

Allen J. Maxwell Was Small Town Newspaper Editor

Writer of "Rags to Riches" Stories Would Have Found Ideal Plot In Life of Maxwell

That well-known writer of "Rags to Riches" plots, Horatio Alger, if he was living today, would find in the career of Allen J. Maxwell the ideal basis for another of his stories—"From Printer's Devil to Governor."

For it is a fact, pretty well conceded in these parts of North Carolina, that Maxwell will face J. M. Broughton in the run-off for the Democratic Party's nominee . . . and that Allen J. will defeat the Raleigh attorney.

To get a true sketch of Maxwell's life . . . and to give Alger the data for his story . . . it is necessary to take ourselves to Duplin County down near the coast eight or nine counties removed from Perquimans where a seventh son is born to the union of Hugh G. and Nancy Copeland (Maready) Maxwell.

From here, a newspaperman likes to skip across the years that have to do with a small boy quitting school and going to work to earn a living, and take up with him again in the composing room of the Wilmington Messenger, for somebody once said that "no better educational institution has ever been devised by the mind of man than the old-style newspaper office."

The Messenger was edited by the late Thomas B. Kingbury, one of the few really great editors produced in North Carolina, but since newspaper pay is notoriously lean he left it and worked in a lumber camp . . . not in a clerical capacity but with axe and saw.

However, printer's ink is known to be one of the stickiest substances ever concocted, and in no time at all he was back in the printshop. Maxwell's active mind was always clamoring for more factual knowledge and after a few years working on other papers, he edited one of his own at Whiteville.

Time Magazine says a small town editor is likely to be chosen football referee, mayor or blood donor at any time; Maxwell got his first taste of public office when the town elected him mayor. After that, for four years, he published the old "Anglo-Saxon" weekly at Rockingham.

That was in the days of W. O. Saunders' early editorship when it required more than moral and mental courage to stand the wear and tear in a newspaper office.

It required physical stamina and a mind that was still clear after long

hours of hard work every day to grind out a living for a young wife and a baby or two.

We leave him here as Maxwell's connection with State Government begins as a Senate journal clerk, then as principal clerk of the Senate. But we like to hear what prominent editors say, and not so long ago, since Allen J. became Revenue Commissioner for North Carolina in 1929, one was heard to remark that "no man of his generation has made a more important impress on the government of the State than Allen J. Maxwell."

CUMBERLAND NEWS

Mrs. G. T. Roach and son, George, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. C. L. Godwin.

Mrs. J. E. Perry, Esther Perry and Mrs. Irving Trueblood spent Tuesday with Mrs. David Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perry had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Miller of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hurdle visited Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Trueblood on Sunday evening.

Ervin Perry, of Norfolk, Va., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perry, Friday.

Madison Trueblood visited Mr. and Mrs. Irving Trueblood Saturday afternoon.

Miss Beulah Lane spent the week-end with Misses Callie Mae and Marie Trueblood.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

James Vivian Hurdle of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Kathleen Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Beck, of Norfolk, Va., were married Sunday afternoon, April 14, at South Mills. They are spending some time at Annapolis, Md., but will make their home in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Hurdle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hurdle, of Hurdletown.

HURDLETOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stallings and son, Ernest Carey, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Morgan Sunday. They attended services at Mt. Sinai Church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Shirley Hurdle spent Wednesday night with Misses Maggie and Bessie Ann Lane and attended the birthday party at the home of M. T. Trueblood.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Hurdle and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Urie Caddy in Old Neck Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Bishop and children of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Albert White and daughter, Jeanne, spent Friday with Mrs. Charlie Hurdle.

Wilbur Sumner of Norfolk, Va., visited his mother, Mrs. Nellie Sumner, during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Vick Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stallings and son, Ernest Carey, attended the birthday party at the home of M. T. Trueblood Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hurdle and

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME



A scene taken from the Hunchback of Notre Dame which plays at the State Theatre, Hertford, Monday and Tuesday.

children visited in the homes of G. Q. Hurdle and John Stallings at Camden and Elwood Twine in Elizabeth City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hurdle and Eugene Hurdle spent Sunday with Mrs. Hurdle's sister, Mrs. Mattie Smith, near Berea. They were accompanied by Mrs. Z. D. White and son, Stuart, who visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stallings and son, Ernest Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Vick Stallings, Mesdames Ed Lee Jennings and Nellie Sumner and Nathan Hurdle and Quinton Hurdle attended the funeral of Mrs. Willie Morgan of Winfall on Wednesday.

Mrs. O. K. Twine and Mrs. Samuel Long of Hertford, spent Thursday with Mrs. Nathan Hurdle.

Misses Bessie Anne Lane and Shirley Hurdle spent the week-end with Mrs. Earl Lane at Woodville.

OPERETTA AND MUSICAL

The Primary and Grammar Grades of Central Grammar School, Winfall, will present a short operetta, "What's the Matter With Sally?" on Friday evening, May 3. Mrs. Ralph White's music pupils will give a recital on the same night before the first act of the operetta.

QUILTING PARTY

Mrs. Marvin Benton entertained a few friends at a quilting party at her home in Old Neck Thursday afternoon. After the quilt was finished, a social hour was enjoyed and the hostess served lemonade and cakes.

Those present were Mesdames Edward Benton, G. A. Jordan, Carson Jordan, Ralph Harrell, Jesse Harrell, Elmer Wood, Clifford Lane, Masor Sawyer and George Benton, Misses Elinor Jordan, Eunice Harrell and Sallie B. Wood.

MORE ABOUT SAUNDERS

(Continued from Page One)
roundings in Perquimans County, North Carolina, in May 1884. At the time of his accidental death Thursday on the road from Elizabeth City to Norfolk, he held a supervisory position with the WPA. The two facts are their own commentary on the 'success' of this exceptional man, as success is measured in the world of property.

"But this is the most deceptive of all measures of true individual worth," the Pilot went on to say. "Anyone can verify that for himself by consulting the national dictionaries of biography. The accumulators of vast fortunes, unless they contrived by living acts or dying testaments to put them to significant social use, are dismissed with a few cold lines in these final human records. The most glowing tributes are reserved for those who pushed back the frontiers of knowledge, who brought new beauty or freedom into human life, who challenged their own days' tyrants. Many of these died penniless. All died rich in the content and usefulness of their living."

"He Died Rich," the Virginian Pilot said.
"As much as any North Carolinian of his day he helped to smite the evanescence of darkness that infested the times, and to make valid and current the courage of liberal, intelligent and tolerant living. His larger dedication to the kind of Americanism and Christianity in which he believed, he combined a deep neighborly affection for the corner of North Carolina in which he lived, and an incessant labor for its welfare."

Traceable to his pioneer efforts were the nation-wide interest in the coastal Kitty Hawk region that culminated in the erection of the Wright Memorial, and in the Lost Colony drama at Manteo.

"He lived fully and usefully," the Pilot said, "left life as unencumbered with the world's goods as when he entered it, but died rich."

The Funeral
Old friends and acquaintances had stood for hours at the graveside and

waited before the long procession entered Old Hollywood Cemetery in Elizabeth City. They came from all over the Albemarle.

The Reverend H. K. King, pastor of the First Methodist Church, pronounced the opening prayer, and Mayor Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, "followed immediately with his last tribute to the man and the career that had been devoted to the best interests of the Albemarle," according to The Daily Advance.

"Judge I. M. Meekins, long-time friend and companion of the former publisher and editor, then spoke, recalling the past—the bringing to life of The Lost Colony and the building of the Wright Memorial . . .

"He was a true and loyal friend . . . The good that men do lives after them—that is the greatest consolation to the human race."

Active pallbearers were: Lorimer Midgett, Howard Stevens, John L. Sawyer, Holland Webster, Albert Kramer, Frank Benton and W. H. Smith, all of Elizabeth City.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Columbia Ballance Saunders; three daughters, Mrs. Billie Saunders Smith of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Leon S. Brooks of Arlington, Va., and Mrs. Fred Barr Jr. of Tarboro, N. C.; a son, William Keith Saunders of Raleigh; a brother, Caleb T. Saunders, of Norfolk, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. L. H. Christian of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Nancy Brown and Mrs. Lonnie Price of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Dave Sarsfield of New Bedford, Mass., and four grandchildren.

EXTENSION NOTES

By FRANCES MANESS
Home Demonstration Agent

There has been a great increase in attendance at the clubs during the past month. I hope during the summer we may register 100% at our meetings. This is impossible without the cooperation of every one.

We greatly appreciate the cooperation of all individuals, stores and schools in our Better Homes Campaign.

During the month of May the subject for our discussion will be "Household Pests." This is a very important subject for the housekeeper. Very few of our homes are free from all types of insects.

The schedule for next week is as follows:

Tuesday, May 7—Chapinoke Club will meet with Mrs. Otis Lane.
Wednesday, May 8—Winfall Club will meet with Miss Esther Perry.

How It Worked Out
Handley had not come out very well in the marriage lottery. One day at his club he was bemoaning his troubles to a more fortunate member.

"Yes," he said, "before I married everyone told me that marriage was a gamble."

"And how did you find it?" he asked.

"Why," said Handley bitterly, "a fellow hasn't got a chance."

LEGALS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of the authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Jerome W. Hurdle and wife, Flora W. Hurdle, and Henrietta Hurdle (widow), to Southern Trust Company, Trustee, on the 1st day of December, 1925, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Perquimans County, N. C., in Book 1, at page 30, default having been made in the conditions of said deed of trust, the undersigned Trustee will, on the 31 day of May, 1940 at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, at the Court House door of Perquimans County, N. C., offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

All those certain lands containing 55 acres, more or less, situated on the Up River Road, about 10 miles from the town of Hertford, in Belvidere Township, Perquimans County, N. C., and adjoining the lands of Asbell Bros. Jessup E. Nixon heirs

and others, and beginning on the West side of the road in the line of A. Jessup, and running North 27 degrees 30 feet E. 9 chains to a maple stump; thence N. 9 degrees W. 6.20 chains; thence N. 76 degrees 30 feet W. 20.50 chains along a lane; thence S. 30 degrees 30 feet W. 23.50 chains; thence East 8 chains to the edge of the marsh; thence Southwardly along the edge of the marsh to a gum; thence East 2.70 chains; thence North 47 degrees East 3.15 chains to a gum; thence North 57 degrees East 3.15 chains; thence North 67 degrees East 9 chains to the beginning. Being the same lands conveyed to Quinton Hurdle by Rufus White and wife, by deed dated January 4th, 1878, and recorded

in Book UU, Page 431, and by two deeds from J. A. White dated February 24th, 1885, and February 23rd, 1898, and recorded in Book UU, Page 427, and Book 5, Page 529.

The above property will be sold subject to all taxes due and unpaid on day of sale.

A deposit of 5% of the amount bid will be required of the successful bidder at the hour of sale.

This notice dated and posted this 30th day of April, 1940.

SOUTHERN LOAN & INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee,
(Formerly Southern Trust Company)
By Worth & Horner, Attorneys,
Elizabeth City, N. C.
may 3, 10, 17, 24

New Silk Prints

Are being shown for early Spring. They are smart and good looking.

SEE OUR SELECTION IN SMALL

AND LARGE SIZES

\$1.98 to \$5.95

Also All White Dresses For Young Graduates

IN ALL SIZES

Plenty of White Shoes

\$2.00 pair
Hose . . . 39c to \$1.00

REMEMBER
MOTHER'S DAY — MAY 12

SIMON'S

"STORE OF VALUES"
HERTFORD, N. C.



Summer Time Is Driving Time.
Enjoy This Summer With a Better USED CAR!

EASY TERMS

Liberal Trade Allowance on Your Car

1939 Dodge 2-door Touring Sedan. A-1 condition, radio, heater, seat covers and new tires. Low mileage. 60 days guarantee.

1936 Plymouth 2-door Touring Deluxe Sedan. Excellent condition, radio, heater, new seat covers and good tires. Guaranteed to give satisfactory service.

1938 Plymouth Coupe. Looks like new. Good tires and low mileage.

1937 Plymouth 4-door Touring Deluxe Sedan. Excellent condition, good paint, new tires and upholstery like new.

1936 Chevrolet 2-door Town Sedan. New tires, new paint job, new battery, new seat covers, thoroughly checked mechanically and performs like a new car.

1936 Pontiac 4-door Sedan.

1935 Plymouth 4-door Touring Sedan, Deluxe.

1937 Ford 85 2-door Deluxe Sedan, radio and heater.

1938 Plymouth Pick-up.

Towe Motor Co.

Chrysler — Plymouth

Sales and Service

Dial 2461

Hertford, N. C.

C. R. HOLMES

Will Appreciate
Your Vote and
Support

FOR
State Senate

IN THE
Democratic Primary

May 25

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 12

Give HER a New Hat



WE HAVE A LARGE
SELECTION OF
Straws and Felts
ESPECIALLY PRICED FROM
\$1.00 to \$3.00

New White Hats Are Here

Mrs. Jake White

SECOND FLOOR SIMON'S