

## MARSHVILLE MEN MAY TRY TOBACCO AS AN EXPERIMENT

Stegall and Marsh Figuring on Few Acres Following Much Talk About It

### WESLEY CHAPEL A FINE COMMUNITY

By L. E. Huggins

Some agitation for tobacco growing as a means of combating the ravages of the boll weevil in Union county is being made. Many farmers and business men believe that tobacco may be profitably grown in this county, recalling a time when it was grown to some extent in Lanes Creek township.

Twenty-five or thirty years ago, the late Captain T. E. Ashcraft of Lanes Creek built a large tobacco barn and grew the weed for a few years, but abandoned the pursuit because of the fact that cotton proved more easily grown and gathered.

Many now believe that if the boll weevil should invade the county to the extent that cotton growing becomes unprofitable, the tobacco industry will take on new life, especially since the co-operative marketing plan makes it easy to market tobacco, although there is no established market in the county, by shipping to warehouses in the tobacco sections.

Mr. M. C. Stegall, who recently moved from Clarkton to Marshville, understands the tobacco industry and he states that he and Mr. E. E. Marsh are considering planting four or five acres of tobacco this year as a kind of experiment. If it proves successful, a tobacco barn will likely be erected with the result that farmers from various sections of the county may become interested and begin the culture of the weed next year.

A visit to Wesley Chapel, in the western part of Union county, will convince any one that the growth and development of that section has been phenomenal. In the center of the community and around which the community interest centers is Wesley Chapel high school, a new \$15,000 building just being completed with six large class rooms, seating capacity of five hundred. The building is of brick construction and is modern in every respect.

Messrs. H. L. Price, W. D. Hawfield and W. K. Rape constitute the board of trustees of the school and to them much of the credit for the new building and splendid school spirit is due, for the community is bearing one-half the expense of the construction of the building and the equipment.

There are in this district 200 pupils. Mr. R. L. Patrick is principal, with an excellent corps of teachers and the children in that section enjoy the same school advantages of those in the towns of the county.

Great preparation is being made in Union county for combating the weevil this season. An unusually large acreage has been planted to small grain and it is looking fine. Several years ago the farmers of Union became interested in growing food and feed stuffs and in dairying and hog raising. These industries are being rapidly increased and the indications now are that, although the boll weevil may hit Union hard, he will not put the farmers out of business nor run the business men into bankruptcy, as he has done in many counties of the South.

## JOY RIDING SON UPSETS NEW HANOVER HOME

Wilmington, April 4.—Investigation of charges that prisoners in New Hanover county home here had been maltreated and also of the case of last week where the superintendent's son is charged with carrying two white women prisoners on a joy ride, resulted this morning with the suspension of W. C. Page, superintendent, and Mrs. Page, matron of the home, and they were given 60 days' notice to give up their positions.

Bruce Page, a soldier from Fort Bragg, who is a son of the superintendent, was found guilty yesterday by Recorder George Harris of the charge of aiding prisoners to escape from the county home. He was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, but sentence was suspended and the young man was ordered to return to camp today.

It is alleged that Page secured a taxicab Sunday night and directed the driver to convey him to the county home, where, it is said, he obtained his father's keys and effected the release of two white women, Martha Lewis and Bessie Whitaker, who were serving time for operating a disorderly house.

The young man and the two women motored to Topsail Sound, the soldier returning to the city and Superintendent Page and another son, upon being notified of the women's escape, afterwards captured the two women on the sound.

The county commissioners ordered an investigation of the escapade, also directing that inquiry be made concerning other charges of irregularities made against Superintendent Page. Commissioner Linwood D. Latta submitted his report to the board this morning, citing instances where the prisoners had been maltreated and also reporting on certain other happenings at the home.

## CYCLONE DEVASTATES WAKE COUNTY SECTION

A picture of wild devastation in the path of Wednesday night's cyclone in eastern Wake, near Wendell, was brought to Raleigh last night by Dr. S. V. Lewis, as a physician who attended many of the injured negroes on the farm of J. P. Richardson and brought the wife of John Debnam and one of the Debnam children to St. Agnes Hospital where they were declared to be in desperate condition, the woman with a scantling piercing her thigh and the child with a fractured skull, says the News & Observer.

"The only part of either house left on the side of the road on which they were located is a set of doorsteps," declared Dr. Lewis last night at St. Agnes Hospital. "Timbers, in a shape absolutely unrecognizable for two hundred and fifty yards."

According to Dr. Lewis the cyclone reached its highest fury at the Richardson farm and here the ruin, apparently, was the most complete.

The Debnams were eating supper when the blow struck.

"I think it's going to be a cyclone," the mother declared as she opened the door and peered at the sky. She went back to the supper table and that's the last most of the members of the family recall until they came to their senses scurrying across the fields or picking themselves up painfully, far from the house.

"The neighbors were completely terrified," Dr. Lewis declared. "They could not realize what had happened." Of the two tenant families, living close together, one of twelve members and the other almost as many, only two or three escaped uninjured. The woman and child with the fractured skull, however, were the most seriously hurt.

Answering the call for medical assistance Dr. Lewis found the road blocked a mile or more from the scene of the wreckage. It was necessary to walk this distance through the mud, and cross the ground littered with debris and later to carry the injured woman and the baby the same distance back to the automobile. The woman was borne on a cot while John Debnam carried his child in his arms.

Great oak trees were torn up by the roots on the Richardson place, tobacco barns were swept away along with pack houses and other out-houses. The most imposing house on the place, occupied by Will Cash, a white man, and his family, is in ruins. The roof was torn off and the chimneys were showered down into the house. As it happened, the family was not at home.

"The kitchen looks like a brick factory," Dr. Lewis described it.

All the physicians in Wendell and the vicinity were busy last night. Dr. Lewis stated, but the twenty patients on the Richardson place were enough to keep him occupied. The remaining ones are being cared for in houses on the place which were left unscathed.

The road from Wendell to Raleigh, Dr. Lewis reported, is absolutely clear of any sign of the cyclone.

### Plyler Mill News

Mineral Springs R. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Starnes of Monroe have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerre Laney of Plyler Mill section.

Mr. J. F. Hayes and Mr. E. B. Baker went to Lancaster last Thursday on business.

Mr. G. W. Montgomery and Mr. Henry Belk went on a fishing trip to Beaver Creek in South Carolina last Thursday and brought back a large number of fish.

Mrs. Bright Hayes and Mrs. Mattie Rape visited Mrs. Hayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Belk, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rape spent Saturday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Starnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hinson of Plyler Mill section have been visiting at Unity, S. C.

Mrs. Vera Caskey of Salisbury spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belk spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Doster of Plyler Mill community.

Mrs. W. B. Starnes spent Sunday night with her son, Mr. J. W. Threatt of Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Montgomery were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Montgomery last Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Montgomery and Mrs. J. V. Doster spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. B. Starnes.

Mrs. Betty Plyler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Montgomery.

Mr. C. H. Hinson of Plyler Mill section left Tuesday morning with his road outfit for Chester county, S. C., where he has a contract to build a highway.

The small grain of this section looks the best in years, the writer has been told.

The writer has been told that there is one smart dog in this section. He is so smart that he will eat an egg and bury the shell to keep anyone from catching him.

## Big League Baseball Teams Will Make Monroe Fans' Eyes Dance

The game of big league baseball staged for Monroe next Thursday is enough to make the eyes of the baseball fans pop in amazement and to cause the wonder of the non base ball population. Two of the big league teams right here crossing bats on the local diamond is something that does not and cannot happen every season. Only because of the fact that a Monroe man woke up and got onto the fact that these teams had one open date left, and grabbed it by shoving up a good big cash guarantee, accounts for the fact.

When Connie Mack's Philadelphia Americans and George Stallings' Rochester Internationals face each other on Roberts field next Thursday the people of this locality will see something that they could not otherwise see except by traveling to one of the big cities and spending a lot of money later on in the season when the professional contests open up. The teams are touring the south in exhibition games pending the opening of the season. Most of the big league teams play the south before the weather permits games in the north.

The man who sees this game Thursday will, later on in the season, when these big teams get into their daily games before twenty to fifty thousand spectators, will rub his eyes and wonder how it was that he had gotten the first chance at so many of the notables of the base ball world.

Mr. Worth G. Nash is the man who is responsible for the teams coming to Monroe.

Finding that a date was open at this time as the teams make their way north, he got busy, took up the matter with the managers, and secured the date, having to put up a big stiff cash guarantee to bring them.

The much talked of Connie Mack is the manager of the Americans while an equally well-known player, George Stallings, is running the Internationals. Sixty players will accompany the two teams on their southern tour. Chick Galloway, shortstop, Cy Perkins, catcher, Sammy Hale, Connie's new \$75,000 third baseman, Fred Merkle, an old player and captain of the Internationals, in the field, Ed Rommel, who won 27 games with the Athletics last year, pitcher, and Arch-deacon, the fastest man in baseball, will be seen in action here Thursday, April 12th.

Arch-deacon played in the Sally league with Charleston two years ago. He can circle the bases in 13 2-5 seconds, a world's record today.

The two teams will arrive here from Birmingham where they will play Wednesday. Thursday night they will leave for Laurinburg where they play another exhibition game. Finding that a date was open at this time, Mr. Worth Nash took up the matter with the managers and secured a date for Monroe. It is the biggest thing in baseball that Monroe has ever seen. Mr. Nash had to put up a stiff cash guarantee in order to get the game.

## Did Black Magic Work Death of King Tut's Discoverer?

Cairo, April 4.—By Associated Press.—The Earl of Carnarvon died peacefully at 2 o'clock this morning. He was conscious almost to the end. His death was due to blood poison, followed by pneumonia.

The world-wide interest aroused by the wonderful discoveries of the expedition headed by Lord Carnarvon, which opened the tomb of Tutankhamen, Pharaoh of Egypt 3,000 years ago, uncovered a curious superstition to the effect that he who disturbed the sleep of a Pharaoh would rest under a curse. This superstition flamed into enormous interest when it was reported that Lord Carnarvon had developed blood poison as the result of the bite of an insect shortly after the tomb was opened. Among others, Marie Corelli, the English novelist, gave publicity to a theory that there is something in the traditional black magic of ancient Egypt, and by implication, at least, prophesied that Lord Carnarvon was doomed some time before his death.

The scientific statement of the case is that the explorer was stung by an insect, something on the order of a mosquito, and ordinarily scarcely more dangerous. But in the tropical climate of Egypt infection of the slightest wound is easy and extremely dangerous. Lord Carnarvon's wound was so infected, and his condition has been regarded as desperate ever since it was announced several days ago that the wound had developed the terrible "gas gangrene," made horribly familiar during the war.

The superstitions associated with the illness of Carnarvon with the curses

## THE POLITICAL POT A BILIN' TO THE BRIM

The Democratic primary to be held Saturday, April 14, promises to be one of the closest and most hotly contested that has ever been held in Monroe. There are sixteen candidates for Alderman and two for mayor. The candidates with their respective wards follow: For Mayor, J. W. Fowler, C. E. Houston.

Ward Two—W. G. Gravely, P. H. Johnson, O. H. Moore.

Ward One—W. J. Trull, Elijah Simpson, Lee, Droom, R. F. Goodroe.

Ward Three—T. L. Crowell, J. T. Shute, E. H. Cunningham.

Ward Four—R. H. Hargett, V. C. Austin, A. A. Edgeworth, J. Dunham Bundy, W. E. Funderburk.

Ward Five—G. B. Caldwell, Vann Funderburk.

Mr. J. W. Fowler, former member of the board of aldermen, and a candidate for mayor, would not discuss the coming race. He stated his platform in a few words: "A platform is something to run on. The people of Monroe know what I stand for—PROSPERITY."

Mr. C. E. Houston was endorsed at a meeting of the non-Partisan League Wednesday night. The politics of Mr. Houston, endorsed by the League are as follows:

1. I favor an ad valorem tax.
2. I believe in and favor all bond issues being submitted to a vote of the people.
3. I favor women holding municipal offices, that one fitted to them, such as the school board.
4. I favor an efficient police and fire department.
5. I oppose any water supply for our city coming from any creek or river that takes care of the watershed of the town or any part thereof.
6. I favor a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor First Baptist church at Monroe will preach the commencement sermon at Indian Trail next Sunday afternoon. 3-30 o'clock.

## REPORT ON FARM CONDITIONS FOR WEEK

Washington, April 4.—The weekly weather and crop review of the United States department of agriculture contains the following on southern crops:

"Soil and weather conditions were generally favorable for the preparation of land for cotton in the more northern cotton growing districts, particularly in Oklahoma, most of Arkansas and Tennessee. Farm work made fair to good progress in North Carolina, although it was still backward. The weather was generally unfavorable for cotton in the central and west gulf coast sections where it was abnormally cool, and frequent rains delayed farm work.

Cotton Replanted

Considerable cotton had been replanted in southern Georgia and not much planting has been done in Mississippi. Early cotton was injured in Louisiana and that in Texas was reported in poor to fair condition. The weather was favorable in the cotton districts of Arizona where the crop was coming up nicely, and some cotton was planted in Southern New Mexico.

"Low temperatures were very unfavorable for truck crops in the Carolinas and apparently caused considerable damage; much truck was planted in North Carolina during the week, and the late planted was probably not seriously injured. There was also some damage in north and central Arkansas by the freeze of March 31, and vegetables were harmed considerably in Tennessee.

"Truck crops were reported as doing fairly well in the coast counties of Alabama, but were very backward in Mississippi and were in only fair condition in Louisiana, while it was too cool and wet in Texas. Melons had been replanted in Georgia and they made fair progress during the week in Florida. Tomatoes were doing well in the last named state and light shipments were being made.

"Sugar cane made but little growth in Louisiana, because of the unfavorable weather, but the crop was not to a fair to good stand in Florida. The sowing of tobacco plant beds was completed in Kentucky, but some early plants were killed by the cold, while considerable was done to the plants in Tennessee and South Carolina. Low temperatures were unfavorable for the tobacco beds in North Carolina.

Early Fruit Damaged

Early peaches, pears and cherries were seriously damaged in portions of Virginia by the heavy freeze of the latter part of the week and some injury occurred in West Virginia and Kentucky, particularly in the eastern portions of the last named state. This freeze did further damage to early fruit in the Carolinas.

Citrus trees were blooming heavily in Florida, but they needed more moisture in some sections. Strawberries were harmed somewhat in Tennessee; berry shipping was begun in Southern Mississippi.

### Cedar Grove News

Monroe, Rt. 3, April 4.—Mrs. J. W. Chaney is still improving.

Miss Farmer, our county nurse, has made two visits to our school. On each occasion she gave us valuable instruction. We think Miss Farmer is going to give our county much efficient service.

At Cedar Grove last Friday afternoon the pupils enjoyed an egg hunt. We were pleased to have some of our splendid patrons with us on this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Tomberlin spent last Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Lacy McClellan of Charlotte.

Misses Pauline and Grace Chaney entertained a number of their friends at their home on last Saturday afternoon. All who attended reported a very pleasant time.

Little Miss Maude Dixon Chaney returned to school on yesterday. She has recently recovered from an attack of measles.

Mrs. James Faulkner of Monroe is a guest in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Chaney.

Miss Lelia May Tomberlin is absent from school this week on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Helms were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCollum.

Mr. Fred Helms was a guest in the home of his sister, Mrs. Lloyd Helms on last Sunday.

Mrs. Hoyle McCollum spent last Saturday with her sister, Mrs. O. G. Gibson, who is taking treatment at the Charlotte Sanatorium.

### Wreck Victims Are Improving

Robert Chappell, one of the victims of Monday morning's fatal auto smash on Hillsboro street was buried Wednesday afternoon and the funeral of William Naylor, another victim, will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

## MR. STACK DIES FOLLOWING MANY MONTHS' ILLNESS

Noble Woman Who Had Been a Useful Figure in Monroe for Twenty-Five Years

### FUNERAL AT HOME THIS AFTERNOON

Mrs. Chattie Prather Stack, wife of Judge A. M. Stack, died at her home here at two o'clock Thursday morning, after an illness of over a year. Judge Stack, who was holding court in Danbury, arrived at five o'clock. He had been notified the day before that her condition was not satisfactory, and so he adjourned court, took private conveyance to Winston, then the train for Charlotte. He did not know of his wife's death until he reached Monroe.

Mrs. Stack's illness had been protracted over a long period. Her remarkable fight for life in the face of overwhelming odds was characteristic of the courage and the fortitude with which she met all the problems of life. In spite of her long and serious illness and the verdicts of specialists and physicians, she held on to life with a grim determination marked by the fact that she took the situation as a matter of fact, looking not to the end, but to the continuation of life. She spent several months in Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and while her family were never in a position to be surprised, still, her remarkable recuperative powers, her composure, and her unruffled demeanor at all times, led to the hope and belief that she might live much longer. To this extent only was her death a surprise at any particular time.

About twelve o'clock on the night of her death her daughter was at her bedside and noted nothing unusual. At two she went back and found that the quiet breathing had ceased.

The funeral was held this afternoon at three-thirty by Dr. Weaver and Dr. Burrell, attended by a large gathering. The floral offerings were beautiful and came from friends near and far. Many telegrams of condolence have been received from friends in all parts of the state.

Among the special and handsome floral designs sent were one from the Clerk of the Court of Guilford county, M. W. Gant, and his assistants of Greensboro; Sorosis Book Club, the members of the bar of Lexington, the local S. A. L. Shop Crafts; American Legion Auxiliary, Women's Missionary Society of Central Methodist church, the fifth and eighth grades of the city schools, the Kindergarten Class of 1922, the Cradle Roll Department of Central Sunday school, and the members of the bar of Monroe.

The active pall bearers were: G. M. Beasley, A. L. Monroe, C. C. Sikes, W. C. Sanders, Gilliam Craig, H. Bowles, Clifford Fowler and Code Morgan. The honorary pall bearers were: John Griffith, J. J. Parker, Dr. Neal, W. S. Blakeney, J. C. M. Vann, W. B. Love, W. O. Lemmond, Stephen McIntyre, E. C. Winchester, R. F. Beasley, T. C. Lee, Eugene Ashcraft, R. B. Redwine, G. B. Caldwell, W. E. Funderburk, P. H. Johnson, J. B. Simpson, W. E. Cason, L. Austin and Dr. J. M. Blair.

Mrs. Stack is survived by her husband and the following children: L. P. Stack of New York City, Miss Rebecca Stack, Mrs. Robert Galloway of St. Louis, Mrs. Robert Davis of Baltimore, Mr. Morehead Stack, Misses Chattie and Lorraine Stack, and Mr. William Stack. All were at home for the funeral except the latter, who belongs to the navy and is stationed in Manila. A brother, Mr. G. P. Prather of Cushing, Okla., and a sister, Mrs. Dixie Gilmer of Helena, Ark., survive.

Mrs. Stack was a native of Surry county, where she was born in November, 1870. She and her husband first lived at Danbury and moved to Monroe in 1899. Since that time she has been a wholesome and sweet influence in the life of the town, touching it intimately in many different phases. First of all she was devoted to her husband and children and to her church, and after that to everything good which came within her influence. Possessed of a well educated and trained mind, enriched by reading and travel, a temperament of unusual poise and sweetness, and a sound judgment, she contributed something to each friend and group which she came in contact with.

From the first she threw herself into the social and religious activities of the town and for twenty-five years she maintained her interest and activities among old and young. She lived nobly, thought simply and sincerely and loved broadly. Her household was a happy one with her family and a hospitable one to guests. At various times she served long and well as superintendent of the primary department of Central Methodist church, president of the Parent-Teacher Association and was a member of several book clubs.

In 1908 Mrs. Stack accompanied her husband on a trip around the world, and in 1917 on a trip to Japan and other oriental countries.

### Card of Thanks

We desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends and others who did so much for us on the occasion of the illness and death of our son and brother, Mr. Leonard Miller. Your kindness and friendship will never be forgotten.—J. B. MILLER AND FAMILY.

Rev. J. W. Strider will preach next Sunday as follows: Union Grove, at ten a. m., Mill Grove at eleven, and Unionville at three p. m.