THE MONROE JOURNAL

Twenty-Ninth Year. No. 80.

Monroe, N. C., Friday, November 10, 1922.

\$2.00 Per Year Cash

Invention of Two Indian Trail Boys May Sell For Thousands John Chambers Falls a Victim to One of the Oldest "Con" Games in Ex-

ONE MAN HAS OFFERED TO GUARANTER THEM \$40,000

Oscar Robinson and Bruce Thompso Claim to Have Eliminated Static With Their Radio Outfit

SELLING FOR \$20, NEW YORK CAN BE HEARD OVER THEM

"There Is Nothing Like It on the Market," Charlotte Radio Expert Is Said to Have Told Them—Un-til Two Weeks Ago Neither Had Ever Seen a Standard Radio Out-fit—They Had a Job Inducing Mr. Moyle to Test Their Outfit.

Two country boys, Oscar Robin-on and Bruce Thompson of Indian Trail, claim to have invented a cheap radio outfit that has eliminated static, something the scientific world has been seeking ever since the radio craze started. The outfit, which has neither bulb nor battery, can be sold

craze started. The outht, which has neither bulb nor battery, can be sold for \$20, the boys claim.

There are thousands of dollars, perhaps millions, in the invention if the boys can substantiate their claim, Messrs. F. G. Henderson and Bruce Adams, two of the local radio experts, admit. The boys have already been guaranteed \$40,000 and 10 percent all above that amount the invention will bring, young Thompson informs The Journal.

The most surprising thing about the invention, if the young men have really eliminated static, is that until two weeks ago they had never seen a standard radio outfit. Yet they claim to have a cheap machine over which one can hear a thousand miles, without static interference, the bane of all radio fans.

Shortly after the radio craze struck Indian Trail, about six weeks ago, they began erecting an outfit from directions contained in a radio magazine. It was of the crystal type.

When it was completed, they were disappointed to find that they could

When it was completed, they were disappointed to find that they could hear no further than Charlotte, and hear no further than Charlotte, and that short distance Greatest In History made it impossible for them to hear made it impossible for them to hear distinctly. So they set about improving their machine. Now they say they can pick up messages distinctly from East Pittsburg. Detroit, Washington, St. Louis, Madison, Wisconsin, Schenectedy, N. Y., Erie, Pa., Cincinnatti, Ohio, Pine Bluff, Ark., and Atlanta, Coccasio.

Stumbled Upon It Accidentally

Stumbled Upon it Accidentally

"We stumbled upon our invention accidentally, you might say," Thompson, who is a son of Mr. J. F. Thompson, who is a son of Mr. J. F. Thompson, told The Journal. "We couldn't pick up messages over our first outfit, pick up messages over out first outfit, pick up messages over outfit outf ed a machine that could take waves from a distance of a thousand miles. Their invention is carefully guarded. No one with a knowledge of radio is permitted to look inside the small, square box that holds their instrument.

Believing they had an invention that the whole world was looking for, the Indian Trail boys attempted to induce Mr. W. O. Moyle, a radio expert of Charlotte, who is connected with one of the large electrical companies, to inspect their outfit. He scoffed at the idea of going to Indian Trail to hear an instrument that could do what radio experts have deemed the impossible. There is nothing to it," he almost laughed in the face of the boys.

Moyle Hard to Convince

By this time both Thompson and Robinson were seething hot at their invention being doubted. They de-cided to take the outfit to Charlotte, rig up an aerial on the spot and convince Mr. Movle that they had really stumbled upon a wonderful inven-tion, they say. The next evening, tion, they say. The next evening, after dark, Mr. Moyle was confronted at his residence in Charlotte by two eager-faced young men with a box under his arm. "You wouldn't come to Indian Trail to hear our outfit, he said, "you a brought it here for you to test." be thankful. Moyle laughed. "You boys," he is quoted as saying, "are crazy. You haven't eliminated static, nor have longton." Brother Jenitake waves sent from a distance of take waves sent from a distance of a thousand miles." The boys pera thousand miles." The boys persisted, getting madder every minute. "Oh, yes, we have," they retorted. Still doubting, Moyle offered to bet them fifty dollars to five that they didn't. "I wont take that bet," one of the boys told him, "but I'll bet you fifty to five that we have and

Then it was that he offered the boys for their invention a guarantee of \$40,000 and ten per cent all above that amount he was able to sell it for. While most local people who are at all familiar with radio question the ability of the boys' outfit to eliminate static, or for such a cheap the static, or for such as the static as the sta machine to take messages from a Meanwhile, the young men are distance over fifty or a hundred miles, waiting to hear from the big electrical they freely admit that if it is true companies whom they have written young Robinson and Thompson have a gold mine. There is no way of offer is received they are.

HAMMER CARRIES UNION BY MAJORITY OF 1200

While This Section Was Paying Little Attention to Election, Democrats Win Victory

Despite the small majority of about 1200 in Union, the banner county of the district, .W. C. Hammer was re-elected to Congress over W. B. Love, the republican candidate, by about seven thou-sand votes. In several counties the usual republican majorities were reduced to a minimum while in a few democratic counties the democratic majorities were considerably increased over previous

The constitutional amendment increasing the pay of legislators from \$4 to \$10 a day was decisively beaten in this county, the vote being about 260 for and about 720 against. Nearly all of the votes for the amendment were cast at

the Monroe precincts.

While Union county took little interest in the election, the democratic party rolled up big majorities all over the nation, cutting the republican majority in the sen-ate to 2, and in the house to 15. New York went democratic, electing both a democratic governor, Al Smith, and a democratic sena-tor, Dr. Copeland. The democrat-ic candidate, Governor Edwards, was elected senator in New Jersey New Hampshire, a republican stronghold, went democratic by a small majority, and Michigan elected a democratic senator for the first time in seventy-five years.

In the state the republican par-ty was almost annih lated, a numper of hitherto G. O. P. strongholds going democratic.

EXPECT TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HERE TOMORROW

With ten thousand people expected here tomorrow, the American Legion's Armistice Day committee this morning declared that everything was set for the biggest celebration in the history of Monroe.

No last minute changes were made in the program which will be as

the program, which will be, as

4. Airplane flights.
5. Football game, Monroe High vs.
King's Mountain High.
6. Judge W. O. Lemmond's oldtime fiddler's convention.
The passes will form at the later.

followed by the color guard.

A Good Conference Story

Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker College, related an amusing incident of the colored Methodist Conference Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gaddy. while he was in Monroe Tuesday that the reading of the appointments for the new year, he told. "Bretheren."

Mr. and Mrs. Burris Sunday.

Mrs. M. D. Newsome has been suffering for the past few days with a severe attack of tonsilitis. Lord. No matter where I send you, be thankful. I make the following

Brother Jenkins will go to Dar-Brother Jenkins arose. "The Lord Union Baptist Association met at the has been good to me," he declared Baptist church here Wednesday. Quite The boys per- fervently, evidently pleased that he was to go to Darlington.
"Brother Simmons will go to Co-

lumbia," the Bishop intoned Brother Simmons was unable to dis-

guise his gratitude. "Thank the Lord," he muttered even more fervently, "you have been kind to me."
The Bishop resumed: "Brother Atkins goes to Honea Path."
Brother Atkins, a recent addition to the conference, was likewise elated with the second s yon fifty to five that we have and prove it to you on the spot."

Mr. Moyle weakened. He told the boys to rig up their aerial. This was done quickly, and in a few minutes Mr. Moyle, so Thompson says, was astonished to hear clearly and distinctly music and speeches sent out from Pittsburg and other points.

"There is nothing like it on the market," Mr. Moyle is alleged to have said, thoroughly convinced that they had stumbled upon a great invention. Then it was that he offered the boys for their invention a guarantee of or Spartanburg hit the floor with a

John Chambers, a hard-working colored farmer of Lanes Creek township, fell a victim to one of the oldest "con" games in existence here yesterday. His experience cost him the proceeds of two bales of cotton, amounting to \$240. Two smart negroes, claiming to be from Greensboro, and a pocket book was all that was needed to frisk John.

One of the "con" men was laying for the sucker at the cotton platform. John, as he drove up with his cotton, looked gullible. The con man wormed himself into his confidence by helping him throw off his bales at the platform, a courtesy any negro from

platform, a courtesy any negro from the country is certain to appreciate on the part of a well-dressed member

of his race. He allowed the stranger to ride back to town with him. John and the "con" man became warm friends. They walked the streets, the stranger even accompanying John to look over a horse that a white man wanted to trade him for one of his mules. The inspection of the horse being completed, they sauntered down Franklin street. Seeing a crowd gathered at the veterina-ry stable of Dr. Alexander, they went down to see what it was all about. A mule had been hurt. While watching the operation, John and his "con' friend saw another negro, also well-dressed, pick up a pocket book. Both went to the side of the man, who was no other than the partner of John's companion. They watched him open the pocket book and heard him ex-claim "There's \$2100 in it."

To cut the story short, the "con" man who found the purse offered to divide with John and his companion if they wouldn't tell of the find. But, since the bills were marked, he would have to get his boss, a Northern man to dispose of them so as to avoid detection. The boss, he felt sure, would give them \$2100 of his money for the marked bills. He went off immediately to get a division from the boss, a Northern man, to dispose of them are to be so as to avoid detection.

amounting to \$700 a piece.

He soon reappeared. "Listen," he said, "the boss hasn't got change, but if you both give me all the money you have so I can make change out of the big bills the boss carries, we can make the division. He has agreed to dispose of the marked bills in the purse, but he can't make change un-less we help."

Unsuspectingly, wondering all the time at his good fortune, John shelled out his cotton money, \$240, and that's the last he has seen of it.

WINGATE IS TO HAVE AN

Wingate, Nov. 9.—In a last and snappy game of basket ball here this evening, the fast team of the high school defated Matthews by a score of slackening in the demand is reported slackening in the demand is reported. Wingate, Nov. 9 .- In a fast and The parace will form at the inter-section of Franklin street and Wades-the high school team, the boys showboro Avenue and extend eastward ed no sign of past defeat but enter-to Hayne St., thence Hayne St. to ing here and the excellent "stuff" the Main S.t; thence Main St. to Morrow Wingate School has for playing bas-Avenue; thence Morrow Avenue to ket ball. The team is daily working Hayne St.; thence Hayne St to out and getting in shape for their franklin St.; thence westward on Franklin St. to Mr. Charles Iceman's where it will disband.

Ret ball. The team is daily working the ball. The team is daily working franklin franklin St.; thence westward on fray with the Pageland team scheduled for Saturday on Pageland court. A good crowd is anticipated as the here it will disband.

The marshals will head the parade bllowed by the color guard.

A good crowd is anticipated as the high school has a large number of former students who are expected to be out on that day to "root" for the Wingate high school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burris have as is said to have actually occurred. The bishop was preparing to close the con-ference, in session at Florence, with nell of Concord were also guests of

department of the high school. The executive committee of Union Baptist Association met at the an interesting meting was held. Twenty-five churches of the associa-

tion was represented. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert DuVerger of Washington spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Bogan, on

their way to Florida. Mr. Nance and family of Peachland have moved into the newly erected bungalow of Mr. J. T. Curlee. Another land sale is scheduled for Wingate on Nov. 17, 1922. Mr. G. M.

Stewart is having eight acres of land in the northern part of town layed off into lots for residences. These are all very desirable building

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Womble have moved into the house formerly occu-pied by Mr. Carter, he having moved to Mr. Womble's farm.

And Dearly, Too

the butcher shop with a do-or-die look on his face. "A pound of steak," he ordered.

The steak, mostly bone, was thrown on the scales. "Looky here," remonstrated Mr.

FRISKED OUT OF \$240.00 STACK NOW PREDICTING COTTON WILL GO TO 30C.

Big Monroe Merchant Says a Short-age in South's Greatest Crop Now Looms Very Eminent

NOTHER AUTHORITY IS NOW FORECASTING FORTY CENTS

He is J. A. Taylor, of the National Ginners Association — Post & Flagg Say European Manufactur-ers Are Awakening From Their Dream of a 11,000,000 to 12,000,-000 Bale Crop—Prospect is Unus-ually Bright.

Cotton will go to thirty cents, Mr. J. E. Stack, one of the largest cotton merchants in this section, predicted yesterday. Calling attention to the rise of six cents a pound in the sta-ple in six weeks, he said: "New York is bullish. The Chicago crowd is on the band wagon. Mill takings are the band wagon. Mill takings are unusually great, and a shortage of cotton looms eminent. With the price already past the twenty-six cent mark, I have no hesitancy in expressing my firm belief that the market will soon reach thirty cents." Demand from the mills is the greatest Mr. Stack has experienced

greatest Mr. Stack has experienced since the early days of 1920.

Predicts Still Higher Prices
Miller & Company, cotton brokers of New York, however, go him considerably better. They quote one authority as predicting 35 and 40-cent cotton. "The sensational rise ir cotton this morning," this authority says, "brought about heavy trade howing, consequent upon a bullish buying, consequent upon a bullish census report. December shorts were squeezed and that position rose above 26 cents. A serious shortage in cotton supplies is forecasted and J. A. Taylor, of the national ginners, predicts 35 to 40 cents for raw cotton. New England mills were reported heavy buyers of December, their supply of cotton being report-ed below normal. Wall Street was active this morning. The spot mar-kets were all reported strong in the south, and there is a growing im-pression in the cotton trade that the crop is under 9,500,000 bales. Wires from Georgia says that bales are running light. Adverse news from abroad was considered and pyramid buying carried prices some 10 or 15 points between sales. Floor brokers said it was very hard to buy cot-

ton in any position. Cotton small should sell much higher."

Europeans Waking Up
Another authority, Post & Flagg, doubts if thirty cent cotton would check mill consumption. "There are signs," they say, "that the European trade is waking up from their dream of between eleven and twelve million. of between eleven and twelve million bales and beginning to admit that the earlier reports of crop damage had some basis in fact. The situa-East is considered likely to be only temporary and the way Liverpool, who should be in pothe experts express doubt if even 30 cents a pound for raw material would check consumption in any important way. Exports today were 56,000 but our advices indicate large total shipments for this month and an active inquiry for December space. weekly weather report said that cotton was practically harvested except in a few northeastern sections. Many are advising caution in following further advances and that is an attitude in which we fully sympathize, but too many we think are waiting to for any decline to prove more than I mited and temporary and we would favor purchase on dips."

Vance Township News Nov. 9 .- Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Hughes of Statesville were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yandle, the latter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Yandle had a number of guests during the day to meet Mr. and Mrs. Hughes. The house was decorated with lovely chrysanthemums. Those who called were Mr. A. B. Yandle and who called were Mr. A. B. Yandle and fering for the past few days with a severe attack of tonsilitis.

Mr. Poplin of Norwood arrived last week and is now head of the science department of the high school.

Mr. Dewey Yandle, all of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Rogers, Mr. T. M. Hoover, Mr. James Walfinfarger, of Auta Pressley, Mr. Brooks Presley, Mr. Vance Wentz, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Helms and children, little Mary Lee, Raymonia, Grady Hester Edith, all of Vance township.

Shepherd-McCain

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Miss Elise McCain, daughter of Mr. J. A. McCain, of Lancaster, S. C. and Mr. Wriston Shepherd, son of Mrs. J. A. Shepherd of Monroe, were married. The wedding was a quiet one, the couple leaving immediately after for Charlotte where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Shepherd was one of the popular young nurses at the Ellen Fitzer-ald Hospital, having been there the past year.
Mr. Shepherd has lived in Monroe

practically all his life. He is a suc-Mr. Common Citizen stepped into many friends who congratulate him and who will be interested to hear of his marriage.

the judge reproved a man for mak- of." distance over fifty or a hundred miles, they freely admit that if it is true young Robinson and Thompson have a gold mine. There is no way of estimating the possibilities of the wise they will secure a patent and bide their chances of either selling or manufacturing them themselves.

"Looky here," remonstrated Mr. Common Citizen in as firm and determined a voice as he could command. "You're giving me a big piece of bone."

"Looky here," remonstrated Mr. Common Citizen in as firm and determined a voice as he could command. "You're giving me a big piece of bone."

"Well, sir," said the judge, "people often lose whole suits here without making so much disturbance as that."

"Many men who wou have the farmers of war the farmers of war the farmers of will be enrolled as memb coat, and I am looking around to find it." "Well, sir," said the judge, "people often lose whole suits here without making so much disturbance huncher blandly, "Yer payin' fer it." ing unnecessary noise. "Your honor

MONROE BOYS IN FIRST ELIMINATION BATTLE

Team Left Here Yesterday Morning for Davidson College, Deter-mined to Lick Shelby

Echoes of the rousing "pep" meeting given them Wednesday afternon stil ringing in their ears, the Monroe high school football boys left yesterday morning for Davidson College where they will meet the Shelby high team this afternoon in the first game of the elimination series. All of the boys were in bouyant spirits with a determined-to-win attitude about them that will put across the winning that will put across the winning touchdown if they have an even

break in the luck.

At the "pep meeting," students gave the team rousing cheers. Speeches were made by Messrs. Hawfield and Starnes, the superintendent and principal of the school, and by reaches Black and Bitch. coaches Black and Ritch.

"What are you going to do to Shel-by?" was the question shot at Mar-vin Ritch, one of the coaches of the vin Ritch, one of the coaches of the Monroe high team, last night, says the Charlotte Observer. Coach Ritch would have but little to say, except that a good game was likely to result. "I have no predictions to make," said Ritch, "except that all the lovers of good football in and around Charlotte had better journey to Davidson Friday because an old grudge of long standing is going to be settled there standing is going to be settled there at that time. It is a feed in which both teams have a chance to win, fickle dope favoring Shelby slightly; but the two teams are of the same waight and each baye some small blueback cost ten cents, and it had fickle dope favoring Shelby slightly; but the two teams are of the same weight and each have some speed merchants in their backfields, and it would not surprise me at all to see just as good a game played there some speed it had more sound practical common just as good a game played there

"The contest begins at 3 p. m. on Friday, on the Varsity field at Davidson college. Practically all of Monroe will pass through Charlotte early Friday. Lincolnton and Shelby too will be there when the referee's whistle is sounded. It is hoped that Charlotte will also be represented."

NEWS FROM GOOSE CREEK

treatment in a Char-

friends in Concord this week.
It was Mr. Roy Simpson and Miss
Pearl Richardson who were married instead of Tom Simpson who were married last week. on the part of the writer. Mr. Emsley Funderburk had a corn

shucking Monday night. His yield was two hundred bushels. Miss Ella Lemmond of Matthews spent a while here last week with friends and relatives.

A Funderburk negro was shot through the stomach the other day when his 38-caliber gun accidentally exploded. Same old story, playing with an unloaded gun. His injuries are not serious.

Mr. Elmore Funderburk is erecting

a new barn. He elso plans the pur-

Our mail carrier, Mr. J. A. Press-ey, has abandoned his automobile for a horse and buggy. This means our mail will be an hour later, thus af fording your correspondent about an their destination and remain here. hour longer in which to write on be tore publication of The Journal.

Hoover, Mr. James Walfinfarger, of Statesville, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and Mr. McIntyre of Monroe and Miss ning of the season when many farm. ning of the season when many farm-ers did not believe the market would exacted, is \$400 above the American go over twenty-one cents." There is no question in his mind but what he no question in his mind but what he has made more money by being in the association. "I am not only getting a better price," he said, "by being in the association, as I would probably have dumped a hig part of my cotten. have dumped a big part of my cotton on the market at twenty-one cents, but I am getting a better grade than ever before on my cotton." Mr. Thompson also exploded the myth that supply houses could not finance formers under the supply houses could not finance formers under the supply houses could not finance.

The association, as I would probably mobile back. This was a measure of protection against smuggling on the part of foreigners, they said, and no real Canadian or American ever objected to giving the bond. They also paid a head tox of \$8. that supply houses could not finance farmers under co-operative marketing. "I am in the mercantile business at Indian Trail with Mr. St. "Nost of Canada is alat Indian Trail with Mr. Starnes," he said, "and we have always carried accounts for farmers who wanted to spit." Quebec is the great liquor stronghold. The favorite method of hold their cotton in the hope that the transporting booze from market would get better. If we can do this for non-members, there is more reason for doing it for the organized farmer. Instead of his cotton being out in his yard, subject to weather damage, it is in a bonded warehouse, fully insured. And he work an advance of \$50 a beliam his beliam to the line, the officials, thinking it a funeral party, never interfering. gets an advance of \$50 a bale which he can apply on account while we are During the hearing of a lawsuit, waiting for his cotton to be disposed the judge reproved a man for make of." Mr. Thompson thinks that a maicy of the farmers of this county will be enrolled as members of the as-

larceny will cheerfully steal a busy

JACKSON MAN RECALLS OLD BLUE BACK SPELLER

In Those Days, Says Mr. Dunlap, One Arithmetic Book Covered the Whole Grammar Term

AND HIS ARITHMETIC BOOK DIDN'T COST BUT 50 CENTS

He Honestly Believes That Book Had More Common Sense In It Than the Whole Category of Books To-day—Could Almost Buy an Inter-est in a Ford Lizzie With the Cost of One Today—Other Ruminations

By S. S. DUNLAP Waxhaw, Route 1, Nov. 9.—When the writer was a kid, he some-times went to school six weeks in summer, if we could find an empty cabin somewhere in the neighbor-hood, and the owner of it was willing Hundreds of Monroe people left this to allow it used for a school house morning for Davidson to see the during a short period.

Sometimes we also had the privilege of gang to school a like period in winter. Our teachers generally taught any kind of book a boy or

just as good a game played there as will be pulled off in the championship series. only ten cents, these volumes upon volumes of darned foolishness cost enough to buy an interest in Henry Ford's gas buggy shop.

The arithmetic of my boyhood days

cost fifty cents, and covered the en-tire common school course, while to-day they have chopped it up into five or six different parts, and charge 60 NEWS FROM GOOSE CREEK

Funderburk Negro While Playing
With A Gun, Accidentally
Shoots Himself

Indian Trail, Route 1, Nov. 8.—
Miss Ethel Ford, who is teaching at College Hill, and Mrs. J. C. Ford, spent Saturday at Mint Hill.
Miss Loma Cook of Charlotte was the Sunday guest of Miss Rena Furr.
Miss Verla Price is spending the week in Charlotte with her brother, Mr. Clyde Price.
Mr. Frank Price lost a hundred dollar mule a few days ago.
Miss Ruby Funderburk, who has been undergoing treatment in a Charlotte was the book-makers.

Miss Ruby Funderburk, who has been undergoing treatment in a Charlotte was the book-makers.

A Finished Education
However, they must study these

However, they must study these lotte hospital, has returned home things, and must waste valuable time greatly improved in health. Mr. Fred Smith is the guest of fiction, and when it's all over they must roll up their sleeves, go to work and forget most of the things they wasted time on, and learn the practical side of life and its problems by A bad mistake actual emperience and knocks, that eliminates the blasted foolism they got in school.

CANADIANS TEMPTED TO STOP OVER IN MONROE

Snow Fall in Their Home Sent Them in Search of Balmy Weather Which They Found Here Wednesday

A five-inch snow fall in their home town caused F. W. Stibbs and Roy Turner, of Soo, Canada, to start two weeks ago in their automobile Florida in quest of balmy sunshine. Wednesday, when they reached Monroe, the weather was so warm and nice that they were strongly tempted to abandon St. Petersburg, Fla., as

Mr. Stibbs, a Scotchman, had Mr. T. B. Laney, one of the proprietors of the Secrest Motor Company, dancing Believes in Co-Operative Marketing
One of the most enthusiastic members of the North Carolina Cotton
Growers Co-Operative Association is
Mr. J. F. Thompson, one of the largest farmers and business men of Vance township. "I have never yet regretted signing the contract," he said Wednesday, "even at the begin-

Impossible

"John, John!" whispered Mrs. Con-gressman Blow Hard. "Wake up! I'm sure there are robbers in the

Many men who wouldn't commit arceny will cheerfully steal a busy him sure there are robbers in the house?" house."

"Robbers in the house?" he muttered sleepily. "Absolutely preposterous. There may be robbers in the Senate, Mary, but not in the House. Albaurd!"—American Legion Monthly.