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CORRECTIONS

In the special edition of The Messenger of June 24th, several mistakes were made. The cut of A. S. Wooding's residence of Danville, Va., Route 4, was marked "H. S. Wooding's Residence, near Pelham." The engraver had failed to mark the cut, and when the time to go to press came in the print shop at Burlington the editor had to draw on his memory for the name and address, and his memory proved to be treacherous.

Another mistake crept into the article about the health of the county. In the original draft of the story we stated that there had been only three deaths from tuberculosis in Yanceyville in twenty-eight years. This rough draft of the story was turned over to another to be copied and smoothed out, and in copying the statement crept in that only three deaths from tuberculosis had occurred in the entire county in twenty-eight years. This is an obvious mistake, and an unfortunate one. We want to claim all we can for our county, but we mustn't make claims that are not based on facts.

Another error crept in as to the year in which the Caswell County Court House was built. The foreman called for a description of the Court House to be used with the cut. Again we had to call on memory, and our memory was at fault. On seeing the error in The Messenger Mr. George A. Anderson informed us that the construction of the Court House at Yanceyville was begun in 1868 and was not finished till 1870. We had stated that it was built in 1850.

We ask the forbearance of our friends in regard to these and other mistakes. There are two or three excuses that we offer for making them. The first is that the editor has been doing the best he could in carrying on the work of at least two men. He has had to get up copy for each issue of the paper, and in addition to this has had to secure the advertisements for each issue.

The second excuse is that the paper is edited and published at Yanceyville, and the printing is done at Burlington. It is hard to get everything to co-ordinate when the office is so far from the print shop.

The print shop is not at fault in the least. The fact is that if we did not receive such magnificent sympathy and co-operation from Mr. Pate and his co-workers, it would be a difficult thing indeed to get the paper out at all under the conditions existing. If The Messenger is worth anything to Caswell county then A. D. Pate & Co., of Burlington, must be given a large share of the credit for producing it.

FIRST SUBSCRIBER VISITS OFFICE

P. H. Neal, of Danville, who has to his credit the fact that he was the first paid subscriber to The Caswell Messenger, paid The Messenger the additional honor of visiting the office on last Monday, July 5th, in company with his long-time friend, George A. Anderson.

Mr. Neal is held in very high esteem in this office because of his genial nature and estimable character, and because of the fact that he gave encouragement and support to The Messenger when the paper needed a friend. As a charter member of this concern he can have anything the office affords on demand.

Mr. Neal is connected with the Vass-Mobley Hardware Company, of Danville, Va., a firm that

has been one of the truest and most loyal friends The Messenger has had. Their advertisement appeared in the first issue of The Messenger and continued without cessation for about four months. Those first loyal advertisers who helped to float the paper will ever have a warm place in the hearts of those who are investing their lives in this enterprise.

We should state that Mr. Neal's father and mother were natives of Caswell and that Mr. Neal regards this county as his ancestral home. He is for that reason, among others, greatly interested in all that pertains to the welfare of Caswell.

A CORRECTION

Through an error in the Milton reminiscences in our special edition it was mentioned that Cherry Hill farm was owned by Dr. P. W. Miles. We are informed that this is a mistake and that this old home is still owned by Mrs. R. L. Walker, nee Miss Cornelia Wilson, who came in possession of it at the death of her husband, R. L. Walker.

PRESENT DAY EDUCATION

The present day methods as seen by an unknown poet are taken off in the following bit of humorous verse, for which we are indebted to Miss Jennie P. Buford of Semora.

A Parent's Plea

My little boy is eight years old; He goes to school each day. He doesn't mind the tasks they set,

They seem to him but play. He heads his class in raffia work, And also takes the lead In making dinky paper boats— But I wish that he could read!

They teach him physiology, And, oh, it chills our hearts To hear our prattling innocent Mix up his inward parts! He also learns astronomy, And names the stars by night. Of course, he's very up to date— But I wish that he could write!

They teach him things botanical, They teach him how to draw; He babbles of mythology, And gravitation's law; And the discoveries of science With him are quite a fad. They tell me he's a clever boy— But I wish that he could add.

IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND

Once upon a time we advised a very close friend, who was likely to be chosen as a delegate to the General Conference, to study the constitutional history of his church. We were audaciously free enough with him to say that we didn't see how he could intelligently legislate for his great church unless he knew the principles of church government and was informed on the history of her past legislation.

The welfare of a church or state is sometimes put in jeopardy by one of two things. These are the self-seeking of her representatives or the ignorance of her representatives.

Disaster can come to a church or state through men who are not familiar with the principles of government or the history of legislation. The state and counties need more men and women who know the problems of state and county government, and who know what not to do as well as what to do. Sometimes an innocent looking little measure can put a monkey wrench in the gears, and cause endless trouble.

County government is at present the weak spot in our governmental system. It is said that there is no actual head to the county government. The department of Rural Economics at the University, under the leadership of Dr. E. C. Branson, is making a very thorough study of county government in North Carolina. If the county officials will co-operate with him it is likely that

he can lead us out of the wilderness.

At present Dr. Branson offers to make a study of any county's government which requests it. With the data which he will be able to formulate as to the county's affairs, that county will be able to so reconstruct its system as to bring it in line with the best that is known in county government.

The citizens of Caswell would like to see their county one of the first to catch step with the more progressive and efficient counties.

CONGRATULATIONS

The successful candidates in the two recent Democratic primaries are to be congratulated upon the honors bestowed upon them and the trust imposed in them by the electorate.

At the same time some of them are to be commiserated upon the meagre emoluments of the offices entrusted to their care. In order to break even the state senator and member of the house of representatives will have to sleep out under the stars, do their own cooking, and wear patched clothes.

But then these officers-elect don't mind a little thing like that. They are patriots, who stand ready to die for their country. The point to keep in mind, however, is that the sovereign citizens of this proud commonwealth seem willing to stand cheerfully by and let 'em die.

They can readily spend a few paltry millions for this, that, and the other. But when it comes to paying men to legislate for and govern the state the aforesaid sovereign citizens suddenly become awfully penurious, and chop off the salary of the legislators to four dollars a day. "The dark and devious ways of the heathen Chinese" are quite lucid compared to this.

WE ARE FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

The Messenger has tried to treat all of the candidates up for nomination in the Democratic primary alike. It was too new, and too ignorant of county affairs, to be able to take an intelligent part in the primary contest. But now that the primary is over and the candidates are named, The Messenger wishes to repeat that it stands for Democratic principles and policies, and will with deference, support the Democratic ticket.

The Republican party nationally stands for centralized government. Centralized government is said to be strong government. And to some this is the supreme consideration. And we have many North Carolinians who vote the Democratic ticket in the state and county, but who vote for a Republican president.

But this Republican policy of a strong centralized government at Washington has had the effect of promoting the huge fortunes of the few, by its protective tariff and other measures, which impose a huge indirect tax upon the many for the benefit of the few. These great corporations that are fostered by this unjust and discriminating tariff are able to furnish huge campaign funds to elect the men who will promise to maintain this high protective tariff for their benefit. And these representatives of the financial interests will, in the nature of the case, carry out the wishes of the men who spend their money to elect them.

This sort of government is unjust and unfair to the masses. We prefer a type of government that is less centralized, and even less efficient, if your strong, centralized government is going to impose high tariffs upon the commodities used daily by the masses of hard worked, poor people for the enrichment of men already inordinately rich. We are Democratic in national politics.

And we are even more strongly Democratic in state and county

politics, and can give a reason for the faith that is in us in taking this stand. While we are tolerant of men who hold contrary political views, and number some of our best friends in the opposition party, yet we dare to assert it as our deliberate opinion that the situation in North Carolina would be fraught with the gravest dangers to the peace and prosperity of the state should the Democratic party lose control in state and county affairs.

This imposes a frightful trust upon the Democratic office holders. They should walk up rightly and guard jealously the interests of our people.

The Messenger supports these men for office because they represent principles of government for which it stands. And if these men should betray the interests of the people we would say with deference again that we hope to have the courage given us to take issue with them on behalf of the interests of the people.

THE SPECIAL DESERVES A SECOND READING

The special industrial number of The Messenger carried some special articles prepared for this paper by men who knew what they were talking about.

These articles will repay a second and third reading. We have seventy-five or a hundred copies of this edition left.

Many of the readers have said that they thought the special was a credit to the county, but so far very few have written anything for publication about it. Dr. E. C. Branson, of the University faculty, was good enough to write that the special was a distinct credit to the county. And he asked for another copy to put on file. Dr. Branson's commendation is worth a whole lot to us, and we "roll it as a sweet morsel under our tongue."

A FINAL PLEA

Joe Taylor is a citizen of Caswell county. He was at the point of death. He didn't have the resources to carry him to the hospital. Several of his neighbors and friends picked him up and carried him to the General Hospital, Danville, trusting that the funds necessary to pay the bills could be raised in the county. A number of people have contributed to the expense of this case. But there remains yet unpaid a balance of twenty odd dollars. The Danville hospital is looking to us for a settlement.

Joe Taylor's life was saved, and he will soon be able to take care of his family, which otherwise would have had to be taken care of by some one else, or by some institution. Aside from the humanitarian view of the case it is a good investment from an economic point of view to give this man the hospital treatment that saved his life.

Let us make this final plea to the generous hearted people of Caswell to send in contributions to settle this bill and satisfy the hospital authorities. Please send your dollar or five dollars to R. W. Isley, Dr. S. A. Malloy, or to The Messenger, and share the privilege of having helped to save a man's life.

Greetings and best wishes to the correspondents of The Messenger.

For the benefit of the linotype operator, the correspondents are requested to write on one side of the page only. And we will appreciate the favor greatly if the correspondents will write all of their words and letters plainly. We would like for all of the e's to be made so plain that they will not be mistaken for i's, their w's different from their m's, and the b's to be distinguished from h's.

The letters of the correspondents constitute one of the most important parts of The Messenger. And we want to print them for the readers without mistakes.

In this connection may we say

that we would like for the correspondents to report any and all building operations and enterprises in the various communities that are of any importance. There are two or three reasons for this. In closing, we would express our grateful thanks for the care and industry shown by the staff of excellent correspondents that are helping to make The Messenger so interesting to the readers. It is a fine service you are rendering.

FOLLOW-UP OF THE FOURTH

A few days ago a hundred million people joined in celebrating the seven score and tenth anniversary of the date when "our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Since that date we have advanced; our nation has increased over three thousand percent in population, over three hundred percent in territory; while in material prosperity the horn of plenty is overflowing to such extent that we spend annually more money on pleasures now than the entire wealth of the land one hundred and fifty years ago. These things are well. They flatter our national vanity. More gratifying, however, should have been our progress in national idealism.

Adopting the slogan of the French Revolution, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity." We can with a little cutting and splicing make those three abstractions represent three stages in the humanitarian philosophy of the American republic. "National liberty, human equality, and cosmic fraternity."

We shall select from three orators or statesmen contemporary with the three great crises in our national development to illustrate the three stages in our nation's thinking.

The spirit of '76—"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"—Patrick Henry.

The spirit of '65—"We understand that when Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, your victory was assured; for he then committed you to the cause of human liberty, against which the arms of man cannot prevail. And I am glad that the Omnipotent God held the balance of battle in his Almighty Hand, and that human slavery was swept forever from American soil."—From "The South and Its Problems," delivered before a New York assembly, by Henry W. Grady, an editor from Athens, Ga.

The spirit of '18—"Friendship is the only cement that will hold the world together."—Woodrow Wilson.

—J. A. T.

Columbus discovered a new continent, but in that day of slow sail-boats for ocean travel, slower canoes for rivers, and still slower pack horses for land travel, it took decades to start a great migration here. Now America discovers Dixie and in this day when railroads, steamships, airships, and automobiles have given every man the wanderlust of Ulysses and the wings of Mercury, and when telegraph, telephone, and radio flash news to a listening continent in the twinkling of an eye—in this far speedier day, a nation's discovery of a vast, undeveloped area results almost immediately in a great mass movement of humanity.—Review of Reviews.

The whole situation in a single statement is that the South has practically the same summer temperature as the North, with immeasurably more agreeable winters. "Practically as cool in summer; vastly pleasanter in winter"—that is the whole story of Southerner climate in ten words as proved by indisputable official data.—Review of Reviews.

HORTON AND ANDERSON WIN IN SECOND PRIMARY

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Creek, 76; Milton and Leasburg, Horton carried Yanceyville, Stoney Creek, Rascoe, Milton, Purley, Blanche, Pelham, tying Mr. Neal at Baynes, where each received 42 votes. Horton's biggest vote of 19 was received at Yanceyville.

Neal carried Locust Hill, Ridgeville, Hightowers, Leasburg and Semora. Mr. Neal received his largest vote, 104, at Yanceyville.

The figures given in this brief story of the second primary are unofficial, but are considered correct. The vote by precincts is given in this issue of the paper in the form of a table.

SECOND PRIMARY VOTE BY PRECINCTS

	Anderson	Graves	Horton	Neal
Yanceyville	97	150	139	104
Stoney Creek	58	76	103	42
Rascoe	73	23	78	15
Milton	73	23	78	15
Baynes	66	23	42	42
Locust Hill	57	54	13	101
Purley	110	14	108	20
Blanche	51	21	61	11
Ridgeville	62	49	30	76
Hightowers	46	23	16	56
Leasburg	28	56	37	48
Semora	53	21	30	43
Pelham	125	37	103	60
Total	860	607	809	660

TO THE VOTERS OF CASWELL

I wish to thank you with all my heart for the wonderful and loyal support rendered to me in the campaign just finished, and you have spoken in no uncertain terms your will, nominating me your standard bearer. Therefore, with God's help, and with what ability I have, I will keep its escutcheon untarnished. W. B. HORTON.

TO THE PEOPLE OF CASWELL COUNTY

For the splendid expression of confidence given to me by the voters of Caswell in the Democratic primary last Saturday, I am indeed most grateful and appreciative.

May I not say that this expression filled my heart with real joy, and I wish to re-affirm the one pledge which I made so often during the campaign, that in my future relation with the citizenship of the county, I will do all that lies in my power to render to the people of Caswell faithful and accommodating service. GEO. A. ANDERSON.

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN OF N. C. TO BE LARGE

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and constructive purpose, the members say.

It is pointed out in this connection that while one community alone could attract little attention in a national way through advertising, a group of cities can combine resources enough to attract wide, constructive attention from the nation at large. It is the purpose of North Carolinians, Incorporated, to include every city and community in the state in a broad national advertising campaign.

Adherents to the movement to lend publicity to the state through collective forces refer to the fact that this same form of advertising is being adopted today in many industrial quarters. For instance, the paint manufacturers organized into a group to advertise their products under a common slogan, "Save the surface and you save all." This collective bit of advertising has done much to popularize the uses of paint on a broad scale, which could have been accomplished by one of the group only at a high premium.