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## Union Likely To Become Known As the Original Lespedeza County

### INTERESTING COLUMN OF NEWS AND INTERVIEWS

Head of State Division of Vocational Education Gives High Praise to Monroe High School Department

ALSO TELLS OF MAKING CITIZENS SELF SUSTAINING

Harnett County Farmers Visit Union To Learn of Cream Production, Which Leads to Production of Some Facts Showing Great Value of Lespedeza and How Hogs Can Be Grown Cheaply.

"Miss Thomas, the State supervisor of Home Economics, points to the home economics department of the Monroe High School with great pride," declared Mr. Thomas E. Browne, head of the state department of Vocational Education, while in Monroe this week. Mr. Browne visited this department of the local school and was most cordial and enthusiastic about it in speaking to The Journal. "It is one of the best arranged and most adequately equipped Home Economics departments in any of our small city high schools. The equipment is not entirely complete yet but when finished will be nearly ideal. The division of Vocational Education recommends for cities of this size three rooms on the top floor of the building; a food laboratory, a clothing laboratory and a dining room. In size about like the home dining room, with cupboards and closets. We can direct superintendents desiring such rooms and equipment to meet the needs of their schools to the Monroe High School as an example. Supt. Hawfield and his board are deserving of high praise for this department, and Miss Bradley, the teacher of home economics, is to be congratulated on the excellent impression her department has made."

Rehabilitation Work Doing Fine Work  
Mr. Browne was also highly pleased with work done by the local board for vocational rehabilitation. This board consists of C. W. Orton, W. M. Gordon, Ray Funderburk, E. C. Snyder, E. C. Carpenter, and Dr. G. B. Nance. Mr. Browne said: "Because of the fine co-operation and active interest of this local committee Union county is among the first counties of the state in the number of her citizens to have been aided, nine citizens of the county having already been served by the department, most of whom are now supporting themselves and their families. The purpose of this department, made possible by State and Federal appropriations is to help all disabled citizens of the State—except ex-service men—to become self supporting. A large number of such persons have been helped, yet there are hundreds not yet located. Every public spirited person should aid this agency to get in touch with all disabled persons over sixteen years of age, that they may be helped on the road to economic independence."

Not An Expense, An Investment  
"In one of our southern counties a man was found who had lost his left arm at the elbow. He had an invalid wife and seven children, and was living on a rented farm and had about reached the point where all the family had to go to the county home. The case was reported to us and investigated. An artificial arm was provided and employment secured, and today he is earning more than one hundred dollars per month and supporting his family."

"A strong, healthy negro man was found in a county home with both legs gone at the knees. He had no trade and could not get around to do any kind of ordinary labor. He is now at the A. and T. College for Negroes at Greensboro learning shoe repairing and will soon be able to set up a shop of his own. What the State and Federal governments put in these people is not an expense, but an investment in humanity of which we should all be proud."

The Lespedeza County  
Did you know that Union county is becoming to be known as the "Lespedeza County"? Well, it is, and if all signs do not fail this heretofore lowly little plant will ere long become known for what it is, the king of all soil improvers. The testimony to its value by hundreds of the best practical farmers in this county proves unmistakably that its qualities are not overrated as a soil improver and as a hay crop, possibly as rich as alfalfa and crimson clover, and incredibly easier to grow.

Lespedeza, known locally for many years as Japan clover, has always been considered a good summer pasture crop but it was never cultivated and few persons had any idea of its real value. It was regarded as a wild scrub that would get a start on poor land without seeding. Because it was given no chance to ever grow on good land, and because its feeding value was never tested out, and nobody ever gathered it as hay, its real character was unknown all through the years that it has been struggling along on the old clay hillsides and on the abandoned spots. Mr. J. I. Griffin of Goose Creek township recalls that many years ago when he was a boy his father said to him one day while they were plowing, that this little plant would one day be recognized as one of the most valuable plants of the south. And that day is here at least in Union county. Last spring County Agent Broom

bought more seed for farmers in this county than were bought by any other county in the state, about a thousand bushels. Already there have been harvested in this county by farmers who sowed these seed last spring more than a thousand bushels of seed, to say nothing of those which were not saved but will go to reseeding themselves and a tremendous amount of first class hay which has been moved.

Some Examples  
Mr. R. B. Cuthberton of Sandy Ridge township, one of the best farmers in the county, says that corn planted on lespedeza sod this year proved the best he ever had, and he has planted corn on clover sod.  
Mr. M. C. Austin of Marshville, a man who is a close observer and always knows what he is talking about, has tried lespedeza. As an example of what it will do as a soil improver, he reports result on a small bit of ground. Several times he had grown corn on this bit and its usual yield was three wagon loads. He put lespedeza on the plot and let it remain two years. Then he tried corn again and the identical plot gave him eight wagon loads.

W. V. Williams of east Monroe township knows what it will do as a summer pasture crop. He had four acres in the plant. All the past summer he kept eleven head of cattle on the four acres. For six weeks of that time, the milk cows which were in the bunch yielded milk for all the family use and from them he sold thirty dollars worth of butter fat—and they had no other food whatever during the time.

John T. Green of Marshville township says that lespedeza sown on grain stubble and soy beans sown in corn, will solve the fertility problem of any farm.  
Jonah Williams of Marshville township saved sixty bushels of lespedeza seed in twenty hours. At the price that the farmers paid for seed last spring these sixty bushels are worth about two hundred and fifty dollars. Many other farmers declare that while we have been searching the world for soil improving crops we have had right here an unexcelled one and did not know it. It was like the sand clay roads. We had the sand and the clay and the gravel, but nobody knew how to use them. Tom Broom says that in his opinion lespedeza hay is as rich as alfalfa and if put on good ground and given a chance it is a sure crop that will yield in one cutting as much as three or four cuttings of alfalfa, and it is next to impossible to get alfalfa to grow in this section.

Visiting Farmers  
The other day an even dozen of farmers from Harnett county came to this county for the specific purpose of visiting the farms of men who are selling sour cream, or butter fat. Harnett county is one of the rich cotton and tobacco counties. The boll weevil struck there this year. The farmers say that they cannot rely upon tobacco to take the place of cotton for two reasons. One is that the boll weevil sections of Georgia are going into tobacco culture heavily as well as many other new sections and that they look for a crash in the price by reason of overproduction. The other reason is that tobacco is the most uncertain and expensive crop known to southern agriculture. It is a hand crop entirely, even more so than cotton. It is subject to failure more frequently than other crops by reason of the delicate nature of the young plant and the reliance of the crop upon favorable weather conditions all through its growing and harvesting period. Therefore these farmers are looking into the safest and surest of all crops, livestock. County Agent Broom took them to the farms of H. M. and C. M. McCain and E. G. and E. H. Yarbrough of Jackson township. From here they went to Iredell and Catawba and other cattle counties.

And the Lowly Swine Also  
Lee J. Smith of Wingate has a litter of six pigs six months old. It is estimated that these hogs will now weigh 250 gross. A short time ago Mr. Smith began to feed them a ration of corn to harden them. Before that time he estimates that the whole bunch had cost him over twenty-five dollars. He used pasture and a small ration of fish meal and tankage, which is the cheapest and best source of protein. This feed gives the bone and growth to animals just as nitrogen gives the stalk to plants. Many other farmers of the county are doing as well with hogs. Soon there will be going car loads of hogs from this county to the Richmond packers. These will go principally in June and July when the market is at the highest. They will be composed of six months old pigs weighing from two hundred to 250 pounds, which will have been produced mainly on forage and fish scrap and tankage, with a finish of corn, which makes the best meat in the world, the corn only hardening and adding fat. There will be an agent at Monroe and perhaps other points to gather up the bunches, make car load lots, and market them for the farmers at more per pound gross than they can get locally for dressed pork. By this means hog growing is to be one of the real money crops of the county.

To Map Out Farm Programs  
A committee of experts and practical farmers under the auspices of the state extension service will meet in Raleigh next month to make out a farm program for one and two horse farms.

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## WALTER H. NORWOOD DIED SUDDENLY THIS MORNING

In Usual Health Till Twelve O'clock Last Night When He Suffered Stroke of Apoplexy

ONE OF TOWN'S OLDEST AND VERY BEST CITIZENS

Well Known Manager of Monroe Telephone Company Who Answered Final Summons at One O'clock This Morning, a Man of Sterling Character Who Never Ran From a Difficulty or Shirked a Duty—Had Lived in Monroe Many Years and Leaves a Devoted Family.

Walter H. Norwood died at one o'clock this morning of apoplexy, after an hour's illness. He had been in his usual health and last night was at the home of a neighbor until ten o'clock, and in his usual good spirits. He went home and retired without arousing the family who had already gone to bed. About twelve o'clock, Mrs. Norwood was aroused by an unusual noise as if he were having a severe nightmare. She quickly jumped up and turned on the light, and immediately perceived he had suffered some kind of an attack and was wholly unconscious. She called a physician and members of the family in the neighborhood, but nothing whatever could be done for the sufferer and he died in about an hour.

News a Severe Shock  
The news of Mr. Norwood's death came early this morning as a severe shock to the town. He was known by everybody. For the past several years he had been in bad health, and some year or so ago he underwent a severe surgical operation at which time his life was despaired of for some time. However, he battled manfully and with the great determination that he had finally regained a fair degree of his usual health. Since then he has not been strong, but there was no intimation of so sudden an ending of his life.

The funeral will be this afternoon at the residence at four thirty, conducted by Dr. H. E. Gurney, former pastor of the Monroe Presbyterian church. The pall bearers will be: Active—J. H. Lee, R. F. Beasley, W. A. Henderson, George S. Lee, W. J. Rudge and S. O. Blair; Honorary—Dr. J. M. Belk, R. A. Morrow, S. B. Hart, F. H. Wolfe, W. A. Lane, and W. H. Belk. Dr. W. R. Burrell, of whom Mr. Norwood was very fond, will assist Dr. Gurney.

Devoted to Family  
Mr. Norwood is survived by his wife and two daughters, Misses Rebecca and Mary Steele Norwood, the former a student at the State College for Women at Greensboro. The shocking news was conveyed to her early this morning and she arrived at eleven o'clock. Four sisters, Misses Alice, Janie, Lelia and Nannie Norwood, and one brother, Mr. Morrison Norwood of Charlotte, also survive him. He was sixty-three years of age, having lately celebrated his birthday. He was married December 12, 1901, his wife being Miss Hattie Phifer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phifer. He was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and served in it officially and privately for many years. Mr. Norwood was devoted to his wife and children, his brother and sisters, and his friends.

Tribute to His Character  
Mr. Norwood was a native of Mecklenburg county and moved to Monroe in the early eighties with his father's family and resided here since that time. He was general manager of the Monroe Telephone Company since its organization in the early nineties. He and the late Isaac Bates did the first experimenting with telephones in the county and did the foundation work for the organization of the present company which he managed successfully through all the years, making it a large and efficient system.

This writer has known Mr. Norwood and was closely associated with him for more than thirty-five years, and he has never valued the character, the integrity and honor of any man that he has ever known more highly. He has seen him more than once in critical positions that tested his manhood and never knew him to waver a hair's breadth from the course of the highest manhood. He was not what people call a showy man, but in moral and physical courage he was as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. He was one of the most patient of men, friendly, frank, and sincere. He was always in good humor and though he could see faults in others as quickly as any one he never paraded them, but took a good humored view of them and went his way. Physical courage, moral backbone, patience, and good humor were his solid accomplishments, and his life was ordered in conformity to these principles. His kindness, his friendliness, his religion, were as unassuming and worn as naturally and unostentatiously as his clothing. Wherever the characters of gold of this world go in the hereafter Walter Norwood will be there; this is the perfect faith of one who knew him and loved him.

A Birthday Party  
A happy and carefree group of little tots enjoyed a very delightful birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Todd on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18, in honor of the fifth birthday of Helen Brown Todd. Various games were enjoyed by the guests, after which refreshments consisting of delicacies dear to the hearts and palate of little children were served. Many gifts were received by Helen Brown, and a very tired but happy group of children indicated to the fullest extent the success of the affair.

## SWINGING IN FOR MONROE'S BIGGEST POULTRY EXHIBIT

All Over the Country Fanciers Are Now Growing Their Best Birds For the Coming Season

ASSOCIATION TO STAGE SALES OF FINE STOCK

Silver Cups and Special Premiums Will Be Unusual Feature, Being Offered by Kiwanis, Rotary, Monroe Hardware, Belk Bros. and Gordon Insurance Company—Partridge Wyandotte Club Will Hold Annual Meeting Here With Large Exhibit of Fine Birds

With the opening of the annual show less than six weeks off, the enthusiastic and hard working members of the Union County Poultry Association are engaged in completing arrangements for the finest exhibition of fancy poultry ever held in this section of the State. This is the show season, and all over the country fanciers are grooming their best birds and fitting them for hot competition in an effort to bring home the blue ribbons. The old birds have now completed the moult and are sporting a shining new coat of feathers, while the youngsters are well matured and ready for the judge's critical eye.

Premium lists and announcements from Poultry Associations in various parts of the state have been arriving here for the past two weeks and have served to spur the local fanciers to greater efforts. Monroe refuses to be outdone by her neighbors, and promises a little bit ahead of anything yet attempted in the way of a poultry show. The premium list, which has just gone to press, will contain about double the number of pages in last year's. It will list the greatest collection of silver cups and special premiums ever offered at this popular show, which is growing each year in size, as well as in popularity. Silver cups are being offered by the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Monroe Hardware Company, Belk Brothers Department Store, and the Gordon Insurance and Investment Co., while many Monroe business houses have helped to swell the list of special premiums.

The management has been fortunate in securing the annual meeting of the Southeastern section of the National Partridge Wyandotte Club, and have had thus assured a large exhibit of this popular variety. This meeting will bring to Monroe Partridge Wyandotte breeders from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama, and these fanciers have promised to make a heavy entry of their best birds to compete for the four silver cups and \$25 in cash specials offered by the Association.

The Monroe Show has always been known as a good "sale show"—that is a show where breeders and exhibitors make a large number of sales of stock and eggs, and in order to assist their patrons in disposing of their surplus birds, the Association will stage auction sales of breeding birds at 3:00 p. m. and 8:00 p. m. on the last day of the show, January 9th, with some of Monroe's well known fanciers in the role of auctioneer.

Among the interesting features will be lectures by poultry experts from the North Carolina Experiment Station at Raleigh; displays of poultry foods, remedies, and equipment by prominent manufacturers, and other attractions to be announced later. James P. Kerr, of Haw River, a North Carolina judge with a national reputation, will judge the exhibition, and the American Poultry Association's handsome silk ribbons will be awarded the winners of the first, second, and third places. The entries close on January 3rd, at 6:00 p. m. and the judging will be completed and the awards placed before the doors are opened to the public on Friday, January 5th at 10:00 a. m. This is expected to meet with the approval of visitors to the show, who will find no difficulty in determining the winners in each class.

The premium list will be ready for mailing about December tenth, and requests for copies, addressed to Chas. W. Orton, Secretary, will receive prompt attention.

### Death of Mr. W. A. Whitaker

Mr. Walter A. Whitaker died at his home at Houston, four miles east of Monroe, early Wednesday morning. His death was the result of his inability to overcome a severe attack of influenza which he had about two years ago. The funeral was held at Corinth church Thursday morning by Rev. Zeb Caudle and Rev. R. M. Haigler, as Mr. Whitaker was a man with a large circle of friends and was a very popular and useful man in his community. He was 47 years old and was a native of Davie county.

Walter Whitaker was a good man. He was a deacon in Corinth Baptist church and superintendent of its Sunday school. He will be missed by his neighbors and by his whole community. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Jimmie Irby, and eight children. The sons are Leonard, Julius, Alex, Oscar, Reuben and Earl Whitaker. The daughters are Mrs. Grady Irby and Miss Leona Whitaker. P. O. Whitaker, a brother, lives in Monroe, while another, E. C. Whitaker, lives in Washington, D. C. Mrs. L. D. Pinkston, of Salisbury, and Mrs. M. R. Bailey, of Elkin, are his sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Pinkston and family were at his bedside when the end came.

The wages of sin is death, but there is always a man for the job.

## In the Third Great Battle Monroe Takes Final Game From Shelby

### FICTION CIRCULATION LIBRARY ESTABLISHED

Which Recalls Some History of Library Efforts in Monroe From By-Gone Days

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Crowell have established a circulating library at their Variety Store. The books will be the latest and best current fiction, and the price for reading a book will be at the nominal figure of ten cents. Thus the lover of the new fiction volumes as they come out will be enabled to secure them without the necessity of having to buy each.

The first circulating library ever started in Monroe was begun at the bookstore of Rev. A. T. Latta in 1885. It was a pretty poor library but many people read the books. The volumes were covered in stiff board and had wide and long pages. Many people used the books for several years. Among them were such heavy volumes as "The Origin of Species," "Money, or The Mechanism of Exchange," a few of Dickens, of Scott, of Thackeray, and such nondescript fiction as "The Russians at the Gates of Herat," "The Irish Dragon," and many others that the present generation would not wade through.

The next library of any public nature was that of the "Young Men's Sunday Union," established by the late J. C. Bates. It was a very good collection of books for that time, and Charlie Laney was the only man who would undertake to pronounce "Les Miserables." Looking back at it from this date, it may be that Charlie didn't get it right, but everybody was satisfied. The bunch was topped by a huge Encyclopedia donated by Mr. Bates. There were then some 20 volumes, all of which Dr. George Edward Flow, just then laboriously acquiring the store of knowledge which has since made him famous, read through many times and was accused of knowing them by heart. This library lasted a long time and was of real service to many people of the town when books were scarce and mighty hard to lay hands upon.

The next library was an excellent one established by the Sunday school of Central Methodist church. It was mostly Sunday school books and tame fiction, but the children and young people used the books a great deal. Mr. Parks McEwen was librarian for many years and took a great pride in the library.

There was not then a woman's club, a book club, a men's club, or any other kind of a club in town. And the deep erudition which the ladies of Monroe have since acquired through their club programs was a thing unknown.

### Death of Dr. Blanche Burrus

Many people in this county who knew her will be pained to learn of the death of Dr. Blanche Burrus, former secretary of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, which occurred yesterday at the home of her brother in Clinton. A dispatch from that place says:

"Miss Burrus, after returning from the position mentioned, studied medicine preparatory to going to a foreign field as a medical missionary. She graduated a year or so ago and served the allotted time as interne in Philadelphia hospital, where her skill met considerable recognition and praise. But just before the completion of her term of service she was stricken with a deadly affliction, but insisted that she should complete her term and did so. She then came to the home of her brother, C. B. Burrus, in Clinton, to spend the days which she so well knew were numbered. She suffered much pain, but endured like a good christian soldier. The news of her death will carry grief to every quarter of the state. Dr. Burrus was a native of Pollockville, Jones county."

### Mr. Zeb Pressley Attempts to Take His Life

Mr. Zeb Pressley, for many years mail carrier on the Indian Trail route, tried to take his own life yesterday morning with a razor. The attempt was frustrated by the presence of mind and quick action of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jarvis Pressley. Mr. Pressley had been in wretched health for several years and able to follow his work only a part of the time. Depression and suffering are the cause of his action, and he has the keenest sympathy of his friends. He had just returned from a hospital at Charlotte, going to the home of his brother, Mr. Jarvis Pressley. Yesterday morning Mrs. Pressley entered his room on some errand and just as she entered the door he was in the act of slashing his throat with a razor. As quick as thought she seized his hand and wrenched the razor from his grasp. He then tried to secure a gun that was in the room, but in this he was also frustrated. Mr. Pressley's friends hope that he will regain his health and composure and be himself again after the shock of this desperate experience.

### Union Grove Honor Roll

The following is the honor roll for Union Grove school, A. D. Baucom, principal:  
First Grade: Selma Price.  
Second Grade: Grace Tomberlin.  
Third Grade: Haby Tomberlin, Maddy Medlin.  
Fourth Grade: Gertrude Baucom, Effie Baucom, Evelyn Medlin.  
Sixth Grade: Etta Griffin.  
Seventh Grade: Clarice Dees, Lola Chancy.

## MUST MEET GREENSBORO IN FURTHER ELIMINATION

Monroe Warriors Had Score of Fourteen to Nothing Till Near End of Game

MONROE VICTOR BY A CLOSE MARGIN OF 14 TO 13

In Further Elimination Series Monroe Must Meet Greensboro and Charlotte Must Battle Asheville. Then Victors Must Scrap For Final Honors in Contest—Next Game in Charlotte Tomorrow.

By hard, steady playing and good head work combined with a few breaks of the game Monroe won the final game from Shelby played Wednesday afternoon on Wearn field in Charlotte. The close score of fourteen to thirteen showed how well the two teams were matched, although Shelby earned only one touchdown, the last one being due to a fumble by Monroe. It was a game fairly and squarely played as the two previous games had been and Monroe boys are more than proud to be the victor over such a team as Shelby's and to be the winner of the pigskin used in yesterday's game. The scores of the three games have been recorded on the football and it has been given a place of honor beside the loving cup won by Highs in the county commencement last year.

In the first quarter Monroe held Shelby time and time again but Pete Wiggs rushed through the line and broke up a drop kick from the far famed "educated toe" of Captain Hennessee and Shelby was unable to score. In the second quarter Monroe rushed the ball over for a touchdown, Mack Fairley carrying the ball. Wick Fairley kicked goal and the half ended with the score of 7-0 in Monroe's favor. Monroe's second touchdown came when Frank Williams caught a Shelby forward pass and the ball was carried over by Wick Fairley after a series of line plunges and a ten yard run by Laney. Wick again kicked goal, making the score 14-0. Then the Monroe rooters settled back to take things easy.

But Shelby staged a brilliant come back and made two touchdowns—how no one yet understands. They kicked one goal and it was when Shelby prepared to kick a second one that the heart of every ardent Monroe fan went literally and figuratively into his mouth and it was not until No. 97—Mack Fairley—blocked the kick that the folks from home breathed a sigh of relief. And even then with only four minutes to play it was nerve-racking, for football is ticklish business and there is no telling when the unexpected will happen. Mr. Hawfield's "Work hard, Monroe!" rang out across the gridiron and expressed the feelings of the Monroe fans. Every one was tense. And when the time keeper held up two fingers not even the sympathetic remark of a somewhat tipsy "Dokie" to the effect that "Nobody can't do nothin' in 2 minutes," served to cheer up the despairing folks from Union. But finally the referee's whistle rang out and the two teams grouped together to yell each for the other—the Monroe boys elated and Shelby downhearted. They were good losers, though, and offered no protest over the game, realizing that the best team won.

There was no outstanding star of the game, it being remarkably free from spectacular plays and fumbles. Team work and straight football won the game for Monroe; the line made the holes and the backs ploughed through. Few forward passes were tried and still fewer were completed. "Jada" Williams as full back bucked the line in a fashion that was extremely gratifying to followers of the game and with a little more experience he will be an invaluable back field man. Coble has shown the headwork and generalship necessary for a quarterback in spite of only two games to his credit in that position. Mack, Laney, and Wick were ground gainers as usual; while Lemmond, Bessley, F. Williams, Wiggs, McRae and Baskerville delivered the goods in fine shape. Injuries were few. Pete Wiggs, Wick Fairley and Jada Williams suffered strained muscles, but all the boys, including Westledge and "OK," will be in good condition for Saturday's game.

In spite of the three hard fought games the best of feeling exists between the students of the two high schools, Shelby declaring her intention of rooting for Monroe to the finish. Mr. I. C. Griffin, Superintendent of the Shelby schools, made the statement that he believed Monroe ready to do the fair, square thing and that the relations between the two teams had dissipated in the minds of Shelby people certain rumors that Monroe put "rings" into the game and evaded the eligibility rules whenever possible. Monroe people are glad of this, because the school officials have always co-operated with Mr. Rankin of the University in his efforts to debar professionalism from high school foot ball. Any way it is our belief that there is much less evasion of rules among the high schools than one would think.

The Monroe High School for the first time in its history is absolutely free from debt. This splendid financial condition is due largely to Coach Chancy. (Continued on page five.)