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WILLIAM HENRY CRAWFORD DIES AT HOME HERE

Leading Citizen Succumbs This Morning After Long Illness

FUNERAL TOMORROW
Will Be Held From Residence at 4 P. M.; Burial Will Be Made in Local Cemetery

William Henry Crawford, one of Williamston's best known and highly esteemed citizens, died at his home on Watts street here this morning at 8 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks' duration.

Mr. Crawford had suffered a complication of diseases for several years, heart disease finally triumphing over his already weakened body. For several weeks he has lingered between life and death as the town's fire siren called the firemen from their homes this morning. Mr. Crawford opened his eyes and glanced about him, apparently realizing that as the men went to answer the siren's call, he was preparing to answer the call of his Maker.

The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, Reverends O. P. Fitzgerald, of the local Methodist church, C. H. Diekey, of the local Baptist church, and B. Duke Critcher of the Oxford Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in the local cemetery.

William Henry Crawford was born November 11, 1866 in this town where he had lived as a true friend to all throughout his life. He was the son of the late William Thomas Crawford and wife, Martha Cotton Crawford. His father served the county as sheriff and clerk of the court for many years, and was one of its most popular officers. His mother was the daughter of the late Judge Asa Biggs who was a member in the United States Senate at one time.

In February, 1897 he was married to Miss Pattie Hardison, daughter of the late Sheriff Hardison. She only survives, there being no children born to the union. He leaves three brothers, Asa Thomas and Kader B. Crawford, of this place, and Ben C. Crawford, of Greensboro, also one sister, Miss Anna Crawford, of Williamston, survives.

Always jovial and friendly, Mr. Crawford was known to attend to his own affairs, interfering little with those of other people.

"Bull" Movements Cause Big Rise in Liquor Prices

The "bull" movements, including the most rational ones recorded in the country's stock exchanges were pushed into the background as far as increases are concerned, last week when fifteen federal prohibition agents centered their activities in this section, caught a number of bootleggers and sent liquor prices to unheard of heights.

Price increases, ranging from 100 per cent to no sale at any price, have already been reported as a direct result of the agent's work. So extensive were the raids of the federal officers last Saturday that the price trend is expected to continue upward in this section for weeks or probably months to come.

Former County Resident Dies Near Greenville

Redden S. Warren, farmer resident of this county, died at his home near Greenville last Tuesday afternoon following an illness of several months' duration. Mr. Warren had suffered rheumatism for some time, and that with other complications was given as the cause of his death.

During his residence in this county, Mr. Warren lived near Bear Grass where he farmed. He moved to Pitt county several years ago. He is survived by three sons, four daughters and several grandchildren.

WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday February 27
DON COLEMAN
in
"45-Calibre War"
A Real Action Picture

COMEDY
"CURIOSITIES"

Thurs.-Fri. Feb. 28-March 1
CORINNE GRIFFITH
in
"OUTCAST"
M. G. M. NEWS

Shown at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily
MUSIC BY PHOTOPHONE

Commissioners Consider Widening of Main Street

Power Company Ordered To Place Poles Back; Tentative Plans Call for Widening of Street 8 or 10 Feet; Would Pave Sidewalks at Same Time

At a called meeting of the town commissioners here last Friday night, preliminary steps leading to the widening of Main street were taken.

While the widening of the town's main thoroughfare has been considered for some time, no definite action had been taken in the matter by the authorities until last Friday night when a last chance to determine the location of the new power company's poles on the street presented itself. The company was authorized to place its poles back from the curb several feet, making a change later unnecessary. No definite time was set for the work to be done.

According to the resolution passed at the meeting the street will be widened eight to ten feet, reducing the sidewalks on each side to not less than eight nor more than nine feet. The proposed plans include the widening of the thoroughfare from the corner of Watts to the corner of Haughton streets.

It was proposed at the meeting that the work be done at the same time that the sidewalk paving is laid, provided any is laid at all. The circulation of petitions for sidewalk paving is being continued, and it is hoped that a definite program will develop within the course of the next few weeks. Once the program is decided upon by the property owners, the town will make provisions for the work and the widening of the street will be handled in connection with the sidewalk paving program, it was stated.

This action upon the part of the commissioners will, it is believed, meet with the general approval of the citizens of the town, it being almost unanimously agreed that the street needs to be widened.

17 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING "DRY" LAW LAST SATURDAY

ROUND-UP MADE IN 4 COUNTIES
11 White Men, 5 Colored Men and One Colored Woman Arrested

ALL BUT ONE BONDED
Fourteen Federal Agents Under Direction of District Administrator Participate in Raids

Charged with violation of the federal prohibition law in various degrees, 16 men and one woman were brought before a U. S. Commissioner here for hearings last Friday. The arrests of the 17 persons, charged with violation of the prohibition laws, followed a thorough and extensive raid made by 14 federal agents and deputies in Martin, Bertie, Beaufort, and Pitt counties. The raid was made under the directions of P. M. Caudle, Deputy Prohibition administrator, of Wilson, and was more fruitful in Pitt and Bertie counties than in the other two.

All of the accused violators were bonded with the exception of one, Bill Fagan, of Aulander, landing in jail in default of bond. Six of the violators were negroes.

Martin county's three violators include Bisco Biggs and C. C. Bailey, Standard filling station operators near Everetts. Biggs was charged with selling a pint of the "spirits" and was released upon a \$300 bond. Bailey's warrant was the same as that for Biggs, and at the hearing he was required to give bond in the sum of \$400. William Keys, colored, of Jamesville, was brought into court, charged with bootlegging and was required to give bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of federal court in Washington.

Bertie county had eight cases. Vandy W. Ward, filling station salesman, at the Triangle filling station, was required to give bond in the sum of \$500. D. E. Ward, renter of the same station and Winifred Spruill, owner, were each charged as accessories and were required to give bond.

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No Session of Recorder's Court Here Next Tuesday

There will be no session of the county recorder's court here next Tuesday, March 5, it was announced this morning by Judge J. W. Bailey. The session was called off when it was learned that some of the court officials had been summoned to Rockingham to attend federal court that day.

EVERETTS MODERN WOODMEN HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The meeting of the Modern Woodmen of the Everetts camp in the hall there last night was declared to be very successful, several candidates being initiated and other business matters handled.

House Burned Near Everetts Early Sunday

The J. L. Bailey old home, near Everetts, was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning shortly after nine o'clock. Henry Everett, a colored tenant, living in the house lost practically all his furniture and the structure was a total loss.

The fire, starting from a flue, was vigorously fought, but all efforts to save the home failed. Workmen are now busy placing lumber on the lot preparatory to rebuilding at once.

POULTRY CAR TO BE IN COUNTY 2 DAYS NEXT WEEK

Here Wednesday, March 6; In Robersonville on Next Day

PRICES ARE HIGHER
Prices Range From 1 to 5 Cents Per Pound More Than Before; Not to Be in Jamesville

The second car for poultry loadings in this county this year will be placed here Wednesday of next week and in Robersonville the following day, according to a schedule announced by the Division of Markets at Raleigh through County Agent Brandon yesterday afternoon. The car will not stop in Jamesville this trip, it was stated. The first loadings will be made in Plymouth instead of Jamesville, according to the schedule announced yesterday.

With an advance in prices, the loadings are expected to equal or surpass those of the last trip, the earlier part of this month. The prices have been increased from one cent for certain types of poultry to 5 cents on other types, according to the prices announced by Mr. Risher, head of the Bureau of Markets, Raleigh.

The car will arrive here in the morning of the 6th from Plymouth, and will be placed in Robersonville for loadings the following morning.

Farmers in the county received more than four thousand dollars for the last car of poultry shipped, and many are planning to make larger shipments from their flocks next week, it was stated here yesterday and this morning.

LOCAL BOYS WIN TWO MORE GAMES

Defeat Town Teams of Trenton and New Bern Friday and Saturday

The local high school basketball team added two more victories to its already long list last week, winning over the Jones County All Stars at Trenton Thursday night at Trenton, 66 to 22 and New Bern town team here Friday night 81 to 12. The locals found their opponents easy prey, and were never in danger of losing the lead.

During the season so far, the locals have won 16 out of 17 games played, scoring 590 points to their opponents' 221. The record of the team is attracting no great attention, however, from the local people, and a few of the faithful fans attending regularly. The boys are in earnest in their play and a most successful season is already assured.

Program Lenten Services at Windsor Episcopal Church

Dr. Drane, rector of St. Paul's church, Edenton, announces his appointments in the St. Thomas church, Windsor during the Lenten season, inviting the people of this community to attend.

His appointments: First and third Sundays in the month at 11:00 a. m., morning prayer and holy communion. Other Sunday, 7:30 a. m., holy communion; 11:00 a. m., morning prayer and Litany. During the week, evening prayer, 4:30 p. m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m., Thursday at 4:00 p. m., a special Children's Missionary evening prayer. On Monday at 8:30, the Women's Mission Study class, Parish House.

Oak City School Enters N. C. Triangular Debate

The Oak City School has entered the triangular debate for North Carolina. The subject for debate, "Resolved, That the United States Should Enter the World Court Under the Harding-Hughes Reservations." The team representing Oak City School is composed of: Affirmative, Mary Kathryn Ainsley and Gladys Hyman; Negative, Staton Haislip and Bessie Glover. The affirmative team will meet the visiting team from Chowan High School in the Oak City auditorium April 5th. The negative team will meet the affirmative team of the Winton High School in the Winton High School auditorium on the same date.

Twenty-Five Entries in Kitchen Campaign

The twenty-fifth kitchen was added in the Martin County Kitchen contest yesterday when Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent, assisted by Miss Sleeper, Martin agent, scored the kitchen of the last householder to enter the contest. This completes the first scoring in the contest, and eight communities in the county have contestants.

First Methodist Church Observes 101st Birthday

Last Sunday will be long remembered by members of the local Methodist church, for on that day the congregations and many friends observed with appropriate services the 101st anniversary of the church. Rev. S. A. Cotton, presiding elder of the Weldon district, preached a special sermon that day, and the pastor, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald reviewed interesting church records. The church, one of the oldest in the State, has 36 members who have been connected with its starshaped heads this list among them, he having joined here more than 40 years ago.

Brick Warehouse Completely Destroyed By Fire Last Night

Injunctions Secured to Stop V. E. P. From Cutting Trees

J. G. Staton, F. J. Margolis, F. U. Barnes and Titus Critcher Secure Temporary Restraining Order; Returnable in Tarboro Court Next Week

Four injunctions restraining the Virginia Electric and Power Company from cutting trees on certain streets here were issued yesterday and filed in the office of the clerk of the court, R. J. Peel. The property owners, J. G. Staton, F. J. Margolis, F. U. Barnes and Titus Critcher have entered into a determined fight in an effort to prevent the company's removing the trees in front of or near their homes. Hearings in the case have been scheduled to be held before Superior Court Judge Small in Tarboro Wednesday of next week, it was, stated by the attorney representing the property owners yesterday afternoon.

WOMANS CLUB TO MEET THURSDAY

Business of Importance to Be Discussed; Sponsors "Better English Week"

The local Woman's club will hold its regular meeting in the club hall next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, it was announced today. Business of importance in regards to the tuberculosis clinic recently held and plans of work to be followed during the coming summer months will be discussed. The president is very anxious to have every member present, if possible. The yearly dues should have been paid in January and the officers are urging those who have not met this obligation to come prepared to pay for it at the meeting.

It has been the custom for the past several years for the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs to sponsor the observance of Better Speech Week. This, of course, is done in cooperation with the schools and other educational forces. Mrs. Wheeler Martin, president of the local club, explained this morning. The time set aside for this observance is more or less a "movable feast". In truth, it should extend through 365 days in the year. However, the National Council of English Teachers has established the practice of setting aside the last week in February for this observance and to give special attention to a study of Better Speech with the intent to improve the English in general of our American people.

The purpose of this special emphasis and study of Good English at this particular time, it was stated, is to arouse interest in children and grown-ups, as well, to a greater appreciation of the English language when correctly spoken in pleasing voice, and to a feeling for and a desire, not only for correct English, but for choice English; to an appreciation for an enlarged and varied vocabulary; to create a sensitiveness not only at this time but at this time but at all times to the use of "over-worked" expressions, careless enunciation, frequent grammatical errors, and to incorrect pronunciation so frequently heard.

"Each man has tools peculiar to his vocation—the carpenter his plane, the miner his pick, the tradesman his price list, the student his text book—but every citizen whatever his occupation should use his American language." A Better Speech Week calls attention to the importance of our language. Every effort should be made to train our citizens in the cultivation of lucid, forceful, and uncorrupted diction.

Martin County Woman Is Excellent Carpenter

Mrs. Salje Stone, of the Lilly's Hall School section, was the last contestant to enroll in the kitchen contest now in progress in this county. Mrs. Stone has running water in her kitchen and informed Misses Smith and Sleeper that she had put this in herself. Her kitchen was very convenient and few changes were necessary. A goods box was used for storage. This, painted and covered with oil cloth, was placed conveniently to her stove. A shelf over this with hooks attached underneath made it very convenient for placing of utensils. Mrs. Stone told Miss Sleeper that she had made other articles and that she enjoyed working with the hammer when not otherwise engaged. An outside porch had been arranged by Mrs. Stone and completely screened by her own hands.

What this woman has done can be done by every other contestant over the county, Miss Sleeper stated.

2 FIRES AT SAME PLACE FRIDAY

Firemen Answer Two Calls To Same House Within Few Hours

Two calls were answered by the local fire company last Friday afternoon and evening when Mr. Joe Leggett's home on Smithwick street caught fire. The first alarm was turned in when the soot in a chimney burned and caught near a flue outlet in an up-stairs room. The blaze was soon extinguished, but about 7:30 that evening the soot started burning again and more rapidly, cracking the chimney and setting fire to an upstairs floor and other wood work around the chimney.

TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT AROUND \$20,000

Firemen Battle Almost All Night To Bring Blaze Under Control

Discovered in the Brick Warehouse this morning around one o'clock fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed that structure and threatened other tobacco warehouses, storage houses, and homes here. It was the town's largest fire in years, one that made assistance calls to nearby towns necessary.

The warehouse, owned and operated by Watts, Morton & Griffin, was an almost total loss, and several hundred bags of peanuts belonging to Fowden & Watts were burned. Three thousand and tobacco baskets and a Chevrolet truck were also destroyed in the fire, running the total loss above \$20,000, an unofficial estimate. A storage house a few feet away from the main structure and belonging to C. O. Moore & Co. was destroyed with a large quantity of feed stuffs and other supplies.

The alarm, turned in by two boys, drew the members of the volunteer company from their beds in a hurry, and before four minutes elapsed the truck was carried to the scene. Two streams of water were started on the building in a very few seconds after the arrival of the truck, and the firemen stationed themselves to fight their worst fire. Another line of hose was connected, another and another, until six streams of water were being pushed in the burning mass from all sides. Huge volumes of smoke drove the firemen back and the center of the fight was turned from the burning building, several lines of hose being used to prevent the fire from spreading. The town's two trucks, with every foot of hose and reel, were rushed to the scene, but as the flames burst through the windows and doors the heat and smoke drove the firemen farther from the blaze.

Other Towns Send Help

With two additional fires reported in other sections of the town and the warehouse fire threatening nearby buildings, calls for help were sent out, the Washington fire company answering with a number of men and one of its big trucks and the Tarboro company sending several men to offer their assistance. The Washington apparatus was put to use and after pouring countless gallons of water on the burning building the fire was placed under control. The visitors played a prominent part in combatting the flames, and their assistance was highly valued by the town and its firemen.

Benjamin L. Susman Is Killed in Auto Wreck

Benjamin L. Susman, a leading business man of Washington, was the victim of an automobile accident Sunday afternoon when he with his wife, son and daughter, was going to Rocky Mount. The car was struck at the intersection of the Leggetts and No. 90 highways, about a mile out from Tarboro, by another driven by Sheriff Scull, of Hertford county. It is said that both cars were going at a high speed, the car of Sheriff Scull striking the Susm in car in the side, causing it to turn over several times. Mrs. Susman was seriously hurt, and at one time it was thought her injuries would prove fatal. Late reports state her condition to be much improved, however.

Mr. Susman was a native of Russia. He moved to Washington when a young man and engaged in the live stock business, later operating an automobile agency.

January State Fire Loss Totals \$943,048

North Carolina's fire loss during the month of January amounted to \$943,048 from 283 fires as compared with a loss of \$530,994 during the same month last year, it was learned in a report issued by State Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney, recently. The greater amount of the loss was among mercantile firms, there being a decrease in dwelling losses during the period.

Farm Life 4-H Club Meeting Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the girls 4-H club at Farm Life school was held Wednesday at the usual hour. Miss Willie Hunter, special clothing specialist, of Raleigh, accompanied Miss Sleeper in the work and she gave an interesting discussion on "designs in fabrics, choice of materials and everyday fashions."

The members of the club greatly enjoyed the meeting, it was stated in a report.

ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN

Washington and Tarboro Respond to Requests for Aid as Fires Break Out in Up-Town Section

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In the middle of the desperate struggle to place the warehouse fire under control, six of the volunteer firemen were ordered to answer two calls in other sections of the town, one at Harrison Bros. & Co.'s storage house and another at the home of Mr. L. T. Fowden, on Church Street, located over four blocks away, both structures catching from sparks floating from the main fire. Only small holes were burned in the roofs of the dwelling and warehouse, but in each case the firemen laid lines of hose from near-by hydrants to the structures before the fires were placed under control. The damage to the home and warehouse was said to be very little, amounting to not more than \$50.

Several Firemen Overcome

In fighting the blaze the firemen were greatly handicapped when they combatted the smoke for a quarter of an hour before they could reach the source of the flames. Several firemen were overcome by smoke in the early stages of the fire, and had to be carried from the scene. All of them recovered, however, and were soon back on the job.

Small Fire in Dwelling Near Warehouse Monday

The local fire company was called out for the third time in as many days yesterday morning when the little house located between the Roanok-Dixie and Brick warehouses caught fire. The flames, starting from a defective flue, were burning in a close place and had filled the attic of the house with smoke, but no great damage resulted. A single bucket of water, handled by Emmett Whitley, put the fire under control.

Within recent months, the house has caught fire several times, but in every case, the flames were checked before any great damage occurred.

The house is occupied by Loney Mizele and other tenants.

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