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Speaking At Prospect Hill And Anderson School Soon

G. W. Humphreys Will Address
the Citizens of Caswell on the
Advantages of the Condensery.
May Speak at Yanceyville.

The chairman of the committee appointed by the Caswell Chamber of Commerce to confer with Mr. W. E. White, of Mebane, about the proposed condensery to be located at Mebane has received the following letter from Mr. White which is self-explanatory:

Mebane, N. C.
October 21st, 1927.

"Your favor of the 20th, and copy of paper received, and for which please accept thanks.

I note that you suggest Prospect Hill and Anderson School for the speaking, and if we can make another appointment to include Yanceyville.

I am referring your letter to Mr. W. S. Harris, Chairman of Committee on appointments for speaking, with suggestion that he arrange for a meeting at Prospect Hill and also Anderson School, and if he can possibly do so to include Yanceyville. I will be away for about 10 days, so I am leaving this matter entirely in the hands of Mr. W. S. Harris, who will keep in touch with you.

For your information would say that the Chamber of Commerce of Burlington, N. C., at their regular meeting on the evening of the 18th endorsed unanimously the condensery and promised their support. The Kiwanis Club of Graham, N. C., have done the same. The business people of Hillsboro have also pledged their support. Some of our folks went out to the Aycock School near Cedar Grove last evening, and they have two appointments tonight, both in Orange County, and they expect to have speakings at some of the other smaller schools next week, but they are saving Prospect Hill and Anderson School for Mr. Humphrey, who will probably speak in the evening of November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th. The announcements will be made within a day or so; however you can state in your paper that Mr. G. W. Humphrey, Agricultural Agent, Southern Railway Co., and other speakers will address the farmers of Caswell County at Anderson School and Prospect Hill one evening of the week beginning November 1st, and date will be announced later.

With best wishes.
Yours truly,
W. E. White."

It should be said to any citizens of Caswell who may not be fully informed about the importance of the condensery that this enterprise, if it can be secured, will probably mean more for the development of the section within the scope of its operations than any other enterprise known to us, unless we should except the railroad, improved highways and power lines.

For this reason it is considered very, very important that the men and women of Caswell support and encourage the enterprise in every way possible.

The first thing to be done is to attend the meetings at Prospect Hill, Anderson school and possibly at Yanceyville, and get everybody out to these meetings possible. If the company sees that the people of this section really want them to put their quarter million dollar plant at Mebane they will be very much more disposed to locate there.

Mr. G. W. Humphrey is the Agricultural Agent of the Southern Railway Co. He can tell those who hear him exactly what

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MISS EDNA HARRELSON WEDS ROBERT B. CHANCE

Contracting Parties Prominent in
Caswell and Cockingham.

In a wedding of simplicity and beauty last Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrelson, their charming and accomplished daughter, Edna Eliza, became the bride of Robert Bailey Chance, Jr., of Reidsville, N. C., Rev. Mr. West, pastor of Main Street Methodist church of Reidsville, officiating.

The parlor and living room, which were thrown en suite, were tastefully decorated with a color scheme of pink and white, while tall vases of cut flowers and lovely potted plants, amid softly glowing candles, enhanced the beauty of the rooms.

To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march the bride entered with her maid-of-honor, Miss Elizabeth Gatewood of N. C. College and was joined at an improvised archway by the groom and his best-man, Mr. Daniels, of Reidsville.

While the ring ceremony was being performed, Mrs. Berry Worsham, of Ruffin, played softly Indian Love Call.

Immediately after the ceremony the guests were ushered into the dining room where Mrs. Dora Lillard, Mrs. T. S. Neal, Mrs. Hurley Stanley, Misses Leonie McKinney and Octola Harrelson served a delightful salad course, consisting of chicken salad and wafers, banana and pimento sandwiches, deviled eggs, stuffed olives, pickles and coffee. As the guests departed, miniature monogrammed wedding cakes were given as favors.

The bride was lovely in a going away suit of dark blue with tan accessories and a bridal bouquet of Columbia roses and valley lilies.

The groom is a prominent business man of Reidsville, where he is connected with his father in the Burton-Chance-Walker Furniture Company.

MISS HELEN FOWLKES IS HONOR GUEST AT SHOWER

Miss Helen Fowlkes, bride-elect of this week, was honor guest at a linen shower Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Fowlkes, Pelham. A color scheme of green and yellow was used, the sitting room, dining room and hall being prettily decorated with ferns and yellow chrysanthemums. The guests enjoyed several contests and a cross-word puzzle of unique and appropriate character. The bride-elect was asked to follow a yellow ribbon and found the linen articles hidden in an enormous yellow chrysanthemum. The hostess served a delicious salad course in which the color scheme was carried out.

The guests were: Mesdames R. W. Duncan, W. A. Fowlkes, F. A. Perkins, M. F. Johns; Misses Mary E. and Helen Fowlkes, Vera Cooper, Pricie Gibson, Margaret Hayes, Doris Hudson, and Louise Daniel, of Danville, Va.

Bradshaw and Thompson, of Burlington, are carrying a four column, 12 inch ad in this issue of The Messenger. This enterprising and progressive firm say that they sell more tires and tubes than any other firm in Alamance county, and for that reason think they are in a position to offer better values and give better satisfaction to their customers than any one else in the county. Messrs. Bradshaw and Thompson are all right.

SPEAKING OF SOME OF CASWELL'S FIRST NEEDS

Power Line, Telephones, Railroad,
Condensery, and More Paved
Roads.

It is said that where there is a vacuum nature straight way proceeds to fill that vacuum. When this rule is applied to human life it might be said that grace, industry and intelligent foresight also play a considerable part in filling the vacuum.

Caswell didn't have good schools, but some of her intelligent patriots in co-operation with the state leaders went to work and provided the county with good schools.

Caswell didn't have good roads but by sweatin' blood her people have provided themselves with these modern essentials.

Caswell didn't have an organized body of men to look after her commercial and industrial interests, but by a concerted move some of her leaders have organized an up and coming Chamber of Commerce with which all of the business men and farmers of the county would do well to ally themselves.

Caswell doesn't have a railroad running through the heart of the county, but the Chamber of Commerce is now consulting with men who consider giving us a standard gage road to Yanceyville. Later on let us hope that the P. and N. will run a railroad from Durham to Danville.

Caswell doesn't have a power line to furnish lights and commercial power, but the Chamber of Commerce is now carrying on negotiations for the purpose of securing such a line. Last week the president, S. M. Bason, and one of the directors, E. F. Upchurch, made a trip to Raleigh, at their own expense, to consult with the Carolina Light and Power people. And Mr. Bason says he has also taken this matter up with the manager of the Danville power plant.

Caswell does have a telephone toll line into Danville, and a few private phones, but she doesn't have an adequate telephone system. It is certain that whatever difficulties may be in the way of Caswell securing what she needs along this line will ere long be ironed out and the county will have the much needed talking facilities.

Caswell doesn't have diversified farming to the extent that she so much needs, but with the coming of the condensery this county with its magnificent potentialities will be headed right straight for diversification and independence.

Caswell doesn't have a single town within its borders with water, sewer lines and electric lights, but it won't be long till there are three such towns—Yanceyville, Milton and Semora; and Pelham won't be far behind. Milton will probably be the first to put in water, and Yanceyville will be next.

Caswell does not have an oiled or paved road connecting its county seat with Reidsville and Burlington, but it is hoped that before much more water runs under the bridge highway No. 65 may be paved, and that No. 62 may be put down on the books for treatment.

Nature hates a vacuum and manages somehow to fill them all up. An intelligent man doesn't like to do without the things he needs and manages somehow by the exercise of grit, grace and gumption to get what he needs. Andrew F. West wrote to Woodrow Wilson, "To want great things is the first step toward getting them."

"So near is grandeur to our dust,
So nigh is God to man;
When duty whispers low, 'Thou must,'
The youth replies, 'I can.'"

JONATHAN D. BAYNES KILLED HIMSELF SUNDAY

Was a Prominent Farmer of The
Bethany Community in Rock-
ingham County.

Jonathan D. Baynes, 45-year-old farmer of the Bethany community, 12 miles southwest of Reidsville, came to his death by a self-inflicted wound, according to the verdict rendered by a coroner's jury which had been empaneled by Dr. C. R. Wharton, the county coroner.

Mr. Baynes was found dead yesterday in a room at his home with a bullet wound in his right temple. So far as relatives knew, he had no reason for the act.

Mr. Baynes was found by his seven-year-old son, J. D., Jr., lying on the floor in the middle of the room with a .22 calibre rifle by his side. The boy summoned his mother, who had just returned from church. No one was at the house when the shooting took place.

No reasons for the act could be placed and the entire church community was visibly stirred over the event. Baynes was apparently in sound health and was one of the most prosperous farmers in the community.

Although an ardent church worker and religious leader in the community, Mr. Baynes did not accompany members of his family to the services. Locking himself in a room he placed a bullet through his head with a small rifle. It is thought that death was instantaneous.

Meanwhile the congregation had just chosen him superintendent of the Sunday school. Hardly had the announcement been made when some one rushed into the church and related the tragedy. Members of the church community were visibly stirred and could name no reason for the suicide.

Mr. Baynes is survived by his wife and five children, Charlie, Ethel, J. D., Jr., Lacy and Francis. His father, Jonathan Baynes, died about seven months ago. He was apparently in sound health and was one of the most successful farmers in the county. For a number of years he had been actively engaged in the affairs of his church. Members of his family stated that he was in good spirits when they left him at the home to attend church services. It is not thought that financial worries or bad health played a part in the suicide.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Bethany church. Rev. Mr. Trogon will conduct the services. Interment will be in the church graveyard.—Reidsville Review.

MRS. T. J. HAM IN RICHMOND HOSPITAL

Mrs. T. J. Ham, of Richmond, who has been spending some time with her son, Thomas J., Jr., our popular druggist, returned to Richmond about ten days ago, and on account of bad health entered a hospital there for treatment. Last Saturday it was known that an operation would be necessary, and on Monday the operation was performed. Dr. Ham was with his mother, and we understand she is getting along nicely.

The Chamber of Commerce of Reidsville carries a whole page editorial advertisement in this issue of The Messenger, addressed to the tobacco growers of Caswell. This advertisement is being paid for by the business men and women of Reidsville. Other full page editorial ads. setting forth other facts will appear from time to time in this paper.

Orthopedic clinic at Reidsville Friday, October 28th.

One Killed And Two Injured When Train Hits Auto

DR. MALLOY CALLS UPON
ALL TO COMBAT DISEASES

Mr. Sullivan Keeps His Dollar.
No One Sang "Carolina."

The second County-Wide Teachers Meeting convened Saturday, October 22, 1927, at 10:00 o'clock, sharp.

After singing, "America" and "America, The Beautiful," the teachers repeated together the 23 Psalm. Prayer was offered by Principal J. S. Jones of Anderson school.

The superintendent made some remarks on the "Importance of Starting the School Day Right." He said that the morning exercises should be the most important part of the school day as it has so much to do with fixing the children's attitude for the day's work. He said that the teacher should strive to radiate sunshine and happiness in the very beginning of the day. These characteristics like culture are caught, not taught.

In the course of his remarks he proposed to give a one dollar bill to the teacher who would rise and repeat the five stanzas to our state song, "Carolina." He was not relieved of the dollar. He asked that every child in Caswell county schools be taught our state song to the end that every one, little or big, may be able to sing it with expression before the year is over. This may be reported as one of the accomplishments for the year.

Dr. S. A. Malloy, county health physician, addressed the teachers. He explained the importance of handling contagious diseases. He said that children who had or showed signs of flushed faces should be separated from the other pupils and should be examined by a physician at once. Three contagious diseases are now in the county; measles, diphtheria and scarlet fever. All individuals, teachers, parents and citizens at large are called upon to help combat these diseases, that are so trying on the general resistance of the children infected, and so disastrous to school attendance.

Dr. Malloy assured the teachers that he and the other physicians of the county stood ready to give any assistance to keep down these contagious diseases.

The membership of the N. C. E. A. of Caswell county is increasing. Mrs. Van Daniels, the local secretary of the county unit, reported thirty-one members. This number should be increased to at least fifty.

One of the principals expressed the sentiment of many teachers present when he said that a teacher who does not have enough professional pride to become a member of the N. C. E. A. should not seek a position in any school under the jurisdiction of the N. C. E. A.

After a brief intermission the teachers were separated into the different Reading Circle groups. Assignments were made and general plans outlined for the year.

The next County-Wide meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10th, 1927, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, A. M.

• An Observer.

MEBANE MARKET

One of the buyers at Mebane stated that 1,123,692 pounds of tobacco had been sold on the Mebane market up to October 25th at an average of \$24.40 per hundred. He said 106,756 pounds were sold there on October 25th at an average of \$30.80.—Advertisement.

Ford Car is Demolished by the
Carolina Special.

Last Saturday at noon, according to the Burlington Daily Times, at the Main street crossing in Burlington, Robert Askew, Jr., was killed, his brother, Howard, probably fatally injured, and the father of the two boys, Robert Askew, was seriously injured, when the Ford in which they were riding crashed into the Carolina Special, as it glided into the station.

It is said that the negro watchman was on the track waying the stop sign, and three other automobiles had already stopped at the crossing for the train to pass. Robert Askew had no doubt failed to see the approaching train, since an engine standing on the track is said to have obscured the approach of the train. But there appears to be no reason why he should not have seen the watchman and heeded his frantic warnings.

Both legs of Robert Askew, Jr., were severed from his body by the trucks of the train. He was conscious when picked up but did not live very long. Howard was living at the last report, although his skull was fractured. The father was not fatally injured and will probably recover.

WILLIAM SMITH, OF ROPER, KILLED IN CRASH ON NO. 10

Accident Occurred at Rock Creek
Bridge. Others Injured.

Last Tuesday morning at 2:30 o'clock at Rock Creek bridge, 10 miles east of Greensboro, William Smith, 20, of Roper, was instantly crushed to death by a heavy truck which rolled upon his body, after the Hudson which Smith was driving collided with the concrete sidewalk of the bridge.

Joe Barco, 19, and Leonard Barco, 37, both of Roper, were in the Hudson with Smith, the elder Barco being the owner of the car. This party were on their way to Asheville.

Paul Key, driver of the heavily loaded two-ton truck which struck the Hudson machine after it had been wrecked, was not seriously hurt. J. D. Roberts was with Key on the truck, and received minor cuts and bruises when he was thrown through the windshield of the truck, a bag of starch at his back striking him and knocking him through the windshield.

Life was crushed out of the unfortunate driver of the Hudson by the loaded truck, which was loaded with films for distribution to the moving picture houses. Smith is said not to have been familiar with the road, and failed to take the curve properly, or else the car he was driving got out of his control.

The Hudson caught fire, but Key managed to put it out. Key was exonerated of blame since he could not avoid running over the wrecked car, which was directly in his path.

S. E. MERCER TO ADDRESS YOUNG PEOPLE OCT. 29-30

S. E. Mercer, of Duke University, will address the young people of the Milton circuit on the subject of the Epworth League work Saturday night at Purley church, 7:30 o'clock, October 28th, and again on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The young people from the other churches of the county are cordially invited to hear Mr. Mercer. Especially are the Epworth leaguers of the Milton circuit urged to be present.