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Our Fellow Townsmen Attend A Big Banquet

Another One Has An Honor
Thrust Upon Him.

S. M. Bason, John O. Gunn, and E. A. Allison, of Yanceyville, attended the banquet of Group Five of the North Carolina Bankers' Association held in the Sheraton hotel at High Point last Thursday night, April 15th.

At that meeting T. D. Boswell, assistant cashier of the Bank of Yanceyville, was appointed on the Advisory Committee as the representative of Caswell county, all unexpected to himself. If any explanation of the whereforeness and the howcomeness of this appointment is necessary, it is very likely that Sam Bason can tell how it all came about.

The attendance of our local men upon that swell banquet in that famous hostelry, with its King Louis XIV decorations and furniture, and their sitting in the seats of the mighty as they partook of oyster cocktail, fruit salad, roast turkey and ices; and the appointment of our fellow citizen on the Advisory Committee of the Bankers' Association, are the things of chief interest to us Caswell folks.

The fact that Governor McLean made the best address of like nature ever heard by some of those present on such questions as, How the state is accumulating a surplus in the treasury under the good business methods of the present administration, and why the Governor opposed the plan of issuing sixty-five million dollars more bonds for road construction, proposed and urged by many members of the last legislature, is a matter of secondary interest to most of us. We know he is a good governor, and we think he is the very man we need in the mansion at this time. And he

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MILTON BOOK CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. G. G. DONAHO

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Women's Book Club of Milton was held on Wednesday afternoon at the charming home of Mrs. G. G. Donaho, on Main street, April 14th.

The entire lower floor of the house was artistically decorated with spring flowers, carrying out a color scheme of green and white.

The president, Mrs. J. E. Tucker, presiding, the secretary read the minutes and called the roll of the last meeting.

Mrs. C. B. Austin, vice-president, in the absence of the librarian, exchanged the books, assisted by Miss Mary Williams.

After the business meeting the entertainment for the afternoon was turned over to the hostess, who had selected as her subject, Edgar Albert Guest and three most interesting papers were given.

1. "Edgar Albert Guest, the Man and the Poet," read by Miss Ellen Donaho.

2. "It Takes a Heap O'Living in a House to Make It Home," read by Mrs. J. T. Kilby.

3. Several short poems taken from "The Passing Throng," read by Mrs. W. L. Morton.

A delicious ice course, nuts and crystallized ginger, coffee, and whipped cream, were served by the hostess.

The club then adjourned to meet on Thursday, April 29th, with Miss Mary Williams.

Those present were: Mrs. C. B. Austin, Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Miss Ellen Donaho, Mrs. Jay Foote, Miss Kathleen Hayes, Mrs. J. T. Kilby, Mrs. C. V. Kilby, Mrs. W. L. Morton, Mrs. W. L. Thomas, Sr., Mrs. C. R. Thomas, Mrs. J. E. Tucker, Mrs. Kate Watkins, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. J. W. Moore, and Mrs. John Newman.

FISHING TIME

A fisherman went down to the river to fish, but because he didn't see the fish he said there weren't any fish there. So he wouldn't bait his hook. He fooled around on the bank for a while, and then went home—without any fish. Mr. Merchant, there are sixteen thousand people in Caswell county who buy goods. If you bait your hook with a good advertisement in The Messenger you will likely catch some trade.

A MAN WHO MADE MONEY ON FARM LAST YEAR

He Did Not Put All of His Eggs
In One Basket.

A citizen of Caswell went into a merchant's store the other day to buy some paint for his house. Upon inquiry the merchant discovered that this farmer diversified his crop last year. And by raising what he and his family needed to eat, and what it took to feed his stock this farmer was able not only to pay for his fertilizer, but also to put money in the bank. "Caswell needs more men like that," said the merchant.

Senator Overman has given formal notice of his candidacy for senator.

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This was the annual session of this patriotic society. The place selected by the ladies of the U. D. C. of the Sixth District for its next annual gathering on April 27th, 1927, is Yanceyville, which honor, it is understood, is much appreciated by the people of Yanceyville.

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STRANGE EXPERIENCE OF COUNTRY LINE CATFISH

Carries Steel Fishing Rod In
Mouth Twelve Months.

Yanceyville, April 17.—Twelve months ago Albert J. Perkinson, member of the buying force of the Export Tobacco Co., headquarters at Danville, Va., had the misfortune of losing a prized steel fishing rod, nine feet long, when its hook was taken by a big fish, a denizen of Country Line Creek, near the town of Milton in this county, and the rush of the big fellow carried both rod and line down stream.

On Tuesday, April 13th of this year, James Green, well known resident of Caswell, fishing in the same waters, brought to dry land a 13-pound Country Line creek catfish and the angler was greatly astonished when he found that his catch carried under its gills and protruding from its mouth a nine

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A PROGRESSIVE FIRM IN A PROGRESSIVE TOWN

The Burton-Chance-Walker Furniture Company, of Reidsville, have a high-class motor ambulance and a limousine hearse, with which to serve their patrons in Caswell county. Mr. Robert A. Blaylock, in charge of the undertaking department, is a graduate of the Eckles College of Embalming, Philadelphia, and took ambulance training at the Jefferson Medical College. The Burton-Chance-Walker Company hold themselves in readiness to respond to call day or night.

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THE LUCKY 13 BOOK CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. J. W. CROWELL

The Lucky 13 Book Club met with Mrs. J. W. Crowell Friday afternoon at three o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. E. F. Upchurch. After an interesting discussion of the books, the hostess served a delicious ice course. The house was beautifully decorated with spring flowers.

The books which the members of the club are reading are as follows: Cousin Jane, The Chicken Wagon Family, The Red Lamp, Treading the Wine Press, The Borrowed Shield, Red Ashes, The Power and the Glory, Women, The Kenworthys, The Lost Lady, The Professor's House, The Great Pandolfo, The Perennial Bachelor.

Miss Margaret Jones, of Danville, was a visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sallie Jones, the past week-end.

Arthur Estes, one of the men working in Yanceyville with the Road Construction Co., broke his arm Monday of this week, while trying to crank a truck.

BETHEL W. M. S. WORKING TO COMPLETE CHURCH

April Meeting at Home of Mrs. Pattie King.

(Special to The Messenger)

The Bethel Woman's Missionary Society (M. E. Church, South) held a very delightful April meeting with Mrs. Pattie King. The program, a Study of Foreign Missions, with special reference to Japan, was conducted by Mrs. Hugh Cobb. After the program and business session a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed, refreshments being served.

As a local goal the society has undertaken for the year to im-

BRYAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION HEADED BY DANIELS

R. O. Everett, of Durham, Made
State Chairman.

It is learned from dispatches that Josephus Daniels has been made chairman of the National Bryan Memorial Association, and that Mr. Daniels has appointed R. O. Everett, of Durham, State Chairman for North Carolina.

The many ardent admirers of the great Commoner will rejoice to hear that a fitting memorial is to be reared to the memory of his life and labors, and that Mr. Daniels, a life long friend of Mr. Bryan, whom all the people trust, has been chosen as National Chairman of the Association, which is to raise the funds.

Mr. Bryan had many devoted followers in Caswell county, foremost among whom perhaps was R. L. Dixon of Milton; who had been almost a life-long personal friend of the great Nebraskan. These friends say that they are proud to know that a worthy

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MRS. VICTORIA HAMLETT DIES

Mrs. Victoria Hamlett, wife of A. J. Hamlett, aged 57 years, died at her home near Leasburg Sunday, April 11th, after an illness of one week.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Leasburg Methodist church by Rev. E. R. Clegg, pastor, with interment in Leasburg cemetery.

Mrs. Hamlett is survived by her husband and seven children.

Last Saturday A Great Day For Caswell County

IMPORTANT FACTS FOR
DEMOCRATS TO KNOW

Last Saturday all the precinct primaries of the Democratic party in the county convened and were organized according to law, and the delegates elected to the county convention, which is to be held in Yanceyville next Saturday, April 24th.

The county convention will elect a county chairman, and elect delegates to the state convention, which is to be held in Raleigh.

The county primary is to be held on the first Saturday in June. The registration books will be opened for four successive Saturdays, beginning May 1st.

J. S. Powell, wife, and four boys have been visiting Mr. Powell's mother, Mrs. W. T. Oliver, at Milton for a few days. Miss Vernell Daniel, sister of Mrs. Powell, was also in the party.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Murray, of Mebane, and W. E. White, of Mebane, visited Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Sunday.

Tilden Long Was Murdered Last Sunday Morning

PLANTING TIME

A county newspaper is as necessary in a well regulated county as a cook stove in a home. The publishers of The Messenger are planting their time and money in making a paper for the county. May we suggest to you, gentle reader, that you can afford to plant at least \$1.50 in the development of the county by subscribing to The Messenger.

B. GOODMAN GIVES MAN SUIT TO GO TO CHURCH

He Must Go To Church For Fifty
Consecutive Weeks—The Offer
Was Accepted.

B. Goodman, local clothier, won a convert to some church pew of the city in one of the most unusual evangelistic endeavors ever heard of here when he made a covenant with a man "to go to church for 50 consecutive weeks" in exchange for a suit of clothes.

The recipient of a new suit of clothes, altered to set him off in likeness to a nadoon, is a man who could "peel from his roll" as many suits as he has need of for any occasion, but when the conversation between he and Mr. Goodman reached the point of a

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On That Day Paving Began On
Highway No. 14.

An eventful moment was that in which the first dump of cement and stone was poured from the large mixing machine at Yanceyville at a quarter past eight o'clock last Saturday morning, as the workmen began the construction of the paved road over that part of road number 14 which connects Yanceyville with Danville.

When this piece of much travelled highway is paved the dust from the numerous motor cars that use it will no longer annoy the residents along its course. And then the ease with which the distance between Yanceyville and Danville can be negotiated will make going to Danville a pleasure trip.

Mr. Tomlin, of Statesville, and the men associated with him who constitute the construction force, have been at work for some days plowing up and excavating the road bed preparatory to pouring the concrete mixture. And from appearance it looks as if the company which has undertaken to build this road is fully equipped to carry forward the work of construction rapidly and to do it well.

The first cement was poured in front of the office of the Caswell Democrat, and the pouring is being continued on down by the Kerr Hotel and around by Mrs. Slade's residence. Plowing and excavating has been done around the court house square, but we have not heard it said when the paving will be done there.

The operation of the tractor plows and scrapers, the laying of the water pipes, and of the steel road binders which holds the cement mixture in place till the mixture hardens; the rumble of the huge mixing machine as it churns up the stone and cement and water poured into its maw; and the skillful dexterity with which the workmen spread out and smooth down the mixture

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Ed Warren Admits Killing Him.
Says It Was In Self-Defense.

Tilden Long, 47, for many years a citizen of Caswell county, met instant death Sunday morning at 2 o'clock when a pistol fired by Ed Warren sent a bullet crashing through his heart. The tragedy occurred a short distance north of Moon's Creek bridge and was in part witnessed by Clyde Coleman and Nat Dunevent.

The four men were on their way home from a dance in the New Hope section, and it is indicated that the two principal actors in the tragedy were inflamed with mean liquor. What actually occurred just before the killing took place is not clearly known but it has been suggested that bad blood had warmed up between Long and Warren, the eternal triangle, being the aggravating cause, and some think that liquor and jealousy furnished the motive which inspired Warren to fire the fatal shot.

It is understood that just after the Moon's Creek bridge was reached that Long left the car and at this time both men were in an inflamed state of mind. Hot words were exchanged between them and then came the fatal shot, which resulted in Long's death. It is related that Coleman and Dunevent also left the car at the same time with Long, and the two were some little distance up the road in the direction of Hell's Half Acre when Warren fired the pistol. Two shots were fired in quick succession, only the one taking effect, piercing the heart and causing instant death.

Warren makes admission that he fired the shot that did the killing, but claims that he was shooting to save his own life. He was in the automobile when he pulled the trigger of the pistol, and saw

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PROSPECT HILL GRAMMAR GRADES HAVE COMMENCEMENT

Friday evening, April 16th, the commencement exercises for the grammar grades of Prospect Hill school were held in the auditorium. An excellent program was presented to an over-crowded house. The numbers on the program were as follows:

- Welcome Song—Primary Grades.
- Piano Duet—May and Henry Morgan.
- Operetta—Cinderella in Flowerland—Primary and Grammar Grades.
- Piano Solo—Margaret Burton.
- Recitation—Nancy Burton.
- Play—Fifth Grade.
- Duet—Elizabeth Wilkinson and Elsie Warren.
- Recitation—Bessie Hooper.
- Drill—6th and 7th Grades.
- Pantomime—Franklin Barnwell.
- Song—6th and 7th Grades.
- Monologue—Robert Newton.
- Song—8th and 9th Grades.

After this interesting program, a final report for the year was given by the principal, Mrs. Virgil Warren. One of the interesting items of this report was that the school had raised the past year \$235.71, and had spent this in equipping the high school with new desks, window shades, etc. The Parent-Teacher Association together with the school raised \$150.00 to pay on the piano. The patrons of the school feel that the school has made a splendid record this year and all are already beginning to plan for a bigger and better school next year.

W. E. Bason and J. D. Albright, of Graham, were visitors at the home of S. M. Bason on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hunter were callers in Yanceyville on last Saturday.