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Every Thursday

Three Commissioners Make Statement

To The Voters of Rockingham County:

The undersigned, three members of the Board of County Commissioners, who have had charge of the County's affairs since February, 1924, respectfully submit to the people that since our administration of the affairs of the county, we have endeavored faithfully to conduct the county's business in an economical manner as was in our power to do.

In keeping with this purpose we have not incurred a dollar's permanent indebtedness that was not planned and contracted for prior to our assumption of the affairs of the county, and no temporary indebtedness, except such as was made necessary likewise by contract and plans made prior to our control of the county's business. Neither have we made a single contract for the county, carrying with it any permanent indebtedness, and no temporary indebtedness that the current income will not be ample to pay. We have not only not incurred any permanent indebtedness, but we have rescinded orders and repudiated some attempted contracts made by a majority of our predecessors, which would have entailed much expense and indebtedness to the county, and have curtailed as best we could the expense of other contracts. The principal saving was our annulment of the Fishing creek bridge one road project, which we thought was an unnecessary and useless expenditure of the public funds, saving to the county many thousands of dollars.

We have curtailed the expense in building the road known as the Anglin Mill or Mulberry road as much as we could. We made changes in this project that has saved the county many thousand dollars. We have refused to finish this road, which was under construction when we assumed control, according to wishes of T. R. Pratt and a representative B. Frank Mebane. We are trying to cut off expenses in every way we can, under the contracts and plans we found when we took charge of the county's affairs.

If elected, we propose to continue to curtail expenses in every way, consistent with established business principles. We shall keep our tax rate as low as possible to meet the urgent, necessary expense of the county. We propose to inaugurate a budget system and hold the expenditures down to the income of the county.

JAS. R. MARTIN.
G. E. BARBER.
W. W. HAMPTON.

More New Homes

And more new homes are going up in Madison. Dr. W. P. Wilson is having a ten-room apartment house erected just west of the fire house and will soon be completed. S. A. Barham is also erecting a handsome new residence on the lot just east of the new home recently completed by John D. Wall, and the foundation has been laid for the new home of J. C. Lassiter just east of the new home being erected by Sam Robertson.

Probably more building has been done and will be done in Madison this year than in the same length of time in the history of the town. But, really, Madison is a much more inviting town now than ever before—with its improved streets, water works and sewerage. The home seeker is invited to "take in" the town before deciding to locate elsewhere.

Banks Closed Tuesday

The local banks will be closed Tuesday, it being election day.

Read The Messenger ads.



Livestock Folks Gather

Second Week In November

The next big agricultural meeting in which farm folks of North Carolina are interested is the annual meeting of the State Livestock Association at Asheville on November 11 to 14.

According to R. S. Curtis, of Animal Industry Division, State College Experiment Station, this meeting will be held in conjunction with the Western North Carolina Livestock and Agricultural Exhibition and will be featured by addresses from prominent livestock leaders, exhibits of livestock and sales of pure breeding stock.

On Swine day, November 11, there will be an address by Dan T. Gray, formerly in charge of livestock work in North Carolina. The afternoon will be devoted to a sale of pure bred swine. Earl Hostetler and W. W. Shay of the State College of Agriculture will make talks and several leading swine men will take part in the discussions.

Beef cattle and sheep day, November 12, will be featured by an address by David Fyfe of the Ohio State University. Mr. Fyfe is an international character in livestock world and his address promises to be one of the interesting events of the meeting. There will be a sale of purebred beef animals in the afternoon.

Dairy cattle and poultry day, November 13, will be featured by an address by S. C. Thompson of the Bureau of Dairying at Washington. There will also be talks by members of the dairy extension office at the State College followed by an educational poultry program. Dr. B. F. Kaupp and A. G. Oliver of the poultry department show and arrange the speaking program.

The meetings will all be held in a large concrete building recently constructed near the ball park in Asheville.

An Inspirational Meeting

Pilot Mountain Baptist Association met in Madison on Wednesday of last week for the purpose of discussing the raising of its part of the seventy-five million dollar campaign fund. Rev. W. H. Baucom of Salem Church is director of the work of this association and many churches were represented. A spirit of optimism prevailed that is sure to result in the Pilot Mountain Association coming across with its part of the funds.

If you need electric light bulbs, see Watt Daniel.

Charles D. Busick Sent

Bullet Through His Brain

Madison was shocked Saturday morning to learn that Charles D. Busick, a former citizen of this town, had shot and killed himself in Winston-Salem the night before at about 7:30.

Mr. Busick was in the insurance business and that evening after supper he had gone to the office of his firm, locked the door and shot himself through the head with a 32 calibre revolver, death resulting within a few moments. He placed the muzzle of the pistol just below the right ear, the ball ranging upward.

No cause is assigned for the rash act, as he had appeared to be in cheerful mood while at home and when he met friends on the street.

Mr. Busick was 48 years old and leaves the widow and three children, besides one brother and three sisters—J. O. Busick and Mrs. C. L. Martin of Madison, Mrs. C. O. McMichael of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Essie Matheson of Greensboro.

The funeral services were conducted from the home of Mrs. McMichael Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and the remains were laid to rest in Salem cemetery, a large number being present to tribute to one so universally esteemed.

Two Negro Highwaymen

Geo. McCollum, a well known farmer of the Pleasantville section, while on his way to Reidsville Saturday had a puncture near Will Irvin's farm. While he was repairing the tire two negro men came along the road and drew pistols on Mr. McCollum and forced him to hand over all the money he carried with him. The bandits secured about \$60 and made their get-away.

The negroes were strangers to Mr. McCollum and it is probable they will be caught.—Reidsville Review.

Moral: If you want to market your tobacco where there are good negroes, come to Madison.

Delightful Stew

Charles Tucker was at home to a number of friends on Wednesday evening of last week at a delightful stew, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Wanted: Young man for position as city salesman while taking a business course. Edwards Business College, Winston, N. C.

THE WALL FAMILY

Editor The Messenger:

In the establishment of the Wall family reunion it was the desire to unite this large group of people into one big family for the purpose of meeting together one day in every year, where they could mingle in social intercourse and keep alive all those beautiful traditions and customs of other days, many of which are so sadly lacking in the generations of the present day.

In such a gathering, with its members welded together by bonds of blood and marriage, could be discussed all questions of general interest to the family which affect their daily lives and affairs, to the end that the race is kept pure and each succeeding generation made better and stronger.

The family is very much indebted to their relative and friend, John F. Reynolds, for the interest which he has taken and the time and money which he has expended in publishing the little book, in which is recorded a great deal of the family record and history and now that this splendid beginning has been made it is the desire and purpose to use it as a foundation stone on which to write the records of the present and future generations.

Since the publication of these records, efforts have been made to extend these family lines back as far as possible to ascertain from where the family originally derived.

The earliest records which have been found up to the present time place the family among the Norman Conquerors, they having served under William the Conqueror, and no doubt waged many battles over their country in northern France, the same territory over which much of the same blood followed Pershing in the recent World conflict.

In the year 1198, Robert de Walla migrated from Normandy and settled in England and in 1272 he was followed by Jehan and Gilbert de Walla, from these three men sprang the family in England; they having pruned the name down to plain Wall, their predecessors whom they left behind in Normandy were Henry, Guillaume and Richard de Walla.

From those in England were established gentry and estate proprietors, one branch settling with the English Conquerors in Ireland in the time of Queen Elizabeth, 1558 and James I. in 1603, and from the time they landed in England up to those stirring days, they evidently did their part in establishing the British Empire as we find the family decorated with a coat-of-arms, which is a mark of honor bestowed by the Crown for meritorious achievements.

In those days when Knights went forth to battle for their King, they were clad in coats of mail and it was a great honor to be equipped with an escutcheon, on which was emblazoned the family arms, as it signified those whom it represented were tried and true.

This arms is composed of a blue leopard on a silver background, located on the upper half of the shield, while on the lower half is a golden sheaf of wheat, banded red, on a blue background.

The shield is surmounted by a crest, which is a golden horn of plenty from which drops fruit and flowers.

The motto of the family is that of our state, "Esse Quam Videri" meaning "to be rather than to seem" and this in particular is exceptionally appropriate as none ever lived who are more free from deceit than they.

Soon after one branch of the family settled in Ireland we find that others were seeking new worlds to conquer, as early as 1661 we find another branch landing in the New World and from

these sprang the Wall family in America.

The record of the early settlers of the Providence of Maryland show that the following members of the family landed direct from England:

Andrew Wall, 1661.
John Wall, 1663.
Lawrence Wall, 1668.
Richard Wall, 1670.
Joane Wall, 1673.
Thomas Wall and wife Alice, 1675.

John and Alice Wall, 1677. These people settled in Maryland, in what is now Calvert County and established the little town of Wallville which is still in existence, it being located in the extreme southern part of the county at a point close to where the Patuxent river empties in Chesapeake Bay and about forty-five air line from Washington City.

All of this section of Maryland is very fine trucking country—naturally low, it carries with it the unfortunate feature of being unhealthy and this no doubt must have been the cause which prompted some of the ancestors to settle in Culpepper county, Virginia, and later, in and around Madison and the others went to different parts of the country, as up to the present time none of the family have been found in that section of Maryland, although their homes are well known.

There is a period of about one hundred years, or three generations from the first landing on American soil, to the time when Zachariah Wall and his wife Anne Everette left Maryland and settled in Culpepper county, Virginia, and when this gap is closed, contact with the English record can be made which will carry the family record back to the twelfth century, or more than seven hundred years.

By persistent effort this can be done and it is the purpose to make this one of the accomplishments for the family records.

Now that such an admirable beginning has been made it is hoped to resolve these family meetings into a permanent organization and to establish, along with all the social features, the fixed purpose of maintaining it with all the family records and traditions which can be handed down from generation to generation.

It would be very interesting if those of today could read little sketches of what the old ancestors were doing a hundred years ago, and it would be equally interesting for future descendants to read of what their parents are doing today.

Such an organization should consist of a president, secretary and other officers necessary to carry on its work, including a registrar and historian; whose duty should be to register all births, deaths and marriages and make record of all matters of general interest to the family and preserve, with any photographs and other articles available, to be handed down to each succeeding generation.

The life of these meetings depends entirely on the interest the family takes in them and this interest can not be maintained unless there is an organization with fixed purposes and ideals, in which each member of the family takes part and it is hoped that this interest will be stimulated from year to year, as such organizations are a great benefit to every community, the State and the Nation.

Lost—Saturday afternoon in Madison, ladies' hand bag containing three ten-dollar bills and a little silver, also a "P.C." for \$33. Finder will be rewarded if returned Mrs. R. B. Flynt, Madison Route 5.

See Watt Daniel for Texas gas and oil. We will be glad to wait on you day or night.

Mayodan News Notes And Society Personals

Mrs. Horace Shreve returned home Sunday after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. R. E. Freeman.

Harry Vernon of Roanoke spent Sunday with friends in town.

Walker Williams of Parisburg, Va., was the week end guest of Miss Alma Martin.

Mrs. Emma Hyde returned Sunday after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. P. Y. Redmond.

Mrs. W. M. Walters and Miss Vinnie Dickens spent Thursday in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. S. P. Tesh spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Ramey.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Hayes of Martinsville spent the week end with their aunt, Mrs. George Hopper.

Joe Lynch, U. S. Marine, returned to Quantico, Va., after spending several weeks with friends in town.

S. P. Tesh, who had been quite ill for the past few days, is improving.

Mrs. G. T. Smith returned Sunday after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Barham in Leaksville.

Mrs. J. L. Roberts and daughter and Mrs. Keenan Kasteen left Monday for Charlotte for a few days.

T. H. McLean of Winston-Salem spent the week end at Mayo-dan Hotel.

Misses Minnie Cashion and Jane Kane spent the week end with friends in Charlotte.

Misses Julia McMillan and Myrtle Crutchfield, and Ed Dimmette and Sgt. R. L. Larsen, motored to Winston-Salem Friday evening.

Miss Lucy Strader spent the week end with home folks at Waketown.

J. H. Crutchfield of Thomasville visited Mrs. Margaret Crutchfield.

Sgt. P. H. Toblin, who has been spending several weeks with friends, has returned to headquarters at Quantico, Va.

New Minister Arrives

Rev. T. J. Rogers and family arrived the first of the week and are now at home in the Methodist parsonage. The Messenger extends to them a most hearty welcome and feels sure that their "Lines have fallen in pleasant places." Mr. Rogers will occupy the Methodist pulpit Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Jas. P. Morris leave for their new field of labor today—Draper, and The Messenger follows with best wishes for them in their new field. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morris have made many warm friends while here who regret their departure.

A Fine Season

Until Sunday, a dry spell had prevailed in this section which prevented successful handling of tobacco. But Sunday morning the rain began to fall and kept it up until Monday night. As a consequence, tobacco growers have been enabled to handle the weed and during the week things have taken on new life around the warehouse and receiving station. And good tobacco is bringing a good price. A man sold some at Websters the other day that brought \$64.00 per hundred. The average Tuesday was right at \$24.00.

A good farm poultry house is roomy, well ventilated, conveniently arranged and economically constructed. The State College extension service has plans for such houses and a card will bring yours.

A high stool for the kitchen is one of the essential home conveniences, says Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon. It saves tired feet and backs.

12 Men and Women In Jail For Tarring

Federick, Md., Oct. 26.—Twelve residents of Myersville, upon whom sentence was passed by Judge Hammond Urner in Circuit court town today, following pleas of guilty or convictions on charges resulting from the tarring and feathering of Miss Dorothy Grandon, last July, are tonight held in the Frederick county jail, pending their removal to the house of correction.

Claude and Howard Toms, Paul Grossnickle, John Shepley, and Chester Summers, found not guilty, were freed, while sentence was suspended in the cases of Harold Grossnickle and Frederick Shepley, convicted of rioting.

Mrs. Mary Shank, who admitted applying the tar and feathers to Miss Grandon's body, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment. She charged that the white-capping was the result of intimate relations between her husband and Miss Grandon.

Harry Leatherman and Arthur Rice, found guilty of aiding and abetting in the assault and of rioting, were given concurrent sentences of two years each on each count.

Convictions of rioting brought one year sentences to Roma Walters and Calvin Shank; John Langdon, Alvin Rice, Vernon Summers, Grayson Doub, Irving Rice and William Hout.

Before passing sentence, Judge Urner denied a petition signed by hundreds of residents of Myersville asking clemency for the guilty persons, saying that mob rule must be stamped out, and pointing out that there was ample legal redress for the wrongs the people claimed to have suffered through the alleged misconduct of Miss Grandon.

The prisoners, most of them sons of prominent farmers, bankers, and business men of Myersville, appeared resigned to their fates tonight and were in "good spirits," Sheriff Albaugh said.

Sinking Fund

Chairman Republican executive committee, Mr. Frank Anderson, comes out with a statement that if the Republicans are elected in the county, (which ticket is being also chaperoned by Mr. Mebane) that a sinking fund will be established. It has been rumored all around these parts that Mr. Anderson was arranging a huge sinking fund when he and two others petitioned for the building of the Fishing Creek Bridge for Mr. Mebane. If the Republicans get in and build this bridge (as they want to do) it will sink all the surplus taxes for many years to come.—X. W. in Reidsville Review.

Entertained at Birthday Dinner

Mrs. John Yow delightfully entertained last Monday evening at a birthday dinner honoring Miss Willie Womack. Covers were placed for eight, four courses being served. The central table was a large birthday cake which Miss Womack cut and served. Those enjoying Mrs. Yow's hospitality were Mesdames B. Frank Reynolds, Hugh D. Fallin, H. Carlyle Dixon and Misses Betha Fulp, Eunice Smith, Leah Schamel and Willie Womack.

Attended Auto Races

Among those of our people who attended the automobile races at Charlotte Saturday, we note—Mrs. A. W. Daniel, Mrs. Paul Carter, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Roach, Dr. Ruffin Pratt, Cecil Brown, Elbert Wray, Edgar Rader, H. Roy Martain, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ragdale, Jake Moore, and others whose names we failed to secure.

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