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## LOCKE CRAIG DEAD FROM LONG ILLNESS

North Carolina in Deep Mourning Over Death of Late Governor A Staunch Champion of the Tar Heel State—A Man of Progress.

ASHEVILLE, June 9.—Western North Carolina tonight is in mourning for its departed leader, Locke Craig, former Governor of the state, whose death occurred at his home on the Swannanoa River this afternoon at 2:38 o'clock following an illness of over four years.

Only a few minutes before his death the former governor smilingly looked upon those about him and indicated that he knew the end was near. His life faded away as softly as the mists wreathed above the rushing river. And a little later over the hills came faintly the cadenced strokes of the fire bell tolling its mournful message that the loved son of the mountains would see them no more.

Tonight all over the city and this section of the state there is sorrow throughout western North Carolina even as he was in his own home city and county. From every section of the state tonight also came messages from loving friends expressing to the bereaved family their sorrow over the death of "the little giant of the mountains."

Though his body be dead, Locke Craig yet liveth in the hearts of his people. He was governor of North Carolina 1913-17. Born in North Carolina, he was North Carolina in every fibre of his being, from the sentinel lines of Hatteras shoals to the summits of the Tennessee line. Gone in the harvest time of the state's material and social well being, he is remembered as the chief of those who planted the seed and diligently labored in the field of high endeavor, and so he goes with prayers and with tears and many-voiced benediction into the realm of light.

North Carolina was born and bred into Governor Craig from an ancestry well antedating the revolutionary war. William Craig came from Scotland to America in 1749, and settled in Orange county, where three sons were born to him, John Oavid and James, soldiers in the continental army. The grandson of John Craig was Andrew Murdock Craig, who, though of a Presbyterian family, became a Baptist minister and one of great influence, power and eloquence beyond the bounds of Bertie county, where he lived. He was a scholar of fine tastes and worthy attainments, an honor graduate of the state university.

Rev. Dr. Craig married Clarissa Rebecca Gillam, and their son who was born on the farmstead in Bertie county August 16, 1860, was named Locke because of his father's admiration for John Locke, the philosopher. Brief was the boy's knowledge of his father, for the latter passed away soon after the close of the war between the states leaving his widow and two sons with only a small estate to support them in the tumultuous days of reconstruction. The mother rose to the occasion.

Governor Craig's life is yet to be appraised for he is yet a figure too near to be rightly judged in all his public service. But it seems clear that among those who have moved North Carolina by the spoken word he must be ranked with the chiefs of the leaders. Pleasing in person and voice, an intellectual type in physical form, he was magnetic and with this went a dramatic eloquence, a fervor deeply moving, an intangible something which stirred men's hearts as few have stirred them.

The home life of Governor Craig has been one of singular beauty. Married Nov. 18, 1891 to Miss Annie Burgin the fair daughter of the late Captain Joseph B. Burgin of McDowell county Governor Craig had a worthy life companion and four sons have come to grace the household, Lieutenant Carlyle Craig, U. S. N.; George W. Craig, attorney of Asheville; Lieutenant Arthur Craig, U. S. N. and Locke, Craig Jr. born in the governor's mansion in 1914.

The spring emergence of boll weevils may be light, but that doesn't mean the weevils will not develop sufficiently fast and numerous not to harm the cotton this season, counsels Franklin Sherman, chief of the Division of Entomology for the state College and Department.

## ROAD WORK BOOMS IN SISTER COUNTY

Crews Busy on Two Main Caldwell Highways—Big Educational Meeting—Other News of Interest.

Lenoir, N. C. June 10.—Road building is booming in our section at this time. We can step out on the porch and not only hear the pile-driving hammer but see the mixers of two big bridges in the making. One of these crosses Lower Creek and is a part of the Lenoir-Hickory (hard surface-to-be) the other crosses Zack's Fork and is a part of the new Lenoir-Wilkesboro (highway-to-be) Both are situated in the extreme city limits. The big shovels on both roads can also be seen and blasting on all sides is taking place. Surely there are very few who do not appreciate fully these two big developments.

Mr. S. F. Horton stopped over with us Saturday night on his way to Wake Forest Summer School.

Miss Blanche Horton is spending the week here and enjoying the Chataqua.

We were indeed sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Rivers. Please accept our sincere sympathy in your deep bereavement.

The meeting at the court house on Friday the 16th was perhaps one of the most important held this year for the betterment of the moral and educational conditions in this our county. There were many from different communities in the county, but not nearly so many present as should have been.

Mrs. W. H. Sherril, president of the County Betterment presided over the meeting and asked Miss Publicover to lead the devotional which she did in a beautiful, sincere and modest way. The Federation song was used. Mrs. Sherril made the opening talk based on the need of improvements in the community. A round table discussion followed in which Miss Boyd spoke of the needs of homeless children over the county also of the need of community club work.

Miss Steele reported from Yadkin stating that they were planning to make quilts for the Patterson School. Miss Russel of Granite Falls spoke of the need of good ladies in the work and close co-operation.

Mrs. Robert Barlow spoke of the need of a home demonstration agent which would result in the most needed canning clubs. Mrs. R. L. Gwyn gave a report of the State Federation at Raleigh mentioning the big reception given the delegates at the Governor's mansion. Also the one at Wake Stone the home of Josephus Daniels and how he received in the absence of his wife who is away in a hospital.

Then at 11 the crowning speech of the morning took place when Miss Albertson the secretary of the Parent Teachers Association of this state made one of the very finest addresses ever heard in this section. She explained the mission of the work, to travel over North Carolina and try to bring about better cooperation between the school forces and the parents, that the parents should seek acquaintance always with the teachers of their children, should encourage and sympathize all that is possible. That it was the teachers duty to train the child to be a better citizen, to season every lesson with a thought of true citizenship, that the parents should try to get proper laws enforced for the safe guarding of the children such as, stop the selling of cigarettes, stop the joy riding, etc. She spoke of the two evils with that of cheating in the school room as the most disastrous of the times.

She spoke of the future dangers, not the Bolsheviks or the Reds, but of the boys and girls who are indulging in these things today which threaten to undermine our civilization tomorrow. She spoke of the danger in the fact that eleven states have passed laws prohibiting the reading of the Bible in the school room and brought to mind the fact that though Greece gave to the world culture and art, she couldn't stand; though Rome contributed law, she fell; Palestine gave the one thing needful for a nation to rest safely on, namely, Jesus Christ, and that if America forgets Him, she is doomed. That the religion of Jesus Christ should be taught in our schools in order to make our nation safe.

Miss Kelly then gave a list of the prizes offered the communities for the betterment of school conditions or equipment in the school house. Miss Albertson explained the working of a county council and of the discussion she organized one. Miss Dora Anderson was elected president of the council to consist of the officers of the various betterment clubs of the County Association.

## CAROLINA'S NEXT GOVERNOR



ANGUS WILTON McLEAN

Angus W. McLean, of Lumberton, former chairman of the War Finance Corporation and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury maintained a steady lead over Josiah William Bailey in the Primary last Saturday. With returns from 1,538 out of 1,719 precincts tabulated he had polled 141,472 votes to 78,030 for Mr. Bailey.

Second primaries will be necessary to settle four of the races of the Saturday primaries it is thought, as returns from isolated districts failed to give any of these candidates majorities up to our press time. With about 65 per cent of the vote estimated unofficially as tabulated no candidates had majorities for lieutenant governor, commissioner of labor and printing, commissioner of agriculture and attorney general.

## REPUBLICAN CO. CONVENTION

Nomination of Candidates Very Satisfactory—Large Crowds Gather Many Candidates.

The Republican county convention was held in Boone last Monday afternoon. The crowd was large and perhaps more candidates for office were on hand that day than at any previous gathering of that kind in this county. Some dissatisfaction with the nominations was expressed, but in the main the selection of candidates was very satisfactory. After the organization and the calling of the townships the balloting for the various candidates was taken up which resulted as follows:

For the State Senate: W. L. Wirkler.  
Legislature: I. G. Greer.  
Sheriff: E. L. Holler.  
Register of Deeds: Mrs. Pearl Hartley.  
County Commissioners: Sherman Wellborn, S. C. Eggers, O. L. Coffey.  
Surveyor, J. A. Bumgarner.  
Coroner, D. M. Moretz.

## Miss Selma Fuller is District Organizer

(Johnson Co. News.) Mrs. Selmer Fuller has returned to her home after attending the state Convention of League of Women Voters, which convened in Knoxville, and visiting her sister Mrs. Stanley Harris in Chattanooga. One of the many courtesies extended Mrs. Fuller was a luncheon given by Mrs. Nathan Bachman of Chattanooga. Mrs. Fuller had the honor of being elected by the League of Women Voters as District Organizer of the First Congressional District of Tennessee. Her speech before the convention concerning the mountains secured for her this honor.

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## BIG EDUCATIONAL DAY ON MEAT CAMP

State Superintendent of Public Instruction to be Speaker—Other Excellent Men on Program.

A big educational day is planned for the schools and citizenship of Meat Camp township on Friday June 20th in the grove one mile from Soda Hill towards Todd. A most excellent program has been planned and State Superintendent A. T. Allen is to be the principal speaker of the day. The program will begin at 10:30 a. m. and Mr. Allen's speech will be the chief feature of the morning program. Three short talks by prominent men are scheduled for the afternoon program. Special music is being planned by the Wide-Awake Community Club. If the day should be a rainy one the program will be held in the Riverview school house.

One big feature of the day is the picnic dinner at the noon hour. Everybody is asked to bring well filled baskets and let's enjoy a good old time picnic together. A long table will be provided and everyone is asked to put dinner on the table.

A treat is surely in store for Meat Camp and all Watauga and adjacent counties. Can anyone afford to miss this opportunity of hearing these distinguished and reputable men on the subject that should be of most vital concern in every heart—education of the children. What should concern every parent more than the proper educational advantages should be given to each boy and girl entrusted to their keeping? Children are everywhere. They are the means of the continuing of the human race. But they have a greater worth than this. They are the ground for developing, improving and preserving the best things for all time. In fact the children are God's gift for the preservation of the church and of the nation, for maintaining righteousness and Christian civilization. The children of today are the promise for the future of the church and the nation. The world now is what the children of a generation ago have made it, and what the world a generation hence will be depends upon what the parents make of the children today. The race marches forward on the feet of the children. What the world needs is leadership. Each community needs competent, efficient leadership. The counties are in need of leadership. Come hear the men who know what education means and does for the children. Everybody come! By your presence on that day you register your interest in education.—Committee.

## Child of Former County Man Dies in Greensboro

The following taken from a recent issue of the Greensboro Daily News will be of interest locally. Mr. Swift, a prominent Greensboro attorney, was reared in Watauga, and he and family have the sympathy of Wataugans generally in their bereavement:

"The funeral of Stacie Alma Swift seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swift of Pomona, who died at 5:30 o'clock at the Swift home, 111 Causey Street, Friday morning, was held at the home Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Interment was made in the Pomona cemetery.

She is survived by her father and mother, two brothers, Floyd and Jas. and one sister, Lonarean.

## Parent-Teachers Association Notes

Miss Albertson, the State Field Worker for the Parent-Teachers Association was present last Friday p. m. and made an inspiring address. Miss Albertson has had wide experience in all phases of school work and can therefore give some very helpful suggestions. All who were present regretted that all the parents of the community could not be present.

On Thursday p. m. June 13 the Parent Teachers Association will give an informal reception to the teachers of the demonstration school. All the parents are requested to be there. Just one hour, from four to five. Be sure to come.

Buck says: When sowing your wild oats help is plentiful, but when harvest time comes, hands are very scarce.

## 149 MORE TEACHERS THAN EVER BEFORE

The Largest Term in History of A. T. S. Well Under Way—Rev. Mr. Farthing Dies—Other News.

(J. M. Downum.)

The first Summer term of the Appalachian Training School opened on Tuesday the 3rd with very unusually favorable auspices. About 350 reservations had been sent in. The school was opened in the new administration building, and soon the halls were crowded with student teachers from every part of the state, anxious to get hold of their work. The Instruction committee and the Registrar's office force were kept busy for several days getting things in good shape. The instructors are all in their places and the work has started off well. On Saturday evening the number registered was 525 and quite a number applied for registration whose applications were held up owing to the uncertainty as to whether or not they would be admitted. The full list of the high schools not having been received. Some furniture is yet to be supplied for the new building but President Dougherty is off seeing after this matter. All are enthusiastic over the fine growth of the school, the number already enrolled being 149 more than has ever been enrolled in the school at any time.

All the churches were crowded on Sunday with the large number of students and teachers both at Sunday School and preaching, considerably over 300 being enrolled in both the Methodist and Baptist churches. There was no preaching at the Methodist church as the pastor Rev. M. B. Woosley, is at Trinity College, attending the school for pastors. Pastor Huggins announced at the opening of the service the death of two former pastors, Rev. Harrison Farthing and R. D. Cross.

No special facts seem to be known about the death of Mr. Cross except that he was killed by having been run over by an automobile. The people here greatly regret to hear of his tragic death.

Rev. Harrison Farthing had been in very poor health for several years and his death was not unexpected. He was one of the prominent Baptist ministers of the county and one of the very best of men. He was buried on Sunday at Bethel church near his home, Rev. Ed. Farthing officiating and a talk was made by Prof. B. B. Dougherty. Two sons, T. Hill Farthing of Boone and A. C. Farthing of Lenoir, and one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Moretz of Boone, survive. He will be greatly missed as he was one of the most influential men for good in the county.

## Rev. Harrison Farthing Dead

Rev. Harrison Farthing, one of the noted Baptist ministers of this section of the country died at his home on Beaver Dam Saturday, interment being in the cemetery near Bethel Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Farthing has at one time or other perhaps been pastor of every Baptist Church in Watauga County and was known and loved throughout the length and breadth of his native county as a Christian gentleman of the highest type, wielding a mighty influence for good wherever he went. Watauga has never produced a more Godly man.

County Superintendent Hagaman, an intimate friend of deceased has written a beautiful article in this issue dealing with the life of this grand old gentleman, which will be of especial interest.

## Statue of Gen. Lee of Gigantic Proportions

The height of the Goddess of Liberty is 111 feet; 151.41 feet to the extremity of the torch. The figure of General Robert E. Lee on Stone Mountain is to be 140 feet from the top of his hat to the bottom of his horse's hoofs. It is said that a man standing on the General's shoulders would need a step ladder to reach his ear. The sculptor says: "The distance from the horse's knees to the top of General Lee's hat is 120 feet. The depth of the relief on the extreme point will be about 20 feet while the average depth of the stone to be removed over the whole surface 300 odd feet in height—will be about 4 feet."

## LOCAL LUTHERANS HIGHLY HONORED

Nationally Known Leaders in the Lutheran Faith will Make Tour of Watauga County.

The president of the Womens Missionary Society of the United Lutheran church of America, Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner of Pottstown, Pa. and the Vice President Mrs. W. F. Morehead of Salem Virginia are to visit the Watauga Mission from June 21 to 25th. These members of the executive board of the Women of the United Lutheran Church stand at the head of Lutheran activities in the women's department and are therefore women of unusual ability.

The following itinerary is planned for them during the time they will be in Watauga:

Holy Communion Sunday June 22 at 11 a. m.  
Banner Elk—Sunday 7:30 p. m.  
Holy Trinity Deep Gap, Monday June 23.  
Grace, Boone, Monday June 23, 8 p. m.  
Mt. Zion, Meat Camp, Tuesday June 24 10 a. m.  
Mt. Pleasant Tuesday June 24, at 7:30 p. m.  
St. Mark's, Blowing Rock Wednesday June 25, 9:30 a. m.

Mrs. Kepner will deliver an address in the Episcopal Chapel in Boone on Monday evening June 23 at 8 p. m. Mrs. Kepner is a most interesting speaker of national repute and everybody should take advantage of this unusual opportunity. A cordial invitation is extended to all and a special invitation to those attending the summer school.

## Former Boone Pastor is Killed by Motor Car

News has been received in Boone of the death of the Rev. R. D. Cross for two years pastor of the Baptist Church at this place. . . .

Nothing has been learned other than that the minister died in a Los Angeles, Cal. hospital three days after having been chased down by a speeding auto in that city.

Mr. Cross had many friends in the city who hear with a great deal of sorrow of his death.