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Meanest Men In The World Steal Widow's Tobacco

A shining example of woman's heroism, Caswell county folks declare was revealed by the actions of Mrs. Arthur Corbett Fitch, highly esteemed young wife of the Baynes section of South Caswell who last season while her husband was suffering in the last stages of tuberculosis, with her little children and with what help she could procure, grew a splendid crop. To the cultivation and harvesting of it she gave her own personal attention. A few weeks ago, the sick husband passed away and was laid to rest in the cemetery of Bethel Christian church.

Gathering up anew the broken threads of her life, Mrs. Fitch patiently went to work to market her wonderful crop of the bright leaf. She had stripped out close to 1,000 pounds, preparatory to loading it on for market. Last week some unidentified thieves, parking their truck about three hundred yards from the barn, carried off the tobacco, leaving behind no clues which might direct to their arrest.

Caswell officials are on the lookout for the tobacco thieves and the determination has been expressed to catch them if it is in the range of possibility.

FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE IS HELD

The fourth quarterly conference for the Yanceyville circuit was held at Prospect church with the Rev. M. Bradshaw, presiding elder, in the chair. The large country church was filled to capacity, and the presiding elder declared that he had never before in his eldership seen a larger gathering at a quarterly meeting on a week day. All the churches but two reported that funds for the year had been raised, and it was indicated that two churches in arrears would pay out.

R. W. Duncan, Pelham, was elected lay leader for the circuit for 1927 and district steward.

U. D. C. OBSERVE ARMISTICE DAY

Impressive Exercises at The Local High School.

"Carry On," was the one clear note in a most happy little speech by Mrs. Robert W. Isley before the pupils of the local high school on Armistice Day when the Caswell County Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy sponsored the program.

Tenderly Mrs. Isley spoke of the sacrifices made by the boys who wore the olive drab and fought under the banner with its forty-eight stars. She reminded those who were present that to them was the task of keeping alive the ideals of world freedom which had found a rich dwelling in the souls of the American soldiers, who fought in the fields of France, and by their consecrated service gave a new and a better meaning to heroism and advanced the world in honor.

The program was delightfully and tenderly heightened by a reading of Mrs. E. F. Upchurch of one of the world's best loved poems, "In Flanders Fields the Poppies Grow," while an added sweetness lent itself to the day when the pupils of the school joined with the Daughters in singing, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," "Onward Christian Soldier," and finally voicing the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

R. S. FIDDLER VISITING LOCAL PENNEY STORES

Mr. R. S. Fiddler, of the New York merchandise department of the J. C. Penney Department Stores, is visiting the J. C. Penney stores in the south for about a month. He is now in North Carolina, at the Burlington store. Last week The Messenger's correspondent found him in the Danville store. He will visit other stores in South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. Mr. Fiddler says that business this year is better than ever, and that very satisfactory records are being made in the Danville and Burlington stores.

W. F. FITCH IS BUILDING A SEVEN ROOM BUNGALOW

Is Located On Main Street In Yanceyville.

In the construction of a seven-room bungalow, projected by W. F. Fitch, it is expected that the building will add much to the attractiveness of Main street. This work is planned to proceed with dispatch and the house will be ready for occupancy in a short while. The plans for the bungalow have been drawn by Mr. Fitch, and the timbers will be put into place by Robert W. Reagan, well known local builder and carpenter.

It is understood that the scheme calls for round dressed pine logs which will be fully creosoted. It will be foundationed so as to make the height scheme harmonize with the paved road while the depression between the Upchurch and Fitch residences will be filled in carefully.

The bungalow when finally completed will be fitted up with two chimneys and will embrace the most modern thought in lighting and heating.

A novel feature of the house will be the assembling of the mantels; these mantels will be constructed in their entirety, out of white flint rocks.

METHODIST MECCA DRAWS A GOOD MANY CASWELL PILGRIMS

Methodist Saints and Sinners Gather in Trinity Church, a Gothic Structure.

Among those from Caswell attending the Methodist Conference at Durham last week were: Mr. and Mrs. George A. Anderson and Miss Mary Slade Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ware, Mrs. W. T. Long, Miss Mabel Stephens, Judge T. H. Hatchett, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Worsham, Mrs. Berta Yarborough, Mrs. J. B. Paschal, Miss Jennie Hatchett, W. W. Worsham, Mrs. Sallie Jones and son, Tom Jones.

It is supposed that quite a number of other Caswellians made the pilgrimage to the Methodist mecca at Durham last Sunday to hear the Bishop preach and to greet their preacher friends, gathered in the new Trinity church, which is considered a very fine specimen of Gothic architecture. Sunday was a high day among the Methodist saints and sinners.

"ALL A MISTAKE"

A comedy in three acts will be given at Prospect Hill high school Friday night, November 19, 1926, at 7 o'clock.

Everybody come and bring your friends.

See Clark's guarantee. Act accordingly.

TOBACCO THIEVES ARE CAUGHT RED HANDED

Jule Long Arrives in Time to Prevent a Get-Away.

Dreams of one day wearing the heavy weight championship of the world in fistic honors, were rudely dispelled, for a time at least, from the brain of Russell Hawes, Alexandria, Virginia when Jule Long, deputy sheriff of Hightowers township, in the cold gray dawn of the early morning hour of last Wednesday, put the "clamps" on Gene Tuney's prospective contender.

The dream was shattered just across the Caswell county line, near Prospect Hill, on the farm of Mrs. Sallie Warren, as the would-be world champion stood stooped close by the protecting side of a shock of corn where he had run for sanctuary when he found that he and his companions had been caught red-handed in the attempt to remove a lot of the stripped superlative bright leaf from Mrs. Warren's pack barn, with the evident purpose of motoring it down to South Boston for the clarion call of the auctioneers' cry at the next ringing of the auction bells.

It is related that Caswell's aggressive deputy sheriff was rudely awakened from his beauty sleep, just as the "we sma hours were ayont the twal," by the loud and persistent call of the telephone bell, summoning him to the Warren farm with the advice that tobacco thieves were abroad in the land. While it can not be confirmed that Mr. Long broke all speed records in heing to the scene of the depredations yet it is generally agreed that Caswell's efficient officer was not long in "getting there." The thieves, three in number, it is averred, vanished into thin air when they found that the strong arm of the law had reached out. Mr. Long at once noted that a lot of the weed had been handled; an automobile stood parked behind an improvised camouflage hastily constructed out of a convenient bed quilt. By the aid of his electric torch, he beheld the top coats, sweaters and hats of the unfortunate triangle which had been rudely disturbed in its surreptitious work.

Nowhere in sight was a single angle of the triangle, and Mr. Long was fearful that he might only have labor for his efforts when suddenly from the cache of cut corn not far away came the cry of a strong voice saying, "I am one of the boys, come out and nab me." Mr. Long threw the light of his torch in the direction of the voice and at the same time giving the fatal command "hands up." The owner of the voice, who proved to be the prize fighter, (Continued on Page 2)

UNKNOWN CASWELL COUNTY CHILD SLEEPS IN A NEARBY CEMETERY

(By Jean Ames)

A few miles from Yanceyville, almost under the sound of the court house bell, all that is mortal of an unknown child lies sleeping its last dreamless sleep. Oblivious of wintry blasts and summer heat, the inmate of the grave, waits the summons of the great day, when the unknown and the neglected shall be known in the sunlight of the Master's presence.

The little grave is set in the midst of an old family cemetery and wonderfully beautiful is the fact that near is another grave, that of a great Caswell statesman who years ago gave the best service of his life to the creation of a program whose development made it possible that the humblest child of North Carolina should have a chance.

But it is not about the states-

MISS DAWSON AND MRS. MONTGOMERY HONORED

Mrs. Houston L. Gwynn, Hostess.

Miss Margaret Dawson, of Durham, bride-to-be within a few weeks, and Mrs. Robert Montgomery, of Reidsville, formerly Miss Nettie Harris, a recent bride, were given an honor presentation at the home of Mrs. Houston L. Gwynn, Thursday of last week, where felicities were exchanged and the glad hand extended by a host of friends.

With a color scheme admirably blended of yellow and white, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gwynn was a bower of real liveliness while the thoughtful courtesies of Mrs. Gwynn, the hostess, made the event one of the very finest which our little village has known in years. The finest sort of cordiality ran through the delightful hours, and many took occasion not only to give hearty congratulations to the bride-to-be, and the recent bride, both of whom received the acclaim with becoming grace, but also to direct attention to the charming manner in which Mrs. Gwynn did the honors of the day.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Helen Florance Gwynn, Miss Margaret Dawson, Mrs. Robert Montgomery and Miss Jennie Dawson, sister of the bride-elect. Friends to pass in review were: John A. Massey, Mrs. H. F. Brandon, Mrs. Geo. A. Anderson, Miss Alice Harrelson, Mrs. F. G. Harrelson, Mrs. W. W. McGuire, Miss Pattie Gunn, Miss Mary Slade Anderson, Mrs. Alvis Lea Florance, Mrs. Willie Johnson, Mrs. H. S. Turner, Mrs. Carl Moser, Mrs. W. F. Fitch, Mrs. E. E. Upchurch, Mrs. S. A. Malloy, Mrs. A. M. Motz, Mrs. A. Y. Kerr, Mrs. John H. Gunn, Mrs. Robert W. Isley, Miss Mary Lea Florance, Miss Deloris Harrison, Mrs. Lucy Williamson, Mrs. Walter H. Williamson, Miss Mabel Alcorn, Miss Annie Murray, Miss Cora Lea, Miss Sue Frederick, Miss Nannie Lou Thompson, Mrs. B. S. Graves, Mrs. J. P. Gwynn, Mrs. L. A. Gwynn, Mrs. John Anderson Covington, Danville, Miss Margaret Montgomery, Reidsville; Mrs. Sam W. Bason, Miss-Ada Blackwell, Mrs. C. W. Hood, Mrs. Daniel Gwynn, Mrs. Maggie Hock, High Point; Mrs. R. L. Mitchell, and Miss Emma Mitchell, Danville.

From the receiving line, the guests passed out to the dining room where the hostess had in preparation a most delightful course.

Tom Burgess, of the Ligonette Cafe, Danville, was a caller on Monday morning at J. L. Murray's. His chief object is hunting as the season opened Monday.

Caswell County Superior Court Convenes December 6

HIGHEST STATE AVERAGE FOR TOBACCO SAID TO BE AT MEBANE

An item of interest to all concerned is the fact that prices of tobacco averaged 38 1/4 cents for the entire floor at the Farmers Warehouse, Mebane, on last Wednesday, a week ago, which constitutes the highest state average, so it is said.

It is highly gratifying that the price of the bright leaf holds up so well, not only in Mebane, but also at every other warehouse in the entire Piedmont tobacco section.

AUTOMOBILE AND WAGON COLLIDE NEAR BAYNES

In an automobile-wagon collision which occurred one day last week about four o'clock in the afternoon in the Baynes section of South Caswell, Boy Poteat, colored farmer, was severely injured and the two-mule team of W. F. Cheeks, well known farmer of the community, sustained grave damage.

Boy Poteat, a deaf mute who was driving the Cheeks team, it is said, was on the right side of the road when Allen Bigelow, colored, racing his Ford roadster at a rapid rate, smashed into the team. Bigelow alleges that he was in the act of wiping the fog from the windshield of his car, and this distraction caused the accident.

Both of the mules were badly cut up and bruised, and it is indicated that Poteat may have sustained internal injuries. Bigelow escaped with slight hurt.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS AFTER APPOINTMENTS

Three Caswell Pastors Are Returned.

The reading of the appointments of the preachers was the last item of business on the program of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which adjourned last Monday about 11:30 o'clock, after being in session since 9 o'clock, November 10th.

This 1926 session of the Conference was held in Trinity church, Durham, and was a most harmonious session from start to finish, under the presidency of Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, of Charlotte.

Bishop Mouzon impressed the Conference very favorably, indeed, his morning addresses to the ministers being considered by those who heard them as most profoundly significant.

The appointments made at this Conference which directly affect the citizens of Caswell are: Dr. M. Bradshaw, presiding elder of the Durham district; Rev. W. C. Merritt, pastor of the Yanceyville circuit; Rev. E. R. Clegg, pastor of the Leasburg circuit; Rev. W. C. Jones, pastor of the Milton circuit; Rev. S. F. Nicks, pastor of the Hillsboro circuit; Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, pastor of the Rougemont circuit; Rev. L. V. Harris, pastor of the Burlington circuit; Rev. F. M. Shamburger, pastor of Long Memorial church, Roxboro; Rev. H. I. Glass, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district; Rev. E. C. Durham, pastor of the Cedar Grove circuit.

Mrs. B. V. Booth and son, of Danville, Va., accompanied by her son's school-mate, George Gunn, of V. P. I., were visitors at J. L. Murray's Monday. George is a great-great grandson of Sterling Gunn, whose grave is located on the Murray farm.

Full Criminal and Civil Dockets.

With Judge J. M. Oglesby, 15th judicial district on the bench, a regular term of the superior court for the county of Caswell will convene here on Monday, December 6th. S. P. Graves, Mt. Airy, solicitor, will prosecute on behalf of the state.

In consequence of the fact that no August term was held, the docket for the court is a long one. Twenty-five cases are on the criminal docket, while civil issues are set for more than 35 cases.

The major case on the criminal docket is that of the State against Ed Warren, in which the defendant is charged with the murder of Tilden Long. Long came to his death as the result of a pistol shot alleged to have been fired by Ed Warren, the alleged homicide taking place near Moon's Creek bridge last spring. Warren has been held in jail at this place, no bond being allowed. A second case of interest is that of J. H. Anderson, alias "Dock" Anderson, Danville man, who will be tried on a serious allegation. Anderson is out on bond. Ned Harnsford, manslaughter, is a third major case. The civil cases none of them are of great importance.

At this term of the court, George A. Anderson, who was elected clerk at the November election will be in charge of the docket. Mr. Anderson will have the task of taking up the work of the court immediately after his qualification before the board of county commissioners - who will be in session on that day to swear in the newly elected officials.

The jury drawn for the term is made up of the following personnel: J. H. Chandler, C. C. Smith, W. B. Alled, J. E. Paschal, W. G. Rogers, J. J. Chandler, J. D. Poteat, W. W. McFarling, R. A. Briggs, O. F. Lewis, W. F. Poteat, H. W. Harrelson, L. B. Aldridge, W. H. Page, A. H. King, W. H. Moore, L. A. Miles, J. W. Powell, C. L. Dameron, A. E. Saunders, J. W. Aldridge, G. R. Aldridge, E. J. Satterfield, B. R. Daniel, G. D. Rudd, L. W. Foster, E. H. Oakley, J. M. Webster, James Seamster, E. P. Poteat, W. E. Clayton, C. W. Pointer, T. T. Foster, A. H. Oakley, W. J. Crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gunn and children, Francis and Mary, Mrs. Jim Gunn and Miss Irene Gunn, of Sanford, N. C., spent last Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Bettie Wall, of Wall street.

Miss Elizabeth Reagans, of Danville, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Christenberry and little son, T. J., Jr., spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Will Reagan on Wall street.

Mr. Irvin Reagans tells us he is making rabbits hop. He says he catches several every morning.

Misses Mary Lee Florance and Mary Slade Anderson and Deloris Harrison spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Bettie Wall of Wall street.

Miss Huldah Pointer called by The Messenger office for a short chat with the manager.

Miss Susie Frederick spent the week-end at home.

Miss Nannie Lou Thomason spent Sunday with homefolks at Burlington.

Clark's sales are increasing each day. There's a reason. Try him.