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T. H. Hatchett Becomes Recorder's Court Judge

Has Given Many Years of Service to Caswell.

T. H. Hatchett, Dan River township, for many years a member of the board of county commissioners, was on Monday of this week elevated to the office of judge of the recorder's court, to fill the unexpired term of Marcus C. Winstead whose resignation of same has been recently noted.

He received the vote of Messrs. D. P. Walker and J. J. Lipscomb after he had retired from the board, and has now taken the required oath of office and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Hatchett has given a number of years of service to Caswell county. In 1909 he was named a justice of the peace and as such has heard many cases. In 1913 he served Caswell as a member of the lower house of the general assembly, and in 1915 was chosen a member of the board of county commissioners since which time he has served continuously. For the past eight years he has been chairman of the board.

SPECIAL NUMBER OF THE MESSENGER TO APPEAR SOON

A Booster Edition to Present The Resources of Caswell.

The publishers of The Messenger wish to announce that it is their purpose to issue at an early date a special edition of The Messenger, the purposes of which will be to present the resources and advantages of Caswell county.

Those devoted to the interests of the county, who would like to see the catalogue of our county's virtues made as complete and recounted as forcefully as possible, will confer a favor upon the county to aid in the preparation of this special issue of the paper.

There may be individuals or corporations in the county who would like to take advantage of this special opportunity to advertise their business or their lands. And if there are those who would like to be furnished with a number of copies of this special advertising edition they can obtain such by speaking in advance for them.

It is the desire of the publishers to obtain all the information possible about Caswell's schools, churches, roads, timber, water-power, minerals, business opportunities and advantages, farming possibilities; and we don't want to forget the granite of Caswell that can be used for building, and the clay which she has in her hills that can be made into the best of brick and terra cotta.

The Messenger would like for some authority on each of the above subjects, and others, to prepare an article of from 400 to 600 words on each subject.

Since the object of this publicity is to help make the country acquainted with our county and the opportunities which she has to offer the editors are making free to ask those citizens who are posted and interested to help them in the preparation of this publicity number of The Messenger.

MRS. SOL ANGLE ON VISIT TO YONKERS, N. Y.

Mrs. Sol Angle, who is visiting her people in Yonkers, N. Y., is reported as being greatly improved in health, and as intending to return to her home in Milton about the middle of April.

In the absence of the mother and little boy Mr. Angle is doing as well as might be expected. He is well and goes out on his mail route every day. But he looks lonesome and is no doubt counting the days between now and the middle of April.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY

Subscriptions to The Messenger are coming in fine. But we have not yet reached the goal.

We want to urge that every one who wants The Messenger to live and do well please send in your subscription when you read this.

This will mean more to us at this time than you can realize.

DEATH CLAIMS MISS HALLIE UNDERWOOD

Failing to rally from an operation for appendicitis, Miss Hallie Underwood, fifteen, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. T. Underwood, Yanceyville, Route 2, passed away at Edmonds hospital Friday afternoon of last week. The young woman was held in high esteem in this community for her many beautiful traits of character. She was a pupil of the Yanceyville school where she was generally regarded as a most excellent student. With her pastor, the Rev. N. I. Wyrick of Elon College, in charge of the rites, she was laid to rest in the cemetery of the Concord Christian church. Rev. W. W. McMorris and Rev. C. W. Hood assisted in the service. Miss Underwood is survived by her parents, and three brothers and two sisters.

MAJOR GENERAL SMITH ISSUES CHALLENGING CALL

Calls Upon North Carolinians to Purchase Stone Mountain Coins.

As the Pyramids are monuments to the Pharaohs to succeeding ages, so will Stone Mountain be a grander monument to the soldiers of the Confederate army.

This superb work will perpetuate southern valor to all coming ages. 150,000 of these coins is North Carolina's quota. The great state whose brave soldiers were "first at Big Bethel, went farthest to the front at Gettysburg and Chickamauga, and last at Appomattox," will surely go "over the top" purchasing these coins, guaranteeing the completion of the Stone Mountain monument—which will commemorate and perpetuate the valor of her men, and the heroism of her women during the four long years of the Sixties, in the days that tried the souls of men and the hearts of women.

Every child in the state should have one of these coins, a precious, inspiring memorial. The patriotic sons and daughters who love and venerate their fathers and their enduring, unconquered mothers, will not fail to purchase these 150,000 coins.

Somehow, I feel that Robert E. Lee is looking down at his soldiers who loved him and affectionately called him "Marse Robert," and I hear him saying, "Let us rise to this opportunity—men do your duty."

Let us meet his approbation, and hear him repeat, "God Bless Old North Carolina!"

Hatch the chicks in March and April before hot weather comes, advise poultry experts. The late hatched chick is unhealthy and unprofitable, say these investigators.

Eleven new counties have made application to the Agricultural Extension Service of State College for the service of home agents. Six of these counties have made appropriations for the work.

LAST SATURDAY NIGHT WAS AN UNUSUAL MARCH SPELL

The Mercury Goes to the Lowest Point for the Winter.

Superlatives are being constantly expended upon the weather. At least a score or more of times each winter one can hear it said, "Well, this is the coldest weather I ever saw."

Usually the speaker doesn't mean what he says, and such expressions are not commonly accepted at face value.

Now, it is certain that last Saturday night, March 13th, was not the coldest night that ever was. And it is equally certain that not many people in this vicinity realized that it was the coldest night of the winter of 1925-26.

But according to the most reliable data that has come to hand regarding that unusual March night the mercury ranged lower that night than on any other night of this year that has been characterized by frequent snows and long continued cold spells.

It is said that the thermometer registered to above zero on the night in question. This statement is substantiated by the large number of auto radiators that were frozen up by the icy touch of Jack Frost, and the cold winds of Boreas.

The John Henry belonging to the writer had passed unscathed through the winter up to that fateful night. But on that bitter Saturday night, treacherous winter congealed the water in the radiator of the aforesaid unsuspecting "John Henry," causing it to expand. The cylinder head of the Ford engine was unable to resist the pressure of the expanding water, and a long crack was made in the crown of the cylinder head.

From all the information gathered this was but one of many cars whose radiators were damaged by the sudden and unexpected descent of winter.

It is said that the weather bureau have no record of so cold a March 13th as we experienced this year.

But there are compensations for all things, it is said. And we may fondly hope that all this cold weather is going to result in the best crop and fruit year we have had in a long time.

Anyhow, the winter is now passed and the song of the turtle is soon to be heard in the land. The violets have already appeared, and before long we will see

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PHONE SYSTEM WOULD MAKE CASWELL MORE ATTRACTIVE

Dr. P. W. Miles and Family Would Like to Spend Three Summer Months at Milton.

Yesterday we met Dr. P. W. Miles, of Danville, on the street, having been introduced by a mutual friend.

The doctor expressed his interest in Caswell, and said: "It is very likely that my family and I would spend a part of every summer at Milton if there was a telephone system in the county. But I feel that I can not afford to cut myself off from my practice and business, by taking up residence where there is no telephone service."

"Doctor, may we quote you on this, and use your name?" asked the reporter.

"Yes, you may quote me on that," replied Dr. Miles, "but of course, I am making no rash promises. Though I do feel that my family would enjoy spending three months every summer in the

JNO. W. WEBSTER IS STRICKEN BY DEATH

Survived by Wife and Eleven Children

In the passing of John W. Webster, 44, whose end came at his home in the Pleasant Grove community about four miles east of Yanceyville, Saturday, March 13, death removed one of the county's most excellent citizens; a devoted husband and father, and a public spirited friend and neighbor. Stricken with a complication of diseases, the death, while it brought a great shock to relatives and friends, was not unexpected.

Mr. Webster is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Lunsford Webster and eleven children; the oldest 20 years of age, the youngest 7 months. The surviving children are: Mrs. Mamie Smith, Miss Neta Webster, Mary Webster, Hattie Webster, Ada Webster, Wilbert Webster, Robert Webster, Newman Webster, Thelma Webster, Joseph Webster, and Mildred Webster. Brothers and sisters to survive are: T. C. Webster, J. M. Webster, M. W. Webster, Vail Webster, F. W. Webster, J. J. Webster, Mrs. Emma Brooks, Mrs. Fannie Wade, and Mrs. Valler Hamlett.

Funeral services for him were held from Union Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Clegg, of the Leasburg circuit, in charge of the religious rites, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Following the church funeral, the body was taken in charge by the Bartlett Yancey council of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, about forty members of the council participating in the beautiful ritual of juniorism, and with the high funeral honors of the fraternity, laid to rest. Both the preacher and the members of his Order gave utterances to high expressions of the life of the man. The pall-bearers were: W. G. Reagan, Marshall Hall, Joe Hall, Sam Cobb, Jr., J. W. Simmons, and R. Cobb.

It is declared by the members of his craft that Mr. Webster was a very loyal Junior, and at the time of his death he stood high in the ranks of his council. Within the next few days the Bartlett Yancey council will hand to the widow the Junior insurance of \$500, and burial expenses totaling in all about \$550.

OYSTER SUPPER, MARCH 20

There will be an oyster supper on Providence church grounds Saturday evening, March 20, at 6:30, the proceeds of which will go to a charitable purpose.

old neighborhood back in Caswell near Milton."

Dr. Miles then went on to say that he would be willing to be one of ten or twelve to establish a party line at Milton that would give Milton connection with the outside world.

Dr. Miles was asked if he didn't think a county-wide system of phones that would be able to give a one hundred per cent service to any part of the county was not to be preferred to several individual lines that were not correlated.

"Of course," said he, "a well organized county-wide system is the ideal arrangement. And that is exactly what Caswell needs. And she will never be thoroughly prepared for business till she has just that. In this day of rapid communication, men who are used to good phone systems do not like

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State Road No. 14 To Be Put In Pink Of Condition

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SALE OF COINS

April 1st New Limit Set

Mrs. B. S. Graves, chairman, has received from Ex-Governor Morrison information that the time for selling the Memorial Coins has been extended from March 17th to April 1st.

T. S. NEAL INJURED BY FALLING TREE

Hon. T. S. Neal, of Bethesda community, was very painfully, though not seriously, injured on Monday of this week by a falling tree. The tree bounced back and struck him in the side, breaking several ribs, and shattering one rib. Reports reach us that he is getting along well. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

THE MODERN TEA ROOM TAKES THE PLACE OF ANCIENT INN

Tea Room One of The Possibilities For Caswell.

In the olden times the inn was the stopping place where travelers secured refreshment and lodging for themselves and food and shelter for their horses.

In this day of good roads, automobiles and rapid travel, no stalls are needed for weary steeds. But all over the country wayside rooms are being provided for the refreshment of tired and hungry tourists.

These eating places are being called tea rooms or coffee shops, and when properly conducted by trained people of good taste they offer an irresistible appeal to people who have been fatigued by travel.

And when made attractive enough by tempting menus, skillfully prepared food and cleanly surroundings, such wayside inns are resorted to by people of leisure and means, who make lunch and dinner appointments at such desirable places for themselves and their friends.

It is possible that Caswell has not catered sufficiently to the class of people who take little trips occasionally just for the pleasure of a little journey. People who are shut up in the towns grow weary of the monotony of town life and like to get out in the country. And when they start on a trip of a few hours, the journey is made more agreeable if they know there is a pleasant little resort where they can secure lunch or dinner that is tastefully served.

Some times these wayside inns become the rendezvous of prominent and talented people. Such people are often looking for something different and would much prefer a quiet retired place where good taste prevails to a gaudy, noisy hotel serving more courses than one knows what to do with.

Caswell has a number of colonial houses that would lend themselves charmingly to the purpose mentioned above. Would it not be well for some public-minded men to encourage the establishment of such a place that would be attractive to the citizens of the outlying provinces?

"Why, man," said Mose, "it's so hilly in my country dat when de apples fall off de trees dey roll two miles."

"Nigger, dem ain't no hills," replied Jake. "In de country whar I've raised it's dat hilly dat my paw fell out'n a well whut he was diggin'."

Oil Treatment Authorized From the Public Square to Prospect Hill.

State road No. 14 leading from the public square at Yanceyville, to Prospect Hill, and which has been officially designated as project No. 515 will receive oil treatment this summer, according to John D. Waldrop, district engineer for the fifth district, State Highway Commission.

It is understood that this measure, approved by the state, will make of this section of No. 14 a most delightful travel road, making the road better fitted in every way.

While Mr. Waldrop, in his letter to the local highway commission, does not say that the stretch from Prospect Hill to Hillsboro, will receive the same treatment, as Orange county is not in his district, it is however generally believed that a like action will be taken on the Orange county end, as has been authorized for Caswell. It is probable that some definite advice may be received soon as to the Orange county project, from F. E. Schnepfe, district engineer at Durham, relative to his end of No. 14.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS PARK GREAT ASSET TO STATE

Will Change Agricultural Life of Our State.

The last issue of the University of North Carolina News Letter is devoted almost entirely to the discussion of the Great Smoky Mountain Park, which it is hoped to establish in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. We take the liberty of quoting from the News Letter in regard to the effect which it is thought the park will have on agriculture in other parts of the state:

Park and Agriculture

With the coming of more and more tourists each year to North Carolina, the agricultural life of the state is undergoing and will continue to undergo, a striking change. This observation was made recently by Major William A. Welch, a member of the Southern Appalachian National Park Commission and a nationally known park authority, who declared that not only would the type of produce grown on the farms of this state change, but the methods of marketing this produce would be materially altered by the influx of tourists.

Visitors are flocking southward every year by the hundreds of thousands, and when the proposed Great Smoky Mountains National Park is created in the mountains of western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee, and the national park in the Shenandoah Valley is opened, there will be, Major Welch estimates, at least a million visitors to this state every year. Many of these will be auto tourists and campers, who will seek along the route fresh fruits, vegetables, butter, milk, eggs, chickens, and other fresh meats. This demand must in time lead to a considerable diversification of crops on farms that are now entirely given over to corn, cotton, tobacco, and grain, for these tourists must be fed; they are willing to pay good prices for these farm products, and they are always cash customers.—University of N. C. News Letter.

"It's the little things in life that tell," said the girl as she dragged her kid-brother from beneath the sofa.—Ex.