeking to capitalize his army record and we mention the fact only as evidence of patriotism. He has always been an active Democrat of the working sort and always faithful to every trust imposed on him. Quiet, courteous and unassuming in manner, honest, industrious and intelligent, we believe that he will make a Representative of whom this County will be proud.

DEMOCRATS.

G. H. RUSSELL ANSWERS FOR HIMSELF

The question has been asked: "Where was G. H. Russell in 1917-18-19?" Others have given answers to that question.

I was where thousands and thousands of other fathers who had sons in France were—at the post of duty, doing the very best I could for the boys and the cause for which they were fighting—trying to comfort the mother of my sons in her distress, spending many weary, sleepless nights and having a hard time.

Respectfully,
G. H. RUSSELL.

Do you favor women paying poll tax and serving on juries? If not, vote for C. J. Braswell.—VOTERS.

APRIL RIDES PRODUCE MANY MAY BRIDES

New School Building Under Construction at Marshville—Wet Weather Makes the Weeds Grow

Marshville, May 29.—The work on the new school auditorium is progressing as rapidly as possible and will, when completed, be a handsome building and quite an addition to the town.

Mrs. Talmage McBride delightfully entertained the book club at her suburban home last Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, on the lawn under the oaks, where tables were arranged for a progressive contest which was interesting. The lady winning in this was Mrs. C. W. Barrino. A delicious luncheon course with strawberry shortcake was served. Mrs. McBride knows how to entertain her guests, and all enjoyed the variation, too. The presence of many cut flowers, especially roses, from hanging vases and elsewhere, gave a very pleasing setting to the scene.

Mr. Jas. P. Marsh and family and Mrs. Irene Marsh left for Raleigh Monday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Little, making the trip in their car. They will be away about a week.

Mrs. Grover McBride has gone to Washington on a visit to relatives.

Several of our citizens were in Charlotte Thursday, among them being Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harrell, Messrs. Charlie Griffin, John Green, Kemp Armfield and Clyde Smith.

Mr. Eugene Lowery of Charlotte was in town Friday.

Mr. Smith Medlin, who has been sick, is out again.

Miss Kate Bailey who has been teaching, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas of Weddington visited their brother, Mr. J. E. Thomas, last week.

It is getting time for picnics, although it has been cool and unsettled, and hardly calculated to make one pine for the streams and shady places, but on the appearance of warm days last week the young people of the Presbyterian church or some of the classes availed themselves of it and went for a picnic supper. The young men's class entertained the young girls' class, and from reports they proved themselves equal to the occasion in the abundance of refreshments, cream, also, and all enjoyed it.

Mr. H. B. Marsh and bride returned to his home after a trip to Florida; and that reminds us that June is slipping close on the heels of May, June, the bride's month, (or used to be so called) and scarcely can we claim the month when another of our citizens claims another teacher. There is no glorious June moon, as yet, to throw one into sentimental rhapsodies, no waving corn (around here) or heading grain to set the June bugs all a-buzzing or any of these things to stir the sentimental vein that would cause all these special occasions, so perhaps the afore-mentioned April rides and contests had a hand in it. Do you remember the warning given in that month? It was thus: Oh! girls, beware of this April moon. For cars and contests are all a-tune. They do say there are still others to be heard from.

Miss Nell Hasty, who has been at the Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, has returned home.

Mrs. Lucile Bailey of Charlotte spent Sunday in town.

We hope the out of town people and visitors will not hold it too much against Marshville when they pass on some of the main streets and in places see the weeds and grass waist or shoulder high on each side the sidewalk, making walking singly a necessity, and also choking the water drains; but remember we do that sort of cleaning about August—when labor is supposed to be available—we just have lost sight of the fact that it has been too wet to farm or cultivate much, but it's fine weather for weeds and they grow in shallow soil. If the rains continue, and also the weeds, where will we find Marshville? At any rate we may find sickness.

For health's sake and for the sake of pride in our town let's keep clean and tidy.

Phillips-Ford

A quiet wedding was solemnized Sunday afternoon, May 28, at 1:45 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage in Monroe, when Miss Irene Ford, daughter of Esq. and Mrs. J. C. Ford, was married to Mr. Ernest Phillips, son of Mr. Ted Phillips of Mint Hill, Rev. C. C. Weaver officiating. Only close friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present. The bride and groom were accompanied by the bride's sister, Miss Ethel Ford, and Mr. Edward McWhirter of Charlotte. Mr. Phillips is a worthy young man, a prosperous farmer of Mecklenburg county. He possesses splendid ability and a noble Christian character.

Mrs. Phillips is a beautiful and accomplished young lady of many virtues and will make for him a charming companion. After the marriage the bridal party went to the home of the groom's parents in Mecklenburg county, near Mint Hill. Later in the day a sumptuous supper and delightful refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips will make their home with the groom's parents for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have many friends in Union and Mecklenburg counties who wish for them a long life and much happiness.

For Coroner

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner for the county of Union, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

DR. P. M. ABERNATHY.

Mass Meeting Passes Resolutions Favoring the Farm Demonstrator

Information Furnished in Regard to the Expenditure of Money for Road Building—Tactics of Some Who Oppose Farm Demonstrator Condemned

One of the largest and most important mass meetings ever held in the county was that of Saturday afternoon when the court house was at least half filled with representatives from various parts of the county, who gathered for the discussion of public questions. The committee appointed at the last meeting to furnish public information in regard to the various departments of county government found that the administration of these offices had been handled wisely and even more economically than they had hoped for.

Dr. H. D. Stewart stated that the information was not asked with the expectation of finding that anybody had been guilty of misappropriation of funds, but simply as a matter of public information, the taxpayers having the right to know just how the money is being spent and that everybody would be better satisfied when they do know the facts in the case. A report was submitted from the road commission telling just what amount of bonds have been issued in the county since the road-building program began several years ago which amount is \$1,000,000, about \$200,000 of which is still on hand. The report also showed that the cost per mile of constructing roads is 40 to 50 per cent less now than when everything was tangoing with the stars. It showed that the average cost of building graded top-soil roads is around \$2,900 per mile, with the exception of roads that have followed old routes already graded which brings the average cost of all roads down to about \$1,500.

Mr. J. N. Price, member of the road commission, made a talk in which he explained the problems of road-building and stated that it has been the policy of the commission to hold costs of every kind down to the lowest possible figures, and stated that the office of the commission is always open to visitors and that an inspection of the books by any citizen of the county is welcomed at all times.

The report showed that the salary of each township elector is not less than \$3 nor more than \$5 per day while on duty, the salary of the whole year not to exceed two hundred dollars, and they must furnish their own conveyance. The monthly administrative expenses of the road commission is as follows: Chairman, \$125; secretary, \$50; third member, \$40; engineer, \$8 per day while working; assistant engineer, \$150 per month; clerk, \$100, and superintendent of chain gang, \$100. It also stated that members of the road electorate receive no remuneration whatever other than that mentioned above, that there is no allowance for mileage, use of car, oil or gas.

Roads Record Vindicated
By far the most important part of the meeting was that which dealt with

Why Union County Should Nominate W. C. Heath for the Senate.

1. He is favorably known all over the state. He will receive recognition as once as a Senator. He is a great friend of the Lieutenant Governor who will preside over that body and this means he will be put on important committees and thus enable him to wield a powerful influence in the Senate.

2. As a campaign speaker he will be able to cope with any man in the District that the Republicans can get out. The other counties composing this District are expecting us to give them W. C. Heath and they will be satisfied. Heath is a deep thinker, well educated. Familiar with the needs of the state. Friend of the farmer. If sent to the Senate he will be an asset and not a liability to that august assembly.

3. Ex-service men attention! Will Heath trained nearly every group of soldiers that went out from this county. He tried to go himself and be one of you. Remember he was the man that got up the first reception given the ex-service men when we banqueted at the Joffre Hotel and as a token of appreciation we presented him with a gold watch. Men we must stand by W. C. Heath as he has stood by us. He's the ex-service man's friend.

4. Old Confederate soldiers, you are few but God bless you I know you will support him for what he has done for you. Sons and daughters of the Confederacy you can't afford to do less. Let's make it unanimous.

5. Citizens of Union County we should not be ungrateful for what W. C. Heath has done for this county. You business men of forty and upward well know what he has done in the way of organizing enterprises for this county that has helped to put it on the map. He has always been loyal to the county that gave him birth. He loves Union County and North Carolina. It's the first time he has ever entered a fight for an office. We must stand by him. We call upon the womanhood of Union county to vote for Will Heath on June 3 for Senator. CITIZEN.

Mrs. Crowell Endorsed.

We heartily endorse Mrs. Walter Crowell for member of county board of education and pledge her our enthusiastic support in the primary on June 3rd.—Sorosis Club.

Women as Jurors.

Say, are you in favor of your wife or daughter serving as jurors and paying poll tax? If not, go to the polls on next Saturday and vote for C. J. Braswell for representative. He is opposed to this.

MARSHVILLE DEMOCRATS.

OKLAHOMA MEMBER SAYS HE IS SOME DARE DEVIL

Challenges a Flyer to Go to the Sky and Let 'er Drop With All of the Brakes Off

Washington, May 27.—Willing to take a chance with death to prove himself the only real aerial dare devil in Congress, Representative Manuel Herrick, Republican, Oklahoma, accepted an aviator's challenge today to join him in a high flight with the brakes off.

Herbert J. Fahy, the flyer, had promised the Oklahoma man that he would lose more than a necktie if he agreed to go up.

"You will at your earliest convenience go with me to the war department," Mr. Herrick wrote, "and make the request for a plane and I will back up the request as a Congressman personally."

The Oklahoma House member said he would make no request himself because he "was sore at the department for issuing an order that I must not do any more stunt flying over the capital for fear I might fall upon the skylight and fracture a pane or two and thus put some slivers of glass in some sleepy senator's or congressman's nose."

"If you really have any sand in your craw to make good the challenge," Mr. Herrick added, "why you just mosey around to my office and we will go to the war department together."

Dropping into his own home-made poetry, Herrick gave this: "If when we fly away on high we should fall down and die, Anyone who wants to cry must rub an onion in their eye."

Advising Fahy to take out some life insurance, Herrick said he had none, adding:

"Personally, I don't have to, as I am not leaving any dependents behind. For I have neither father nor mother, sister nor brother, uncle or aunt, nephew or niece nor cousin, even in the forty-third degree. Life to me is not sweet and I don't care two whoops in Gehenna if you go up a couple of miles and stand her on her nose and let her hit."

News From Monroe Route 5.

The farmers of this community are the worst behind with their work they have been in many years. Scarcely one farmer out of ten has a grain of corn planted, and some have just finished planting cotton. Several are chopping their first planting. They have a very good stand, but the cold has caused a lot of the cotton to die.

Your correspondent met Mr. J. R. Lathan, one of Buford's best farmers, in Monroe last Saturday and asked him about farm work. Mr. Lathan said he had just finished planting cotton, but he hadn't prepared a foot of land for corn.

Mr. Walter A. Whitaker celebrated his 47th birthday at his home at Hous-ton last Thursday. Several of his neighbors and friends went in late Thursday afternoon with well filled baskets of good things. Long tables were arranged and the contents of the baskets were spread on them, filling them to the point of almost overflowing, and a splendid supper was enjoyed instead of a dinner, as the good farmers couldn't leave their work to go in day time. A jolly time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Richard Helms of Monroe spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Helms.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Doster were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Richardson of Mt. Carmel. Mrs. Maggie Franklin of Matthews spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this community.

Mr. Will Hannah and sister, Miss Lillie Hannah, of Houston spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Irby of Monroe.

To Post Union County Wool

For the information of farmers who have wool for sale, will state that the price of wool has advanced considerably during the last few weeks and it now looks as if those who have wool will get a good price for it. We are arranging for a wool pool for the entire county. It is our purpose to secure a warehouse for the wool, have it sorted and graded before the day of sale. After this is done, we will have buyers visit the county for the purpose of making competitive bids. Wool buyers are now scouring every section of the country for wool and it will be no trouble to get them here. We want everyone who has wool for sale to drop us a card stating about how many pounds he will have to pool. Later, we will give notice of the day of assembling the wool. We want to know the amount of wool you will have within the next ten days.

Wallace Reid Has a Chilly Time on Hot Desert

The great American desert is not such a hot, dry, sand place, as it is often pictured in story books, that is, at certain seasons of the year, according to Wallace Reid, Paramount star, who, with his supporting company, under the director of Philip Rosen, spent several days on the edge of the Mojave filming road scenes for "Across the Continent," a new Paramount picture in which he stars and which will be shown at the Strand theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

It happened that Wally arrived on the "burning sands" in January, in the midst of a cloudburst, which had cooled the sands considerably. The company worked in water up to their knees, and shivered with the cold.

"Mary McLaren, the leading woman, shivered so much we couldn't take cold-uses of her," observed the star, on his return to the studio.

After working for about a week the scenes, which should have required only three days, were secured and the company returned to sunny California to make open road scenes.

Are Monroe Voters Appreciative?

When Mr. Vann was a candidate for Congress 'Squire Braswell worked hard for him and made his vote unanimous at his precinct. He has worked unceasingly for Mr. Stack for judge, being the author of the resolutions passed at the recent county convention pledging the united support of the voters of the county.

Mr. Braswell has always stood loyally by the town and its candidates. We feel that 'Squire Braswell is the logical man for Representative this time and we believe the voters of Monroe appreciate this fact and will give him a large vote next Saturday. UNIONVILLE DEMOCRAT.

For Commissioner

I hereby announce myself a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. W. R. McCAIN.

COLUMN NEWS GATHERED FROM DAILY DISPATCHES

Many Stories of Interest Condensed For the Convenience of Busy Readers of The Journal

BIG STORIES OF IMPORTANCE HANDED OUT IN A NUT SHELL

Tragic, Pathetic and Heart Rending Things of Interest Are Here Briefly Recorded

Leaping from the burning boat in which he with several companions was going to the rescue of a boating party, Richard Frasier, 28 years old, attached to the life saving station at Oak Island, near Southport, was drowned early Sunday morning. His companions remained on the boat, extinguished the blaze and rescued the distressed party.

The \$100,000 redium gift to the Rutherford hospital arrived Friday and was installed Saturday, the institution will be ready to offer treatment within a few days. The gift was made by J. Cal Plonk, of Hickory, as a memorial to his deceased wife, Laura E. Plonk. The hospital may be enlarged soon to care for the increase of patients.

Reverend S. O. Whitman, owner of Oconee orphanage, was convicted in federal district court of illicit distilling at Anderson, S. C., late Friday and sentenced to serve six months in Spartanburg jail or pay a fine of \$500. Mr. Whitman, who is the second preacher Judge Watkins has sentenced recently for distilling, testified that Paul Hughes had lured him to the still on the pretense that he wanted to aid officers in catching the operators. He added that a raid was made while he was at the still and he was arrested.

Miss Alta Cox, pretty seventeen-year-old girl, was taken to Grady hospital, Atlanta, Saturday morning suffering from bruises over her left ear, when, she declared, were inflicted by a hammer in the hands of her step-father, G. D. Gillespie, with whom she resides at 181 Luckie street. Miss Cox told physicians at the hospital that Gillespie came home early Saturday morning apparently intoxicated, seized a hammer and struck her on the head. She was given medical attention and later returned to her home. Police are searching for Gillespie, who disappeared from his home during the morning.

The house which had under consideration Saturday the Campbell-Doughton election contest from North Carolina, adjourned without final action. Those conversant with the facts believe that the end of the case is at hand, it was a diplomatic way of letting the G. O. P. out of an embarrassing situation. "In my opinion the contest is over," said Representative Doughton Saturday. "The republican leaders could have kept a quorum if they had desired it. I do not expect the matter to be called up again this session. I doubt if it ever comes up. Had a vote been taken any time today, I would have won a large majority."

Daniel McLeod, aged 87 years, one of the oldest citizens of Robeson county, took his first trip in an airplane at Red Springs Saturday. The machine belonged to J. G. Walters of Lumberton, and was piloted by K. Woody. Before his flight the sturdy Scotchman had been given a certificate of health, showing him equal to the trip, by his physician. He went to an altitude of about 1,500 feet. It was a great day for "Uncle Dan", as he is familiarly known, who stated after his return that it had been one of the greatest events in his long life.

Aviation experts of the marine corps claimed Saturday for Major Roy C. Geiger, U. S. M. C., the record for time and long distance north-and-south flying, by virtue of his flight Friday from Quantico, Va., to Pensacola, Fla. Major Geiger left Quantico, 30 miles south of Washington, at 4:40 a. m. and arrived at Pensacola at 3:30 p. m., having made two stop-overs aggregating about two-hours in all, at Fayetteville, N. C., and Americus, Ga. Each of the stops was for fuel. The flight was made at an average speed of 110 miles an hour, which the marine corps aviation experts say may be a world's record for speed over such a distance—in the neighborhood of 1,900 miles.

Thrown out of an automobile driven by her father when the machine struck rough spot in the road, Nellie, little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holden, who resides in Sumner township, between High Point and Groomtown, met instant death Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock when the child landed on her head, and crushed her skull. Mr. and Mrs. Holden and the two children had left their home in their automobile to visit relatives. When they had traveled about a mile and a half, Mr. Holden's hat flew off and in his attempt to catch it he lost control of the car which then struck a rough spot in the road. The child was sitting on the rear seat with her mother and the jar of the machine threw the child to the ground. The parents were grief stricken upon picking up their daughter to find that she had died instantly. The journey homeward was one of sadness, the father and mother weeping bitterly. And twas a pathetic sight to see the mother cling close to her daughter, who a few minutes before was filled with all the vigor of a child.