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Monroe Was Mecca to Many Thousands on Armistice Day

GREATEST LOCAL EVENT NEXT TO VISIT OF FOCH

Parade, Speaking, Football Game and Fiddlers' Convention Were All Thoroughly Enjoyed

HISTORICAL PAGEANT IS BEING PRAISED VERY HIGHLY

Among the Floats Were Those Representative of the Days of '49 Revolutionary Period—Roy Hawfield as the "Kaiser in His Glory" Was Good, and So Was John Stewart As the Humble Wood Cutter of Doorn.

By HARRIET S. BEASLEY
Monroe's name was not Monroe Saturday—it was Mecca, changed for a brief period that honor might be done the celebration that is a reaffirmation of our faith. Mecca it was for thousands of people throughout the county, who gave over their farms, and whatsoever they were engaged in, locked their doors and came. It was Armistice Day!

More than ten thousand people crowded the streets to witness the fourth and greatest armistice day celebration staged by the Melvin Deese post of the American Legion. The crowd was a colorful and enthusiastic one which jammed every inch for blocks around the square. It was a sober, good-natured crowd, too, with no disturbances happening to mar the day, not an automobile accident of any consequence occurring, and with a noticeable absence of the drinking that has characterized some of the previous celebrations.

Henry Crow, to whose efforts the parade was largely due, Gilliam Craig, Post Commander, S. H. Lee, Hamp Price, Adjutant Olin McManus and the other Legion boys in charge of the celebration, are being showered with praise for the fine occasion. Sharing honors with them is Mrs. Gilliam Craig, who headed the dinner committee.

Beginning with the historical pageant, on through the speech by J. W. Bailey, the dinner, the football game and ending with Judge W. O. Lemmond's fiddlers' convention, the day was a success and second only to the visit of Marshal Foch in local history.

One Great Occasion

Beginning promptly at 11 o'clock, the parade in the nature of a historical pageant, led by Chief of Police J. W. Spoon and Benjamin Gill and George Griffin, members of the Melvin Deese post bearing the American flag and the post colors, and followed by the officials of the post, Sam Lee, commander, Olin McManus, adjutant, and Horace Williams, finance officer, moved slowly through the streets, depicting scene after scene of successive notable events in the history of our country. First was the Indian period of America arranged by the Union Drug Company and showing a wigwam and mode of life among the Indians. Representing these red people were Misses Hilda Simpson, Thelma Furr, Lila May Tharp, Eula Miller Redfern, chief, Lila Welsh, Mary Covington Secrest and Master David Morgan.

The Indian mode of transportation came next, gotten up by the Lake Tonawanda Amusement Company, in the form of a canoe, in which was a young Indian girl, represented by Miss Jamie May Shannon, being shoved off into a lake of water by another Indian, Miss Annie Heath Redfern.

The third, next in order, depicted the coming of the Pilgrims by the Myers Lumber Company. Belk Brothers presented Washington Crossing the Delaware, which was quite realistic with its ice-packed boat on which was Washington and his men, represented by Mac Fairley, John Lee Austin and Coy Hargette.

Pretty D. A. R. Float
One of the prettiest floats was the D. A. R. scene arranged by the Henderson Roller Mill. In this, dressed as ladies of that period and graciously presiding in a supposed-to-be drawing room were Mesdames E. M. Griffin, T. P. Dillon, and Misses Mary Blair and Ollie Alexander, the last representing Priscilla, gracefully turning an old-fashioned spinning wheel.

Harry Coble, dressed as Andrew Jackson sitting on bales of cotton with his soldiers, Bobby Morrow and Alexander Crowell, vividly recalled to the minds of the spectators the spectacular and heroic figure who made history in his routing of the British at New Orleans.

Days of '49
The Days of '49 came next with the Sikes Company portraying the gold rush to California. This float was a family in a covered wagon, with two horses hitched to it and driven by Will Funderburk. The wagon had in it and tied on it all the miscellaneous possessions of a family of that time, mostly cooking utensils, and tied to the rear partly led by two boys were two cows. Preceding the wagon was Bob May on horseback as a scout for the family composed of Mrs. Frank Rose, Misses Jane Austin Sikes, Betsy Lee Sikes, Ashe Bennett Sikes, Frances Green, and Anna Lawrence Redfern.

The second float arranged by the Henderson Roller Mills went under

the head of "U. D. C." This was another attractive one representing tea time at one of the old Southern homes. Tea was being served by Mitchell, well-known colored man of the town, to two charming Southern names represented by Misses Sara Hudson and Florence Redwine, and a Confederate veteran, Mr. Thomas E. Williams.

The Kaiser in His Glory.
In quick succession followed the Merrimas, famous Confederate war ship by the Henderson Motor Company, and the marching of the Confederate veterans, the Icomerle band with young ladies accompanying dressed in flags, on up to the opening days of our World War, the Kaiser in All His Glory, this part taken by Roy Hawfield with Allen Gravelly and Homer Fowler as his aides. The War Lord was resplendent in his grey uniform, with his helmet glittering in the sun and carefully guarded by his two officers.

From then on the tragic days of '14 to '18 were brought before the eyes of the spectators showing our allies before we entered the war, in No Man's Land, Dr. Burrell as England, Neal Cadieu as France and Rob Williams as Italy; the drawing of the first draft with Jesse Milliken blindfolded, representing Secretary of War Baker sitting with a bowl in front of him from which he was taking names; the exemption board, composed of Dr. S. A. Stevens, R. B. Redwine and a vacant chair draped in memory of the third member, the late B. C. Ashcraft.

The stirring days of service was featured by Mrs. A. L. Monroe and her canteen co-workers, Mesdames Jas. T. Griffith, Ransom and Middleton handing out bottles of Coca-Cola to our Union county ex-soldiers in uniform following after the huge Coca-Cola truck.

One of the largest and most spectacular floats was the transport which carried our men across, made by the Monroe Ice & Fuel Co. On this were men from Union county who were in the navy during the war, J. N. Helms, Jimmie Helms and W. O. Seymour. "Forty Hommes and 8 Chevaux," French box car by the Federated Shop Craft was about the most realistic and elicited at once the sympathy of the crowd for our boys' "mode of travel" while in France. Behind this came the Y. M. C. A. float with Misses Annie Lee and Lura Heath in their service uniforms, serving hot chocolate to Fred Smith, Clinton Williams, and Jo Hudson, ex-soldiers, this being followed by the "Rose of No Man's Land," represented by Miss Lenora Bowie on the float of the Central Filling Station.

As the truck of the Monroe Hardware Co. passed, on which were mounds of newly made graves, with noddies waving above them in Flanders Field, the hush of the immense crowd was breathless and it was the utter simplicity of this re-endorsement that "war is tragedy, and war is sun" that brought the wordless greeting from the crowd who a few moments before had greeted each float with enthusiastic acclamations.

The field Star Mothers, Mesdames H. T. Pate and A. L. Garland, riding with Miss Katherine Shute in a white dress, occupied the place of honor in the hearts of the people and brought home the aching memories of the war that are fast becoming a little vague to those of us not directly affected.

The Kaiser at the wood-pile, taken by John Stewart, followed by "Lest We Forget," the attractive float decorated by Efrid's Department Store in behalf of the men who returned to us "with possibly one leg, or only one arm, or who lost their eyesight, or who are coughing their life away because of corrosive gas" was a fitting climax to one of the most brilliant parades ever staged in Monroe.

Passing of Mrs. John Davis
In declining health for more than a year, Mrs. John Davis of the Bearskin village, died Friday. She was twenty-four years old and is survived by her husband and a year-old son. She was a daughter of Esq. D. C. Montgomery of Buford township, and was an estimable young woman; she was a member of the Baptist church. Also surviving are five brothers and two sisters, the brothers being H. T. Montgomery of Monroe; S. A. Montgomery of Belmont; Ransom and Emsley Montgomery of Buford township, and Bennett Montgomery of Monroe. The sisters are Mrs. Ellen Griffin, of Monroe, and Mrs. Ida Griffin of Buford township. Funeral was held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. W. B. Holmes conducting the services from Sandy Ridge church in Buford township, and interment was in that church cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Mullis
Mrs. M. J. Mullis, of New Salem township, widow of the late Thomas Mullis, died November 8th, having been confined to her bed only about two weeks. Surviving are five sons, Messrs. R. F. and J. B. Mullis, of Stanly county, H. W. Mullis, who lived with their mother; also four daughters, Mrs. T. R. Howard, of Marshville township; Mrs. T. J. Tucker, of Stanly county; Mrs. Charles Helms and W. C. Thomas, of New Salem township. Mrs. Mullis was 82 years of age and was a most excellent lady, devoted to her family. Funeral was held at Mt. Moriah church, New Salem township, and interment was in the church cemetery last Thursday afternoon.

AYCOTH'S GIN AND ITS CONTENTS ARE BURNED

Three Bales of Cotton and Several Thousand Bushels of Seed Are Consumed by the Flames

Monroe, R. F. D. 5, Nov. 13.—Mr. Dock Montgomery tells your correspondent that Mr. J. P. Aycoth of Buford township, near New Hope Methodist church, had the misfortune of getting his cotton gin and all he had in it burned up Friday night. There were two or three bales of cotton and about four thousand bushels of cotton seed in the gin. Nobody knows whether the gin was of incendiary origin or whether it caught from the boiler. We don't know what insurance Mr. Aycoth had on his gin and its contents. This is a great loss to Mr. Aycoth and that community.

Mr. W. V. Tucker who went from this community to Mecklenburg two years ago will move back to his place near Corinth church sometime in the near future, so the writer has been informed. We gladly welcome Mr. Tucker back to our midst.

Messrs. W. R. Hannah, Chest-Helms Fairly Price and Miss Lillie Hannah, all of this community motored up to the Howie mine Sunday evening to see Mrs. Thomas C. Irby, who had a light stroke of paralysis last Thursday. The writer learns that Mrs. Irby is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Godfrey and Mrs. Rufus Porter of Marshville were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitaker of Houston Sunday. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. T. A. Richardson of Indian Trail is remodeling his dwelling house near Corinth church, Messrs. W. E. Helms and F. H. Hannah doing the work.

The patrons of Corinth have secured the service of Mr. Thomas Hinson of Rock Rest to teach their public school.

We have a few cases of measles in this community which are keeping several of the children out of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griffin of Charlotte came down Saturday and are the guest of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Griffin for a day or two.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Zeb Caudle preach a fine sermon on "The Automobile and Religion" Sunday evening at Oak Grove.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sellers of Houston Nov, the 5th, a boy.

WIGGS' ACTION WAS FINE SAYS DOCTOR STEWART

In Breaking Through Shelby Line, He Displayed Quickest Action Seen on Grid Field

In breaking through the Shelby line as quick as a flash and blocking an attempt at a field goal, Wiggs of Monroe, says Dr. H. D. Stewart, one of the interested spectators at Friday's game, displayed one of the finest pieces of defense ever seen on the grid field. This interference, he says, prevented Shelby from scoring three points.

Continuing, Dr. Stewart added: "Our boys are not yet quite quick enough at blocking forward passes. Many a game has been won by intercepting forwards as quick as a flash and racing for a touchdown. Many a game has been won or lost by a fumble. Don't fumble, boys. By keeping right up with the ball you are ready to down your man or to fall into a fumble or to grab a fumble and run with it.

"Shelby outweighs Monroe and Monroe can outwind Shelby. "The Monroe boys will increase their endurance and their breathing by physical culture and careful diet. The Monroe boys have abstained from cigarettes and will be in the pink of condition from setting-up exercises, plenty of sleep, etc.

"Don't forget our stonewall—Buck Beasley and his cohorts—Buck has the right name.

"Fremman found one weak place in the Monroe line and skirted one weak end. We believe Marvin Ritch will stop up these holes by next Friday with stone and cement. This is to predict that our boys will be right on the job next Friday with vim, pep, power, speed, alertness, quickness, endurance, accuracy, fearlessness, good interference, halting defense and advancing offense, confidence and determination, individual responsibility and machine-like teamwork.

"But you must watch the breaks, the fumbles and the centerfield kicks at field goals.

"Boys, you can take St. Meheil. "Don't quit running a man just because he has broken by two or three. Down him by a flying tackle from the rear.

"Successful forwards require accuracy. Successful field goals depend upon the educated toe. The educated toe has won many a close game by kicking field goals or by making the extra point after a touchdown.

"Laney can boot eighty yards with rest and sleep and careful eating and setting up exercises and good coaching in the tricks and the headwork of the game. We may look for a battle royal next Friday. Ritch is a good one. Do what he tells you, and don't fail to halt the man with the ball!"

Sheriff Clifford Fowler requests The Journal to state that this is the last month in which tax payers can get one per cent off their taxes. Next month they must pay in full, and on the following month one per cent is added.

PREACHER DROPS DEAD WHILE IN HIS PULPIT

Audience Is Stunned When Rev. J. P. Courtney, Well-Known Truelight Minister, Swoons

MRS. CARRIKER IS STILL GETTING ROASTING EARS

She Also Favors The Journal's Correspondent With a Nice Mess of Garden Peas—Mr. John A. Hinson and Miss Eulalia Little Married—Wilson, Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tarlton of Mill Creek Community, Suffers Misfortune of Breaking Thigh

Unionville, R. F. D. 2, Nov. 13.—Rev. J. P. Courtney, a prominent Truelight preacher of Charlotte, and well-known in this section where he had a charge, dropped dead Sunday while conducting services at Siler church, near Mint Hill in Mecklenburg county. A member of the audience, who brought the sad news to this community, says that there was not the slightest weakening in the voice of the aged and beloved minister, his end coming so suddenly and unexpected that the audience was stunned. He just toppled over while preaching.

The deceased married a Mrs. Courtney, a sister of Mr. M. A. Walters of Buford township and of Mrs. Leonard Harris of Monroe. She died about three years ago.

Rev. Mr. Courtney was 76 years old, and very frequently conducted services at all of the Truelight churches in this county. He was a consecrated man, unusually honorable and upright in his dealing and was much beloved by all who came in contact with him, especially his followers. The funeral was held at Shiloh church this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Webber and Mrs. James Love of Charlotte spent Sunday with relatives near Watson church.

Mr. Justin Braswell, who is in school at Wingate, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Braswell.

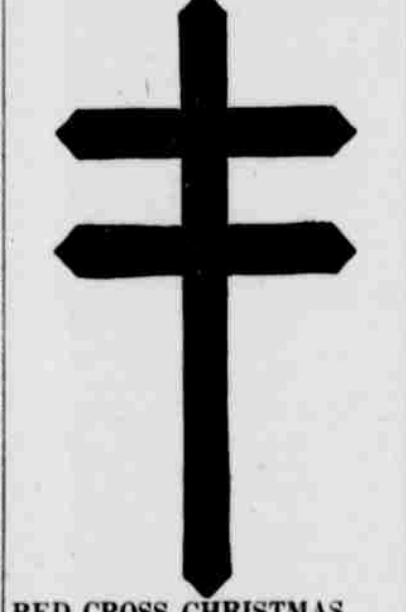
Mrs. B. S. Carriker has been having roasting ears and garden peas from her garden for the past several days. The writer was favored with a nice mess of roasting ears a few days ago.

Wilson, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tarlton of the Mill Creek community, fell last Saturday and broke his thigh. The little fellow was immediately carried to a hospital in Charlotte and at last report was getting along nicely.

Mrs. M. S. Baucum, whose serious sickness was reported in The Journal sometime ago, has about recovered her health her many friends will be glad to know.

Mrs. L. W. Braswell and J. A. Nash are wearing happy smiles—they are both boys and are doing well.

Mr. John A. Hinson and Miss Eulalia Little were married last Thursday at the residence of the officiating magistrate, Esq. C. J. Braswell. Mr. Hinson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hinson of Grove Creek township and is a progressive young farmer. Miss Little is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Little and is one of the community's most charming young ladies. They have many friends who wish them much joy as they go through life together.



RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS NOW ON SALE

They Can Be Had at All of the Local Drug Stores and Several Other Places

Mrs. W. C. Sanders, county chairman, announces that Red Cross Christmas seals are now on sale at all local drug stores, the W. J. Rudge Company, Austin & Clontz's Five and Ten Cent Store and Union Variety Store.

The purpose of the sale, says Mrs. Sanders, is to derive funds with which to fight tuberculosis, the great white plague. Of all local sales, seventy-five cents of the amount realized will be given to the county health nurse to use in combating the disease locally.

Red Cross seals have become a necessary part of Christmas packages, and to be in good form, several should be stuck on every purchase.

Note of Thanks
We wish to extend thanks to our many friends for the good deeds shown during the sickness and death of our little son, Bobbie. May God reward each one of you.—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gordon.

WOMAN, 94 YEARS OLD, IN MONROE FOR WHILE

She Was Mrs. Patsy Harmon, and Was En Route to Rutherfordton to Secure Cancer Treatment

A woman 94 years of age passed through Monroe the other day. But let the Van Wyck correspondent of the Lancaster Citizen tell the story: Mrs. Patsy Harmon, 94 years old last June, made a wonderful trip last Thursday for one of her age. She was taken to Rutherfordton hospital for treatment for cancer under Dr. Norris. Mrs. Harmon has been suffering more or less for several years with a cancer on her forehead and was advised to take treatment under Dr. Norris, a specialist using radium for cure or relief. Dr. S. H. Ezzell and a granddaughter, Miss Azalee Harmon, accompanied Grandma Harmon to Rutherfordton. They went by the early Seaboard train via Monroe. Mrs. Harmon says it was a long tiresome ride and she did not enjoy it very much. But she says the people at the hospital were very kind to her. She says she took four radium treatments. The first two of these were very severe but the last two were not so bad. Her son, M. C. Harmon, T. E. Carroll, Miss Lowe and Miss Mary Carroll went for her Sunday by automobile. She says that she thought the train was rough but it was nothing to compare with the automobile over bad places in the roads. They went by Fort Mill, York, Clover and Kings Mountain and went out of their way by taking the wrong road several times, which made the distance greater than was needed. They returned to Van Wyck Sunday night about 10 o'clock, pretty well worn out, but Grandma Harmon stood the trip remarkably well for one of her age. She thinks she has been benefited, but does not feel like going back for additional treatment.

Find Cook Came to His Death by His Own Hand

Dependent Over Financial Troubles, Jackson Township Man Swallowed Quantity of Strychnine. Had Told His People He Would Be Away Some Time When He Failed to Return, Family Became Uneasy and Instituted a Search That Finally Revealed His Body in a Stretch of Woodland—Left Letter in Which He Blamed Prominent Citizens of Waxhaw For Not Coming to His Aid—Deceased Was Sixty Years of Age.

Waxhaw, R. F. D. 1, Nov. 13.—This community was greatly shocked Friday to learn that Mr. Harper Cook, who had been missing from his home since Wednesday noon, had been found dead near a path leading through a piece of woodland between his residence and that of Mrs. Adam McManus.

Mr. Cook had left home ostensibly for the purpose of going to his mother-in-law's to assist in the adjustment of some business matters with the settlement of the estate of the late J. D. Petty, and remarked to his wife as he departed that "I may not get back to-night."

On the strength of this remark no uneasiness was felt until the second night, when inquiry revealed that Mr. Cook had not been at the home of Mrs. Petty at all.

This knowledge, of course caused alarm, and immediate search resulted in the finding of the lifeless body as above stated.

Mr. Cook was sixty or more years old, and had been a citizen of the Bond's Grove community since boyhood. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church, an excellent citizen, a good neighbor and a man whose friends and neighbors speak of as above reproach.

Evidence found with the body pointed clearly to an act of suicide. A note written by himself, evidently after taking the drug that ended his life indicated financial troubles as the cause of the rash act.

Sheriff Fowler immediately summoned Coroner Davis, who ordered an inquest. The finding of the jury was as follows:

North Carolina, Union County. Be it remembered that on this the 10th day of Nov., 1922, I, T. B. Davis, coroner of said county, attended by a jury of good and lawful men, to-wit: J. L. Walkup, T. E. Blythe, R. A. Crow, A. B. McManus, L. M. Riner and J. M. Plyler, by me summoned for the purpose according to law, and after being duly sworn and empaneled in Sandy Ridge township, Union county, did hold an inquest over the dead body of J. Harper Cook, and after inquiring into the facts and circumstances of the death of the deceased, from a view of the corpse and the consideration of all testimony to be procured, the jury returned as their verdict that the deceased came to his death by an overdose of strychnine administered by his own hand, as will appear upon reference to the verdict of said jury hereto attached. Attached to this is also the evidence taken before said jury. Affidavit requesting coroner to inquest made by Clifford Fowler, High Sheriff of Union county. This Nov. 10, 1922.—T. B. Davis, Coroner Union County.

The Verdict.
We, the jury selected and sworn to hold a coroner's inquest over the body of J. Harper Cook, after viewing the body, heard the following evidence:

Mr. Hight Helms, being sworn, said he sold Mr. Cook strychnine Wednesday morning, Nov. 8, deceased stating at the time that he wanted the poison to kill rats.

Dr. S. H. Ezzell, after being sworn, stated that he viewed the body early in the morning following its discovery and found no trace of violence. A few feet from the body he found a box of strychnine, labeled to contain about ten grains. To the best of his knowledge, Dr. Ezzell declared the deceased came to his death from poisoning, and that the strychnine box contained five grains less than it held when bought from the Wolfe Drug Co.

Sheriff Fowler, after being sworn, testified that he examined the body of J. Harper Cook and found on his person a pocket knife, a pocket book containing sixty-five cents in money, a receipt from Niven-Price Company for seventy dollars to be applied on bank note, dated Nov. 8, 1922, and also a note concerning the cause of his death, a copy of which follows:

This is to let you know the cause of my death. I owed three hundred dollars at the bank and I tried to get help. I tried Jack Sims, Luke McCorkle, Henry Collins, Richard Nisbet, Barber Sullivan, J. E. McCain and J. M. Niven. I think you men have done me wrong. I can't see my things took from my sweet woman and children. Now you men know you have treated me wrong. Please pay Ruth twenty dollars.—J. Harper Cook.

We, the jury selected and sworn to hold the inquest over the body of J. Harper Cook, after hearing all the evidence, render it as our opinion that deceased came to his death by an overdose of strychnine administered by his own hand.—Signed, J. L. Walkup, T. E. Blythe, R. A. Crow, A. B. McManus, L. M. Riner, J. S. Plyler.

When the slump in land values occurred in 1920, it is said that Mr. Cook owed two thousand dollars on a place that he bought at a big price. When the holder of his two thousand dollar note heard of his predicament, it is said that he offered to

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