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# **GRIFFITH AND MCRAE ARE** SUBJECT OF PEN PICTURE Warrier Like Unto Thinks Marshville Has Some Like That Now and Hopes to See Them Better Some Day

Old Sheriff Is a Warrior Like Unto the Old Tiger of France and McRae is Scothman

EACH AS GOOD AS THE OTHER BUT BOTH ARE DIFFERENT

In Goodhumored Sketch, "Onlooker Describes the Contest over Petition to Legislature to Change Duties of Road Commissioners—Pays Fine Tribute to Sheriff but Thinks He Looks Back to Past Teo Much.

## By Onlooker

The fight is on; the pleas of preach-ers cannot stay it, the protestations of political peacemakers cannot pre-vent it, the solicitations of friends cannot allay it. The hats are in the find, the opposing factions have dof-fed their coats, donned their armor, girded up their loins and rushed to the conflict. It's now root hog or die, sink or swim, the best man or the best cause wins, or as Shakespeare and Major Heath have said: "Lay on McDuff and damned be he who first cries hold enough." Get off the fence, ye laggard souls, and join the strife! Be either for or against! What's more delightful than a poli-

tical row? Conversational topics are on the wane, but now that the fight has begun the holidays will be mer-rier and more eventful in old Union, because forsooth there's something on the political horizon to talk about. On the one side is ex-sheriff Grif-fith, a veteran of many political campaigns, with an immense personal following and with a reputation of following and with a reputation of never having lost a political fight. His helpers and cohorts are surrying over the county for signers to his petition. With his sparcely white hair, his snow-white mustachios, militant cane, dauntless spirit and inherent honesty of purpose, the old sheriff presents a picturesque figure. One that might have been fittingly im-mortalized on the pages of fiction mortalized on the pages of fiction-a perfect picture of an old Southern gentleman, fighting against "new fangled ideas," the high cost of living, extravagance and waste-a veritable Don Quixote fighting against wind-mille mills

He is worried over the tendency of the times; he fears the bankruptcy of the county. He believes we are go-ing forward too hurriedly, too swift-ly, alas too precipitiously. He seems to want to yell out in stentorian tones "Stand ho! Hold fast!" his motto probably being "Make haste slowly." His is the attitude of grizzled age, the attitude of men who have lost the restlessness, the ideals and pro-gressivism of youth, the desire for change and reform that is rampant in the heart of youth and progressive mankind. He wants to go back to the old ways, the economies; figurativeof the county. He believes we are gogressivism of youth, the desire for charge and reform that is ramped meeting place except for thore and better things, a world hat is strate on while data strate and that the strate is not strate strate the strate is not strate strate in the strate is not strate is not strate the strate is not strate the strate is not strate the strate is not strate is not strate the strate is not strate in the strate is not strate is not strate is not strate the strate is not strate is not strate in the strate is not strate in the strate is not strate in the strate is not strate is not strate is not strate is not strate in the strate is not strate in the strate is not strate is no old ways, a new world has been born, a world that is stirred onward to do bigger and better things, a world that sees the ignorance, futilities and large enough for the purpose of the stupidities of the past, a world that gathering. The committee could not wishes to take counsel of the good consider a place where the building things of the past and build anew, in which it was proposed to meet bigger grander and nobler. bigger grander and nobler. Sheriff stands somewhat in the same shoes of the venerated Clem-enceau, who comes to this country Monre for an annual session just as with the memory of the wars of 1870 and 1914 in his heart. He remembers; he is dogmatic in his belief that it "And now,", concluded Dr. Burrell. will all recur again. He is trying to stir up the blood and sinews of this building we can get the convention. country to do his bidding, to prepare against (what he thinks is) the cer- not the county of Union shall retrace skeptical of the future, remembering the past. He has seen more, done more and been a closer part of history than anyone in his audiences has her by tainty of German unregeneracy, of its steps, change its mind and undo future German militarism. He is the progress that has been made. or is likely to be. But he is old and it remain in the hands of the road grizzled. Because of having lived in commission, chairmained by J. D. Mcthe past, his thoughts are in the past; because of his meagre expectancy in fith, as chairman of the board of life he does not and really cannot look county commissioners, seems to want to the future with sure, far seeing eyes. "He is experienced, but not wise; he is old, but it is the hand of time rather than that of death that to retain it under his authority. lies heavily upon him. He will go back after having scolded us in a frank and friendly way, probably leaving us admiring, affectionate even, but unconvined; will leave us to preserve in our mind's eye the picture of a short, white, dauntless fig-ure with sabre toothed mustaches, perfect impersonation of 'ancestral voices prophesying way." Arrayed against Sheriff Griffith is J D. McRae, a man of stubborn courage and a lofty sense of honor coupled with a high order of executive ability—a loyal, kind, lovable, old Scotchman. A man who in spite of one forthcoming, however. It may his grey hairs, has managed to keep pace with the progressives, who looks forward rather than backward, a man who is square, clean and doubtless one could secure a goodly straight and "white, clear white in- number of signers, not because there He knows not the wiles and subtleties of politicians. He is mere-ly straight from the shoulder sort of fellow. He is a man of forbearance and temperateness of judgment. There is nothing little about the soul of J. D. McRae. While he is liberal in his viewpoints he is a conservative, a safe and sane conservative, "a man that you can put your finger on and know how he stands." Now Sheriff Griffith is also a conservative but an ultra conserva-That's the difference. One might be called a progressive conserv-ative, the other a radical conservaa-signers, and this in spite of the fact tive or a reacionary. Both are men of that we have the best Clerk of Court honor, alike yet different. tand the best Sheriff in the good old Now what's the issue? Whether or State of North Carolina.

# WHEN MAIN STREET WAS MADE OF BUTTERMILK

Marshville, Dec. 18.-Marshville school closes next Thursday. On Friday night a play will be given by some of the high school pupils. It is expected to draw a full house if the weather is favorable.

Do not let anyone dare tell you these days that the weather is bad-muddy, chilly, or drizzly. As one of Monroe's newspapermen said a long time ago during some very warm weather: "If anyone tells you it's hot, knock him down." Really, though, something should be done to better the condition of our streets in the way of rock, gravel or cinders, or we will

of rock, gravel or cinders, or we will be in the fix Monroe's streets were (begging your pardon) along about 1890 and later too. An old woman, once, on coming to Monroe, said, all along Main street was like thick buttermilk, mud so deep and soft wheels made no mark or rut, and it was a fact. Now look at Monroe's fine pav-ed streets! Marshville, cheer up, keep doing. Perhaps by 1950 we may be free from mud and dust, to a great extent, and be gliding along, calm and serene.

The Wednesday afternoon Book Club was delightfully entertained last week by Mrs. Jas. P. Marsh, and the Christmas season, and spirit was evidenced in the room decorations, inconterpiece was a lovely little Christmas tree, with a Santa Claus stand-ing by it. On the tree was the prize given in a very interesting contest which was won by Mrs. Powell. Re-freshments consisted of chicken salad, wafers, sandwiches and coffee. The favors were tiny green and red bas-kets filled with fancy mints. Miss Nell Hines and Miss Nettie

Mullins spent Saturday in Charlotte. Marshville regrets to hear of the fire in Charlotte. Brockman's book store is well patronized by our peo-

ple, especially at this season. Mr. Grier Marsh of Pittsburg, Pa., son of Mr. J. C. Marsh, is home for the holiday season.

Mr. George Hallman of Charlotte spent Sunday here with his parents. Flu, that has been all through the land these days, is creeping into our town and we have a few cases with

## Local and Personal

Miss Connie Fowler is at home from Salem College for the holidays. Mrs. Delia Helms of Marshville spent yesterday in Monroe.

Miss Harriet Beasley left Monday afternoon for Washington, where she will spend a short time.

Mr. Olin Sikes has arrived home from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he has been in school for several months. ONLY WET WEATHER SAVED

Miss Edna Helms will leave tomorrow night for Abbeville to attend the Haskell-Smith wedding which

takes place on Thursday.

Miss Ethel Boyte, a member of the faculty of the Morganton high school, has arrived to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyte. Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Phifer of Lit-tle Rock will spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phifer.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Craven of Charlotte, Miss May Covington of Wake Forest and Miss Eva Belle Covington of Lenoir College, will spend Christ-mas with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Secrest. nas with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Secrest. Mrs. Grier Hudson of Raleigh, and Mr. Ogburn Yates of the University, ed from roof to cellar. It was head-

Mr. Ogburn Yates of the University, are home to spend Christmas with their parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. W. quarters for the Piedmont Fire Insurance Company, the Morris Plan Bank and contained numbers of oth-Yates er offices.

Lieut. Henry G. Cuthbertson, now in the navy, has purchased the James H. Williams home place at Rock Rest. The fire was believed to have or-iginated in the furnace room of the Trust building and had gained great headway before it was discovered. cluding Christmas bells, and holly. The flowers were white narcissus and poinsettias. In one room the table and live there.

Mr. Heath Price, who is in the em-ploy of the great Western Electric Company, located in New York and Chicago, is home to spend christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. to firemen, there were no casualties in the fire which attracted hundreds of persons. One of the heaviest down-Price of Wesley Chapel.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Har-grove Bowles, who has had pneumo-nia, has much improved. Miss Bryson, the nurse who was with him, was taken sick while on duty and re-mains in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bowles.

Mr. Fred Smith and Miss Pauline S ewart were married Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. A. Marsh performing the ceremony. Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith,

**DESTROYS TRUST BUILDING** 

A slight tap of his head upon the nut in the centre of a steering wheel on an Overland car killed Bob Phi-fer almost instantly here early Sat-Brockman Book Store and Other Well Known Concerns Included in Loss-Fire Supposed to Have Started in Boiler Room Where Oil Was Used

that death strikes people in connec-tion with automobiles, perhaps none has been more singular than this, be-cause the blow could not have been a severe one.

Charlotte, Dec. 17.—The six story Trust building on South Tryon street here containing the Keith Vaudeville theatre, and a large num-ber of offices was destroyed and two other structures seriously damaged Bob had gotten up early Saturday morning and got his car out at his home on Quality Hill to carry some friends to the depot for the early train. He had them in the car, Rev. by fire early today with a total loss estimated at more than \$440,000. The roof was burned off an adjoin-Hunter and wife, and Ebb Harris, colored. While still in intermediate ing three-story muilding occupied by Brockman's Retail and Mail Order gear something became wrong with the steering aparatus and he was leaning down to the right as if trying to find the trouble. The car ran into a tree, catching the left front wheel around the tree. The sudden stop three Bob's head to the left and down upon the wheel. The nob on the end of the spindle in the centre of the wheel strusk just above the left eye as his head came down upon land are spending a few days with the wheel. He fell back in the seat with a groan and died about the time

he was gotton into the house. Officials were notified and Sheriff pours of rain Charlotte has had this year began to fall about the time the fire was under control. and apparently not much of a wound. This is perhaps why the report that his neck was broken and that he had

 is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, Sr., of New Salem townshin, an dMrs. Smith is a daughter of Mrs. L. S. Smith is a daughter of Mrs. L. S. Williams and a step daughter of Mr. Williams and a step daughter of Mr. Williams, who owns and keeps the central at Fairfield.
Probably few of the friends and admirers of Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor of the First Baptist church of Monroe know that he is one of a family of the free many of four brothers, being one of four brothers, brother, Dr. Charles Edward Burrell, is pastor of the First Baptist ministry. One brother, Dr. Charles Edward Burrell, and equippment was desized of fices in the colored cemetery. Perhaps the mantle of charity which is supposed to be large enough to cover all hu-The car was badly broken up. The

# ONE THROUGH WINDSHIELD AND ONE ON WHEEL SHAFT

Messrs, Belk and Simpson Painfully Hurt When Slick Road Drives Car Into Deep Ditch

MARRIAGE OF MR. SNEED AND MISS PLYLER

Mr. Hinson Makes a Few Remarks About the Use of School Trucks, Saying They Are for Use of the Children and Should Be So Used To Fullest Extent.

By F. V. Hinson Waxhaw, Rt. 5.-Mr. Ralph Snead of Mount Hope, Ala., and Miss Grace Plyler were married last Saturday evening at the Mt. Prospect parson-age by Rev. W. S. Cherry. Mr. Sneed is a very industrious and popular young man. He has just been hon-orably discharged from the U. S. Navy, Mrs. Snead is one of the most popular young ladies of this community. She is a very fine musician which was more than an art to her. It was an original talent. She has been able to make good music since she was two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Sneed will make their home for a while with Mrs. Snead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Plyler. Their friends wish for them a long and happy life. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cadieu of Page-

Mrs. Cadieu's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Plyler. Mr. Will E. Belk and Mr. Robt. Simpson of Jackson township had a

he was got and Policeman Helms went Fowler and Policeman Helms went over. They asked Dr. Creft to make an examination, which he did and found that the skull had been crack-ed at the base. There was no blood, and apparently not much of a wound. han apparently han apparent has had buildings soaked and the aid given by the torrents of rain water that fell this morning. Fire Chief Wallace said the blaze might have proven as dis-astrous as the recent fire at New Bern. Street Traffic Blocked Torm of many states and the states and that was ware to the states and head and brus-tounted. Torm of many states and the states and that was what the states and head and brus-tounted.

the county and state trucks standing in the yards and garages of schools after having made but one trip while Total loss in the building occupied the Civil War. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. children wade mud for as many miles as the trucks came. That is injustice and perhaps discrimination. And further, it is reported that trucks drive by children on their way to school that live four and five miles from school and the drivers refuse to stop for them or to take them on. Don't let anyone get into his head that I am opposed to the use of trucks. I am not. I think they are a great convenience also the proper way to convey the children to school. I am opposed to a misuse of the privelege to use a truck. It is a part of the school equipment and assigned to the school for its use. And the pupils should use it. If one is insufficient to handle the situation, why not use two? Measles and influenza have caused a considerable scare and falling off of school attendance in this part of the county. The school at this place continues to go but it has been suggested that it be suspended for a few days. Perhaps it would be best but should the school stop and the young folks continue to have socials and the old folks congregate a leisure Mr. James Aycoth has recently bought from Mr. B. C. Hinson the Belk old home place and moved to it. Mr. Aycoth and his family are excellent neighbors as well as good farmers and we are glad to have them amongst us.

SUNDAY FIRE IN CHARLOTTE KILLED BY TAP OF HEAD ON THE STEERING WHEEL Bob Phifer, Well Known Character About Monroe, Meet Death in Pe-culiar Way Saturday Keith Theatre and More Than Forty Business Concerns Suffer Dam-age of \$400,000

soon as there was a church building large enough for the convention "just as soon as we get our new

Rae. There's the fght. Sheriff Grifboard of road commissioners, wants

the present road commission. They seem to think that the situation now stands as the people indicated by their votes they wished it to stand. This authority was once taken from the county commissioners and at a

recent election to turn it back to them the proposition was defeated. Mr. McRae has disdained so far to

ask that the business of the county commissioners be turned over to the road commission, and even if so number of signers, not because there's any dissatisfaction with the county commissioners but because folks just naturally hate to turn down a good fellow asking them to sign on the dotted line 'specially when it don't cost nothing. For that very reason it would not be unexpected if Sher-iff Griffith with his immense popularity got over half of the county to aign his petition. If he were to carry a petition asking that the present sheriff's office be turned over to the Clerk of Court, or that the Clerk's office be turned over to Sheriff Fow-

of which Mr. Ray Funderburk is su-perintendent and Mr. Joel W. Griffin secretary, is preparing to have a "White Christmas." Articles of useful value and Christmas cheer will be by Brockman's store and offices was J. T. Griffith delighted those present Christmas services are held, when thousands of dollars of damage was Mrs. W. A. Lane accompanying them. they will be distributed to the needy done by water in the Piedmont of the town and community. Money building. Other nearby structures of the town and community. Money or articles will be received from Friday till Sunday. A committee has been appointed to secure information as to who are in need or whom Santa Claus will probably not visit, consisting of Mrs. Randolph Redfearn, Mrs. W. Horn, Mrs. Kirby Helms and Miss Drucilla Broom. The Sunday school is entering into the idea with enthusiasm and its first "White Christmas" promises to be a notable event.

### Jane Novak's Greatest Wish Is Gratified at Last

At last Jane Novak is able to "doll up" for the screen! After wearing various assortments of sport togs, leggings, flannel shirts, khaki and mountain shoes in practifally every motion picture in which she has ap-

peared, Jane Novak has her first op-portunity to wear dazzling gowns in her latest and greatest F. B. O. production "Thelma," based on Marie Corelli's world famous novel of the duction "Thelma," same title. Charles Bennett conceived and created this exceptional photoplay which begins its engagement at the Strand Theatre on Wednesday

and Thursday. For years Miss Novak with true feminine leanings longed to appear in a picture where she could dis-card out-door apparel and attire herself in accordance with fashion's latest edicts. "Thelma," gave her the first chance. In this produc ction she wears a varied assortment of Parisian gowns, shoes and imported furs that would make the attire of a former Russian princess seem mediocre by comparison.

Gowns valued at more than \$40,-000 and furs costing in excess of \$25,000 were worn by Miss Novak and several professional models in one of the big scenes of "Thelma." The scenes were staged in a London modiste's shop where Miss Novak as "Thelma," goes to try on some gowns for the grand ball, making her debut in London society.

Ever thought of giving your son a ted action for the preservation of the partnership in the farm business? Present the matter to him this

be equipped with electric elevators. the president, presided, and the meet-Within recent months it had been pur-ing was opened with the Lord's Praychased by C. W. Johnston at a price or in concert. Members responded to sa'd to be \$253,000.

Book and Stationary store and a num-

ber of offices and practically all the

contents of the structure were a to-

tal loss due to fire and water. The

No Serious Injuries

Save for one or two minor injuries

placed at more than \$100,000, while with the singing of Annie Lourie, escaped with a few panes of broken gin of the Ku Klux," and Mrs. D. B. glass or scorched awnings, from the Snyder's, "Christmas before the war." lames which were discovered about Mrs. Loula Shannon who went to the 1:30 a. m. The losses generally were Convention in Birmingham could not said to be well covered by insurance, be present, but her report which was

store, and several real estate and to the Educational Fund, and called insurance firms as well as firms in attention to the book, Women of the

book store and carried away its three floors. Mayor Walker announced today that he would turn the city auditorium over to those whose offices were destroyed and would erect tempo rary partitions in the main hall of

the building. A check up of injuries tonight showed that Capt. Al Moody of the fire department, suffered painful cuts from falling glass and that R. W. Stokes was knocked down apparently by contact with an electric wire but not seriously hurt. Electric

building was to have been occupied shortly by the sixth district office of the State Highway Commission. Re-modeling of this floor had just been completed during last week.

government.

roll call with the name of heriones of

Two splendid papers were read, Miss Mabel Belk's subject being "The Ori-Mrs. J. A. Stewart, The entire proram was unusually interesting and astructive. The District president, lirs. R. B. Redwine, asked all who

other lines. The entire stock of South in War Times, which is being Christmas goods of the Brockman placed in many schools and libraries. Book Store was destroyed. When the Mirs. Redwine and Mrs. J. T. Griffith north wall of the Trust building col- were appointed to find out how much Mrs. Redwine and Mrs. J. T. Griffith apsed tons of wreckage were hurl- was contributed to the New Bern fire ed onto and through the roof of the sufferers by the chapter. At the close of the program, Mrs. Johnson, assisted by her son, Hayne, Jr., and Miss Odessa Richardson, served a delicious

salad course and mints.

## "Huggins' Paper"

The first copy of The Wilson Mir-ror, of which Mr. L. E. Huggins is manager, appeared Sunday. There were eighteen pages of the paper and the friends of Mr. Huggins will be glad to hear that he has successfully gone through the trying experience of launching a morning daily newspaper of large proportions and with a number of experienced newspaper men on the staff. The paper starts off with a large volume of advertising and some thousand or more advance sub-scribers. Mr. John Beasley is presi-dent of the Mirror company, and Mr. the State Highway Commission. Re-modeling of this floor had just been completed during last week. Polish President Assasinated Gabryel Narutowicz, first presi-dent of the Polish Republic, who was assasinated Saturday, was born near Kovno in 1865 and later graduated in engineering from a college in Petrograd. He was slain by a de-mented artist and his death has

Petrograd. He was stain by thas mented artist and his death has served to cement the different po-litical elements of Poland into uni-litical elements of Poland into uni-tical for the preservation of the township, and Miss Blake Bennett, of Mr. and Mrs. James Ben-Laughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Benpett, of the Faulks community, were married last Sunday, Rev. A. Marsh

Christmas. You ought to see Benton "Vights new school building, it is a landy. Watch Benton Heights grow. Simple designs are the most beauti-ful. The best dressed woman is one of whom people do not say, "what a beautiful gown," but rather ,"what a beautiful woman."

### Union Grove Honor Roll

The following is the honor roll of the Union Grove school, taught by Miss Sad e Bivens, Mrs. E. E Presson and Mr. A. D. Baucom:

First grade: Selma Price and Kelly Helms.

Second grade: Sadie Dees and Grace Tomberlin. Third grade: Ella Mae Benton and Maddry Medlin.

Fourth grade: Gertrude Baucom, Ruth Belk, Ella Mae Helms, and Marvin Price.

Fifth grade: Grace Presley and Rosa Lee Baucom. Sixth grade: Etta Griffin, Brite

Baucom and Verla Helms. Seventh grade: Gaston Dees, Rena Mae Tadlock, Telia Taylor, Dollie Hill and Clyde Baucom.

Mr. E. W. Crow left last night for a Richmond hospital, where he goes for treatment of his old trouble, white swelling, from which he has been lame many years. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mary Morrow McMullen; a trained nurse.

The third floor of the Brockman

light and power was turned off in downtown Charlotte for several hours during the fire.

### ilthough there were numerous indi- especially well written was read by iduals who had no such protection gainst fire. More than forty businesses suffered sses as a result of the fire. These ncluded a bank, a theatre, book could to contribute twenty-five cents