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## SATURDAY A DAY OF CONTESTS BY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Monroe Wins Bickett Memorial Cup and Wesley Chapel Takes McNeely Cup

### ATHLETIC AND LITERARY EVENTS COMBINED

As a result of the contests held here Saturday at the annual commencement of the county schools, Monroe retains the Bickett Memorial Cup given for being best high school in the county, and Wesley Chapel wins the Ney McNeely Memorial Cup for being the best grammar school in the county.

The schools were scored according to points made by their representatives in both literary and athletic contests. A contestant who won first place in a literary event scored fifteen points for his school, second ten points, third, five points. In the athletic events first place counted three points for the school, second two points, and third, one point. On this scoring basis the several schools competing stood as follows, the first figures representing scores in literary events and the second athletic events, and the third the total points won by the school.

Indian Trail	25	6	31
Monroe	55	43	98
Waxhaw	40	25	65
Marshville	15	22	37
Union	30	5	35
Unionville	15	12	27
Wesley Chapel	0	17	17
The grammar schools scored as follows:			
Shiloh	15	0	15
Marshville	35	4	39
Monroe	40	10	50
Wesley Chapel	35	16	51
Weddington	10	0	10
Albans	5	0	5
Unionville	20	0	20
Union (S.R.)	5	0	5
Indian Trail	10	2	12
Waxhaw	5	12	17
Union	0	19	19
Trinity	0	6	6

**Individual Winners.**  
Individual winners in the contests are three winners—winners in the individual school, winners in the group schools, and winners in the finals. The morning exercises were held in the auditoriums of the Methodist and Baptist churches. At the grammar school the debate was held with Roy Hawfield, Roy Moore and C. M. Beach as judges. The spelling, given by O. L. Richardson, was in the high school together with the reproduction of stories with Bertha Ledbetter, Ola Nicholson, and Esther Kee, as judges. The glee club contests were also held in the auditorium and Mrs. G. M. Smith, D. H. Buie, and Charles Holland, decided on Monroe.

The senior declamation and the junior recitation were held in the Baptist church, with Miss Annie Lee, Dr. W. R. Burrell and E. H. Broom, judges, while the senior recitation and the junior declamation were held in the Methodist church with Dr. C. C. Weaver, Mesdames L. P. Craig, and W. E. Marsh, judges. L. E. Huggins judged junior essays and senior short stories, while R. F. Beasley and Miss Harriett Beasley judged the senior essays and junior short stories, respectively.

The names of the winners are given below, along with the schools they represent, the names being first, second, and third as given:

**Grammar School**  
Recitation—James B. Secrest, Shiloh; Blanche Newsome, Marshville; Christine Walters, Monroe.  
Declamation—Thomas Patrick, Wesley Chapel; James Crowell, Weddington; James Fowler, Monroe.  
Spelling—Lillian Warren, Monroe; Mary B. Gordon, Wesley Chapel; Etta Mullis, Albans.

**Oral Reproduction of Story—Pat Simpson, Unionville; Mildred Williams, Marshville; Emely Fincher, Union (Sandy Ridge).**  
Essay—Alma Brooks, Marshville; Vivian Kendall, Indian Trail; Lella Ella Belk, Waxhaw.  
Short Story—Mary Lee Porter, Monroe; Emma Parker, Wesley Chapel; Jessie Smith, Unionville.

**High School**  
Declamation—James Hartis, Indian Trail; Neal Clark, Monroe; Henry Gamble, Waxhaw.  
Recitation—Zell Marks, Waxhaw; Claudia Brown, Monroe; Virginia Griffin, Marshville.  
Debate—Bessie Parker, Union (L. C.); Walter Lockhart, Monroe; James Henry Waxhaw.  
Essay—Louise Parker, Union (L. C.); Bonner Williams, Monroe; Alice May Craig, Waxhaw.  
Short Story—Bruce Long, Unionville; David C. Morris, Indian Trail; Jessie Sims, Waxhaw.  
Glee Club—Monroe, Marshville, Waxhaw.

People who attended the Glee Club concerts at the high school were treated to exceptionally good music. Marshville club rendered some classical selections in fine style. Each club was composed of twelve members and not once during their entire recitals did they miss a note or falter.

Winners in the athletic contest on Roberts field were as follows:  
**Girls Fifteen Years and Over**  
Seventy-five Yard Dash—Katherine Belk, Trinity; Ellie Howard Hudson, Monroe; Clifford Nisbet, Waxhaw.  
**Hundred and Twenty-Five Yard Dash—Mary Browning, Monroe;**

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## THE LOCAL VETERANS LEAVE IN FINE STYLE

Some twenty old soldiers, some of them members of Camp Walkup and some from Lancaster county, left Monroe yesterday morning for the reunion in New Orleans and they went in style, with a band playing Dixie at every jump. It is seldom indeed that a camp is accompanied by its own private band. Camp Walkup was able to put on this class by reason of the generosity of the Icemorlee Mill which paid the expenses of the Icemorlee band and sent this fine body of musicians along with the old soldiers. And the president of the Icemorlee Mill, Mr. A. J. Draper, is a man who was born north of the Mason and Dixon line.

And the car in which the veterans rode bore streamers on the sides saying, "Camp Walkup, U. C. V., Monroe, N. C., Tar Heels" and on the cloth were painted a few tar heels. Major Heath was generalissimo and the members of Camp Walkup who went were: W. C. Coan, P. C. Stinson, Thos. Willeford, J. C. Huggins, Jas. A. Griffin, S. E. Belk, W. M. Perry, J. S. Smith, A. Plyler, J. P. Broom, J. W. Byrum, M. P. Plyler, W. M. McWhorter, R. M. Dry, J. L. Yontz, Daniel Starnes, P. P. Plyler, N. W. Bivens, A. W. McManus, W. G. Long. Also among others going were Mrs. N. W. Bivens and Rev. T. J. Huggins.

The Icemorlee band will not only play along the way to New Orleans and back, but they will be in the parades in the city during the encampment. The band carried twenty-two men, all of them regular members except one. This one was secured for the occasion from another town to fill up. The idea of taking the band originated with Maj. Heath and he and Superintendent J. O. Edwards got the endorsement of the management.

The following members of the band went: D. W. Green, Henry Elliott, Arp McManus, Lee Helms, Oscar Helms, Arthur Quick, Will Faulkner, Marshal Helton, W. M. Benoy, Philip Green, P. M. Gigliotti, G. C. Helms, Fred Peach, John Stanton, Henry Helms, Vann Love, Fred Funderburk, Dan Lafone, Emon Helms, Sylvester Simpson.

## NO USE TO ARGY AGIN A SUCCESS SAYS DR. POE

Raleigh, April 10.—"It's no use to argy agin a success," says Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, quoting Josh Billings, and with this as his text he cites facts and figures to show that co-operative marketing has vindicated itself in the South.

The Raleigh editor and publicist, who was recently made director for the public from North Carolina in the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association, says that with 25 to 30 cent cotton and tobacco hardly anybody doubts that prices of both cotton and tobacco have been greatly bettered as a result of the gradual and orderly marketing growing out of co-operative marketing.

While admitting that some mistakes have been made, Dr. Poe says it would be as foolish to give up co-operative marketing as it would be to refuse to correct mistakes after they have been made. He affirms his belief that co-operative marketing is the inevitable system of selling farm crops.

In line with Dr. Poe's ideas as expressed in a two page review of the co-operative selling situation in his paper are those of Roger Babson, world-renowned expert on business conditions and economics, who give co-operative marketing as one of the major reasons for the coming development of the South. "Watch the South Grow," Babson says.

One of the chief by-products of the co-operation, Babson says, "should be to raise the general level of intelligence and energy among the growers." What the South needs is greater efficiency, he thinks, and greater efficiency is coming through co-operative marketing.

## UNION SCHOOL PLANS BIG COMMENCEMENT

By J. A. Hudson

Monroe Route 1, April 9.—Parents, students and patrons are enthusiastic over the commencement of Union High School, which comes this week. The program is scheduled as follows:

**Friday, April 13th**  
10 a. m.—Recitation and declamation contests.  
1:30 p. m.—Address by Mr. Fred B. Helms, attorney-at-law of Charlotte.  
2:30 p. m.—The awarding of medals, certificates, etc.  
**Saturday, April 14th**  
7:30 p. m.—Play, "Happy School Days," and an operetta, "A Rose Dream."

We consider ourselves very fortunate in securing Mr. Helms to deliver our address. He is a very prominent young man, and has won quite a reputation as a lawyer since he entered the profession a short time ago. He finished his course at Wake Forest last spring, and since that time has been practicing in Charlotte. But we are the more proud of this young man for he is a product of our own county.

The play, "Happy Days," and the operetta is considered the best of our part of the program. It furnishes two and a half hours of excellent entertainment. For this part of the program, an admission fee of fifteen and twenty-five cents will be charged. To all of these exercises the public is cordially invited.

Don't forget baseball games this week.

## Election For City Officials and Bond Election Separate Matters

The primary and the subsequent election of town officers has nothing whatever to do with the bond election for city water supply. The registration books are open for the registration of voters in the city election. No new registration is required in the matter of the calling an election on the bond question.

Last night the aldermen met to receive petitions asking for an election on the issuance of bonds for water supply, in case there should be such petitions, in accordance with their notice thirty days before.

On the 7th of March the aldermen passed an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$175,000 in bonds for the purpose of increasing the city water supply. This notice was published in The Monroe Journal of March 9th, and once a week since. The notice sets forth as required by law that it will become effective thirty days after publication, unless an election is petitioned for and called as provided for under the general municipal finance act. That act provides that an election shall be called upon such questions if one-third of the qualified voters so petition. The aldermen had no objection to submitting the matter to a vote and were not trying to prevent a vote, they were simply going about the matter in the way required by law.

Last night being the expiration of the date for receiving petitions, the aldermen met to receive such. A number of petitions were presented. As required by law, they were turned over to the city clerk for examination and legal certification. If he finds that there are sufficient number to require an election as provided by law the election will be called and due notice given.

Of course the number of qualified voters referred to in the matter of calling an election means the number of names on the list at the time of the petition, and not at any subsequent time. Therefore the number of names registered for the coming election after April 9th, has nothing to do with it. As said above, the election for city officers and the election for bonds if one is called has nothing to do with each other at all. They simply happen to come along about the same time. It makes no difference how many voters might be registered now, they would not count.

In case an election is held it will be upon the simple question of issuing bonds sufficient for providing a water supply, not to exceed the stipulated amount of \$175,000. The question of where the water is to be obtained is not involved at all. That will be a question for decision after the election discloses the fact that the people want to issue bonds to provide for water.

## The Late T. E. Watson Draws Picture of Corn Planting Time

The blue bird was out today, out in his gossamer plumage, his throat gurgling with song.

For the sunlight was warm and radiant in all the south, and the coming of spring had laid its benediction on every field and hedge and forest.

The smell of the newly ploughed ground mingled with the subtle incense of the yellow jasmine; and from every orchard a shower of the blossoms of peach and apple and pear was wafted into the yard and rung lovingly on the eaves and in the piazzas of the old homestead—the old faded homestead.

Was there a cloud in all the sky? Not one, not one.  
"Geel Mule!!"  
"Dab blast your hide, why don't you gee-e-EE!!"  
"Co-wack" goes the plowline on the back of the patient mule—the dignified upholder of mortgages "time price" accounts, and the family credit, generally.

Down the furrow, and up the furrow, down to the woods and up to the fence—there they go, the sturdy plowman and his much-enduring but indispensable mule.

For the poplar leaves are now as big as squirrel-ears, and it's time to plant corn.  
On moves the plowman, steady as a clock, silent and reflective.

Right after him comes the corn dropper, dropping corn.  
The grains fairly clink as the bare feet of the corn-dropper hurry past; and before the corn has well cuddled itself into the shoe heel of the plowman's track, down comes the hoe of the "coverer" and then the seeds pass into the portals of the great unknown of burial and of life renewed.

Peeping from the thicket near at hand the royal redbird makes note of what is going on, nor is the thrasher blind in the progress of the corn dropper. And seated with calm but watchful dignity on the highest pine in the thicket is the melancholy crow, sharpening his appetite with all the anticipated pleasures of simple larceny.

The mockingbird circles and swoops from tree to tree, and in his matchless bursts of varied song no cadence is wanting, no melody missed.

The hum of the bees is in the air; white butterflies, like snowflakes, fall down the light and lazily float away. The robin lingers about the china tree, and the bluejay, lifting his plumed frontlet, picks a quarrel with every feathered acquaintance, and noisily asserts his grievances.

The joree has dived deeper into the thicket, and the festive sapsucker, he of the scarlet crest, begins to come to the front inquisitive as to the location of the bugs and worms.

## INDIAN TRAIL GIRLS ENTERTAIN KIWANIS

One of the most entertaining programs that the Monroe Kiwanis Club has ever had was given Friday night at the Hotel Joffre. Mr. Charles W. Bundy, principal of the Indian Trail School, had charge of the program. Five of his high school girls presented a one act farce comedy entitled "A Secret League of False Notions."

The play was written by the young ladies who presented it. The characters in the sketch represented five nationalities and each girl performed her part in a most splendid and commendable manner. Representing the five countries were Miss Martha Crowell, the American girl, Miss Davie Morris, the Italian girl, Miss Gladys Benton, the Irish girl, Miss Jessie Fitzgerald, the French girl, and Miss Deane Ritch, the German girl.

The theme of the play was to organize a club to consist of five nationalities in order to pass their school work without having to study. The German girl had to be initiated before she could become a member, and in order to become a member, she had to sing the Marseillaise in French. After she had suffered this embarrassment and learned that the purpose of the League was to get out of work, she disclosed her position in the school—a teacher of German.

When the other girls learned that she was an instructor rather than a student, as they supposed her to be at first, they were placed in a quandary and had to disband their organization else they would have to leave the school.

During the play several jokes were told on different members of the Kiwanis Club.

## CHURCH MEMBERS IN U. S. TOTALS NEARLY 45,000,000

New York, April 7.—The total number of church members in the United States during 1922 was 44,663,684, a gain of 943,347, according to the annual church census, compiled for The Christian Herald, by Dr. H. X. Carroll. This increase is 84,949 less than the gain recorded in 1921.

The protestant evangelical group of churches which represent approximately 60 per cent of the total numerical strength, had a total of 27,256,001 communicants, an increase of 828,660, while the total for the Roman Catholic church was 15,477,099, representing 85 per cent of the Catholic population, and a gain of 89,016. The Catholic eastern orthodox group, aggregating 625,944 communicants, gained 32,500.

Revision in one of the larger eastern centers and restricted immigration are given as reasons for the smaller gain than that usually recorded by the Roman Catholic church. The Baptist church, the largest denominational group in the protestant classification, having 14 bodies with a total membership of 8,303,824, tops the list, gaining 305,597. The Methodist group of 15 bodies, total membership 8,270,704, is second, gaining 269,198; the 18 Lutheran organizations, total membership 2,443,016, is third, gaining 58,830 and the Presbyterian group of nine, totalling 2,401,267 is fourth, gaining 53,122.

The other protestant groups having more than a million members are the Disciples of Christ with 1,552,713, a gain of 32,998, and the Protestant Episcopal with 1,129,613, a gain of 36,808. The Congregational church has 848,318, an increase of 10,047, and the three bodies of the Reformed group 522,161, a gain of 11,256.

The Methodist Episcopal church is the largest single protestant denomination with 4,058,016 members, followed by the National Baptist convention (negro) with 3,426,506 and the Southern Baptist convention with 3,339,118.

## CALDWELL LEAVES TRINITY WITH A FINE RECORD

By Henry Belk

Durham, April 9.—Jack Caldwell of Monroe, star lineman with the Trinity college football team for the past two years, will leave college in a few days to prepare to enter West Point early in July. Announcement that young Caldwell is to leave Trinity leaves one more gap for Coach Steiner to plug in Trinity's line for the next season. Taylor, Boling, Neal, and Pennington, all linemen, will be graduated in June.

Young Caldwell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Caldwell of Monroe and at the time of his first appearance for Trinity was probably the youngest varsity footballer in the State. He has bolstered the Trinity line at both guard and tackle. Aside from his football record, Caldwell was a nice track man, handling the shot and discus well and being good for points in the dashes. He was president of the freshman class last year and is one of the most popular members of the class of 1924.

25 Killed, 200 Injured in Nation by Autos During Week  
New York, April 7.—Twenty-five persons were killed and more than 200 injured in week-end automobile accidents, according to reports from all parts of the country.

Birmingham, Ala., leads the fatality list with four; two were killed in Chicago, two in Cleveland and two in Scranton, Pa.

Cities reporting one killed were New York, New Orleans, Salt Lake City, Anniston, Ala.; Charleston, W. Va.; Indianapolis, Findlay, Ohio; Newark, Ohio; Youngstown, Ohio; and Portsmouth, Ohio; Lawrence, Mass; Boston, St. Louis and Columbus.

The big league teams will arrive in Monroe on No. 34 Thursday. The game will be called at Roberts' Field at three or three-thirty. Prospects are that a great crowd will be here from all about the country.

## A JUICY PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED BY CHAUTAUQUA

John Temple Graves, the Georgia Song Bird, Is the Star Orator

### VARIETY OF ATTRACTIONS FOR MONROE HEARERS

"The Meanest Man in the World," sparkling American comedy; Elsie Baker, noted contralto; Mata's Blue and White Marimba Band; the Great Laurant and Company, magicians extraordinary; Dr. Hilton Ira Jones, scientist and educator; Hon. John Temple Graves, well-known journalist and orator, and other headline lecturers... the Russian Cathedral Choir, Betty Booth Concert Company, the Macfarren Symphony Quartet; unique children's programs—these are among the twenty splendid attractions which will appear here at the big seven day Redpath Chautauqua which opens May 9th.

The Macfarren Symphony Quartet, an all-star instrumental organization, headed by Herbert Macfarren, noted pianist and composer, will launch the week's program with a popular concert on the first afternoon. Following a prelude by this company at night, Charles H. Plattenburg, well-known editor and humorist, will deliver a constructive and illuminating lecture, "The Old Town in a New World."

A concert given on the second afternoon by the Betty Booth Concert Company will feature costumed song presentations from favorite light operas, as well as many excellent instrumental numbers. At night, following a concert by this talented company, Dr. Hilton Ira Jones, popular scientific lecturer, will present an intensely interesting lecture-demonstration, "The Wonders of Science."

On the third afternoon Sydney Greenbie will give an important and highly informative lecture, "The Pacific Triangle," based on his book of the same name. Preceding the lecture, a musical prelude will be given by the assisting artists of the Elsie Baker Company.

The third night will be Artists' Night, with Elsie Baker, America's great contralto, and assisting artists appearing in grand recitals. Mrs. Baker is known not only through her numerous concert appearances, but also for the many Victor records she has made.

The Russian Cathedral Choir, composed of native Russian singers who present sacred and operatic selections as well as the folk songs of their native country, will be heard in grand concert on the fourth afternoon. Beautiful choir robes and quaint peasant costumes will be worn by the Russians.

On the same night they will give a concert, preceding a challenging address, "Armageddon," by Hon. John Temple Graves, eminent publicist.

On the fifth afternoon will be given an interesting entertainment demonstration, "The Potter and the Clay," by J. Smith Damron, potter-craftsman. Preceding this number will be a novelty musical program by S. Bellino, Italian accordion player, whose popular renditions and operatic selections are a notable treat.

"The Meanest Man in the World," rollicking American comedy success, will be given on the fifth night by a splendid cast of actors, organized by the New York Producing Department of the Redpath Bureau.

On the sixth afternoon, the Merriettes Entertainers, three gifted young women, will entertain with songs, pantomime numbers and readings. Following their entertainment, Capt. T. Dinsmore Upton, known as "The Big Brother to a Hundred Thousand Kids," will give his eloquent address, "The Four-Square Builder," which is a plea for clean, wholesome recreation for children.

The Great Laurant and Company, in a program of magic and mystery extraordinary, will give a spectacular entertainment on the sixth night. Elaborate and lavish stage settings are used in this production.

On the afternoon of the seventh day, Dr. E. T. Hagerman will give his inspiring address, "The Man With One Window." Preceding this notable lecture will be a concert by Mata's Blue and White Marimba Band, native Central American players, who are widely known for their successful appearances at the New York Hippodrome and for many other Metropolitan successes. They will give a band concert on the last night which will be a fitting conclusion to a great Chautauqua week.

Four unique children's entertainments will be given in addition to the regular programs for adults, each of the four entertainments for the youngsters being given on a different day. Misses Kathleen Scott and Catherine Denny will entertain one day with "Characters from Modern Story Books." Edgar Bergen, ventriloquist and cartoonist, will feature in one program, and Hughie Fitzpatrick, clown-comedian, in another. A novelty entertainment will also be given by S. Bellino, Italian accordion player, and Smith Damron, potter-craftsman. The children's program will be given either in the morning or in the afternoon.

For the first time in three years Monroe Hi's will meet the Charlotte Hi's at Robert's field Friday at 3:30. Go-out and watch your team win.

## After Tilt With Wife, Preacher Throws Baby out Window

Nashville, Tenn., April 9.—After a quarrel with his wife, the Rev. Billie Watkins, former Baptist minister, threw his one-year-old baby out of the house in the yard, breaking its neck and killing it instantly, at Morris chapel, Harden county, according to reports here. He is under arrest.

One of the little boys at the Children's home has measles and all of the children are being kept at home from school, some twenty-five of them. So far only the one has been sick.

## Lights Match to Find Mates Hiding in Hay; Four Children Burn

Denver, Col., April 9.—Four children lost their lives here during the night when a barn in which they were playing was destroyed by fire.

The victims were playing hide and seek in tunnels under the hay when an unidentified boy lighted a match to find the others, according to a fifth child, who escaped.