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## R. PONY'S WINE CELLAR DUG UP AT MARSHVILLE

Wonderful Progress Since It Was Beaver Dam With Accent on the "Dam."

## DR. BLAIR TELLS OF HIS VISIT TO HAVANA

By L. E. Huggins

Marshallville, Dec. 17.—Citizens of the town were reminded a few days ago of a time when Marshallville was known as Beaver Dam, with the accent on the "Dam," when the crew that is placing water and sewer lines ran their ditching machines into a pile of timbers in the street between J. T. Garland & Company's and the Gulon Drug Stores, said timbers being a part of the famous wine cellar under Pony's grog shop. The timbers were buried a few feet under the ground and had been there until they had turned into fat pine, securely holding their place and serving as perhaps the only relic of former days in the town of what is now Marshallville and reminding citizens of a time when there was at least one free-for-all fight a week in the town of Beaver Dam, around which Uncle Edmund Davis, a pioneer Baptist minister, used to say you could smell hell for a mile in any direction.

Developments in Marshallville during recent years are serving to remind people by way of contrast of the advancement of civilization and likewise progress in Marshallville, the laying of water and sewer lines being among the most marked steps. And then we are to have three splendid church edifices at an early date. The Presbyterian congregation has already completed a modern \$25,000 to \$30,000 structure of brick construction and the Baptists and Methodists are raising funds, deciding on plans and getting ready to start the erection of modern houses of worship next spring. With the splendid high school building, the new cotton mill and scores of new residences going up, Marshallville's future is assured, as evidenced by recent lot sales in which residence properties sold at high figures, especially those located on the Wilmington-Charlotte highway, which is to be hard-surfaced through town next spring.

### Dr. Blair's Visit to Cuba

Dr. M. P. Blair, who returned a few days ago from Havana, Cuba, where he attended a meeting of Sea-board surgeons, relates some very interesting observations in the island city, one of which might be intensely interesting to Union county tax payers at present. Dr. Blair says that the Cubans have no land tax to pay and that taxes of all kinds are raised through gambling arrangements, the Government exacting a certain percent of all money passing through the hands of gamblers. If we must have gambling in the United States which it appears we do have in abundance, some might argue that a nice sum could and should be raised in our midst for defraying the expenses of the Governments of counties, states and nation. But of course our Government cannot and will not countenance gambling, even if it is carried on just the same.

And were it not for the fact that I have always been opposed to cruelty to animals, I could not resist the temptation to tell what Dr. Blair says about the open drink stands in Havana—not soft drinks like Judge Gaddy and Howell Guin serve in Marshallville, but the real stuff, one hundred proof with the sure enough kick in it. But we are trying in our upward march of progress to remove all temptations from those who are possessed of more or less weaknesses and for fear too many Union county folks will suddenly decide to spend Christmas in Cuba, I refrain from saying anything about the open barrooms in the hotels, cafes and other public gathering places.

### The Dead Must Pay

But one thing the Doctor relates we are safe in passing along to any who have never visited the Cuban town—"The most beautiful cemetery in Havana I have ever seen," is the way he expresses it, "but you've got to pay or get out." Doctor Blair explains that everybody who is able to pay the "freight" is buried in marble caskets, but that if the hard cash is not coming the dead body is thrown over in one end of the cemetery and left to return to dust with neither honor or protection. "Why," said Dr. Blair, "there is a pile of bones in one end of that cemetery about the size of the United Cash Store's building in Marshallville."

The natives earn their living by growing sugar cane, coconuts, coffee and bananas and selling liquor. The Catholic is the prevailing religion. In the great industrial plants a man or woman is employed for full time to read newspapers, books and magazines to the employees while they work, thus keeping the busy and the illiterate informed as to the topics of the day.

"It is a great offense punishable by imprisonment to desert a child in a manner that will cause it to suffer," Dr. Blair states, "but there is a charity hospital in the city where one may carry a child, place it in a basket through a hole in the wall and ring a bell." The child is taken care of by the hospital nurses and no one is supposed to know who its parents are.

great possibilities in Cuba, but from his comment there is yet a great deal of work for civilization to do. The big breweries are arranged for parks and a great many public gatherings are held at them. The rural homes have dirt floors, and the sheep, cows, and goats live under the same roof as their masters.

## CHARLOTTE THANKS MONROE FIREMEN

Mr. G. B. Caldwell, chief of the Monroe Fire Department, yesterday received the following telegram from Mr. C. O. Kuester, business manager of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, expressing their thanks for the part Monroe's fire department played in extinguishing the fire in the Queen City Sunday night: "The officers and members of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce are not unmindful of this morning of the valuable assistance rendered by your fire department in fighting one of Charlotte's greatest fires last night. You rendered valuable assistance and we shall remember your service. Thank each man individually for us, please."

## Miss Evelyn Price Weds Mr. John Bivens

Wingate, Dec. 17.—The marriage of Miss Evelyn Lorena Price and Mr. John Ashcraft Bivens took place at the Baptist parsonage Monday evening at 8 p. m., Rev. J. E. Hoyle officiating, the impressive ring ceremony being used. Miss Christine Helms of Monroe played the wedding music, Miss Willie Bivens, sister of the groom, sweetly sang "At Dawning" and "Believe Me of all those Endearing Young Charms." To the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, Rev. J. E. Hoyle and Rev. C. C. Burris entered followed by the little flower girl, Sara Frances Alexander of Statesville, dressed in dainty flesh batiste and val lace, carrying a basket of bride's roses, lilies of the valley, and ferns, tied with an immense pink bow. Next entered the attractive little ring bearer, Ellen Barrino of Marshallville, dressed in white batiste and lace, carrying the ring in the heart of a white rose. Little Miss Barrino was followed by Miss Price and Mr. Bivens, who entered together. The bride was attired in a traveling suit, a gown of brown pique with white accessories. Her flowers were a beautiful shower bouquet of bride's roses, valley lilies, and ferns. She is a charming, lovable girl with a winning personality, and numbers her friends by her acquaintances. She is a talented musician, having studied at Queen's College and Flora McDonald College. She is a daughter of Mrs. J. R. Price and since her engagement has been the recipient of many social courtesies.

Mr. Bivens is a man of sterling qualities. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bivens, and an honor graduate of Wake Forest College, having received an M. A. degree from that institution. He is superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school, and a promising young farmer, both he and his bride having many friends throughout the State, who will read with interest of their marriage.

## CHRISTMAS COTTON CHECKS

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—In session Monday, the Directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association authorized the immediate payment of a second advance to all members of the Association. This payment will amount to over \$3,000,000 and each member will receive a payment bringing the total advance on all cotton up to twenty cents a pound, basis middling. The accounting department is mailing out the checks and every member will receive the check within the week.

## SETTLEMENT ON LONG STAPLE

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—The North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association has finally sold its stock of Long Staple cotton of the 1922 crop and just as soon as the accounting department can make up the statements a final settlement for this cotton will be made with every member who delivered Long Staple cotton last season. Approximately 10,000 bales of Long Staple was handled and much of it was of low grade staple making the sale of this grade very slow. Final settlement was made on short staple cotton of the 1922 crop some time ago.

## Foxy Grandpa

Don't let Christmas week bother him. He goes right ahead giving the Newly Weds a dandy start for the New Year. Everybody knows that Foxy Grandpa was always a lovable character. He is at his best in the way he treats the Newly Weds who locate in Monroe. Read the story-scenarios in The Journal Jan. 11th, and watch for real dates later at the Strand Theatre. These reels are made in Monroe with Pathe camera and under Gelb spotters. See yourself and city as others see you.

## A Good Newspaper Helps to Make a Good Community

but the editor needs the co-operation of the community to build a good newspaper. No doubt the self-made man will be a good thing—if he gets himself finished. WHAT IS Christmas without a turkey? Get them at the Star Market.

## MONROE FIRE TRUCK CALLED CHARLOTTE FIRE

Almost a Million Dollar Loss to Charlotte Mercantile Businesses Sunday Night.

## MONROE TRUCK MAKES TRIP IN FORTY MINUTES

Sunday night between eight and nine o'clock Chief G. B. Caldwell received a call from Charlotte for help in stopping the raging flames in that city. Mr. Caldwell and seven other firemen left immediately with a fire truck and made the trip of twenty-five miles in about forty minutes.

## Yesterdays morning's Observer gives the following account of the destructive fire:

Fire which was discovered a few minutes before eight o'clock last night in the rear of the Smith-Wadsworth Hardware company, on East Trade street, swept through the hardware building, the building occupied by the H. C. Long company, the La Mode, Efrid's annex, on East Trade street, and through Belk Brothers' garage, Warren Barber Shop, and George A. Newman's Tire Shop on College street, damaging property and stocks to the amount of \$500,000 to \$800,000, it was estimated, before being put under control at about 11 o'clock. The alarm was turned in by Birdie Terrell, who saw the flames in the rear of the hardware company as he was approaching Trade street on College.

Immediately after the discovery of the fire a general alarm was turned in and at 8:25 p. m. all street lights and street car power lines were shut off, completely paralyzing trolley transportation throughout the city all night. The linotype machines in the Observer were silent for more than two hours until the fire had come under control sufficiently to allow the power to be turned on again.

By a few minutes after eight o'clock the fire was raging in the Smith-Wadsworth building in front, rear and on the College street side, had burst high through the roof and had extended to the Belk Department store garage. Every hose in the fire department was put into use by Chief Wallace as early as possible, in an effort to control the flames and save adjoining buildings. The streams were brought into play on East Trade, College and Fifth streets. Other flames were being directed on the flames from the roof of the main fire station, located in the center of the Fifth street side of the block.

Mayor J. O. Walker, fearing the spread of the flames to adjoining buildings, and realizing that the city meanwhile was without fire protection in other sections, placed telephone requests with the fire departments of Concord, Statesville, Monroe, Gastonia and Mooresville. Fire apparatus responded promptly. The truck from Monroe made the trip of 25 miles to Charlotte in 40 minutes, with seven men under the charge of Chief G. B. Caldwell. Gastonia's truck came with eight men in forty minutes, and the Mooresville truck arrived in 30 minutes with 15 men. Statesville's truck with eight men arrived in 35 minutes.

## Estimates of Loss.

The loss sustained by the Smith-Wadsworth Hardware will amount to \$250,000 but is fully covered by insurance. The four-story structure belongs to the P. M. Broom estate, but John Bass Brown, one of the heirs, refused to give an estimate of the damage done last night.

The four-story structure occupied by the wholesale department of the hardware company on North College street is owned by Belk Brothers' damage to which will be between \$50,000 to \$75,000. Spring goods were being received and the place was well stocked with new merchandise. Included in the stock was a quantity of ammunition and the rattat of bursting cartridges lasting a half hour or more reminded the onlookers of machine gun fire.

Sosnik and Sosnik, a Winston-Salem firm, were proprietors of the H. C. Long and La Mode store, 33 East Trade street. They purchased the H. C. Long business about six months ago. Value of their stock is estimated at \$25,000.

The three-story structure was owned by Mrs. W. L. Henderson, whose loss was estimated by S. T. Henderson, her son, at \$25,000, the loss being fully covered by insurance. Work on rebuilding will begin at once, he said. The building was burned about 12 years ago, being rebuilt.

The loss from fire and water of Belk Brothers will run about \$225,000, it was estimated by E. Frank Matthews, manager of the retail store. The fourth and fifth floors of the Trade street store were slightly damaged by fire while the other floors suffered severely by water. The clothing and shoe departments, however, escaped with little damage.

Damage of about \$100,000 was caused by the total destruction of the Belk garage and warehouse above. In the latter were shoes and toys, the damage to merchandise and building exceeding \$50,000. Insurance fully covers the loss. The building occupied by Belk Brothers burned about a decade ago causing heavy loss to the goods.

## WHEN THE BOYS AND GIRLS COME HOME CHRISTMAS

Shall the Celebration Be on the Animal Plane or on the Spiritual One

## COL. WALKUP AND MR. NISBIT GROW PECANS

By O. E. Cunningham.

Waxhaw, Dec. 17.—Sunday was a black December day, but all the Sunday schools of Waxhaw were on the job. Monday the king of day smiles bright and cheerful, and the moving throng take up the round of duties with the dominant thought, "but another week until Christmas," and again we celebrate the great gift of Eternal love. Shall we celebrate on the animal plane of drink and gluttony, or on the spiritual hills of benefits and gratitude? Shall it be a time of simply exchanging presents, or a time of following the Divine example, and having the heart attuned to the glad melody and hope of the star and song of Bethlehem, when love and mercy and help, are given to the poor and needy.

And then the home-coming. How it thrills the heart of parents and children as they think of only a few more days and then the happy meeting in the home circle. Home, the Divine gift and unit of church and state. Mother, father, children, home and heaven. How rich and endearing are these words and yet how impoverished without Christian light and civilization.

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean, and the boundless land. Little seeds of kindness, little words of love, make the earth an eden, like the Heaven above." A few days ago some generous and thoughtful spirit suggested to the parishioners of Rev. E. W. Crowden, that it would be a nice thing to put in the parsonage larder something for the family during Christmas. Well, sir, in response to the suggestion they came in from Health Memorial, Bonds Grove, Pleasant Grove, Mineral Springs, and Flint Ridge, and put in so much in the parsonage store of just such good things as people of the country homes they don't live out of paper pokes—have and enjoy. And since that time Rev. and Mrs. Crowden have dismissed any thought or anxiety of having a supply of turkey sausage, butter, sugar, eggs, fruits, vegetables and other good things for the table and family. I guess, the next round will be us of Waxhaw at the bat.

Jan. the 10 is the time for the next coming of the Piedmont Lyceum number to Waxhaw. The character of the number will be that of music and drama.

## Developing Pecan Orchard

Col. John L. Walkup and Richard T. Nesbit are Waxhawians that do not put their hands to the plow and look back. On Mr. Nesbit's place beyond the Round Top church on the Monroe road, they are devoting the waste acres to the growth of pecan trees. These trees are set by line and rule, and with a landscaper's eye, if the place for a tree happens to be in a gully, that gully must make a place for the tree. Hats off to these gentlemen for vision and enterprise. Paris, the beautiful city is said to have 83 thousand trees. Let's take care of the trees and set more. Thanks to our Waxhaw ladies and Mr. Walkup for the trees in the center of town along the railroad. Let's combine, like these men, ornaments and fruit when we can.

Our Mr. Harvey, the Mill Superintendent, and Miss Pearl Rodman tell us the work of installing new boilers, and repairing machinery at the Rodman Cotton Mill is nearly completed, and in a week or ten days our town will be enlivened with the whistle and hum of machinery on full time. And welcome the cotton mill industry and product.

Mr. Dick Cuthbertson of No. 4, in the Union section, a farmer who has a good home and boards at the same place, was in town a day or so ago. Mr. Cuthbertson lives close to nature and keeps his eyes open. He remarks the bountiful foliage of the trees, and the thick shuck on the corn be taken some hard weather before the 21 of March.

## Some Personals

Mr. Walter Taylor, who has been living in Waco Texas for the last 12 or 15 years, and who is a son of Mr. Tom W. Taylor of the Bond Grove section, is expected to arrive here with his family in a few days and will make home in the Bond's Grove section.

Mrs. Jane Haigler of Monroe, is visiting her child here for awhile, Messrs. Charley and Lee Haigler, and son-in-law, Mr. J. K. Starnes. Children and grand children having Christmas before it comes, because of the presence of "Grandma."

Mrs. Sallie Osborne spent the weekend at the home of her father at Wadesboro. Saturday was a day of the father's birthday honoring. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boyce, and little children of Houston, spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lock, father and mother of Mrs. Boyce.

Miss Maggie Belk who was sick for several days at the home of her father, Mr. R. J. Belk, is able to be out again and greeting her friends. Waxhaw congratulates all hands on her being on the "jitney map."

We are on the line connecting Charlotte and Columbia, via Lancaster, Camden, etc. Thanks to Mr. J. E. McCain and possibly others for this convenience for the traveling public. Schedule: To Charlotte, 2:30 o'clock. To Lancaster, 2:30 o'clock. Mr. F. Hoyt Cunningham was a visitor to Waxhaw Monday for a short while, on a business trip to Camden.

## Local and Personals

A play, "The Old Oaken Bucket," will be given at Benton Heights school Friday night, Dec. 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Admission 25 and 35c.

There will be exercises and a Christmas tree at Shiloh school Friday, December 21, beginning at 1:30. All are cordially invited to attend.

There will be a box supper at Belk's school house in Lanes Creek township, Saturday night, the 22nd. Girls are invited to bring boxes. Music by string band. Proceeds go to the school.

The Mineral Springs primary department will give an entertainment consisting of Christmas drills, songs and recitations at the high school December 21st at 7 p. m. Admission 10 and 20 cents. Public cordially invited.

The Junior Order will give an oyster supper Friday night at 7:30. All members are urged to attend, bringing their wives and sweethearts with them. Also a business meeting will be held for electing officers for the first six months of next year.

County Superintendent Ray Funderburk is in Raleigh today checking up the Union county school budget with a view to ascertaining the amount due Union county and in ascertaining just what each teacher's certificate will draw.

All the men of Central Methodist church are requested to meet in the church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Immediately following this meeting, the first quarterly conference of the charge will be held by Dr. Craven, presiding elder of this district.

The Prospect school community, in Buford township, is putting in the day today working and beautifying the school grounds. Prospect is a rural standard high school with one of the most efficient faculties in the county and the community is to be congratulated upon its splendid spirit.

The high school principals of the county held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the office of County Superintendent Ray Funderburk, at which a general discussion of the school work of the county was engaged in and an athletic program, with the organization of a county basket and baseball league, was arranged. The faculties of the high schools of the county are perhaps the strongest in the history of the county and splendid work is being done.

An enthusiastic meeting of preachers and laymen of the Charlotte district, Methodist church, was held in Central church here this morning for the purpose of making arrangements for pay-up month during January, at which time an effort will be made to collect all due and past due pledges made during the Centenary campaign a few years ago. About forty preachers and laymen were in attendance and after the meeting luncheon was served in the dining room to the church.

The Monroe Rotary Club and the Monroe High School team will match their talents in a basket ball game tonight at 7:30 o'clock at Lake Tona-wanda. The High School team is going up against such men as Dr. P. M. Abernethy, Owen Fitzsimons, W. C. Sanders, Glenn Hawfield, Edgar Stockman, James Morrow, Fitzhenry Dillon, Allen Lee, Jim Fowler, Ray Funderburk, and Dr. Weaver. These are all business and professional men, but just what they know about basket ball is to be seen tonight. The proceeds of the game will go toward the erection and equipment of a gymnasium for the high school.

News reached Monroe yesterday to the effect that Miss Abigail Melton, thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. J. W. Melton of Albemarle, was burned to death some time Saturday morning by her clothing catching on fire in front of a fire place where she was standing. Until about 12 months ago Mr. Melton and family resided in Buford township, Union county, and the remains of the unfortunate girl will be interred this afternoon in the cemetery at Mount Zion Baptist church, in Buford township. The Melton family has a large number of friends in this county who deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement.

## West Monroe Baptist Church

The people of West Monroe, sixty in number, on the night of December 17th, went to see their pastor, W. B. Holmes, and gave him a sure enough pounding, W. F. Benton and wife having gone on before to entertain the pastor and family while the fifteen automobiles parked around the house, and they all came in with the Icemorlee yell, and loaded the table with all kinds of good things to eat, and best of all, the big Icemorlee truck came along and brought one of the best book cases in town. After a few well-chosen words from C. S. Comer the provisions and book case was presented to the pastor and family, after which Miss Ada House was seated at the piano and all enjoyed thirty minutes of fine music. Folks, if you want to overwhelm your pastor with joy, fill his table with good eats. Heaven's blessings on West Monroe people.—PASTOR.

## BIG REWARD FOR THE MURDERER OF FUNDERBURK

Finger Print Experts Fail to Find Sufficient Evidence For Conviction

## NEGROES NOW HELD MAY BE RELEASED

Sheriff Fowler is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who murdered Mr. Butler Funderburk in his store room in Buford township on Friday night of November 30th.

The negroes, Rance McCauley and Jason Walker, who were arrested and lodged in jail on Sunday following the murder, are still held by the coroner's jury. However, the report of experts who came to Monroe a few days ago and developed finger prints from the door knob and wrench on which dried blood was to be found states that they fail to find anything satisfactory either for or against the men who are held as suspects to the crime, the nob and wrench having been handled by so many people that it is impossible to develop anything definite enough to be worth anything as evidence in the case.

The coroner's jury is expected to hold another meeting at an early date and many believe that their findings will lead to the release of the prisoners, unless other developments change the state of affairs.

In his determination to ascertain, arrest and convict the guilty parties, Sheriff Fowler is offering the reward referred to above and he expects to leave no stone unturned in his effort.

The mystery of Funderburk's murder is causing quite a bit of speculation, some expressing the belief that other clues are likely to develop at any time, while others are at a complete loss and hold no hope. But murder will out, and sooner or later the public will doubtless be given something startling in this mysterious case.

## NEW YORK COMMERCIAL ON VALUE OF BANKERS

"Bankers are the men who build up communities. Too many men look on capitalists as if they were pickpockets, but they are not; they are the representatives of the best men in commercial life."—Ed Howe, of Kansas.

Strange, but true words to come from a Kansas man. Howe is right. The banker is the friend of every man worth his salt in the community. What he does toward helping business men over bad places saves failures and serves to keep all classes employed.

The banker is the custodian of the accumulated money belonging to the people of his community. He has charge of that money under rules and regulations made by law. In the discharge of his duties as a banker he serves the whole community.

The banker is frequently compelled to say "No!" when deep down in his heart is the wish that he might be permitted to say "Yes!" The rules governing banking, however, are rigid. They must be, otherwise the pooled money of the depositors would be dissipated and trouble would follow. But we have observed that the bankers we have known have usually been helpful to humanity. They have given a helping hand and have tried to smooth the paths of men engaged in business and who are honest. They have often been given reputations for meanness and miserliness which their lives, both inside as well as outside their banks belied.

It is a glad day in any community when it arrives at the dignity which permits it to have a bank. The man who heads the new institution is well known to the townspeople and highly respected. As a rule he is liked and his activities are almost invariably those of a good citizen. He holds an important place in the town life and he is guide, friend and counselor to those who feel that they must consult somebody they can trust. The banker's approval of a bond or his endorsement of a company or firm is a certificate of good character for either and accepted as such.

The reds and the radicals, the cheap and the demagogic, the envious and the unthinking, execrate and condemn the banker. Perhaps it is his best and highest certificate of character. We have observed that those who distrust him are generally held in disesteem and disfavor. They are never counselors or advisors to anybody in trouble and they are not helpful to the community in which they live.

We are for the banker and opposed to those who rail against him. We believe that the facts justify us in speaking well of him and in condemning the radicals who damn men of finance. What do you think?

## LOCAL MARKET

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| Rowden Cotton  | 35.00       |
| Short Cotton   | 34.00       |
| Seed           | 69          |
| Eggs           | 50          |
| Young Chickens | 25 lb       |
| Hens           | 18 to 20 lb |
| Hams           | 25 to 35    |
| Pork           | 13 to 14    |
| Sweet potatoes | 75          |
| Irish potatoes | 31.00       |
| Butter         | 20 to 30    |