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Enthusiastic Meetings In Interest Of Condensery

Roland Turner Spoke at Hillsboro. Other Meetings to be Held in Caswell. Caswell Asked to Furnish 1,000 Cows.

To The Messenger:

We finished the first week campaign on last Friday evening, and had meetings at eight different places, one in Caswell, two in Orange and five in Alamance. With exception of two of the meetings we had good crowds, and they were very much interested. We had with us at all eight appointments Mr. G. W. Humphrey, and Mr. R. W. Scott, the leading dairyman in this entire section. In addition to this, we had Mr. Roland Turner at Hillsboro on last Wednesday, and he made a splendid address and created a great deal of enthusiasm. Mr. Turner advised me that he had spoken a few times in Caswell county. We also had with us at some of the speakings, Mr. W. Kerr Scott, and Mr. Junius H. Harden, Burlington and others.

We are arranging for other meetings, places and dates will be announced later, and we hope to have at least two or three meetings in Caswell county. This proposition is being well received, and we feel that we are going to be able to put it over.

We have two farmers, one near Hillsboro, and one near Mebane, who have pledged 50 cows each, and say that they will double this if necessary, in fact one of them attended the Jersey Cattle sale at Statesville last Wednesday and bought Jersey heifers to the amount of \$1,750.00, and has already made a start, and both farmers state that they have enough rough feed to feed 100 head of cattle for 12 months, and it is necessary for them to go into the dairy business in order to use their rough feed, as there is no market for it at this time.

In my opinion, there is a great deal at stake unless we secure this condensery. We want 5,000 additional cows pledged, and this does not mean that they are to be put in immediately, but within a reasonable length of time, say within six to ten months. We have set our goal for 3,000 in Alamance, 1,000 in Orange, and we want 1,000 from Caswell, Person, and western part of Randolph and Chatham, and we believe that we are going to get them.

Yours truly,
W. E. White.
Mebane, N. C.

JURY FOR DECEMBER TERM OF COURT

List of jury drawn for December term of court, 1927:

H. T. Oakley, W. E. Connally, M. G. Daniel, A. Davis, J. R. Sommers, G. E. Goodson, W. M. Hooper, J. B. Paschal, W. D. Walker, E. I. Satterfield, W. D. Love, V. W. Stephens, J. C. Gibbs, C. S. Painter, R. H. Swift, H. H. Page, W. W. Worsham, W. F. Smith.

J. FRANK MOOREFIELD ABLE TO BE ABOUT AGAIN

Following the accident in Danville in which his new Chrysler '72' was practically demolished by the drunken driver of another car, J. Franklin Moorefield spent a week in bed suffering from torn ligaments and bruises. But Mr. Moorefield was on the streets of Yanceyville last Monday, feeling much better, his many friends will be glad to know.

DR. MALLOY IS MUCH IMPROVED

For more than ten days Dr. S. A. Malloy has been in bed with a stubborn case of flu. His friends, who are numbered by the score, will be glad to note that his condition is much improved. He hopes to soon be making his rounds visiting the sick.

MRS. TUCKER AND MISS DONOHO HOSTESSES TO MILTON BOOK CLUB

The Milton Book Club had a very delightful meeting with Mrs. John E. Tucker and Miss Ellen Donoho at their beautiful ancestral home, "Longwood," on November 3.

The guests were invited into the spacious old parlor which was beautifully adorned with quantities of chrysanthemums and other flowers.

At the arrival of all guests Mrs. Tucker presided over the regular business period. The roll was called and the minutes read by the secretary. The librarian exchanged the books.

The very popular English poet, Alfred Noyes, with some of his poems, was the subject for the afternoon's program, and the following interesting program was given:

"A Brief Talk on the Poet and His Work"—Mrs. J. E. Tucker.

"Our Lady of the Twilight," a short poem—Miss Ellen Donoho.

"The Two Painters," a tale of old Japan—Mrs. C. R. Thomas.

"Slumber Songs of the Madonna"—Mrs. N. R. Claytor.

At the completion of this much enjoyed program the hostesses invited their guests to the dining room, which was softly lighted by the glow of candles. Chrysanthemums were used to decorate this room with a bowl as a centerpiece on the table.

The guests circled the table where covers were laid, and delicious refreshments were served, consisting of grape fruit followed by a salad course hot coffee, candy and crystalized ginger.

The invited guests were: Mesdames Kate Watkins, Dorothy Morton, and Carrie Moore, of Raleigh.

The next meeting will be held with Misses Annie and Bessie Hall.

U. D. C.'s ENTERTAINED BY MRS. UPCHURCH

Mrs. E. F. Upchurch charmingly entertained the Caswell County Chapter U. D. C. at her home on Main street Friday afternoon. The members in attendance were Mesdames B. S. Graves, J. P. Gwynn, H. S. Turner, C. G. Moser, F. G. Harrelson, E. F. Upchurch, A. Y. Kerr, H. L. Gwynn, T. J. Florance, G. L. Williamson and G. A. Anderson.

Mrs. S. W. Wiggins and Mrs. A. L. were present as guests of the Chapter. Mrs. T. J. Florance, who had charge of the literary program, gave an examination on "The War Between the States" and it was found that Mrs. F. G. Harrelson had the largest number of correct answers to the questions asked, and was presented a piece of Maderia embroidery. Following the business session a social hour was enjoyed, during which the hostess, assisted by Misses Grace Doub, Katherine Malloy and Emmie Lou Upchurch served a delicious salad course. The Chapter will meet with Mrs. G. L. Williamson in December.

PRISONER BREAKS JAIL BUT IS SOON CAPTURED

Sunday morning while most of the population of Yanceyville was attending Sunday school at the various churches, a white prisoner, Nissen Ward, in the county jail, must have decided that the weather was too pretty to be shut in. He made a hook with the handle of a spoon that he had kept back from the breakfast platter, and with this he opened two locks. Then with the aid of an iron rod, used as a fire poker, he managed to bend the grating across a second story window. The prisoner then pulled himself through and dropped on a back shed and from there to the ground.

But, alas! a fellow prisoner whose avoirdupois would not permit his escape through the small opening, gave the alarm. Sheriff Gunn could not be located at his place of worship but four volunteers, William Gunn, Walter Williamson, "Trib" Fitch, and Henry Hooper, armed with the proper implements of a deputy, started on the man hunt. From the course taken by the prisoner when he left the jail they thought he would very likely come into highway No. 62 at some point not far out. They motored slowly watching both sides of the road. They had gone about a mile, when the man was seen walking along at a safe distance parallel with the road. The boys did not stop, but drove on for some distance and parked their car. Walter and Henry stayed in the road, Williamson, "Trib" Fitch, and ed either side. Pretty soon a Ford roadster driven by Mr. Blackwell came along which the boys halted, and upon inquiry found that the man they were looking for had tried to wave him down. About this time around the curve, not far up the road, the fellow was seen coming. When he saw the group in the road he hesitated, but soon came on. The boys seemingly not paying any attention to him, noticed he put his right hand in his hip pocket as he came near. When Walter offered him a hearty handshake, his grip did not relax until he was securely handcuffed and was told that his presence was desired at Yanceyville.

Sheriff Gunn says he could not have done the trick any better himself.

CLUB MEETS

Mrs. D. D. Satterfield delightfully entertained the Club at her beautiful home on Roxboro road, Saturday evening from 8:00 to 11:00 o'clock. After a short business session games and contests were enjoyed. It was decided at the meeting to name the Club the "4-C Club" with the idea "Four C"—since there are four counties represented on the "Fore See"—looking into the future.

After the business session Mr. Wilbur Warren effectively discussed current events, he being the chairman of the current events committee.

Mrs. U. L. Warren, May Williams and Lewis Smith were the prize winners of the evening.

After a most enjoyable social hour refreshments were served by Misses Mildred and Gertrude Satterfield, assisted by Misses Frances Wells of Reidsville and Annie Laurie Burton.

The "Reds" won out in the membership campaign so the "Blues" will entertain the "Reds" after two weeks.

It was decided to meet Friday night, November 18th, at the school building, following the moving picture show.

NOTICE!

The Bank of Yanceyville will be closed on Armistice day, Friday, November 11th.

R. E. ROGERS IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

R. E. Rogers, of Draper, N. C., who has the deep well contract at Bartlett Yancey school, narrowly escaped death last Friday when his clothing became entangled in the fly wheel of an Avery tractor, which is used to pull the drill. Recently Mr. Rogers has had the engine repaired. The cranking arrangement was changed from that used by the builders of the engine to an arrangement similar to the crank on a Ford. There was no covering or guard over the crank pin and in reaching over the throttle of the engine Mr. Rogers' clothing became entangled and he was stripped of all his clothing. Then he was hurled to the ground with terrible force.

Lynn Banks, a small son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williamson who live at the teacherage, was very fond of Mr. Rogers and was right near him when the accident occurred. He called to the men at the drill who had not seen what had happened and then ran to the house to give the alarm. One of the helpers was dispatched for a doctor and was unable to secure Dr. Malloy on account of being sick himself. Dr. Gwynn was out of town; so a hurried call was phoned to Danville. Dr. Bailey answered the call and was at the scene in about thirty minutes.

Mrs. Williamson had carried blankets and the wounded man was taken to the teacherage where first aid was given. There were deep lacerations about the face and head and a bad injury to the left side and arm. Dr. Bailey said on account of the severe wounds it would be necessary to take him to a hospital. Mr. Rogers was carried to Memorial hospital, Danville. It is understood he is getting along nicely.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK IS HERE

What does it mean for you? This question will be answered in a variety of ways, depending upon the individual answering it. This week being set apart as a period for analyzing the schools when they are actually in operation should mean much for every person desirous of knowing the facts.

Quoting from the Journal of National Education Association: "American Education Week should mean for every child—appreciation of his obligation to match the privilege of free schooling with good spirit and hearty endeavor. For every teacher—A new and challenging call to serve the children of this generation and to work on the problems of the profession. For every parent—Fuller understanding of the great adventure of parenthood; its duties, privileges, and opportunities, more especially its part in the education of children. For every citizen—Intelligent faith in the public school as our greatest collective enterprise, the foundation of our liberties, the protector of the glorious achievements of our glorious past, and the promise of fuller life for tomorrow.

If the schools are not measuring up to the high standards of excellency set for them it behooves the people to bestir themselves along intelligent ways and see to it that those high standards are attained.

The principals and teachers in our county are observing the week in ways most fitting in their respective communities. They are to send in a summary of the achievements of the week. The patrons and friends of the various districts can help the teachers by responding to their appeals.

R. A. Sullivan, Supt.
Caswell County Schools.

J. F. Stephens Is Making Farming Pay In Halifax

RALLY DAY PROGRAM AT BETHESDA CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary of Bethesda held their Rally Day program, in the church, Saturday, October 29th. The following program was used:

Subject—Foreign Speaking People.

Hymn 234—"The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

Prayer—That Christian people may show more interest in the physical and spiritual welfare of foreigners.

Roll Call by Circles.

Roll Call by Home Circle, was answered with favorite Bible verse.

Devotional Period:

Hymn 9—"A Witness for Jesus."

Bible Lesson—Aquila and Priscilla, Teachers of the Word. Romans 16:3, Acts 18:13, 24-28. Led by Miss Cora M. Harrelson.

Program Leader—Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. T. S. Neal, assisted by Misses Bessie Wright and Annie Stacey.

Topics:

Foreign Speaking Peoples (presented by demonstration).

Discussion—What is Our Responsibility for the Stranger Within Our Gates? (participated in by entire Auxiliary).

Hymn 270—"Faith of Our Fathers."

Prayer—Mrs. T. B. Law.

Pray that the churches of America may see the stupendous opportunity which God has given them for service among foreign-speaking peoples.

After the meeting adjourned Misses Dorothy Williamson, Ruby Neighbors, Virginia White, Eleanor Law and Mary Jones, members of the Y. P. Society, served delicious home-made candies.

LITTLE JOHN WILMER DOBBINS

Little John Wilmer Dobbins, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Dobbins, died at the home of his parents in Richmond, Tuesday night, September 27, 1927, after an illness of several months. Everything was done that the loving hands of parents, friends, specialists and loved ones could do.

Little Wilmer was born March 5th, 1921. He was such a lovable child that his friends were numbered by the score, both among the children as well as the older people. Every one knew and loved Wilmer, his ever friendly and smiling face will be missed at his Sunday school class as well as in the home, for he was the shadow of his father.

The funeral was held at his father's and mother's home church—at Providence M. E. Church, at Marion, N. C. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Story, a Presbyterian minister; Rev. Mr. Hartsfield, M. E., and Rev. Mr. Clegg of Leasburg, N. C. Wilmer is survived by a devoted Father, Mother, little brother, loved ones and friends. His funeral was attended by the largest crowd of any child's funeral ever held in Marion, which attested to the love and esteem in which he was held, and the floral tribute was most profuse and beautiful, covering his grave and piled high about it. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved father and mother and little brother, who feel most keenly his death, and the many other relatives and friends who miss him. His Sunday School Teacher.

Magnesium limestone puts quality into the tobacco crop and increases the yield per acre.

He Demonstrates Diversification, and by This Means Has Made a Good Farm Out of a Poor One.

We hear frequently that farming is a poor man's business; that farming is not profitable; and that those who remain on the farm must make up their minds to live a poor man's life and never hope to get ahead. Those who believe in this line of thought will do well to read and consider the case of J. F. Stephens, of Turberville, Virginia, in Halifax county.

Four years ago Mr. Stephens bought a poor run-down farm of 248 acres in Turberville community. He immediately began a cropping system which he believed to be adapted to the farm. The soil is ideal for bright tobacco production, therefore he decided upon tobacco for his main cash crop. However, he felt that he must have more than one cash crop. He decided upon cantaloupes, early corn, and cotton for supplementary cash crops. His acreage consists of 30 acres in tobacco, 4 acres in Rocky Ford cantaloupes, 5 acres in early corn, 8 acres in Tifce cotton, 35 acres in soy beans and cowpeas, and 8 acres in improved pasture. His tobacco crop nets around \$6,500.00, his cantaloupes \$700.00, truck corn \$300.00, and his cotton \$600.00, making a total receipts of around \$8,000.00 each year. The operating expenses run around \$3,000.00, leaving a profit of \$5,000.00. This makes a labor income of approximately \$1,000.00 for each of his two croppers and leaves \$3,000.00 for himself. The cantaloupes and truck corn are marketed for the most part on the Danville market.

Up until two years ago Mr. Stephens bought a car load of high priced New England hay each year. He decided that this would not do. He attended an Evening Class on soy beans at the Turberville Agricultural High School, and decided to put the price of a car load of hay in the purchase of a mower, a drill, and soy bean seed. He made hay enough to feed his team and had 5 tons left over, and his team kept up better than usual. This year he increased his acreage of beans and peas and has hay to sell. In addition to producing his own feed, Mr. Stephens is fast improving his soil which he states is, in itself, sufficient reason for increasing the acreage allotted to these two legumes.

The home supply of vegetables is not overlooked on this farm. The Landlord has an adequate garden and insists on his croppers having "plenty of garden." Four good dairy cows are milked on this farm daily. Recently Mr. Stephens purchased three register Duroc sows and a registered boar, which means, of course, that instead of buying porkers in the future he will sell.

Each year Mr. Stephens makes some permanent improvement on his farm. He has built a modern bungalow, has it splendidly furnished, and has it equipped with electric lights and running water. Each year he builds a new tobacco curing barn, and here again he has introduced a new idea. Instead of the old log and mud type of barn, he builds a weatherboard barn with concrete fire boxes. They are giving results equal to if not better than the old type of barn gives, and he does not have to call in the community to "raise" a barn.

In addition to his farming activities, Mr. Stephens works about two months in the year in a tobacco curing plant.

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