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GREAT THOUGHTS

"Spring still makes spring in the mind
When sixty years are told;
Love wakes anew this throbbing heart,
And we are never old."
—Emerson.

"Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable."
—Benjamin Franklin.

"The world is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers."
—Wordsworth.

"A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work and done his best; but what he has said or done otherwise, shall give him no peace."
—Emerson.

ENDURANCE

Caswell county has particular cause for thanksgiving. The people of this county have not lost courage, but are going ahead hopefully. And this in the face of severe hardships.

To begin with the slump in land values and the prices of commodities, beginning in 1920, tried the souls of many of our citizens. But most of them stuck to the land and have weathered that storm so far.

And then taxes began to mount, so that they were faced not only with less income, but also by additional expenses. We are all glad we have the good roads and the good schools, and we do not begrudge the money we have to pay to secure and maintain roads and schools. But all the same taxes have been hard to pay by a good many of our people.

And on top of the slump in values and the increases in taxes we have been called upon to go through with one of the poorest crop years, because of last summer's drought, that this section has ever known. The tobacco crop was short and sorry. The cotton and corn crops were short. Many good farmers had to buy hay this past winter because they could make none last summer.

It was feared by some that many of our people would be so discouraged that they would leave the farm. It was actually predicted that many could not pitch a crop this spring for want of funds to live on and buy fertilizer.

But we are told that very few have left the farms of Caswell county, and that most of the owners and tenants are going right ahead with the planting of their crops as if nothing had happened.

A people who can go through with what our people have gone through and come up smiling and undaunted have got the stuff in them of which heroes and heroines are made. And may the Father of all mercies give them a good crop this year!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POLICY

The Messenger will be glad to extend the courtesies of its columns to all aspirants for public office for any legitimate announcement or communication, without partiality.

But in order to safeguard itself against any possible charge of partiality or discrimination, it will be the policy of the paper to accept all such announcements and communications from the candidates for office at the regular advertising rates.

This is done to protect the paper and to preserve its usefulness in other fields of service. The Messenger is a public institution, and does not wish to impair its possible usefulness in the re-

ligious, social and economic fields by becoming involved in factional politics.

The two political communications carried in this issue of the paper are paid advertisements.

ABOUT THE PAPER

For the benefit of those who are interested in the success of The Messenger we wish to say that subscriptions continue to come in at a satisfactory rate, considering the amount of work done to get them.

The school children in the high schools of the county have solicited subscriptions for The Messenger, and quite a number of subscribers have been secured in that way, for which we wish to add our best thanks to the commissions that were agreed upon. And if everything was not satisfactory in the arrangements made with the faculties and student bodies we are anxious to make it satisfactory. There has not been leisure in the crowded days to attend to the correspondence with the different schools.

Mrs. J. H. Lea, of Hightowers, was requested to act as the representative of The Messenger throughout the county. And she has been devoting all the time she could spare to the work of securing subscriptions, and has sent in the names of quite a number of new subscribers. She got twenty subscribers in one day, and said that every home she entered that day gave her a subscription. Mrs. Lea will continue through April, and perhaps longer, to represent The Messenger.

But we want to add at least five hundred more subscriptions to the list during April, if possible. For the paper to appeal strongly to the advertisers we must be able to assure them that it is being taken and read by the citizens of the county and section in which it circulates. Already it is going into almost every part of the county as well as into Person, Rockingham, Alamance, Pittsylvania, Guilford, and others. And we are sending it into fourteen states of the Union, and to Cuba and Canada.

Our friends have been calling the attention of others to The Messenger, and have obtained many subscribers for the paper in that way. Let us assure them that this help is greatly appreciated. Please send us the names of your friends and relatives who do not take The Messenger and we will gladly mail them sample copies. This is a good way to extend the circulation.

In a conversation with one of the successful newspaper men of the state he was generous enough to say this: "If I lived in Caswell county (as I once did) I would be proud of that paper," pointing at a copy of The Caswell Messenger, which he was holding in his hand. "This paper deserves the support of the citizens of the county, and I am satisfied they will stand by those promoting it," he continued.

We wish to express our gratification over the wonderful support and encouragement extended by the citizens of the county to them that anything they do to help in extending the circulation and to obtain advertisement will be very greatly appreciated, indeed. And when we can serve the good causes of the county we are yours to command.

The advertisers will be glad to hear you say, "I saw your ad in The Caswell Messenger."

Some merchants seem to think the people in Caswell have no money, and that we are not going to buy anything more till next fall. So they are not advertising.

Some of the merchants in Danville, Burlington, Reidsville, and Greensboro do not know Caswell people when they see them. Tell them you are from Caswell and then they will know how much trade they are getting from our county.

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HORSE RUNS DOWN AUTOMOBILE, DAMAGING MACHINE

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well known citizens, were in a car driving along the highway when they saw a fine blooded horse bearing down on them at a terrific speed.

The driver of the car pulled out to one side of the road as far as he could get, and had brought the car almost to a stop when the horse hit the automobile, tearing away one of the fenders and breaking the windshield, pieces of which cut Mr. Bryant on the wrist.

It is reported that Mr. Bryant said that he had never been so near death before as he was on that occasion. And it is further stated that had not the gentlemen, by waving their hands and yelling at the horse, caused the horse to slacken his speed somewhat and veer slightly to one side, it is likely that he would have gone right on through the windshield on top of them.

Further inquiries brought out the fact that this very fine, spirited horse had been tied to the limb of a tree, and had broken away by tearing the limb from the tree, the limb dangling over the horse, served as a lash, which frightened and infuriated him, causing him to run away.

It is thought that the animal, being blind with fright, did not see the automobile till he was on top of it. The horse is said to have been badly cut on the leg and shoulder, but otherwise uninjured. The men who passed through this unprecedented experience suffered no other damage than the cuts which Mr. Bryant received on the wrist from the flying glass, and the shock attending such an unexpected accident, so our informants state.

THE OLD FIDDLERS' CONVENTION AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

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in the expression that the program carried numbers of the best sort and that there was so much excellence that it was indeed hard to discriminate. Solos by Misses Elaine Fitch and Mary Neighbors were contributions of real artistic worth. Both of the young women were accorded generous acclaim.

An expressive trio by Messrs. Hubert, Roy and Coy Moorefield, it was averred, was a co-operative effort of real merit while the opening number rendered by Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Goodson, put, in its sweet way, the audience in a happy frame of mind to appreciate the consecutive offerings. The duets of Mrs. S. M. Bason and Mrs. Robert W. Isley, and that of Miss Mary Neighbors and Miss Bessie Lillard were of the appealing kind while the instrumental offering of Mr. J. P. Gwynn, Mrs. S. M. Bason and Mrs. Ada Carter was a thing of real delight.

The program in full follows: Piano and violin—Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Goodson.

Piano solo—Miss Bessie Lillard. Selections, Quick Band—B. W. Harrelson, W. H. Harrelson, J. B. Harrelson, E. W. Lillard, Peter Harrelson, and Miss Bessie Lillard.

Solo—Miss Mary Neighbors. Selections—Hubert Moorefield, Roy Moorefield, and Coy Moorefield.

Selections, Anderson String Band—George Squires, Pink Lea, Dewey Kimbrough, William Bowes, Elmore Massey, and Alvis L. Fitch.

Solo—Miss Elaine Fitch. Selections, Bartlett Yancey Frost Bitten Orchestra—Miss Clyde Allison, Miss Annie Hattchett, Miss Margaret Allison, Miss Ruth Gwynn, Prof. W. W. Wells, and Richard Johnston.

Selections—Jesse Simmons, Elmore Massey, and Dewey Kimbrough.

Duet—Mrs. S. M. Bason and Mrs. Robert W. Isley. Musical Number—Mr. J. P. Gwynn, Mrs. Ada Carter and Mrs. S. M. Bason.

Duet—Misses Mary Neighbors and Bessie Lillard.

Selections—Anderson String Band.

Selections—Messrs. Bowes and Massey.

The convention proved to be a decided financial success and all told around \$65 was raised. This fund, it is understood will be applied by the committee for the express purpose of supplementing the state funds to lengthen the term of the Bartlett Yancey school.

HOME-COMING DAY; MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM COOK HONOURED

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After Mr. McMorris' speech George A. Anderson, H. S. Turner and William B. Horton made felicitous short talks. A response from William Cook, Jr., in which he paid a tender tribute of love to his father and mother was thought to have been most appropriate.

Great tenderness was added to the home-coming when the sons and daughters, and sons and daughters-in-law, together sang several selections, and perhaps more touching was when grandchildren and great grandchildren sang the closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Other near relatives to be present were, W. A. Willis, Mrs. W. M. Cobb, sisters; and Mrs. James Dunevent, Miss Leslie Dunevent, Miss Clarice Dunevent, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vernon, Miss Lillie Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Cobb, Coy Barts, Mrs. J. W. Webster and daughter.

The following children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present:

Children present were: Mrs. Sam J. Cobb, Mrs. Walter Lunsford, Mrs. David Cobb, Mrs. George Barts, W. P. Cook, R. L. Cook, W. J. Cook, and Mrs. Geo. W. Morgan.

Grandchildren were: W. Pink Cobb, Luther Cobb, Mrs. Herbert Fuqua, Miss Maude Cobb, Miss Bertha Cobb, Miss Ruth Cobb, Sam J. Cobb, Jr., James Cobb, Raymond Cobb, who were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Cobb; Linwood Cook, Marion Cook, Woodrow Cook, Edd Cook, Miss Mary Cook, James Cook, John Cook, Eugenia Cook, children of Mr. and Mrs. Will P. Cook; Mrs. Irvine Wade William Cobb, Mrs. David Bellman, Miss Mattie Cobb, Miss Lois Cobb, Weldon Cobb, Miss Mimia Cobb, Miss Eva Cobb, Archie Cobb, Paul Cobb, Hassel Cobb, children of Mr. and Mrs. David Cobb; Miss Lillian M. Cook, Herman Cook, Coy Cook, Helen Cook, Marie Cook, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cook; Weldon Cook, Miss Alice Cook, Miss Maude Cook, Earle Cook, children of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cook; Irvin Morgan, Dalton Morgan, Basil K. Morgan, William Morgan, children of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morgan; Robert Barts, John Barts, Miss Marion Barts, Miss Viola Barts, Miss Georgia Barts, Hill Barts, Douglas Barts, Hubert Barts, Miss Lucile Barts, Mrs. J. G. Hall, children of Mr. and Mrs. George Barts; James H. Lunsford, W. P. Lunsford, Mrs. Lula McCain, Malloy Lunsford, Harvey Lunsford, Miss Ella Lunsford, Miss Thelma Lunsford, children of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lunsford.

Great grandchildren were: Edgar Wade, Raymond Wade, Wilbert Wade, Warren Wade, Elizabeth Wade, Frank Wade, Mary Magdelene Ballman, Russell Cobb, Arnold Cobb, Emma Lou Cobb, Warner Fuqua, Fannie Fuqua, Alice Fuqua, Irma Fuqua, Elmore Fuqua, Leona Hall, Lula Bell Hall, Myrtle Lunsford, Willie Lunsford, Eva Lunsford, Louise Lunsford, Pearl McCain, Hattie Lunsford.

Saved His Life

Doctor—"Ah, my little man, I knew the pills would help you. What did you put them in, water or milk?"

Little Boy—"In my pea shooter."

High production on a small acreage should be the aim of the cotton grower this year.

REPRESENTATIVE NEAL EXPLAINS SCHOOL SYSTEM

Editor Caswell Messenger:

A number of people have asked me if I am a candidate for re-nomination for the legislature. I would be glad to state through your columns that I have no plans to this effect as it is a great sacrifice to be away from my business. I appreciate the confidence reposed in me in the last election and as some of the legislation enacted by me is not understood I wish I could place myself squarely before you for renomination and make a personal explanation of every act. No bill was passed but that in my judgment would prove an advantage if given an opportunity. I stand upon that. However, if there are any that you don't approve you can have them repealed.

The bill "to protect domestic fowls and game during raising season," was requested by a number of good people. It has been spoken of by some of its friends as "a good law but a nuisance"—one of those new things that is not appreciated.

As to the bill that was made so much capital of at the July meeting, leading up to an explanation, I beg to quote section 3, article 9, of the constitution of North Carolina. "Each county of the state shall divide into a convenient number of districts, in which one or more public schools shall be maintained at least six months in every year; and if the commissioners of any county shall fail to comply with the aforesaid requirements of this section they shall be liable to indictment."

The last session of legislature authorized a five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollar state bond issue, proceeds to be loaned to counties to aid them in complying with the above constitutional requirements. These bonds were not to be sold until after January 1, 1926, necessitating any county that needed to build during summer 1925 to have ready for fall opening to finance this intervening period in some way.

The bill I introduced was a joint amendment to chapter 120 Public Laws, extra session 1924, page 159, so as to include Caswell, Franklin, Stokes and Rutherford in a bill of Caldwell, Cleveland and Forsyth whose county commissioners could upon application from the Board of Education, setting forth the necessity "within their discretion borrow money to build or repair school buildings." The intent of the measure was that our counties might be in a position to use their share of these state funds during the summer of 1925 should the Boards of Education and commissioners find it necessary. I knew Mr. Proctor had made a survey of our county and it had been adopted at a mass meeting of the committeemen of the county at the court house. This made me feel sure that there would be building done but I did not know where or how much. This was for you and your boards to determine. I had enacted nothing binding or compulsory, merely a financial arrangement in advance, to be used or not used.

To show the demand which indicates what other counties thought of the loan there was only five million dollars available and thirty million, or six times the amount available, applied for by counties of the state. Some counties, of course, were disappointed or failed to get amounts applied for. Caswell will receive her share. The buildings were erected last summer and have served the people during a term of school though, through an error at the reading clerk's desk, the amendment was not passed as a revenue measure and has therefore not been in effect respecting these four counties. The intent of the measure though is just the same and that is what I am discussing.

It is absolutely false that I passed any legislation making it binding upon any board to issue bonds for any purpose whatsoever. I am writing this with a keen sense of appreciation of my friends and in justice to myself, not caring to

shirk any responsibility but to clear up the unfair impression that seems to prevail in some sections, which I charge to a few designing politicians. I do not object to honest, constructive criticism from any source, but I as well as other county officials, am entitled to a fair appraisal of honest effort to serve the best interest of the county.

I believe the action of a representative should reflect the best interest and will of the people, and, as a safeguard against local county measures being passed that might not be favored or understood, they should be published in a county paper or posted at the court house door before being introduced.

T. S. NEAL.

Ruffin, N. C., Route 1. (Advertisement).

SAYS CASWELL'S HISTORY SHOULD BE WRITTEN

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man with the facts which Caswell county's history is redolent could produce for us a very valuable book and one that would be prized by the citizens of Caswell county and their descendants forever. If this is done at all it ought to be done while the writer could interview such men as Dr. J. A. Pinnix and others of his age. In a few years at the best it will be too late to color this history with the interesting reminiscences and facts that can be had only from these men. The two articles that I referred to above would make a valuable addition to the volume. I am thinking also of the story of the life of Calvin H. Wiley, the founder and first head of the Public School system of North Carolina, who was a native of Caswell. There is also the history of the Potates and the story of the old "Confederate Blues" who gathered at Anderson's old store and marched away to the Civil War. These are just some suggestions of the records that this history would comprise. I suggest that my friend, George A. Anderson, or some other good man, be importuned to write this record.

With very best wishes for your success and the success and helpfulness of your paper, I remain,

D. J. Walker.

The Messenger is in receipt of the foregoing much appreciated letter from D. J. Walker, Clerk of the Superior Court of Alamance County, whose address is Graham, N. C.

The letter indicates Mr. Walker's literary taste and historical interest in general, and his interest in the history of Caswell county in particular.

Mr. Walker's suggestion that George A. Anderson be importuned to write Caswell's history while such men as Dr. J. A. Pinnix and Esquire Thomas Harrison are living, was brought to Mr. Anderson's attention.

Mr. Anderson said that such a task would be a labor of love for him, but that so far as he knows there would be no funds available for the writing and publication of such a book.

The Messenger in turn suggests that if some devoted son or daughter can arrange to pay for the writing and publication of Caswell's history that such a patriotic service would in itself be an everlasting monument to the person making such a history possible.

The desired results might also be achieved if only the department of history at the University of North Carolina or at Duke University could set its graduate students to work on the collection and compilation of Caswell's history. The Messenger respectfully calls the attention of these institutions to this field of historical research open to them.

A general was handed a dispatch one day just outside the barrack gates. Finding he had mislaid his eye-glasses, he turned to an Irish orderly and said:

"Read this for me, my man."

Paddy shook his head. "Oi'm sorry, sir," he replied, "Oi'm as ignorant as yerself."