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Two Good Sheriff's

Our former Sheriff J. J. Bailey and present Sheriff R. R. Ramsey are two men that not only the good people of Madison County note for their good Record as discharging their duties as officers and especially in going after the "boot-leggers" and blockade stills. But the surrounding Counties the officers and good Citizens of these places are pleased to see and to know what our officers are doing. Some our good citizens did not want to give Mr. Bailey up as Sheriff asked him to make another race, or to say he would except the Sheriff's place another term Mr. Bailey refused. Mr. R. R. Ramsey was nominated and elected as our Sheriff, it was said by some few Ramsey will not go after Boot Leggers and Blockade stills as Sheriff Bailey did. The Mr. Ramsey was widely known throughout Madison County as a cattle buyer and has been for several years, also road commissioner and had so conducted himself that all the best Citizens placed great confidence in him and now to those who have been noting a f t e r Sheriff Ramsey we find that he is making one of the best officers Madison has ever had. He has gone into the "darkest places" and on the mountain sides and carried out on his back some of the largest stills that has ever been brought to Marshall. He has went deep enough that where it has been reported to him that blockade liquor was hid in the ground, he has dug it up out of the ground multiplied gallons finding it in jugs he broke them, finding it in fruit jars he would pour it into the creek leaving the fruit jars with the mothers of the homes advising them to use them for better purposes also advised those in which he taken into custody to quit and Go his way and sin no more.—These a r e un-disputed facts Should not ever good citizen get behind our Sheriff.—A Subscriber.

WANTED Good cook. Best wage to right party. Rector Hotel, Marshall, N. C.

Rev. Elijah Allison, North Carolina Minister, Dies After Making World's Record Bringing Men Into Church.

Greensboro, June 9.—The man who held the world's record for number of baptisms was a North Carolinian, baptizing thousands of persons, doing his work in most of the states of the Union, but more especially in North Carolina and Tennessee. He recently died at his home near Breward, after 86 years in the active ministry of the Baptist church.

In the course of that ministry he baptised 5,523 persons.

Elijah Allison was the name of this indomitable soldier of the cross, who heard the call early and worked unceasingly in his master's vineyard. He joined Little River Church, near Breward at the age of 12, and at 17 was ordained minister. Then for the long years, until he died at 83 he went about His Master's business, his work finally ending at the same little church which he had joined as a boy.

One of the last persons he baptised was a grandchild of his. "It always did him good to see one of his decide to do right" is the way his son, S. F. Allison, of Breward, expressed it.

Where there were but two or three gathered together was sufficient for this fine old man. He organized a church at Del Rio Tenn., with just three members. That was enough. The fire was there. He put his great force into the work.

This man of God had much to do: he was always busy, but he had one trait that so many busy men lack—he was lovable, beloved. He was not too busy to win hearts. He served no great city churches, with large congregations: where he went the population was scanty, but in spite of that he found a rich harvest, made a rich harvest. He preached. He converted. He baptized. He had a passion for the Lord's work. He never tired.—The Citizen.

Ice Cream Supper to be given at Antioch Church Saturday night, June 16, for the benefit of the church. Tickets, 15 cents 2 for 25.

BETSY ROSS Revolutionary War Film Of Love And Romance.

A Truly Great Picture

Will be given at the City Hall on Friday night. You can not afford to miss it, for, in addition to the fact that it is a historical film, dealing with the fundamental facts of American History—the making of the Stars and Strips, etc., it is also interesting and thrilling from first to last.

In brief, the story is as follows:—

Betsy Ross was a quaker maid, disappointed in love, who married John Ross to please her father. She soon lost her husband in the cause of liberty, but conducted an upholstery establishment on Arch Street, Philadelphia, so well as to attract the attention of General Washington, who entrusted her with the making of the first American Flag. During its construction the General detailed as guard to the Widow Ross, no other than her former lover, a man serving under an assumed name to conceal from the world a murder that he had supposed he had committed. The guard was greatly surprised to find Betsy harboring the man he supposed he had killed, a British sympathizer, and caused his arrest as a spy. The supposed spy, however proved to be the husband of Betsy's sister and established his innocence after narrowly escaping the firing squad.

The last scene, in which Betsy Ross is seen driving furiously to the rescue and arriving just as the man was about to be shot, is thrilling to the last degree.

City Hall—Friday Night.

This is a special production and will probably be the last Picture that we shall give for a month at least.

The Crowder Family "Lives At Home"

Last week the Messenger told of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Crowder of the Preskitt community west of town. This little news item assumes more than usual interest when it is known that the new boy was the fourteenth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Crowder—and thereby hangs a tale, the telling of which will read like a fairy story to many who have undergone the struggle of existence while trying to rear a large family.

In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Crowder, with seven children, moved to Wise county from North Carolina settling in the Preskitt community. For several years Mr. Crowder rented or worked on the halves, later buying a hundred acre farm near Preskitt school house. The farm had been worn out and washed away, and for years had not produced enough to furnish

a living for those who inhabited it. The casual observer who noted the buying of the place had no thought but that the Crowder family would starve out and leave as others had done. But these observers had not figured on this North Carolinian—they did not know the stuff he was made of.

The Crowders came from a country where care, skill and energy were necessary to make a success of farming, and they brought to Wise county those characteristics and methods which have made the old eastern states bloom for centuries past. Mr. Crowder at once began improvements on his place, building up the land with fertilizer, terracing the washed hill-sides and using those many scientific methods by which a farm may be brought back to life and fertility. Berry vines were planted on the terraces, which helped to hold them in place while the proceeds of the vines proved profitable to the family. Last year Mr. Crowder sold \$346 worth of berries from the terrace vines.

The cows, hens and hogs were all made to bear their part in making a living for the family, while the farm crops were diversified intelligently in order to keep up the average of production. And now, at the birth of the fourteenth child, this splendid family owns the farm, is out of debt, is living well and all are happy in the performing of the necessary tasks of daily life.

The history of this family during the past sixteen years in Wise county is a valuable object lesson to those who complain at conditions and balk at obstacles which seem unsurmountable. The task performed by these people would halt many a soul in its struggle for existence, and has caused many families to quit the farm and move to town where living conditions are even worse than on the farm.

There are a few characteristics of Mr. and Mrs. Crowder which are worthy of note as we tell of their success. Mr. Crowder possesses a congenial, optimistic disposition. He never grumbles at adverse conditions, but learns a lesson from each misfortune. Steady application of intelligent energy has aided him in his efforts. He has always been anxious to learn and is ready to take instruction as to methods and performance. When the demonstration agent was installed in the county, he was among the first to take up the plans for modern farming along scientific lines, and it is by those methods that he has been able to transform his farm from red clay hills to fertile lands. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder are devout christians and have reared their large family in the fear and admonition of the Lord, with the result that every child is an active worker in the church. Mrs. Crowder has done her share in bringing peace and plenty to the household, and her gentle, yet firm, life of devotion and service has had the greater influence upon the members of the family. With such an help mate to aid and encourage, is it any wonder that Mr. Crowder has been able to carry on in the face of many tasks and burdens?

Of the fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Crowder, one has died since the family moved to Wise county. The two older girls

Rev. George G. Reeves.

Rev. George G. Reeves of Waterville Maine, came to Walnut Wednesday, June 6th to see his Mother, who has been ill. He returned North Wednesday June 13th, but will come back to Madison County the latter part of this month with his family to spend their vacation of a month or two.

Miss Hazelton, who was taken to the hospital some three weeks ago is back in Marshall again, but not yet able to be out. However we hope she will soon be strong.

have married and are rearing families of their own. They are Mrs. Earl Need and Mrs. Jonah Collins. Two other daughters, Misses Mitron and Dyora, are successful teachers of the county and will leave soon to attend Denton State Normal College, taking with them a younger sister. Eleven children remain in the household, and these are being educated and trained to lives of usefulness.

The Crowder home is noted for its hospitality, and the visitor is impressed with the air of welcome as he enters the home, and he is also positive of the fact that "living at home" has been the motto of the household as he sits down to the sumptuous repast so tastefully prepared by Mrs. Crowder and her daughters. Home conditions seem ideal as one notes the filial love displayed by the children and the peace and harmony prevailing among the whole family. The family has learned well that faith, hope and charity are the greatest qualities of life; and that honest effort without complaint will win in the end.

Messenger wishes to add a word of congratulations to the Crowder family upon their success. A glimpse at such an American home is refreshing in this time of complaint and the cry of "hard times." Upon such bulwarks is built the foundation of a nation, and under such tutelage and care is brought up those splendid characters that make a nation great.

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE MOORE-DAVIS, STUART CO., Inc.

Wishes to announce to the people of their town and county that they have opened a **General Dry Goods Store** in the **Worley Building** between **Post Office** and the **Madison Hardware Co.** at **Marshall**, and wish to extend a cordial invitation to everybody in and out of town to visit their store and inspect their New and Up-to-date Line of Merchandise which they have bought **RIGHT** and expect to sell **RIGHT**.

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