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Leasburg Moonshiner Loses Seat of His Pants

Deputy Chas. Barker's Grab Is
Devastating.

Jim Sutherland, Stephen Town, alleged producer of the "bootleg" product, spent Sunday in the Yanceyville jail, minus the seat of his pants and the waistband of his breeches. To share in his detention were his pals, Silas Wade, Stephen Town, Oscar Nunn, and Percy Hicks, Durham. All of the prisoners are of the colored race, and an alleged charge of blockading has been lodged against each.

How Jim Sutherland lost the seat of his pants, is related in this way. Down in the wilds of Stephen Town in Leasburg township where the waters course down the Ned Wade spring branch to Country Line Creek, Saturday afternoon around four o'clock, Sheriff Gunn, with deputies Charley Barker, Whit Powell, Clair Taylor and Jule Long, staged a sympathetic raid on a nest of reported blockaders. The place and the operators were all spied out from a far off, and then Sheriff Gunn decided upon a plan of strategy. He noted that running east and north and west and northwest from the still at which four men were busily at work, were distinct trails through the net work of "bramble briars and honeysuckles." He posted a deputy on each of the trails about fifty yards from the still while he in turn made a frontal attack upon the operators. So sudden and compelling was the high sheriff's drive, that each of the malefactors broke for tall timber, and each of them as the sheriff had hoped took a separate trail.

The fifty yards of sudden running winded each of the blockaders and it is further related that when Silas Wade reached the "listing post" held by Deputy

OCT. 3-9 SET ASIDE AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Governor McLean Issues Proclamation.

A Proclamation by the Governor: The State of North Carolina has for years led in efforts to reduce fire waste and its attendant loss of life and property. October 3rd to 9th, inclusive, has been designated as Fire Prevention Week throughout the United States, and I appeal to our citizenry to become actively interested in this great problem of conservation.

Carefully gathered statistics show that in 1925, \$6,914,014.00 worth of property was destroyed by fire; that 293 human beings were urged to death in North Carolina, caused largely through carelessness. Compared with our national fire loss of 570 million dollars and 20,000 lives destroyed, this is low, but entirely too great for an intelligent citizenship such as our. It is well known that careless and ignorance go hand in hand as the chief causes of great national fire waste.

I, therefore, urge that the week of October 3rd to 9th be set aside as Fire Prevention Week, in accordance with Section 6080 of the Consolidated Statutes, which provides that the Governor of North Carolina shall, each year in October, issue a proclamation urging the people to proper observance. During this week I also urge that fire drills be held in schools, State institutions, factories and stores, and that they be continued at regular intervals;

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HATTIE GRAVES IS KNOCKED DOWN BY VICIOUS COW

Hattie Graves, the wife of Peter Graves, and her daughter were both knocked down and bruised up considerably by their cow, in one of her vicious moods.

The cow had butted Hattie down and was doing her best to injure her when Hattie's daughter came to the rescue of her mother. Then the cow turned on her and butted her down.

It is a wonder that the two escaped, as they did, without any broken bones.

MRS. W. T. ALDRIDGE OF UNION RIDGE HONORED

250 Guests Gather on Occasion
of Her Birthday.

There was a great family reunion at the home of Mrs. W. T. Aldridge, of Union Ridge, Route 1, on Sunday, September 19th, when 250 members of the Aldridge, Page, and Byrd families, gathered to do honor to Mrs. W. T. Aldridge on the occasion of her birthday.

It is reported that there was a large birthday cake with 57 candles on it, and that Mrs. Aldridge received numerous gifts in token of the esteem in which she is held by her friends and relatives.

Of the 250 present on the hap-

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METHODIST ORPHANAGE HAS FINANCIAL DEFICIT

Robert N. Page Appeals to
Methodists For Funds.

Over two hundred and fifty orphan children are the wards of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and are dependent upon the liberality of the members of this church in this Conference for their support.

Mr. Robert N. Page, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, where these orphans live, writes that it requires \$82,000.00 annually to support this institution, and that the total receipts from all sources for the year, 1925, were only \$66,138.47.

Mr. Page says the Orphanage is in debt and is facing a serious situation. He appeals to the generous hearted men and women of the North Carolina Conference, to which the Milton, Yanceyville and Leasburg circuits belong, to rally to this cause and take better care of the orphans than we are doing.

It is thought that perhaps the same condition exists in the Orphanages of the other denominations, and that the other churches may need the same exhortation.

The Messenger will carry Mr. Page's letter in full next week.

UNION RIDGE PEOPLE SUPPORTING MESSENGER

Messrs. J. W. O'Ferrell, W. M. Page, W. S. Oakley, and George Oakley, of Union Ridge, came in the other day to renew subscriptions and get better acquainted. The Messenger greatly appreciates the support which these men, and so many others, are giving to The Messenger at this time. This is going to enable the paper to keep up to its present standard at least.

WATCH PRESSURES IN BALLOON TIRES

Car Owners Losing Mileage
Through Carelessness, Dealer
Declares.

Air is cheaper than rubber.

That statement from J. O. Gunn, of Crowell Auto Co., Good-year tire dealer at Yanceyville, was followed by this interesting explanation of what air has to do with getting the most mileage and the best service from the balloon tires which are so widely used today.

"Test run recently at the Good-year factory in Akron shows that a drop in air pressure of as little as four pounds in a balloon tire cuts down tire mileage because increased flexing action resulting causes rapid tread wear.

"In this test four new tires all alike were used. Two were inflated to proper pressure and placed on the front wheels of a car, and run over smooth highways for 4,000 miles. They came out of the test with treads hardly worn at all. But when two others with four pounds less air in them had traveled the same 4,000-mile territory on the same car under exactly similar conditions their treads were badly worn.

"Now just imagine what happens when tires are run under-inflated by as much as eight or ten pounds as some motorists who have gotten into careless habits about their tires are doing. "Don't forget," concluded Mr. Gunn, "that balloon tires are made to flex. They are made to carry their loads at a recommended air pressure at which they will deliver utmost comfort and service, but if the car owner allows the pressure to drop below the recommended figure the tire factory has established, he may expect to reap a lot of trouble and lose mileage as well."

Miss Anabel Thompson's faithful horse, old Henry, died Sunday and was buried on the farm which had been his home for so many years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens have gone for the week-end to Mr. Monroe Walters of near Blanch.

UNCLE HOGE VERNON SAYS SLANDER CASE IS NOT SETTLED

Charges Compromise Was Wrung From Complainants by Means
of Magic.

That the people of Caswell may expect the thrill of one of the biggest slander suits known in the county since the Civil War, was revealed here Monday morning when Uncle Hoge Vernon, well known Milton, came to town.

He relates that the news which has recently been broadcasted over Caswell that he and Uncle Eli Pettigrew have accepted a compromise from Dr. Malloy in the matter of slander, is entirely erroneous. While he admits that Dr. Malloy did set both he and Mr. Pettigrew up to drinks of the ice cold cocoa-cola and grape, respectively, still he insists that same was in no way a sufficient compensation for the slander which not only reflected upon them most severely, but also caused each of them to suffer mental anguish of the most horrible kind. Uncle Hoge also says with much emphasis that Dr. Malloy by means of the most unusual kinds, and contrary to all of the ethics, made and provided for in such cases, did with a subtle and insidious means, wring from both he and Mr. Pettigrew the compromise. It is further related that when the doctor ap-

BRANDON FAMILY HOLD REUNION AT MR. BARKER'S

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Barker
Entertain Thirty-one of the
Brandon Relatives.

(Special to The Messenger)

Thirty-one relatives besides friends were present at a family gathering the third Sunday in September, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Barker.

A happy incident of the day was the fact that all the sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews of the family were present; but two sisters, Misses Sadie Brandon, in Raleigh school, and Miss Eloise Brandon, a nurse at Catawba Sanatorium, who could not be present, although they were thought of and spoken of many times during the day.

The morning hours were spent in the most delightful of social contact.

The entire family were tendered the heartiest of congratulations, and the hours spent together was described by those who were present as one of the most enjoyable, and rarest of pleasure.

The dinner was abundant and of the choicest of edibles, which was enjoyed, with true love, and good will, that reflected a true reunion spirit.

After the feast of the best viands, the family enjoyed the evening in social talks. Many friends of the vicinity called to see the family before separating to their homes.

Among the guests to enjoy the day were: Mrs. Libbie Russell, Messrs. Eugene and Richard Russell, Misses Montise Clodfelter, Lillian and Elizabeth Russell, of Lexington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brandon and family, of near Roxboro, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Guill and family of Sutherland, Va., Mr. J. Burton Brandon, of Sutherland, Va., Mrs. Barnes, of Detroit, Mich., Mr. Pierce, of Columbia, S. C., Mr. Woods, of Roxboro, N. C., Mr. Dot Moore, of Milton, N. C. The old homestead at "Green Valley Farm" was visited late in the evening, where many snapshots were taken of the dear old place, after which all departed for their homes, hoping to meet again in the near future.

Mrs. Mildred W. Mitchell Died Saturday Night

Was Nearly Ninety-Seven Years
Old At Her Death.

FIRESTONE OFFERS
SCHOLARSHIP TO HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS

It is understood that Mr. Firestone, of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, offers quite a handsome scholarship, amounting to \$5,000.00 to the high school student of the United States, who writes the best essay on "Good Roads." If any one in Caswell thinks of trying for the trophy full information can be secured from the Firestone Company.

HUGH COOPER OF PELHAM TO TEACH IN ROCKINGHAM

Has Been Attending School at
Guilford College.

Hugh Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cooper of Pelham, paid The Messenger office a pleasant call the other day, in company with his friend and former teacher, George A. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson said that he gave Mr. Cooper his seventh grade certificate, and has been taking a great interest in this young man ever since.

Mr. Cooper graduated from the high school at Ruffin and has spent two years at Guilford College. And Mr. Anderson says that Mr. Cooper made splendid records both in the county schools and at Guilford.

He will be the principal in the Sadler school in Rockingham county during the coming school year, beginning his work there October 4th. His many Caswell friends wish for him the greatest success in his chosen profession.

AMBITIOUS BOY OR GIRL MAY OBTAIN EDUCATION

Scholarships Available In Excel-
lent School.

The Messenger is trying to interest some young men or women of Caswell in a scholarship given by a splendid agricultural and home-making school.

A two-year course is offered to a young man or woman at least 18 years of age, who has had at least two years in high school and who can enter school, after paying railroad transportation, with at least \$50.00. It is thought that the student can pay his or her way after that by the work done, for which compensation is offered.

It is not a charity proposition. It is simply a chance for an

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DANVILLE FAIR OPENS OCT. 12 CLOSES OCT. 15

Tobacco Exhibit One of Most
Important Features.

The tobacco exhibit at the Danville Fair this year will be on a large scale. Liberal cash prizes are offered for lemon, orange and mahogany wrappers, bright and dark fillers, cutters and export leaf and granulating lugs. Special cash prizes for Henry county types and African leaf. The department is in charge of George A. Lea and H. L. Boatwright. Tobacco growers everywhere will profit by a visit to this exhibit as every section of the old belt will be represented. No charge is made for space in this department. The exhibit is one of the most important features of the Danville Fair, October 12th to 15th—four days, four nights.

One of the most remarkable characters in Caswell county passed to her reward on last Saturday night when Mrs. Mildred Watlington Mitchell, of Blanche, died, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years, being the oldest woman in Caswell at the time of her death, so far as is known.

Mrs. Mitchell has been in failing health for a year or more. Last December she was taken seriously ill, and about the first of last January her mind began to fail, in the sense that she was unconscious or delirious most of the time, and from that time on till her death the attention of her grand-daughters and her son, Robert L. Mitchell, was required night and day. But she has required no attention that she didn't get.

Her special nurse was a grand-daughter, Miss Mattie Mitchell, the daughter of J. G. Mitchell of Blanche. Miss Mattie came to her grandmother on January 3rd and has scarcely left the house from that time till Mrs. Mitchell breathed her last on Saturday night, September 25th, at 11 o'clock.

The funeral services were held at the residence on Monday, September 27th, by Mrs. Mitchell's pastor, Rev. W. C. Jones, of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. N. R. Claytor, of the Presbyterian church.

Quite a number of Mrs. Mitchell's relatives, neighbors and friends attended the funeral to do honor to the memory of this wonderful woman. And many were the expressions of esteem heard as the neighbors discussed the character of this Mother in Israel. "Too much can not be said in her praise," was the tribute of

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PRICES OF TEXT BOOKS AS FIXED BY STATE LAW

Prof. Isley Informs Patrons of
Reduction In Prices.

To The Editor: Will you make the following announcement relative to prices of text books?

The prices given below and not the prices stamped on the following text books are the prices to pay:

Elementary Community	
Civics	\$1.03
Essentials of Geography	
Book I	1.21
Essentials of Geography	
Book II	1.70
First Book In U. S. History	.74
Child World Reader Primer	.40
Child World First Reader	.45
Child World Second Reader	.50
Child World Third Reader	.55
Progressive Music Series	
One Book Course	.68
Progressive Music Series	
One Book, Grades 2-7	.66

The above prices are the correct prices to pay and not the prices stamped in the school register or on the book. Teachers and patrons are asked to notice these prices and save this copy for future reference in buying books; though all book dealers are advised of the change in prices and will the the correct price also.

The above prices are the prices recently fixed by the State Board of Education and the publishers as per contract made sometime ago. Notice of the change was sent out by State Superintendent A. T. Allen on September 17th.

Very truly yours,
Robert W. Isley,
County Superintendent Schools.