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SHERIFF GRIFFITH HAS A COUPLE OF PETITIONS

Asks Mr. Funderburk to Take on Some Work and Mr. McRae to Abolish Himself Outright

ONE OFFICIAL AGREES THE OTHER OBJECTS

Would Make Office of County Superintendent School Book Depository and Turn Over Work of Road Commission to County Commissioners in Hope to Save Expense

Ex-sheriff Griffith, chairman of the board of County Commissioners, started out bright and early in the cold yesterday morning with two nicely drawn petitions. One relates to the handling of school books and one relates to road work. In brief, one proposes to make the office of county superintendent of schools the official school book depository. The other proposes to abolish the road commission and turn its work over to the county commissioners.

Sheriff Griffith is very frank and outspoken in his ideas on the subject. He thinks the school book change would make some saving for the people who buy books, and he thinks that the road business could be administered some cheaper by the commissioners. He wants to same money if possible.

And there is another thing very interesting about the Sheriff's procedure. After he had his petitions drawn up nicely with long blank sheets attached for signatures, he walked into the offices of the officials most concerned and asked them to head the lists. He said he did not propose to be taking any roundance on them, but wished them to know exactly what he was doing. Mr. Funderburk, county superintendent of schools, said he didn't object. Mr. McRae, chairman of the road board, said he did not agree so the sheriff will have to get some one else to head that petition. The newspaperman who was present remarked that these two gentlemen were somewhat upon a different footing. The book bill only proposed to add some work to Mr. Funderburk's office, whereas the other petition proposed to wipe Mr. McRae's office out of existence. The sheriff said, well, he just wanted to give them both a chance to sign first.

Book Petition

"To the Honorable Major W. C. Heath, Senator, and J. F. Millikin, Representative for Union county: "Whereas the salary and the office force of the Supt. of Public Instruction of Union County has been largely increased, and the said Supt. is familiar with all the books required to be used in the public schools of Union County, and whereas it appears that the people of said county may be saved a considerable sum by the Supt. keeping a full supply of such books as are needed for distribution to the patrons of the public schools.

"Now, therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, respectfully request that you introduce and pass a bill in the next General Assembly of North Carolina, requiring the County to furnish the funds with which to purchase books necessary to be used in the public schools of said county, and that the Supt. of Public Instruction for said County be required to distribute them at actual cost, and the funds received for same to be daily turned over to the County Treasurer."

Mr. Funderburk stated to the reporter afterwards that he had no objection trying the matter if the officials wished him to. He thought that it would be necessary to have an additional room to store the books and he thought that he could probably make more prompt delivery. As to saving, the local dealers are allowed only ten per cent commission for handling the books, and if he could handle them for nothing that much could be saved, but no more.

The Road Commission Petition

"To the Honorable Major W. C. Heath, Senator, and J. F. Millikin, Representative, for Union County: "Whereas the County of Union has issued road bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 and this sum has been expended on the roads of Union County, and it appears that this is a sufficient bonded indebtedness for the county at present and until the people of this county can get their bearings as to future road work, and whereas at the same time it is absolutely necessary for the public roads of Union County to be maintained in a reasonable manner and at a minimum expense, and to this end it is deemed expedient to change the road law of this County by transferring the duties of the Road Commissioners to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners is the guardian of the expenditures of the County and there is often a conflict between the Road Commission and the County Commissioners with the respect to creating obligations for road purposes and it is therefore advisable, in as much as there can be no further road construction at present, to transfer the road maintenance work to the Board of County Commissioners.

"Therefore, the undersigned petitioners respectfully request you to introduce and see to the passage of a bill in the next General Assembly which will transfer the duties now performed by the Road Commission to the Board of County Commissioners of said county."

Mr. McRae did not agree with the

DR. AND MRS. BIVENS LOSE THEIR LITTLE SON

Died in Charlotte, Buried at Marshville—Woman's Club Hears Talk By Miss Farmer

Marshville, Dec. 11.—The friends and relatives of Dr. and Mrs. Brant Bivens of Charlotte sympathize with them in the loss of their little son, Tom, aged 19 months, who died Tuesday of pneumonia, and was interred in the cemetery here Wednesday afternoon. Several from Charlotte accompanied the parents here. Among the number were Dr. Stokes Hamilton, Rev. Dr. Harding, pastor of the Tryon Street Methodist church, and Miss Yandle, Mrs. Ruse and Miss Severs. It is especially sad for the family, as Mrs. Bivens who is the daughter of Rev. A. Marsh of this place, has lost two brothers and an only child in less than a year. Dr. Bivens is a son of Mrs. Mary Bivens.

The Woman's club of Marshville held its monthly meeting last Thursday at the high school building and reports of work done and other things contemplated, were made, a very interesting talk was given by Miss Farmer, the Union county nurse, who gave information, suggestions and help to all those who asked it, specially concerning the children. The next regular meeting of the club will be the first Thursday in January and it is desired that all members bear this in mind and try to be present. Quite a large number have already joined and let us try to start the year with enthusiasm.

Mrs. W. A. Harrell and Mrs. Wade Bivens spent Friday at Waxhaw. Mrs. Harrell's mother, Mrs. Osburn, returning with them.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marsh and Mrs. Irene Marsh spent Friday in Charlotte.

Mr. James Berry of Statesville was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. W. O. Harrell underwent a nasal operation at a hospital in Charlotte last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Boyce Ashcraft of Main are here to spend December with his father, Mr. Vernon Ashcraft and other relatives. Dr. Ashcraft has the chair of instructor of mathematics in the University of Maine.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of teachers of this school district held here Saturday. As one of our lady-teachers put it "All the wit and beauty of the district was assembled here." She meant, of course, that pertaining to the schools.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marsh were the Guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sutton of Monroe.

Residences continue to go up here. Mr. Hildreth will soon have a brick bungalow finished. Mr. Simpson in the northeast section of town will soon move here into his new house. Mr. Lee Ashcraft will build in the near future. Mr. Oscar Bowman has a new home about completed so we are somewhat moving on.

News was received here Monday morning of the death of the little daughter, aged ten years, of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Lemon Springs. Mrs. Gibson was formerly Miss Emma Griffith of this place and Mr. Gibson was for a good while one of the telegraph operators here. Their hosts of friends and relatives sympathize with them in their bereavement.

Little Mildred Whitaker Dies After Long Illness

Little Mildred Whitaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Whitaker, whose mysterious illness was mentioned in The Journal some time ago, died Saturday morning. She would have been three years old in March. She had been sick fifteen weeks, nine of which were passed in an unconscious condition. Physicians were considerable puzzled over the case but finally said that the trouble was some form of brain lesion. They also said that the careful and constant attention given the child by her father for nine weeks must have prolonged its life. Neighbors and friends were also constant in their attention. Mrs. Whitaker herself not being strong at the time. This is the fourth death among near relatives of Mr. Whitaker which has taken place in three weeks.

The funeral was held at the home in Monroe Sunday afternoon by Dr. Burrell, and the little one was buried at Corinth. An unusual fact connected with the funeral was that young girls acted as pall bearers, they being Kathrine Helms, Faye Griffin, Lina May Hill, Lois Stegall, J. V. Griffin, Harriett Porterfield, Maggie Stegall, Mildred Helms, Kate Williams, and Ruth Cadieu.

idea that road work should be or could be stopped. Many sections of the county which are entitled to good roads would not get them unless work were carried on. Besides that, he saw that should the upkeep of the roads already constructed be abandoned most of the money already spent would be lost for the roads would soon wash away. This has been the bane of road work in the State already. Still, he did not see where the money was to come from. The tax rate this year was cut from fifteen to twelve cents and the assessments also lowered, he understood. And as Mr. Dooley says, "There we are." But furthermore, Mr. McRae pointed out to the sheriff that there had been an election not long ago as to whether road work should be done by the county commissioners or by the road board and the people had voted flatly for the road commission, and did not believe in trying to get a bill passed in the legislature to get something done that the people had, by their votes, commanded should not be done.

New Bern Thanks Monroe For Aid Sent to the Fire Sufferers

Mr. H. M. Jacobs, a prominent business man of New Bern, who is chairman of the relief committee, yesterday sent the following letter of appreciation to Monroe, which was received this morning:

To the Mayor of Monroe, Monroe, N. C.

Dear Friend:—The citizens of New Bern ask me to express to you their most heart-felt appreciation and thanks for your prompt and liberal contribution to us in our time of need. The American Red Cross has kindly consented to take charge of the distribution of funds and supplies. All

relief work here is under their direction, so you may be assured that these will be used to the best advantage.

Our city received a terrible shock and crippling blow in the loss of one thousand and four houses and homes of our citizens—all within a few hours time. The sympathy and prompt help of our neighbors and friends greatly lessened the burden. We most heartily thank you for your part in giving us cheer and relieving our suffering.

Sincerely yours,
H. M. JACOBS,
Chairman Relief Committee.

Will Lift Farmers From Poverty to Plenty, Says Judge Bingham

Co-operative marketing of farm products has come to stay and is destined to revolutionize American agriculture, in the opinion of Judge Bingham, president and publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal and the Louisville Times, says the Atlanta Journal, who was in Atlanta Friday as the guest of his boyhood friend, Judge Shepard Bryan.

He was returning north from Albany, in Dougherty county, where he had spent several days in the delights of fine quail shooting, with his space time devoted to going over a tract of 1,800 acres recently purchased by himself in partnership with William W. Davies, of Louisville, and Colonel R. E. L. Spence, of Albany, for the purpose of starting a pecan grove. They are planting five thousand trees this year. Mr. Davies is a prominent Louisville lawyer, who formerly practiced in Atlanta.

There is no more enthusiastic advocate of co-operative marketing in the United States than Judge Bingham. He was one of the leaders in the movement which organized the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Marketing association. He has seen the burley tobacco growers lifted from bankruptcy to prosperity in the space of a single year. He has seen their industry completely revolutionized. He is intensely interested in the progress of co-operative marketing for all farm products, especially cotton, the biggest single farm crop—the king of them all.

Here is the inspiring story Judge Bingham tells:

California's Prosperity
In the summer of 1920 I went to San Francisco to the Democratic convention. I spent a good deal of time riding over the country in an automobile. I was astonished by the evidences of prosperity on the farms. I saw paved roads, painted farm houses, beautiful schools, churches, automobiles, a social tone in the country.

Naturally I was curious to know by what business methods of production and marketing or both, these California farmers had achieved such prosperity. My investigation led me to the conclusion that co-operative marketing was the answer to it all.

In January, 1921, about six months later, I saw another picture—the burley tobacco growers of my state. They were selling their 1920 crop of tobacco. They brought it to the auctions and dumped it on the market for what they could get for it. They were paid from one-fourth to one-half a cent per pound. That was not enough to pay the warehouse charges on their tobacco, much less to pay

them the cost of production. They were dead, flat broke. They went away from the auctions poorer than they came. They could pay none of their debts. They were crushed economically and spiritually. They were desperate, if they had done desperate things, nobody could have blamed them.

Then in May I saw their tobacco resold by those who had bought it from them. And what did it bring? An average of eighteen cents a pound. Think of that difference. It meant that a few middlemen, speculating in tobacco, had bought it when the growers dumped it on the market, had waited until the manufacturers entered the market, and had reaped a profit of nearly two thousand per cent. It meant that the cream of the wealth produced by the labor of these growers and their wives and children had been skimmed off by a handful of middlemen.

The Growers Organize

We decided to turn the tables. We decided to make the burley tobacco growers the masters of their own market. Our co-operative contract, prepared for us by Aaron Sapiro, provided that no grower should be bound until and unless 75 per cent of the whole burley crop was signed up. We started out to organize the product, not the locality. The burley area is not confined to Kentucky, but reaches into Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. Instead of getting 75 per cent of the whole production we got 84 per cent.

And now I am going to tell you what happened when our burley growers brought their tobacco to market in January, 1922—their 1821 crop. When they delivered it to the co-operative association they were paid an initial advance of nine and one-half cents a pound. That was not a purchase, mind you. It was an advance. They were given participation certificates showing the grade and quantity of the tobacco they had delivered.

In May, four months later, they were given another advance of nine and one-half cents a pound. And now in a few days they will be given their final payment of six cents a pound, making a total of twenty five cents a pound which they have received this year for their last year's crop. How does that compare with one-fourth to one-half cents per pound? You can imagine what a difference it has made among our burley growers. It has lifted them from poverty to prosperity. It has lifted them spiritually. It has turned them from defeated, desperate men, to happy prosperous, contented citizens.

WILL SEEK TO GET BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION HERE

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Burrell and Mr. H. E. Copple left this morning as delegates from the Monroe church to the Baptist State Convention meeting in Winston-Salem today. Several others from the county, including Rev. A. C. Davis, Moderator of the Union Association, will also attend. Rev. Mr. Davis goes as the Association delegate. Mrs. D. B. Snyder, who was appointed as the other delegate from this body, is unable to attend.

The delegation goes with a formal invitation from the First Baptist church for the Convention to meet in Monroe next year. This morning telegrams were sent from the Kiwanis, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Baptist Brotherhood Club and the Ladies Aid Society, and the Mayor of the City, backing up the invitation.

It is thought probable that Monroe can get the Convention, which is the largest single religious body in the State.

"A Poor Married Man" at Union School

The play, "A Poor Married Man" will be given at the Union high school by the Dudley High School Friday night, December 15, at 8:30. This play was given at the Dudley High School on last Saturday night, and has been given in other sections of the county, and it is well spoken of by all who have heard it. It furnishes worlds of laughter, and also carries with it a profound truth that all will enjoy, and especially those who like "Bringing up Father." We feel sure that Dudley will give us a good presentation of the play and that you will get many times your money's worth. The play consists of three acts and is two hours in length. The admission fee is fifteen and twenty five cents, and the proceeds will be divided between the two schools. Everyone is invited, and urged to be present.

Local Happenings

Mrs. Susa Griffin, wife of Mr. Hiram Griffin, is very ill at her home in Goose Creek township, and her recovery is doubtful.

Miss Farmer, the public health nurse, made a talk to the Rotary club today in behalf of her work, being especially invited by the club.

Bishop Edwin A. Penick of Charlotte will preach at St. Timothy's church, New Salem township, next Sunday at 11 a. m., and at St. Paul's Monroe, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

There will be a box supper at the Cool Springs school house Dec. 15th. Music by the Lanes Creek string band. Benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

Just how much flu there is about over the county is uncertain. In some parts of the State it is quite prevalent and there are fears that it may assume epidemic proportions. So far only the Waxhaw and Mineral Springs schools have closed. There seems to be more flu in Jackson township than anywhere else.

Mr. J. H. Braswell, who lives two miles east of Monroe, entered one pen and two single entries of Black Minorcas in the Charlotte poultry show. There were birds entered from New Jersey, Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and other states. Mr. Braswell's, however, being the only entries from Monroe, and winning first prize on his pen, and second and third prize on his single entries.

MANY CASES OF ILLNESS IN REHOBOTH SECTION

Prominent and Useful Citizen of Jackson Had Flu and Stirred Out too Soon

Waxhaw, R. F. D. 1, Dec. 11.—This community was distressed greatly by the death of Mr. M. L. Richardson, son of the late Squire S. J. Richardson, which occurred last Friday evening at his home in this community. Mr. Richardson had been very sick for several days. He had an attack of flu, at the beginning of the epidemic over here, but had recovered somewhat and had stirred out too soon, in an effort to render assistance to the family of a neighbor whom he thought in more need of help than himself. As is usual in such cases where the flu has left its victim in a state of low vitality, he at once contracted pneumonia and died. Mr. Richardson was one of the best men in this community. He was kindhearted, and always interested in movements looking to the betterment of his neighborhood. He was, for years, a member of the Methodist church, a liberal supporter of its institutions. He was one of the prime factors in the erection of the newly established Heath Memorial church and will be greatly missed not only by those of his own church but by the entire community throughout which his influence circulated. Mr. Richardson was about 49 years old and leaves a widow and four children, also one sister who made her home with him. Three brothers, Messrs. B. J. Richardson of Osceola, S. C., Mr. Frank Richardson of Charlotte, and Rev. Eli S. Richardson who is in charge of pastoral duties in the Charlotte district conference. The remains were interred in the Waxhaw cemetery on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives. The floral offerings were indicative of the high esteem in which he was held. Services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Crowder.

Your correspondent has been on the sick list for several days and is not very well posted as to what is the news from Rehoboth this time. I think most of our sick folks are on the mend just now and we hope the doctors will be permitted soon to take a few days rest. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Yarbrough who have both been very sick, Mrs. Yarbrough having pneumonia, are reported out of danger at this time. Mr. Heath Yarbrough and family who have been victims of flu, are able to out again. Mr. W. J. Sims, superintendent, closed the Osceola school for a few days last week because of the seriousness of the situation in that vicinity.

Mr. J. J. King is reported to be recovering from a very serious attack of pneumonia. Also the family of Mr. John Thomas King who have each suffered an attack of flu, are better. The school at Rehoboth, has managed to keep going, but under some difficulty. In addition to numbers of the pupils being out, one of the teachers has also been off on sick leave.

Death of Mrs. W. C. Carnes

Last Wednesday about noon the death angel entered the home of Mr. W. C. Carnes and carried home the waiting spirit of his wife, Mrs. Florence Carnes. Mrs. Carnes was reared in Mecklenburg county. She was the daughter of the late B. F. Garrison. She was a good woman and will be missed by her neighbors and friends. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and lived up to its standards. Mrs. Carnes had been in ill health for some time and all gone for her that loving hands could do, but God say best to take her away. She leaves behind several small children, the youngest being only 6 weeks old. Such partings are sad indeed but we humbly bow to God's will believing that whatsoever he doeth is best.

She was laid to rest in Shiloh cemetery, Rev. Mr. Underwood, pastor of the Presbyterian church to which she belonged, assisted by Rev. Mr. McIlwain and Rev. Mr. Sankle and Rev. Braxton Craig, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church conducted the funeral services. For several days before she died Mr. Carnes was unable to lie down and had to be propped in her chair. She was unconscious for a good while before death but when death came she reached upward with a smile on her face and attempted to rise to the sorrowing husband and dear little children we would say, "weep not your wife and mother waits for you where there is no sad farewells and tears are unknown."—A Friend.

Young Men Pay Heavily for Escapade
George Gregory and Aber Funderburk, young men of Jefferson, paid heavily in Recorder's court yesterday for an escapade they had here one night two weeks ago. They came to town in an automobile, each with a pistol in his pocket and some whiskey inside of themselves and some more in a fruit jar. Mr. Gregory drew his pistol on Clarence Helms and Funderburk attempted to draw his on Bud Pooer, and both were arrested and placed in jail. They were under charges for carrying concealed weapons, for being drunk and disorderly, and a few other things, including a charge against Gregory for operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey. Next day they gave bond and on yesterday they were tried. Fines and costs against Gregory amounted to \$132.35 and against Funderburk, \$112.95. Besides this they were bound over by Squire Flow to federal court on the whiskey charge and put under a bond of three hundred each. And a bond of six hundred for the automobile which had been seized.

MRS. ELLIE WILSON, WELL KNOWN RESIDENT, DEAD

Death Came in Philadelphia Hospital Early Monday Morning Caused by Tumor on the Brain

SPENT ALL HER LIFE ON HOME SQUARE HERE

Daughter of Late John Shute and Was Last at Old Home Place Where Large and Influential Family Once Lived—Funeral From Central Methodist Church This Afternoon.

Mrs. Ellie Shute Wilson died at one o'clock Monday morning in the University Hospital at Philadelphia, where she had been for treatment several days. The illness which caused her death, a tumor on the brain, was but of a few week's duration. She had previously been to a Charlotte institution for examination, and from there went to Philadelphia for consultation with the best specialists, and a possible operation. An examination on Friday revealed the fact that the trouble was so deep seated that an operation was useless, and she grew gradually worse. She had been accompanied to Philadelphia by Dr. Linebach of Charlotte and her son, Mr. H. H. Wilson, and Miss Elliott, superintendent of the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital; the two latter remaining with her all the time.

The body was brought home this morning, arriving at nine thirty, and the funeral will be held at three thirty this afternoon in the Methodist church by Dr. Weaver.

Mrs. Wilson's death suddenly removes from Monroe one of its best known and most popular ladies. A few weeks ago one would have guessed from her apparent fine state of health that she had many active and useful years yet to live. She was a native and lifelong resident of Monroe, having been born in the original home of her parents on the family square where she spent all her life, with one brief exception. That was, when as a bride she moved with her husband to Heath Springs, S. C. That stay was brief, for her husband, Hall G. Wilson, to whom she was married Nov. 12, 1855, lived but little more than a year. Upon his death she returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shute, bringing her babe of a month old. Mrs. Wilson never married again, but remained beautifully devoted to the memory of her youthful husband, and the rearing of her son. The son, Mr. Hall H. Wilson, now a well known man of business affairs, was with his mother to the end and is grief stricken by her death. She devoted her time to her parents till their death and then to her brother, the late Mr. Henry Shute, who became the head of the family home, until his death some two years ago. Then Mrs. Wilson had her son and his wife with her for some time, and finally, when they began housekeeping, she remained the only and last member of the large family left upon the old home spot, where she had been born June 15, 1863. Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer, Mrs. B. F. Houston of Charlotte and Messrs. J. R. and J. T. Shute of Monroe are her brothers and sisters. She was a lifelong member of Central Methodist church, a regular attendant upon its services and a supporter of its objects.

The pall bearers are active—J. M. Belk, S. O. Blair, J. J. Crow, W. S. Blakney, E. C. Winchester, Wriston Lee, and honorary—A. M. Stack, J. A. Stewart, M. K. Lee, M. C. Long, and C. C. Sikes.

Union County Singing Convention Organized

Union County's first singing convention was organized Sunday, December 10, at Hopewell Baptist church. Heretofore, Union county has been taking part with the Mecklenburg, Cabarrus convention which was held at Arlington church in Mecklenburg county. It was decided that Union county would have a convention of its own. Due to the unfavorable weather Sunday past, there were only a few churches represented, those being: Hopewell, Mill Creek, Benton's Cross Roads and Ebenezer. However everyone seemed interested and we are hoping to know more about our singing in the different churches and to become better acquainted with each other.

With Mr. T. L. Price acting as temporary chairman for the meeting, Prof. C. M. Beach was elected president of the convention; Rev. J. S. Simpson, first vice-president; Mr. Fred Polk, second vice-president; and Miss Evelyn Price, secretary. There was some discussion as to the next meeting place, so it was voted that five persons representing different churches be a committee to select the next meeting place. Those elected were, Mr. W. O. Haigler, of Mill Creek church; Mr. Vann Haigler of Antioch, Mr. Fred Polk of Hopewell, Rev. J. S. Simpson, of Benton's Cross Roads and Miss Evelyn Price of Ebenezer. It is understood that these meetings will only be on every fifth Sunday. We are very anxious for all of the churches to take a part in the convention, and feel sure that all of those who have attended any of the singing conventions know that it is a great inspiration for the choirs in our churches. The selections rendered by Hopewell choir not only gave enjoyment but inspiration to make other choirs have more of the singing spirit. We want no contesting that comes from jealousy but from the desire to gather together and sing "Praises to God."—Evelyn Price, Secretary.

Be ye kind one to another.—Bible.