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Every Thursday

Curtis Confesses That He Lied; Now In Jail

Since the finding the decomposed body of the Lindbergh baby in a wood not many miles from the home Thursday afternoon, the particulars of which possibly every reader of the Messenger has already read, things have happened that no definite clue has as yet been unearthened as to the identity of the kidnappers and slayers of the child. John Hughes Curtis, the Norfolk boat builder, has confessed that he was lying all the way through about being in contact with the kidnappers, and is now resting in jail at Hope-Well, N. J., under the charge of interfering with justice, and giving false information in the case. His bond was placed at \$10,000.

A dispatch sent from Hope-Well Tuesday evening containing the following report of his confession to having faked the whole proceedings:

A startling confession by John Hughes Curtis, the Norfolk, Va., "intermediary," that he had perpetrated an "enormous deception" in the search for the slain son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, was made today to police.

The 44-year-old boat builder sat down to a type writer just before dawn and typed out his own story of faking mysterious contacts with the supposed kidnapers of the child.

The boats and all of the people to whom Curtis has been referring were creations of his own and police were told by the manufacturer, who so captured the confidence of Colonel Lindbergh, himself, that the latter was with him the night the child's body was found.

"I honestly believe that for the last seven or eight months I have not been myself due to financial troubles," Curtis said in his confession.

Parents brought Curtis to the attention of the police because of his conversation with my wife this afternoon when she told me of the trouble she was having and how the children missed me, also my conversation with Inspector Harry Walsh."

He declared representatives of two newspapers, one of which he named as the New York Herald-Tribune and the other as The News, and the Fox Film Company had offered him money for his "knowledge of the Lindbergh case or picture of the baby."

"I never knew such people that I named to Col. Lindbergh. They were creatures of a distorted mind with the exception of Marie Truesdale who had no connection with the crime.

"I exceedingly regret that I caused Col. Lindbergh and others any inconvenience and wish it were in my power to correct my wrong."

Exactly 11 hours after his confession—one of the most fantastic developments in the case—the news was made public by Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf.

Colonel Schwarzkopf, state police superintendent, issued the following bulletin late today:

"We have made no charges against Curtis as yet. He (Curtis) was brought to Hope-Well quarters Thursday night, the night the body was found. He was questioned all night. On Friday he was taken to Cape May City for the purpose of checking up. On Saturday he was still questioned at Hope-Well and a detailed statement taken from him. On Sunday we intentionally left him entirely alone all day long and all evening. On Monday morning we sent him to the roguery gallery in Newark."

Schwarzkopf's statement continued: "He identified a picture of a man who is at the state hospital at Morris Plains. He picked this man out of a number of inmates, stating that while he looked very much like one of the kidnapers, he was several inches too short.

"While he was in Newark with the investigators he was taken over several miles of Newark streets in an effort to locate a house at which he had said he had met the kidnapers and which he said he could identify.

"He returned in the afternoon at Hope-Well with the investigators and was again left entirely alone until after midnight. This was a part of the plan which resulted in his eventual confession.

"Some time after midnight Inspector Walsh in the presence of Lieutenant Keaton made friendly advances to Mr. Curtis and started a game of checkers with him.

"Mr. Curtis' mind evidently was not on the game and at the suggestion of Inspector Walsh they took a walk.

"The conversation was con-

Madison-Mayodan Beat Stuart Team

After Dropping Two Straight to Reidsville The Local Team Downed Stuart; Wednesday's Game Postponed; Wet Grounds

Madison-Mayodan dropped two games to Reidsville, but came back in form last Saturday at Stuart, downing that team 3 to 2. It is now believed that the local team will resume its original stride. The game that was scheduled at the local park last afternoon was postponed on account of wet grounds and cold weather.

However, Fieldale will come down tomorrow and play a postponed game. John Dempster, a local southpaw favorite, will be on the firing line for M.-M. In Saturday's game Peterson twirled for the locals and really won his game, hitting out a three-bagger in the seventh with three on, both moundmen pitched right ball, it being nipped and tucked between Peterson and Earnst. The following is the box score:

Madison-Mayodan		Stuart	
AB	R H E	AB	R H E
Barham	4 0 0 0	Woodruff, ss	3 0 0 0
Kuykendall	4 0 1 0	Clofelter, 3b	3 0 0 0
Gatewood	4 0 0 0	Hodge, 2b	4 0 1 1
Gillespie	4 1 1 0	Randleman, rf	4 0 2 0
Byrd	4 0 0 0	Southern, cf	4 0 0 0
Luffy	4 1 2 0	Sherill, lf	3 1 2 0
Turner	3 1 0 0	Hall, lb	3 1 1 0
Stultz	4 0 1 0	Hall, c	3 0 0 0
Peterson	3 0 2 0	Earnst, p	3 0 1 0
34 2 8 0		30 2 7 1	

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BI-STATE STANDING	
W. L.	P. C.
Reidsville	4 0 1000
Fieldale	3 0 750
Madison-Mayodan	2 2 500
Stuart	2 2 500
Bassett	1 3 250
Martinsville	0 4 000

Where They Play Saturday Fieldale at Stuart. Reidsville at Martinsville. Madison-Mayodan at Bassett.

Reward Posted For Rockingham Killers

Governor Gardner has issued a proclamation of reward of \$200 for the apprehension and delivery of the unknown party or parties charged with the murder of two men in Rockingham county.

One of the murdered men was W. J. Carter, killed on Saturday night, April 30, in a store on the road out from Leaksville. The other was J. A. Robertson, a deputy sheriff, killed at a school building in Spray on Sunday night, May 8.

There is some evidence tending to indicate that both men were murdered by the same man or men.

Grogan Chevrolet Co.

When the announcement was made a few days ago that H. J. Grogan had taken over the Chevrolet agency for this territory, it was announced that his show room would be at the Downtown Garage. Since then Mr. Grogan has changed his mind and will occupy the Wall & Martin building. It is now being remodeled and painted.

Mr. Grogan will also operate a repair department and Troy Shropshire will have charge of this work. Mr. Grogan tells us that the first load of Chevrolts has been shipped and will arrive this week.

Early Layers

R. L. Martin, who lives near town and makes a specialty in poultry, has pinned his faith to the Barred Rocks, and with just cause, it would appear. He has a brood of pullets that were hatched on the 8th day of January, last, and some of them began laying the first of May—a little less than four months after they broke through the shell. If anyone can beat this record, we would be pleased to hear from them.

Will Close Wednesday

Following the usual summer custom, the following Madison business firms will be closed each Wednesday afternoon during June, July and August: Busick's, Eyerly's, Bennett's Cash Store, McGehee's, Millner's 5c to \$1.00 Store and Jones' 1c to \$1.00 Store. The closing will be inaugurated Wednesday, June 1st. It will be well for shoppers to bear this in mind.

95 Gallons And Car

Officer Hawkins had pretty good luck early yesterday morning, when he succeeded in capturing a Ford roadster and 95 gallons of joy water. He heard a car cross Mayo bridge, coming toward Madison. You know Mr. Hawkins is night officer, and he sauntered down toward the station. When the driver of the car espied the officer he deserted it and took to his heels. Officer Hawkins investigated the deserted car and found just 95 gallons of whiskey in it. He took possession of course. The car bore a High Point city tag, but at this writing it has not been ascertained as to who is the owner.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness shown during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Martha J. Richardson. Also for the many beautiful floral tributes. May God bless each and every one.—The Family.

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Madison High School Finals; The Graduates

Last night witnessed the finals of Madison High School for the present term, at which, the largest class in the history of the school were awarded diplomas and certificates. This week we can only give the program, but in our next issue we will go into details.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the following program was rendered:

1. Processional—Sophomores, Seniors, to air "Sweet Genevieve."
2. President's Address—Leonard van Noppen.
3. Class Flower—Carrie Dalton, flower-girl, assisted by Mary Rieves Lassiter, Clea Young, Virginia Glenn, Marguerite Wortham, Dorothy Martin, Gwendolyn Knight.
4. The Blue and White—Nancy Webster, color-bearer, assisted by Wanda Grogan; Vivian Roberts, Anne Robertson, Helen Thomas.
5. Motto by Mary Ruth Wall, mottoist, assisted by Major Everett (Evil Spirit) and Richard Ellington (Senior). Playlet: "Believe It Or Not," in three scenes. Scene: In a yard; Time: One night and the night before commencement.

Characters: Leonard van Noppen, president; Gretchen Labberton, secretary; Mildred Joyce, Rebecca Newkirk, Augusta Williamson, Frances Klein, Virginia Price and Gretchen Labberton, treasurer; Margaret Bailey, Elsie Collins, India Price, Mrs. Newkirk, Pauline Satterfield, Mary Ruth Wall, ghosts; John Oscar Busick, statistician; Mary Ruffin Robertson, historian; James Tucker, orator; Elmer Young, Emory Joyce, Homer Johnson, Frederick Webster, Louis Fallin, class utility men; Preston Rierison, prophet; Pearl Martin, Mary Martin, Annie Bohanon, life savers and decorators; Richard Ellington, journalist; Elsie Collins, poetess; Eleanor Webster, zittorian to debators; Pauline Satterfield, gifforian to sophomores; Margaret Bailey, gifforian to freshman; Hattie Grey Peay, crook-keeper; Minnie Martin, gifforian to Madison High School; Robert Cardwell, Jr., athletic representative; Sara Williamson, ghost of long ago; Berkeley Roberts, a lover of long ago, Paul Carter, testator.

Rob Cardwell will give a talk at first curtain close. Minnie Martin will follow with gift to school.

Last evening at the same hour the graduating exercises took place and the following is the program:

1. Processional: Rev. E. E. Williamson
2. Invocation: High School
3. Salutatory, Senior winning second highest scholastic honors
4. Chorus, "Join All to Sing"—Fillmore
5. Introduction of Speaker: Hon. J. C. Brown
6. Address: Hon. Walter D. Siler
7. Chorus, "Bells of Evening"—Fillmore
8. Announcements: High School
9. Valetictory: Senior winning highest scholastic honors
10. Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates, Chm. J. O. Busick
11. Presentation of Commercial Awards: Hon. J. L. Roberts
12. Benediction: Rev. O. E. Ward

MARSHALS Chief, Wm. Wade Gentry. Assistants—Nell Tucker, Hilda W. Puff, Philip Webster, Anne Busick, Travis Barber, Rosa Martin, Dorothy Ragsdale, Grace Carter, Josephine Webster.

Class Flower—Rose Class Colors—Blue and White Class Mascots: John Hanner and Lou Roberts President—Leonard van Noppen Vice-President—James Tucker Secretary—Gretchen Labberton Treasurer—Preston Rierison

Motto—"To redeem the past; enrich the future."

The graduating class follows: Martin, Pearl Newkirk, Mrs. Rebecca Peay, Hattie Grey Price, India Price, Virginia Rierison, Preston Roberts, Berkeley Robertson, Mary Ruffin Satterfield, Pauline Satterfield, James van Noppen, Leonard Wall, Mary Ruth Williamson, Augusta Williamson, Sara Webster, Frederick Webster, Nancy Young, Elmer

MAYODAN SYLVANIA

Mrs. J. C. Johnson spent the week end in Leaksville. Mrs. Mollie Joyce spent the week end in Walnut Cove. Clifton Barham of Leaksville spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. M. O. Spencer is visiting in Ivanhoe, Va., Sunday. Miss Mary Reid of Winston-Salem spent the week end in town with Miss Lera Price.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Roach and sons, Howard and Earl, of Reidsville visited Mrs. R. W. Shropshire.

Misses Evelyn Smith and Elizabeth Vernon of Martinsville visited in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rader visited in Ivanhoe, Va., Sunday. J. E. Dempster, Jr., of Charlotte spent the week end with his parents.

Mrs. G. A. Cox and sons of Roanoke are visiting in town. Mrs. J. E. Brewer, Miss Mary Brewer, and Platts Brewer of Clemmons visited Miss Virginia Smith Saturday.

Miss Sara Poole of N. C. W. spent the week end in town. Rev. and Mrs. Allen Hedgecock and Miss Louise Tesh returned from Staten Island, N. Y., Friday.

Mrs. S. J. Ault, Mrs. Eva Smith and Miss Virginia Smith spent Sunday at Fancy Gap, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dalton, Jr., of Greensboro are spending the week with Mrs. J. V. Highfill.

It is estimated that the black race is doubling its world population every 40 years; the yellow and brown every 60 years and white race every 80 years.

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STONEVILLE HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Misses Aileen Lewis and Virginia Price were joint hostesses at the home of Mrs. G. E. Franklin Thursday night, at a bridge party, honoring Miss Inez Price, a member of the graduating class at Stoneville, and Miss Lucille Patterson, who recently moved to Stoneville from Pilot Mountain. The home was decorated with red roses and iris lilacs, carrying out the color scheme of red and white. The guests were received by Miss Aileen Lewis and directed to the punch bowl by Miss Pauline Franklin and were served by Miss Virginia Price. Following this, the guests found their place at bridge tables by cards suggestive of the occasion. At the conclusion of the game a beautiful prize was given Miss Martha Wall, winner of high score. Miss Patterson received a handkerchief and Miss Price a box of handkerchiefs.

The hostesses served a delicious ice course. Out of town guests were Misses Martha Wall and Rachel Wall, Jake Moore and C. Stanley of Madison, Robert Williamson of Pine Hall, Joe Ivis, Richard Price, Crombie Roberts and Homer Vernon of Leaksville, and Miss Petrie of Walnut Cove.

Rev. Edward Long of Germantown preached in the Baptist Church Sunday morning and night.

Miss Elizabeth Simpson and Hannibal Simpson, Jr., were in town Friday.

Mr. Bridges of Germantown spent the week end in town with friends.

The W. T. C. U. will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Robertson visited in Martinsville recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. King and Miss Gertrude King visited Cascade, Va., Wednesday.

Wilbur Carter spent the week end in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miss Louise and Clarence Vernon visited Leaksville Sunday.

Miss Petrie of Walnut Cove was a recent guest of Miss Katharine Matthews.

Dr. and Mrs. Guy V. Price spent the week end in town.

Dr. Cook of Greensboro delivered the literary address in Stoneville high school Friday morning. He referred at some length to Lincoln, who took advantage of his meager opportunities, and wrote in his copy book at seven years old, "I will prepare and make ready and perhaps my chance may come."

He stressed perseverance and told the class not to drop out in whatever they attempted in athletics or education, but stay in the race of life. He said it takes more work to prepare for an education than formerly. He spoke of machinery putting two billion people out of employment. As civilization becomes more complex he said, it takes better citizenship to solve these problems. What North Carolina has spent on education, he said has paid great dividends. Education produces wealth, nothing costs so much as ignorance. Where there is the highest illiteracy there is highest crime. We need a new birth of law and order. He stressed good citizenship.

Mr. and Mrs. Fair of Martinsville visited Mrs. J. A. Seales Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guston of Mt. Ulla were dinner guests of Mrs. Clarence Smith Saturday.

Miss Sue Seales and Miss Elie Lewellyn were recent visitors to Sandy Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dave of Roanoke visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stone Sunday.

Misses Mildred and Dora Mitchell of Bassett visited in town Sunday.

Robert B. Stone made a recent visit to Reidsville.

Mrs. J. A. Seales, 9th grade room mother, entertained that grade at the home of Eleanor Miller Thursday night. Minnie Leath, Frances Carter, Lula Stanford and Grace Weller served punch throughout the evening. Many games were played. The class in a body collected the teachers to partake of the refreshments with them. Home made cake and delicious ice cream were served.

A Fine Record Miss Hattie Grey Peay, who graduated last night from Madison High School, made a record that has probably never been equaled in the history of the school. During the past four years she did not miss a single day.

REWARD I will pay TEN DOLLARS reward for the return of, or information leading to the return of, a Burrough Portable Adding Machine taken from Madison Shale Brick Company office within the past two or three weeks.

J. W. STANLEY, Jr.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Monday, May 23d: The County-Line club will meet with Mrs. W. E. Flynn at 2 o'clock. Subject for demonstration will be "Laundry."

Tuesday, May 24th: The Home Agent will be glad to meet all the ladies of the Sandy Cross section at the home of Mrs. J. P. Carter, at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, May 25th: The Double Springs club will meet with Mrs. W. T. Neal. All the ladies of this community are invited.

Thursday, May 26th: The Rocky Springs club will meet with Mrs. T. B. Young at 2 o'clock.

Friday, May 27th: The Mt. Carmel club will meet with Mrs. T. B. Strader. Demonstration will be "Laundrying."

Strawberry season is with us again and with prevailing prices strawberries should be preserved for winter—for what is better than a good strawberry preserves or jam with hot biscuits? Ask any club member who has made sun cooked preserves if they are not far superior to other preserves.

Suncooked Strawberry And Cherry Preserves. Wash strawberries. Take equal parts of berries and sugar. Cover the berries with the sugar and let stand about an hour until sufficient juice is extracted to cook them. Put on the stove and when it comes to the boil, boil 5 minutes. Remove from fire, skim, and pour in shallow pans and sit in the sun for two days or two days and a half, using a cheese cloth to cover them. By this process the berries will retain their natural color, size, and flavor. As soon as they are about the consistency of jelly, pack in pint containers and seal. Cherries are fixed in exactly the same way, except the cherries are cooked 10 minutes. Do not make too much at one time.

County Canning Work We are now planning for canning work over the entire county and we earnestly solicit the help of club leaders in this work. We suggest each club select two canning leaders to arrange for demonstrations near each club center as there are many adjoining communities that are badly in need of such work.

Our goal: "That every farm woman in the county knows how to can."

We shall also stress the drying of fruits and vegetables. Let each club get some canning demonstrations planned as early as possible. The home agent will have to send a great deal of her time in July and August in the areas around Madison, Price and Mayodan, in cooperation with the Red Cross, who have distributed garden seed to the needy in those communities.

Hints on canning red fruits, such as cherries, strawberries, raspberries and rhubarb: "The best way to retain lovely color in red fruits is to cook them quickly in a syrup made of all fruit juice, or part fruit juice and water and sugar. The red color of such a syrup naturally prevents the loss of so much coloring matter from the fruit and the use of a syrup made of fruit juice also enriches the flavor."

"Red fruits shrink appreciably in cooking. If cans are to be well filled, it is necessary to pre-cook before packing them into cans. In fact, strawberries and rhubarb shrink in cooking and also in cooling. Adding a boiling hot syrup and letting them stand in syrup overnight provides an opportunity for shrinking and allows time for the water in the berry to be displaced with the syrup. It is important that the destiny of the liquid content of the berry become the same as the syrup which surrounds the berry if floating is to be prevented.

"Four or five minutes of pre-cooking in a syrup is sufficient to prevent floating in raspberries and cherries."

The Lesson Not every day can wear the charm Of sunbeam's smile and cherry air, Nor every life know naught of harm, Or sorrow's cross of care.

But every day that comes with rain, Means brighter, sunnier days to be; And every life with hours of pain, Joy's happier hours will see.

This truth the years would have us learn; By sorrow, joy is sweeter made; Where fairest roses glow and burn, The rain's soft lips were laid!

—Arthur Wallace Peach.

Plants Are Scarce

There really seems to be a shortage of tobacco plants in this section this season. Many farmers have none at all, and will not be able to secure them, so we are reliably informed. In fact, one farmer told us Saturday that there were no plants in his neighborhood and that he did not know where he and his neighbors would secure enough to even plant a small crop. This seems to be general, though in some sections many farmers will have enough for their own use, but none to spare. It now looks as though the tobacco crop will be cut considerably throughout the tobacco growing sections, for the same condition of affairs seems to be general.

Scholastic Honors

The following pupils of Madison High School won honors, making grades as indicated: Highest grade in year, 96.25, Richard Ellington; second highest grade, 90.62, tie between Annie Bohannon and Mary Ruth Wall; third highest grade, 90.4, tie between Mary Ruffin Robertson and Pauline Satterfield.

Colored Man Dead

Charles Wooten, a highly respected colored man, died at his home in this place Saturday night and was buried Monday. For the past several years he had been janitor of the schools.

About 200 acres in new pasture has been planted in the tobacco and cotton growing country of Johnston this spring.