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Hugh A. Cranor Taken By Death; Funeral Is Today

Lawyer 46 Years, Former Legislature; Mayor Of Wilkesboro 26 Years

Hugh Armfield Cranor, 73, man of the Wilkes bar and for several decades one of this section's best known citizens, died shortly after midnight Sunday morning in a Statesville hospital, where he had been a patient since Monday.

In ill health for the past two years, Mr. Cranor became critically ill a week ago.

Hugh A. Cranor was born on November 20, 1875. His father was John S. Cranor, prominent lawyer and one time state senator, and his mother was Mrs. Sarah Taylor Cranor, of Wilkesboro. With early education in the public and private schools in Wilkes county, Mr. Cranor studied at the University of North Carolina and was licensed to practice law in February, 1902.

For six years he was with his father in his law office and since that time practiced alone. In addition to his law practice, Mr. Cranor was prominent in public life. He was elected mayor of Wilkesboro 12 times, and served in that capacity a total of 26 years. In 1930 he was elected to the legislature, being the first Democrat elected to that office since 1900. He was chairman of the Democratic executive committee in Wilkes, and had also served as secretary of the county Democratic organization. He was also a member of other Democratic committees in the state.

For years Mr. Cranor was a member of the board of trustees of Appalachian State Teachers' College at Boone. In early life he joined the Wilkesboro Methodist church, remaining a member there throughout his life. He was also prominent in the Masonic lodge and had held office of master of Liberty lodge in Wilkesboro, one of the oldest in the state. He also was a member of the Junior Order and Knights of Pythias lodges in North Wilkesboro over a period of many years.

On June 26, 1907, Mr. Cranor was married to Miss Jennie Hackett, daughter of the late Frank D. and Alice Hackett. Surviving are Mrs. Hackett and four sons: Hugh A. Cranor, Jr., Wilkesboro; Robert H. Cranor, Winston-Salem; John Cranor, of Wilkesboro; and Carroll Cranor, Dayton, O. There are six grandchildren: Hugh Armfield Cranor, III, Robert Walker, Thomas Franklin, Betty Lou, Robert Hackett and Fred Taylor Cranor. Also surviving are two brothers and three sisters: Frank T. Cranor, of Wilkesboro; John Cranor, Cumberland, Mr. Miss Catherine Cranor, Ames, Iowa; Miss Edith Cranor, Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Bessie McElwee, Statesville.

Mr. Cranor was preceded in death by two sons and one daughter; also two brothers, and one sister, William T., Charles M. and Fannie Cranor.

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Work In Progress On Office Register Deeds Wilkes County

Work is now in progress on the interior of the vault addition to the office of the register of deeds in the Wilkes courthouse.

While this work is in progress it is necessary to remove many records from their usual places and records are located with difficulty. Troy S. Foster, register of deeds, said service to the public is hampered while the work is in progress, but that every effort would be made to complete the work as early as possible.

Four Injured In Auto Accident On Route 16 Sunday

Four were injured and an automobile was completely demolished in an auto accident between Moravian Falls and Pores Knob Sunday afternoon.

According to report of the accident by Highway Patrolman R. H. Dillard, Billie Dean Transou was driving a 1936 Ford toward Taylorsville on highway 16. With him were his wife, Mrs. Maude Transou, Miss Annie Childress and Arthur Gentle, all of the Oakwoods community.

Driver of the car said he was sideswiped by another car on a curve, and that his car was thrown out of control. The car went a distance of 95 yards on the highway, going sideways part of the time, crashed off to the right through a barbed wire fence and overturned in a field. All occupants of the car were thrown out except the driver.

Both men were only slightly injured. Mrs. Transou sustained cuts and bruises on her leg and Miss Childress head injuries. Miss Childress remained as a patient at the Wilkes hospital and the others returned to their homes after first aid treatment.

Hospital Births

The following births were reported at The Wilkes Hospital since December 9: Daughter, Carissa Ann, December 10, to Mr. and Mrs. John Beckley James of North Wilkesboro; son, Frank Martin, Jr., December 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin Tharpe of Ronda; twin daughters, Rebecca Jane and Regina Ann, December 10, to Mr. and Mrs. William Hardin Owens, of Halls Mills; son, Gary Edwin, December 11, to Mr. and Mrs. James Edgar Smith, of Ronda; son, Harold Dennis, December 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coolidge Shumate, of North Wilkesboro route two; son, Thomas Earl, on December 11, to Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall Craven, of Glendale Springs; son, Robert Gray, December 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Don P. Phillips, of Boomer; daughter, Judith Marie, December 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Letcher Dillard, of North Wilkesboro; daughter, December 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Junior Johnson, of Wilkesboro; son, December 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Daniel Anderson, of North Wilkesboro.

T5 Troy Shaffner Funeral On Sunday

Funeral service for T-5 Troy Shaffner, who was killed in action in Germany April 26, 1945, was held Sunday, 11 a. m., at Dennyville church near Cycle and with military rites was at Island Ford church cemetery in Yadkin county. Rev. L. T. Younger conducted the service.

T5 Shaffner is survived by his mother, Mrs. Emma Shaffner, who recently moved from the Cycle community to near Mocksville in Davie county, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Arlie Gray, Cycle; Mrs. Paul Cheek, Jonesville; Barbara Ann, Hubert, Richard, James, Billie and Jerry Shaffner, all of Cycle.

Last Rites Sunday For Pvt. D. W. Wyatt

Funeral service for Pvt. Dewey W. Wyatt, who died December 27, 1945, while in army service in the Pacific area, was held Sunday, 3:30 p. m., at Rock Springs church north of this city. Burial with military rites was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Pvt. Wyatt is survived by his father, W. A. Wyatt, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Belya Bowlin, George, Herbert, Foy, Van, Ray, Maude, Paul and Juanita Wyatt, all of Halls Mills.

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Miss Muriel Coykendall, a first grade teacher in North Wilkesboro city schools, was presented with a \$250 cash award from the project in applied economics sponsored by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The presentation was made at the meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon by Dr. Richard L. Weaver, of Chapel Hill, director of the North Carolina Resource-Use Commission, who addressed the club.

The program was in charge of C. Arthur Venable, chairman of the Education committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce. He presented J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, who introduced Dr. Weaver.

Dr. Weaver explained that the commission of which he is program director is a part of a national organization which has as its purpose the promotion of a more functional type of public education, especially in the training of teachers to go beyond mere textbooks and teach children how to better their homes and communities.

He spoke very interestingly about many economic factors in North Carolina, stating that full development and use of resources in the state could raise the aggregate income from three to fifteen billion dollars annually. Teachers, he said, should know more of the needs of their respective localities. He explained how projects were carried out through schools in Kentucky hills that had resulted in better and more satisfactory standards of living for homes, and that such projects were being used as the basis for study and expansion.

Subject of the prize winning paper by Miss Coykendall was pigeon raising. With the aid of some elementary school boys Miss Coykendall carried out a pigeon raising project with great success. The contest was carried out on a nation-wide basis, with a total of \$1,000 in cash prizes. Miss Coykendall spoke briefly before the Kiwanis club, telling some information about her project which inspired the paper she wrote in the contest, and which will be distributed in pamphlet form for use in Resource-Use education throughout the country.

Also on the program at the club meeting was Professor J. C. Yoder, geography teacher who is chairman of the Resource-Use committee at Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone. He explained the work of his committee, especially in Watauga county where schools are engaged in a county history and research into possibilities for further economic development. He stated that Mulberry school in Wilkes is participating and that cattle raising is the project there. Guests at the meeting Friday were: Rufus Church with Ira Payne; Dwight Nichols with Tom Jenrette; J. Floyd Woodward; Miss Muriel Coykendall, Dr. Richard L. Weaver and J. C. Yoder with C. Arthur Venable.

Wilkes Farmer Dies In Field

Funeral service was held today at 11 a. m., at Oak Ridge Baptist church for Chralle Harrison Byrd, 59, who died Saturday while working on his farm near Hays.

Coroner I. M. Myers said that death was probably due to a heart attack, since it was known that Mr. Byrd had been suffering with a heart disease. He and his son were working in a field when he walked off to rest briefly and did not return. When he was found by his son a short time later he was dead.

Surviving Mr. Byrd are his wife, Mrs. Bertha Walker Byrd, and the following sons and daughters: Lytle Byrd, Hays; Troy Byrd, North Wilkesboro route one; Wilmer Byrd, Hays; Mrs. R. P. Homer, Greensboro; Mrs. J. W. Burchette, Winston-Salem; Mrs. W. K. Shumate, Anawalt, W. Va.; Mrs. Jake Wiles, Dockery.

The average corn yield for the nation from 1937 to 1946 was 31.4 bushels per acre.

Lions Club Aids 50 Families With Christmas Cheer

Names Given Out At Meeting Friday; Other Organizations Helping

North Wilkesboro Lions club will provide Christmas cheer packages to 50 needy families in Wilkes county this Christmas season.

In order to prevent duplications and make sure that some needy cases will not be neglected, all names this year were cleared through the Wilkes county welfare department, who furnished a description list to all organizations which wanted to help in the task of providing something at Christmas to those less fortunate.

Members of the Lions club in meeting Friday evening were assigned names of families, and the members themselves will deliver the Christmas cheer provisions by Christmas eve.

Several other organizations are assisting in helping needy families. At the Kiwanis club meeting Friday noon names of nine families were given members who wished to help in this work, and the welfare office reports many other organizations and individuals assisting to make sure that Santa can get around to all.

Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist church here, delivered an inspirational message to the Lions club on the true meaning of Christmas. His address was received with much interest. Another feature of the program was three numbers by the sons of Harmony Quartet, which were very much enjoyed by the club.

Investiture Service New Troop Of Scouts

An impressive investiture service was held for Troop No. 3 of Girl Scouts Wednesday afternoon at the North Wilkesboro Little House. This is a new troop with Mrs. Cecil Adamson and Mrs. J. H. McNeill leaders, and the following ten girls make up the membership, and were present for this service: Mary Hall, Madge Hall, Ruth Combs, Jerline Combs, Ruby Steele, Shirley Royal, Nancy Jane Queen, Lena Grimes, Betty Joe Griffin, Louise Lambert.

Rev. Watt Cooper assisted in the service. Talks were made by Mrs. J. H. Winkler, Mrs. Thos. Finley, Mrs. R. S. Gibbs, and Mrs. G. T. Mitchell led in the group singing.

Refreshments and games were enjoyed at the conclusion of the program.

Wilkes Youth Will Sing Opera Lead At Mars Hill College

Rev. Dean Minton ministerial student at Mars Hill College, will sing the lead role of Brack Weaver in a folk opera to be staged at Mars Hill January 8.

"Down In The Valley" is the title of the opera written by Kurt Wiell and was first presented by the University of Michigan and broadcast over a coast-to-coast hookup last summer. Mars Hill is in the heart of the Mountain region treated in the opera, which is adapted from an old folk tale concerning the unjust hanging of Brack Weaver for the self-defense slaying of a wealthy land owner in a fight over a young mountain girl. Many folk songs are woven into the opera.

Christmas Program

Everybody is invited to the Christmas program to be held on Thursday night, December 23, at Rock Creek Baptist church.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Caudill today visited Mrs. Caudill's sister, Mrs. Old Wiles, and family. They have been visiting their sons, Dr. R. Paul Caudill, in Memphis, Tenn., and Mr. J. V. Caudill, at West Jefferson. Rev. and Mrs. Caudill returned today to West Jefferson before proceeding to Crewe, Va., where they are now making their home.

Eight students from Wilkes county were listed on the honor roll at Appalachian State Teachers' College at Boone for the first quarter. The Wilkes honor students were Miss Hope Brown, of Moravian Falls; Miss Anne Broyles, of Pores Knob; Mr. William Russell Craig, Mr. James A. Dennis, Mr. Noah James, Miss Elizabeth Pharr, and Miss Faye Rhodes, of Wilkesboro; and Miss Mary Sue Hendren, of Moravian Falls.

County Offices To Close For Holidays

Wilkes county offices of register of deeds, sheriff, clerk of court and county accountant will close Friday noon for the holidays and will re-open Tuesday morning.

Welfare department, county agent, health department and board of education offices will be closed all day Friday, Saturday and Monday and will re-open Tuesday morning.

Marriage Settles Non-Support Case In Wilkes Court

Indictments for non-support, a suspended sentence and a suggestion from Judge J. H. Clement in Wilkes court Friday resulted in a marriage, which removed one case from the criminal court docket.

Coy Prevette, of Lomax, was in court on charge of failure to support a child. Rosie Holloway was the prosecuting witness and she testified that she had three children by Coy Prevette, who was not supporting them. Judge Clement asked if she wanted to marry the defendant and she replied in the affirmative. When questioned Prevette gave the same answer and Judge Clement gave him four months on the roads, suspended on condition that he marry Rosie Holloway. The necessary health certificates were obtained and the conditions of the court judgment were complied with Friday.

The longest sentence meted out in the term, which closed Friday after a week's work on many cases, was four years for John Teviepaugh, who was convicted of robbing Temple S. Poe of \$340 at her home in Union township October 24. The aged lady said she was alone at her home when Teviepaugh forced his way in the house, overpowered her and took her life's savings.

Bobbie Dowell, James Alexander, and Coy Burchette were sentenced to two years each on the roads for theft of tires and other articles from Zack Higgins. Charlie Guy McGlamery for assault on his wife in a cafe here several weeks ago was sentenced to four months labor at the Wilkes county home. Evidence revealed that he struck her, knocked her down and that she retaliated by smashing some chinaware on his face and inflicting painful cuts.

Other cases in which judgments were meted out since the last published report follow: Paul Melvin Bowlin, non-support, 18 months suspended on payment \$15 weekly for family; Paul Hemrie, violating prohibition law, judgment suspended on payment of costs; Ernest Brown and Clara Call, fornication and adultery, 12 months each; Bertha Call, keeping disorderly house, 12 months in prison; Hubert Edison Winters, reckless driving, four months suspended on payment \$100 and costs; Parks Lovette, operating car while intoxicated, four months on roads.

Dan Graham, violating slot machine law, four months suspended on payment \$200 fine and costs; Tommie Hendren, reckless driving, six months on roads; Hubert Edison Winters, reckless driving, four months suspended on payment \$100 and costs; Charlie Bauguss, reckless driving, four months suspended on payment \$100 fine and costs, not to operate motor vehicle for six months; Luke Rhodes, Catherine Jones, Bonnie Hall, keeping disorderly house, 12 months each; Viola Minton, vagrancy, 12 months in prison; Lon Roberts, 30 days suspended sentence put into effect for failure to pay cost in case in December, 1947.

Don Warren Walsh, Rom Absher, Freeland Reeves and Mack Eller (colored) received sentences of four months suspended on payment of \$100 fine and costs, and had their driver license revoked 12 months for driving while intoxicated.

Although court adjourned for the term Friday, about 75 cases on the docket were continued until the next term.

Eleven-Pound Turnip

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Canter, of the Purlcar community, brought to The Journal-Patriot office Saturday a turnip which tipped the scales at eleven and one-half pounds, which was six pounds larger than any turnip shown here this year. The turnip came from a five-acre field of turnips produced by W. S. Bridges, father of Mrs. Eddie Canter.

Stores Here Will Be Open On Three Evenings 'Til 8

Stocks Plentiful; Excellent Selections Await Shoppers This Week

According to schedule made some time ago by the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, stores in the Wilkesboro will remain open until eight o'clock at night Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 22, 23, and 24.

The stores will be open evenings on those dates for the convenience of Christmas shoppers who work throughout the day and have little opportunity to shop during regular store hours.

Although holiday buying picked up tremendously during the latter part of the week, the large volume was anticipated by merchants in the Wilkesboro, who have large stocks and can offer splendid selections to shoppers this week.

Mrs. Alice Stafford Dies In Greensboro

Greensboro.—Funeral was held at 4 p. m. Friday at Hanes Chapel for Mrs. Alice Meyers Stafford, 44, of 249 North Edgeworth Street, who died at 4:30 a. m. Thursday at Wesley Long Hospital where she had been a patient for one week. She had been in declining health for 6 months.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Stafford spent the past 25 years in Greensboro and North Wilkesboro. She was employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company. She was a member of Rebekah Lodge here and the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro. Mrs. Stafford formerly was chief operator for the Central Telephone company in North Wilkesboro.

She is survived by one daughter, Mildred Elizabeth Stafford, and a sister, Mrs. J. C. Rogers, both of Greensboro.

Free Movie For Children Tuesday

As part of the holiday season observance here, the Liberty Theatre will give a free movie for children Tuesday morning. Doors will open at 9:15 and the show will start at 9:30.

The show is planned especially for underprivileged children, but all children in Wilkes schools who wish to see the movie will be admitted until all seats are filled. The picture to be shown will be "Return of Rin Tin Tin", a famous movie of special interest to children.

White Christmas First Methodist

The annual White Christmas service of the North Wilkesboro First Methodist church will be held Wednesday evening, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock. Following the presentation of gifts, wrapping in white, a pageant "the Christmas Story" will be given, closing with a candlelight dedication service. The public is cordially invited.

Optometrists Meet

The Catawba Valley Optometric Society held their monthly meeting for December at the Carlheim Hotel, Lenoir, on the 15th.

The meeting was given over primarily to social activities in the form of a Christmas party preceded by a delightful banquet. Optometrists of the district, their wives and assistants were in attendance. Attending from North Wilkesboro were Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Sowder.

Lost Any Packages?

Four packages placed in the wrong car here were found and turned over to the North Wilkesboro police department. Owner may get the packages by calling at the police department; in the town hall and giving satisfactory identification.

Captain and Mrs. T. R. Smithy announce the birth of their daughter, Deborah Key, born on November 27, at the 130th station hospital, Heidelberg, Germany. Grandparents of the infant are: Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Smithy, of Roaring River, and Mrs. T. W. Walker, of Reidsville.