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## NATIONAL GUARD UNIT FOR MONROE IS NOW ASSURED

### Emsley Armfield Commissioned Captain and Members Are Signing Up.

### PROSPECTS ARE FOR STRENGTH OF NINETY

The success of the National Guard unit to be known as Batter F. 117th Field Artillery for Union county is assured. Mr. Emsley Armfield has been commissioned Captain and he with other parties interested in the success of the organization have been presenting the matter of enlistment to eligible prospects.

The following men have signed an agreement to enlist and organize: R. B. Redwine, Jr., Gilliam Craie, R. R. Hawfield, Paul Griffith, Clifford Fowler, V. H. Wood, J. C. M. Vann, Sam H. Lee, Craven Gordon, F. R. Rose, Roy C. Smith, J. Allen Lee, H. W. Coble, Dewey L. English, J. P. Gamble, Geo. S. Lee, Jr., J. R. English, G. B. Caldwell, A. W. McCall, F. H. Fairley, R. S. Howie, J. R. Hudson, C. H. Hasty, A. A. Heath, D. J. Boger, T. N. Lee, P. M. Abernethy, Keith Davis, John Coble, E. R. Coble, B. B. Craig, D. S. Cornelius, Homer Fowler, J. M. Beaty, C. L. Efrid, E. B. Haney, Emsley Armfield, Herbert Warlick, Joe Privett, A. B. Fairlev, Jim Helms, Carl Davis.

The business men of the town are co-operating heartily in the movement, as they realize the benefit to the community to be derived from such an organization. The government furnishes equipment worth \$50,000.00, consisting of four 155mm guns, with caissons, trucks, trailers, machine guns, motors, etc., and all uniforms and equipment for men. In addition, members of the organization are paid \$1.50 a drill for sixty drills a year, and full pay and transportation and supplies for a two weeks encampment during the summer. Several of the business men have urged their employees to join the organization, promising to continue their wages during absence on encampment.

The minimum enlistment strength is 65 and the prospects are that the minimum requirement will be greatly exceeded and the maximum strength of 90 men fully enlisted when the proposition is understood and opportunity given the younger men to enlist. It is reported that considerable interest is being manifested at Waxhaw, Wingate and Marshville and in the country near Monroe where good roads will enable men to attend drills without much loss of time. Drills are of an hour and a half duration and will be held mostly at night. The outings and physical training offered enlisted men are attractive inducements to enlistment, as well as association with a congenial crowd of home folks.

It is expected that the full strength of the organization will be completed this week and enlistment and organization perfected. In order to allow for rejections on physical examination, the parties interested in organization think it wise to have at least seventy-five or eighty men sign the agreement before the actual work of enlistment starts. Any white male resident of the county between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years is eligible for enlistment. Persons interested in the organization are referred to Capt. Armfield for further information.

### Death of Mr. George W. Simpson

Mr. George W. Simpson died at his home at Olive Branch yesterday about ten o'clock of pneumonia. He had been sick several days and his death was not unexpected.

The funeral was held this afternoon by Rev. E. C. Snyder, pastor of Olive Branch Baptist church, of which Mr. Simpson was a useful and influential member.

Mr. Simpson was one of the very best men of the county. He always engaged in farming and was a good one. He was a man of striking appearance and a personality that attracted attention and respect from strangers, as his life and character won the love and respect of his neighbors. He always stepped forward and took his part in church and school affairs and for the betterment of his community. He was born and reared in the same neighborhood in which he passed his life.

Mr. Simpson was twice married. The first time to Miss Dry, the second time to Miss Lizzie Thomas, daughter of Mr. E. W. Thomas, now of Weddington who survives him. He is survived by his wife, five sons and five daughters. The sons are Zeb, Bunion, Clyde, Hoyle and Onis Simpson. The daughters are Mrs. S. W. Bennett of Concord, Mrs. J. M. Burns of Marshville, Mrs. William Thomas of Olive Branch, and Misses Mary and Mittie Simpson. Mrs. M. H. Hamilton of Marshville, is a sister of the deceased and Dr. G. B. Nance, of Monroe, is a brother-in-law, and Mr. J. W. Hamilton, of Monroe is a nephew.

### FOR ALDERMAN

We suggest the name of Vann Funderburk as a suitable candidate for alderman from Ward Five. He is a successful business man and knows the value of a dollar. At the same time he is a progressive man, and would make us a good alderman. Get busy, voters of Ward Five, and elect Mr. Funderburk.

## MR. J. E. BROOM'S LEG BROKEN IN FIVE PLACES

Mr. J. E. Broom, supervisor of the section of the Charlotte-Wilmington highway between Monroe and Charlotte, was hit by an automobile on the road at Pleasant Plains church Friday afternoon, and his left leg was broken in five or six places. The breaks were one above the knee and the others between the knee and the ankle. The knee joint was not injured and there were no bruises or scratches elsewhere on the body. Mr. Broom is in a hospital in Charlotte and perhaps will be there several weeks. Both bones of the leg were broken. The bone protruded from the flesh, and in dressing the wounds it was necessary to split the flesh.

Mr. Broom does not know much about the accident. He was hit by a car belonging to Mr. H. H. McLendon of Wadesboro. Mrs. McLendon was in the car returning from Charlotte and a young man was driving it. Mr. Broom was coming toward home on his tractor and Mr. Redmond was driving up to meet him to talk a matter of business. They both halted on the end of the asphalt road where it joins the Union county road. The McLendon car was coming down from Charlotte. The driver said that there did not appear to be room enough between the tractor and the Redmond car for him to pass and he turned to the right to pass on the outside. Just then Mr. Broom got down from the seat and was hit. He did not see the car and the presumption is that the driver did not see him at all until too near to stop. He was knocked some fifteen feet. Strange to say that while the leg was fearfully smashed up, he was hurt nowhere else.

Seeing that Mr. Broom was hurt, Mr. Redmond jumped in his car and ran to Matthews for a doctor. He could not find one and it was some time before Dr. Reid arrived. It was decided to take Mr. Broom to the hospital in Charlotte and he arrived there about nine thirty. The accident took place some time around six o'clock just after the storm which passed over that section. The Wadesboro car was stopped and assistance offered. It will be next to a miracle if Mr. Broom does not lose his leg.

## COTTON PRODUCTION IN THIS STATE IN 1921-1922

The government figures for the cotton crop in this state for 1921 and 1922 are given below, which make interesting reading in view of the boll weevil invasion. More cotton was made in this state in 1922 than in 1921. In 1921 the amount was 803,620. In 1922, 878,997.

County	1921	1922
Alamance	957	439
Anson	21692	23282
Beaufort	13455	10708
Bertie	16309	13710
Bladen	6692	9464
Cabarrus	11522	9109
Camden	2998	2217
Carters	640	1097
Catawba	9334	6592
Chatham	9273	6163
Chowan	6148	4877
Cleveland	36540	27233
Columbus	6336	4586
Craven	4079	5077
Cumberland	20055	15991
Davidson	1642	736
Davie	2813	1012
Durham	7364	10116
Durham	609	245
Edgecombe	36184	29231
Franklin	14876	11373
Gaston	9852	8832
Gates	4251	4922
Granville	792	538
Greene	8548	14367
Halifax	41269	31186
Harnett	33268	24890
Hertford	4991	3926
Hoke	17186	16870
Hyde	827	871
Iredell	14469	9583
Johnston	60447	48691
Jones	3849	5086
Lee	8426	6983
Lenoir	10214	16219
Lincoln	9962	6048
Martin	10607	9211
Mecklenburg	21544	23042
Montgomery	5050	4181
Moore	3696	2042
Nash	36735	28912
Northampton	23260	16872
Onslow	3282	4757
Orange	1855	1003
Pamlico	4298	4176
Pasquotank	5253	2805
Pender	1584	2732
Perquimans	5271	4863
Pitt	23289	26465
Randolph	1133	605
Richmond	15623	13501
Robeson	45128	62646
Rowan	3923	5701
Rutherford	13321	9013
Scotland	28160	29162
Scotland	26164	29497
Stanly	7789	6336
Tyrrell	1535	1188
Union	24780	27503
Vance	5820	3797
Wake	31698	21452
Warren	11158	7647
Washington	4582	3262
Wayne	29972	34833
Wilson	33101	26230
All other	3300	3449

### FOR MAYOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of Monroe, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

C. E. HOUSTON.

### FOR ALDERMAN

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman from Ward Four, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

A. A. EDGEWORTH.

"He was driven to his grave." "Sure he was. Did you expect him to walk?"—Lord Jeff.

## Crowned with Years and Honor W. H. Phifer Died this Morning

Mr. W. H. Phifer died at two-twenty o'clock this morning. He had been sick for three months and for most of that time it was known to be merely a question of days until the end. He had lived practically without nourishment for many days. He was 80 years old on the 13th of February and weakness and complications incident to old age caused his death. He had been a man of remarkable healthiness, though not particularly robust. He had pneumonia in both lungs while a prisoner during the Civil War, but from that time till his fatal illness he was scarcely sick enough at any time to require a physician.

The funeral is being held at the residence this afternoon by Dr. Weaver and possibly Dr. Craven, presiding elder. The pall bearers are: W. C. Heath, W. J. Hudson, L. N. Presson, John Griffith, Wriston Lee and J. F. Benton.

Mr. Phifer is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. E. D. Worley, Mrs. W. H. Norwood, Mrs. T. T. Capchart, Mrs. Frank Fairley, Mr. Braxton Phifer of Pine Bluff, Ark., Mr. Roscoe Phifer and Mr. Sam Phifer. All the family were at the bedside during his illness.

Words are not adequate to describe the place that Mr. Phifer held in this community for two score years. So long ago as the present generation can remember, the name "Uncle Billy Phifer" was a synonym for religion and good works. He stood irrefragable and unassailable before men.

He was born and reared in the Wesley Chapel community and from there went as a young soldier to the Confederate army, serving four years except for the time he was in Federal prison. He belonged to the Confederate cavalry, which under such leaders as Wade Hampton and Zeb Stewart had never been excelled in the world. It was at one time a courier on the staff of Hampton. Coming back from the war, he married Miss Elizabeth Jane Stevens, who survives him. Of his immediate family, only his youngest sister, Mrs. E. A. Armfield, survives. After spending some years on the farm, Mr. Phifer moved to Monroe and engaged in the mercantile business with his brother-in-law, the late Sheriff A. F. Stevens. The old firm of Stevens & Phifer located on the corner where the bank of Union now stands, did a large business and was known far and wide for its business probity. Sheriff Stevens lived for the most of this period in the country and looked after the mercantile business and Mr. Phifer conducted the Monroe store. Sheriff Stevens being the principal buyer for the business, about the time Mr. Phifer retired from business he bought the old Osborne homestead across the creek, fixed it up, and spent the remainder of his years quietly there. For while, at the special request of the directors of the People's Bank, the only institution of the kind in the county, he served as cashier.

In the issue of February 7, 1922, The Journal said editorially:

Honors Itself in Honoring Mr. Phifer

In the old Methodist church building which was moved away years ago

Kiwanis International Convention to Be Held in Atlanta

Mr. Joe Hudson, secretary of the local Kiwanis club, received the following letter last week in regard to the International Convention which is to be held in Atlanta, May 28th, to 31st, at which Messrs. J. A. Douglas, V. H. Wood, and Joe Hudson will represent the Monroe Kiwanians.

Probably the greatest "Canadian invasion" which ever has penetrated the United States and certainly the South, will be the delegation of Kiwanians which will visit Atlanta May 28 to 31, inclusive, when the Kiwanis International Convention is held.

Several special trains are being planned for the trip, which will include nearly 500 Kiwanians from the fifty clubs in Canada. The convention was held last year in Toronto, when George Ross, Commissioner of Finance, of that city, was elected international president, and the Canadians will return the Americans' visit this summer by sending a record delegation on the long trip.

One of the features of the Canadian invasion will be the famous brass band of the Forty-eighth Highlanders' Regiment, which fought overseas throughout the war. The Highlanders will give concerts in many cities along the route, dressed in their uniform of Scotch kilts.

Indications are that the Atlanta convention will be the largest ever held by Kiwanians. The International Program Committee met recently in Atlanta, made a tour of the city, and completed a program of business and entertainment which will occupy almost every moment of the time. One of the entertainment features is to be an old fashion Southern barbecue, cooked by noted ante-bellum negroes over open pit fires, at which 5,000 persons will be served, while a glimpse of the "Old South" will be seen in "Plantation Days," a musical revue which will depict the customs of other days.

Atlanta, in true Southern manner, has issued special invitation to the wives and daughters of Kiwanians, and a big committee of ladies will look after their entertainment while the men are engaged in business sessions.

"Don't buy thermometers in the summer—they are lower in winter."—The Journal of Medical Ass'n.

## GREAT ACTRESS, 80 YEARS OLD, IS DYING IN PARIS

Paris, March 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Bernhardt's life appears to be fast ebbing. Physically prostrate, alert in mind and at times clearly conscious of the momentous struggle which she is waging against death, France's great actress fought throughout the night against the darkness which is fast closing in about her. What her friends call a heroic play extending over four score years is approaching the denouement. The attending physicians, celebrated for their skill in medical science, as well as Mme. Bernhardt's friends, all agree that her condition is well nigh desperate, but the "Divine Sarah" alone apparently considers this only another of numerous false exits and farewell appearances in real life, to which she is so well accustomed on the stage.

The warm spring sunshine today permitted the windows of the sick room to be kept open. Suddenly a funeral procession turned the corner of a nearby street and passed the little mansion on the Boulevard Pereire, the plodding horses in slow rhythmic cadence drawing a black hearse and coaches bearing a few mourners filed by. Pale and drawn by her two nights' vigil, Mme. Nordmand, the secretary, rushed to the windows and closed them that the great artist might not hear the mournful sounds.

"It is not my funeral yet," Bernhardt said—"not yet. I will live many years."

The present illness of Mme. Bernhardt is described by the specialists as "failure of the kidneys to function," causing a uraemic condition in most pronounced form.

"It is a humiliating admission for medicine, which claimed to have reached such heights, when it must acknowledge that it is unable to assist one of the most ordinary functions of the organic body," one of the renowned specialists in attendance remarked to the Associated Press after a consultation of the physicians today.

But there is still some hope that "the miracle woman" may pull through and once more, as she herself has many times expressed the wish, "have the opportunity to die in harness."

"Moliere, the greatest actor the French stage has ever known, died in action," Mme. Bernhardt once said, and many of her friends believe that her stubbornness in disobeying the doctors' orders during her previous attacks is prompted by her desire to "die in action."

## Belmont News

Indian Trail Route 1, March 26.—Nothing of importance has happened since my last news, and I am therefore at a loss to know what to write. The health of the neighborhood, is good, our people are busy at work planning for the coming crop, happiness and contentment are seen on every side and most of our people seem to be enjoying life to the fullest extent.

Miss Grace Plowman, who has had pneumonia, is able to be back at school again.

Miss Lydia Presson, the primary teacher of Belmont, spent last Monday night with Miss Ruby Belk.

Miss Ossie Rowell, who has had measles, has started back to school.

Mr. John Beattie, who has been sick with measles, is able to be out again.

Miss Ona Helms of Unionville spent last week end with her cousin, Miss Louise Helms.

The other day in school there was a little boy chewing gum and his teacher told the boy to give it to her. The little boy up and says please let me keep this and I will bring you some tomorrow that ain't chewed.

The enthusiastic angler was telling some friends about a proposed fishing trip to a lake in Colorado which he had in contemplation. "Are there any trout out there?" asked a friend. "Thousands of 'em," replied the angler. "Will they bite easily?" asked another friend. "Will they? Why they're absolutely vicious. A man has to hide behind a tree to bait a hook."

The other day the teacher said it's time now to plant your potatoes, the moon is right, and William says my daddy doesn't plant in the moon, he always plants them in the ground.

Three things to fight for: honor, country and home. Three things to think about: life, death and eternity. Three things to govern, temper, tongue and conduct. Three things to love: courage, gentleness and kindness. Three things to hate: cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude. Three things to delight in: frankness, freedom and beauty. Three things to avoid: idleness, loquacity and flippancy. Three things to wish for: health, friends and a cheerful spirit. Three things to admire: intellectual power, dignity and gracefulness.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Simpson and children spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Connell.

Monroe High School Wins From M. P. C. L. by Small Score.

Last Friday afternoon at Robert's Park the Monroe High School baseball team formally opened its season by defeating the team from Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, in a 7-inning affair; by the score of 2-1. Although five errors were chalked up against each team, an exceptionally good ball game was witnessed, and it was not until the last of the seventh inning when a downpour interrupted the game, that the final outcome was known.

## MARSHVILLE BOYS WHO TOOK HONORS IN SCHOLARSHIPS

### Sons of the Settlers Who Have Reflected Honor Upon the Home Town

### A BRILLIANT ARRAY OF YOUTHFUL SUCCESS

By Mrs. Lina Covington Harrell

Marshville, March 26.—Carlyle has said "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." It might also be said that the merits of a town may be found tucked away in the biographies of the men which that town produces. In view of this fact, the older men who have built Marshville, and whom we might say are still building it, may take a pardonable pride in the achievements of their sons, as these boys, armed with the initiative and perseverance of their fathers have gone out into the world and found success. The splendid reports that come from this younger generation which has flown the old nest to brave fortune's tractless way, are a limitless source of satisfaction to Marshville people. We like to recall them, and to tell other people about them.

At the University of North Carolina, through whose doors many of our young men have passed, diplomas in hand, on their way to success, there are records of students' prowess which are priceless to our town in that they represent the mental and moral ability and strength which these boys have inherited from their forebears—the builders of Marshville.

Less than ten years ago there was a smashing of records at U. N. C. and a Marshville boy, Ray Newsom, son of R. C. Newsom, came home triumphantly with a diploma, the highest record made at the university since the Civil War, and the honor of having been president of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, which is won on scholarship. Ray entered the teaching profession in which he has gone steadily forward and for the past two years he has been on the faculty of the University of Michigan.

About two years later Grier Marsh, son of J. C. Marsh, came home with his diploma and a membership in the Phi Beta Kappa. But this was not enough for Grier. He went back to the university the next year and took a post-graduate course in chemistry, then went to Pittsburg in government work. One day we read in the papers that Grier had made a wonderful chemical discovery which in case of another war would be of great value to the United States. Grier has recently been transferred to Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Then along came Earl Marsh, brother of Grier, who had to show for his four years at Chapel Hill a diploma, the highest record of his class and the presidency of the Phi Beta Kappa. Earl tells us on himself that during his freshman year he found it necessary to stand up to study at night to keep from going to sleep. This evidently proved an effective method of concentration, for Earl went back for a post-graduate course, specializing in geology, and is now in Eldorado, Kansas making good in the oil business.

Not to confine their exploits at the university to scholarship alone the Marshville boys had as their representative in athletics Beemer Harrell, who played on the football team one memorable Thanksgiving when U. N. C. conquered the invincible Virginians. After he got his diploma Beemer went back for a post-graduate course and was elected captain of the football team, and has since kicked his way into Y. M. C. A. secretary and athletic director at New Bern. He is the son of S. M. Harrell.

Along with these boys was Myron Green, son of Editor J. Z. Green. After Myron got his diploma and looked around a bit, he decided that his father had set him about as good an example as he could follow, so he went back to the Hill again and absorbed all they knew about journalism, then went to Hartsville, S. C. and bought a paper. So successful has he been in newspaper work that he has recently had offers from two large dailies; one in North Carolina, the other in Virginia. But he thinks he had rather be his own boss awhile longer so is staying on at Hartsville for the present.

To diversify their occupations still further Clayton Brewer, son of Mr. George Brewer, went to the university and got a good start, then went on to Tulane and came home last summer with an M. D. degree. In June he went to Panama to practice in a government hospital, and got back a few weeks ago with loads of valuable experience and a mustache, and is now practicing in Asheville. Some of the foremost doctors in North Carolina have praised Clayton's work and ability.

Naturally after a doctor there must be a lawyer, so along with the boys went Eric Little, son of the late G. M. Little. He got all the Hill knew about the Law then went to Wilson, hung out a shingle and proceeded to make good.

A year or two ago Gwyn Griffin, son of E. H. Griffin, rounded up his university course with a diploma, and when the students began calling him "Professor" it was too much for Gwyn. He finished the session then went back to Chapel Hill where he is now taking another degree up to his now taking another degree up to his

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