

JOHN M. HAMMER DEAD

Died After Ten Days Illness of Pneumonia in Greensboro

John Milton Hammer died November 22, 1917, at 5 o'clock p. m. at his Greensboro home 201 North Park Drive. While his health had not been good for several months.

The disease was contracted in trying to start his automobile, by over-exertion and getting too cold afterwards. Col Fairbrother in writing of his death in the Greensboro Daily Record among other things said:

"While it was hard for friends who had seen him on the streets just prior to his illness, apparently in his usual health, to realize his condition, those at his bedside had known for days that the end was only a question of hours. The dread disease had attacked both lungs and medical skill was powerless to stay the hand of the destroyer. He was forty-one years of age, in the strength and prime of mature manhood.

"John Hammer was an affable, genial gentleman who made friends easily and held them. He was kind and considerate of others and never too busy to do a fellow brother a good turn. His passing removes a good citizen and one who will be missed by many.

"Mr. Hammer was born July 27, 1876, in Asheboro, Randolph county, and was a son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hammer, his father being a well known Methodist minister. He came to Greensboro about 19 years ago and was associated in the management of the old Benbow hotel before it was destroyed by fire. He returned to the city about three years ago and established himself in business here.

"His wife was a Greensboro girl—Miss Genevieve Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jennings. Besides his widow and three children—John Milton, William Jennings and Josephine Hammer, the deceased has other relatives and a wide family connection in this section of the state."

The morning daily in Greensboro, "The News," said of him:

"Death has removed a man whose friends were warm and steadfast. The closer men got to Mr. Hammer the more they liked his sincere nature, and with better understanding, friendship grew and strengthened. There are many with this feeling for him who grieve his death in the noon of life. He was only 41 years of age, and apparently in sturdy, robust manhood although close friends knew his health had been failing for two years. The quick disaster following the contraction of pneumonia indicates the severity of that disease this season, when it is claiming many.

"Mr. Hammer was born July 27, 1876, in Asheboro, Randolph county, and he was a son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hammer. His father was a minister in the Methodist church. He came to Greensboro about 19 years ago and was associated in the management of the old Benbow hotel before it was destroyed by fire. He returned to this city three years or longer ago, after an absence, and was settled here in a very successful insurance agency. His ability in his chosen work was far above the average and his success was marked by appreciation of his companies as displayed from time to time.

"The marriage of the deceased occurred here, Mrs. Hammer being Miss Genevieve Jennings, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jennings. They have three children who survive the father, being two boys, John Milton and William Jennings Hammer, and a daughter, Miss Josephine Hammer."

Mr. Hammer's stepmother, who was too ill to attend the funeral, survives, and Mrs. Hammer and his three children. His brothers are S. B. Hammer, of Lynchburg, Va., and Wm. C. Hammer, of Asheboro. His sisters are Mrs. M. L. Lovett, Cornelia A. Scarborough, of Asheboro; Hannah Isabel Clark, of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Ida M. Redding, of Asheboro.

Mr. Hammer was greatly interested in his home town and county and those who knew him were much attached to him.

He considered Asheboro his home, and looked forward to the time when he could arrange his affairs so he could spend the balance of his life in Asheboro where he had a comfortable home.

U. S. TROOPS MOVING TO FRANCE FAST

Navy Department Says Ships Are Plentiful to Transport Big Forces

A million men from the United States soon will be in France to do their bit. Secretaries Baker and Daniels have announced that the schedule of troops over-seas is being maintained.

Secretary Baker said: "We have all the troops in France that in the beginning of our preparations we estimated we would have there by this time." Let it be understood the Secretary of War referred to the subject explaining "all that we expected and planned to have there by this time."

An authoritative statement from the Navy Department set forth: "As fast as the War Department can get its troops ready to go we can provide the ships. We have enough ships and more than we are at present asked to provide for troop transportation."

Mr. D. R. McManus, of Harper's Cross Roads, Chatham county, recently killed a three-year-old hog which weighed 539 pounds and which brought \$108.



THE LATE JOHN M. HAMMER

RED CROSS SEAL DRIVE IS MEETING WITH SUCCESS

The Indications are that the 1917 Sale Will Show an Increase of 300 Per Cent

Dr. L. B. McBrayer, executive secretary, State Red Cross Seal Commission, says that such reports as are being received indicate an unprecedented sale of seals this season. The doctor says, "No Red Cross Christmas Seal has ever been sold at Acme until this year—we have already received an order from Mrs. T. V. Moore, chairman, for three times as many as the first consignment, which had already been sold; at Clarkton, Mrs. F. A. Harrington, who came near winning the pennant in the United States for the largest per capita sale last year, sold one thousand the first afternoon and has sent in for a second order; at Murphy, last year the sale only amounted to nine hundred seals, but Miss Margaret Toland, chairman, has already sold three thousand and made a second order; at Tryon the sale last year was four hundred, the first consignment to Mrs. R. S. Kirschner, chairman, was one thousand, she arranged with the Boy Scouts to conduct the sale and they closed them out the first afternoon, Mrs. Kirschner has made a second and third order, each one being larger than the first and we are expecting to hear from her again soon; at North Wilkesboro the sale last year amounted to seven thousand one hundred and sixty-six, but Miss Frances Smott, chairman, at North Wilkesboro, has already disposed of ten thousand and ordered as many more."

Rumors as to Confiscation of Money in Banks as False as Rumors that Farmers' Crops were to be Confiscated.

Many false rumors have been circulated as to confiscation of canned fruits and also crops of farmers by the government at Washington.

Mr. V. A. J. Idol, cashier of the Commercial National Bank, of High Point, writes The Courier about the false rumor as to confiscation of money deposited in banks. This falsehood has been circulated in Randolph county by those who should know better. Mr. Idol writes that: "For quite a while there has been circulated through the towns and country, and more especially through the country, a report that the government is either going to levy a heavy tax on all money deposited in banks or confiscate same. These reports seem to have upset the country people a very great deal, and from what information we have had on the subject, there are some banks which have not been as positive in making denial of these reports as they should have been."

"We this morning received a letter from Secretary McAdoo, which we quote below, and it occurs to us that if the newspapers throughout the country would use this circular letter as a basis for some good, strong editorial comment they could go a long way toward eliminating this fear and distrust which seems to be in the minds of some people. We are writing this with the hope that if it meets your approval you will use your editorial columns in this cause.

Among the many absurd and vicious rumors put into circulation these days, probably through pro-German influences, is one that the United States proposes to confiscate money on deposit in banks. The absurdity of the statement is obvious on its face. These rumors are wholly without foundation and probably circulated for an evil purpose. The Government has no power to confiscate the money of depositors in banks.

The Means Trial On

The jury as been obtained in the trial of Gaston B. Means at Concord, and the trial is going forward as any other ordinary murder case, despite the attempts of the sensational newspapers to magnify it as of unusual interest. The trial will probably last ten days. The public is familiar with the evidence in the preliminary hearing.

Cotton Ginned in Randolph

Mr. J. S. Rigde, special agent, writes The Courier that the census bureau report from Washington shows the cotton ginned in Randolph county prior to November 14th, 1917, was 200 bales, compared to same time 1916—397 bales.

the past five years. The conference was held at the Grace church, Greensboro, was presided over by Rev. G. W. Holmes, the retiring president and Mr. A. M. Evans, of Lexington, were elected as a stationary committee.

In the beginning of the session, Rev. G. R. Brown, D. D., a member of the West Virginia conference, was received into membership in the conference. For eight years Dr. Brown served as secretary of the board of ministerial education, but recently was appointed pastor of the North Main street Methodist Protestant church, High Point. The name of the late Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk, of Concord, was transferred to the roll of honored dead.

The president's report reviewed the work of the conference year. Five new churches and two new parsonages had been built. After the reading of this report, the new church at Greensboro, known as the West End M. P. church, was received into the conference.

The following are a few of the churches which have made gains the past year: Henderson, Rev. S. W. Taylor, pastor; number of accessions, 20; Sunday school scholars, 212; church membership, 24; raised for all purposes, \$3,700; pastor's salary for next year, \$1,500; Greensboro, Rev. R. M. Andrews, pastor; accessions, 30; Sunday school scholars, 390; church membership, 395; raised for all purposes, \$9,000; pastor's salary for next year, \$1,500; Burlington, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, pastor; accessions, 52; Sunday school scholars, 425; church membership, 417; pastor's salary for next year, \$1,200; raised for all purposes, \$4,843; North Main street, High Point, Rev. G. R. Brown, pastor; accessions, six; Sunday school scholars, 350; church membership, 365; raised for all purposes, \$4,900.

Rev. C. J. Edwards, of Enfield, reported that his charge had raised \$20,000 for church buildings this year. Many other reports as good as these were read.

The conference took advanced steps when a resolution was brought in signed by a number of the leading laymen of the conference to the effect that no pastor be asked to serve any pastoral charge, either city or country, for a salary of less than \$800. These same laymen pledged themselves to go back to their respective fields to see that this is carried out.

A strong address by J. Norman Wills, of Greensboro, was made on the subject of foreign missions. The speaker declared that, while foreign missions was really the great business of the church, after 2,000 years of Christian teaching the church was not taking this matter seriously. At the conclusion of this address conference went into a business session and by a unanimous vote excepting one authorized the appointment of a committee to draft a declaration to be sent to the President of the United States informing him that the Methodist Protestant church of North Carolina is standing back of the government in this time of crisis.

Reports from the officials of the M. P. children's home at High Point were made. The superintendent, H. A. Garrett, reported that there were 41 children in the home. Capt. A. M. Rankin, treasurer of the board of trustees, made the financial report. About \$9,500 had been raised for the institution during the past year.

Five young men were ordained elders. Their names are as follows: Paul B. Kennett, S. M. Needham, J. S. O'Brian, A. D. Shelton and S. M. Williams. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Surratt, of Liberty. Three more young men graduate from the Theological Seminary and will apply for work in this conference next May.

The officers for this year are as follows: President, R. M. Andrews; secretary, Rev. C. W. Bates; treasurer, Rev. S. W. Taylor; statistician, Rev. L. W. Geringer; reporter, C. B. Way. To preach the conference sermon next conference Rev. J. E. Pritchard. To preach ordination sermon next conference, Rev. T. M. Johnson, D. D.

In the estimation of many men this has been the best conference in their memory.

The report of the stationing committee is as follows: Alamance, G. W. Holmes; Anderson, T. E. Martin; Asheville, T. M. Johnson; Burlington, J. E. Pritchard; Charlotte, R. T. Stubbins; Concord, E. G. Lowdermilk; Davidson, J. W. Hulin; Fairview, J. H. Bowman; Flat Rock, J. R. Hutton; Graham and Haw River, R. S. Troxler; Greensboro, C. W. Bates; Guilford, W. H. Neese; Haw River, B. M. Williams; High Point, Geo. R. Brown; Lebanon, Edward Suits; Lincoln, J. W. Self; Mebane, W. F. Kennett; Midland, J. F. Alexander; Mt. Herman, J. A. Burgess; Oak Ridge, A. O. Lindley; Page-land, J. W. Quick; Randleman, J. A. Ledbetter; Richland, J. B. Trogdon; Reidsville, L. W. Geringer; Saxapahaw, J. Clyde Auman; Siler City, Paul S. Kennett; Stanley, A. M. Hamilton; Thomasville, W. D. Reide; Vance, H. L. Powell; West Forsythe, J. M. Ridgeway; Winston, J. D. Williams; Yadkin College, C. A. Cecil; Albemarle,

to the county board. If he registered inside the city he should inform the city board if he has moved. This request is made so that every man may receive his copy of the questionnaire to be mailed about December 15.

Bunk Summers was killed in Iredell county by being caught in a traction engine wheel.

J. H. Morton; Asheboro, C. L. Whitaker; Buncombe, H. F. Surratt; Pine Chapel, W. B. Surratt; Cleveland, J. H. Stowe; Creswell, J. H. Abernethy; Denton, Geo. L. Reynolds; Fallston, S. M. Needham; Forsythe, C. H. Whitaker; Granville, D. R. Williams; Greenville, J. M. Morgan; Halifax, N. G. Bethel; Henderson, S. W. Taylor; Ivy and Pensacola, J. S. Riddle; Lenoir, H. D. Gannon; Littleton, W. E. Swain; Mecklenburg, Atlas Ridge; Mocksville, T. F. McCulloch; Mt. Pleasant, A. D. Shelton; Orange, H. F. Surratt; Pine-needle and Mt. Zion, W. C. Lassiter; Randolph, W. M. Pike; Roanoke, C. J. Edwards; Rockingham, James Troxinger; Shelby, J. B. Morris; Spring Church, J. B. O'Brian; Tabernacle, G. F. Milloyay; Uwharrie, D. M. Loy; Welch Memorial, A. L. Hunter; Why Not, W. F. Ashburn; West Greensboro, R. A. Hunter; Yarbrough, O. B. Williams.

Rev. C. L. Whitaker, who has been pastor of the Methodist Protestant church in Asheboro will return. Mr. Whitaker has many friends among all of the people of the town who will extend to him and his splendid wife a most cordial welcome.

Take your food as regularly as you can get it, and neither eat immoderately nor go a long time without food, if you can avoid it. Especially be careful not to eat to excess after long fasting.

I hope you will never disgrace yourself by any profanity or obscenity, and will avoid all conversation and companions where they are practiced or allowed.

"Try to preserve a cheerful and contented spirit and encourage it in others. Bear hardships without grumbling and always try to do more, rather than less, than your duty. You will have occasion to be patient more often than to be brave.

"The duty of a soldier is unquestioning obedience, but beyond this I hope you will cultivate a kind, respectful and considerate temper toward your officers.

"I hope you are going with a love for your country and your cause, and with a determination to be faithful to every duty you have undertaken. My boy, you bear the name of one who, at the end of his honored life, never shrunk from a duty, however painful, nor from a danger to which duty called to it, neither by cowardice, by falsehood, by impunity, by levity, nor by selfishness. Remember always your home and your friends, those who will welcome your return with pride and joy if you shall come back in virtue and honor; who will cherish your memory if, faithful and true, you have given up your life; but to whom your disgrace would cause a pang sharper than death. Remember your obligations to

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Old Report Denied

A dispatch from Detroit says the report recently published that the Ford Motor Co. would discontinue the manufacture of passenger cars and that the government has accepted the entire Ford plant to be used for munition work, is without foundation. The Ford company will continue to build passenger cars and trucks as in the past. The report mentioned was sent out in a dispatch from Washington.

duty and to God. And may these thoughts keep you from temptation and encourage and strengthen you in sickness or danger.

"And now, my dear boy, I commend you to God, and to the power of His grace. May God bless and keep you. Think of your Heavenly Father in health and in sickness, in joy and in sorrow. Go to him for strength and guidance. You are very dear to our hearts, and your absence leaves a great place vacant in our home. If it be according to His will, may you come back to us in safety and honor, but whatever is before us, may His mercy and love be ever with you and His grace be sufficient for you.

"With deep affection,  
Your father,  
E. R. HOAR."

Now, in conclusion, let's all do our duty and see to it that no soldier's family lacks for anything which they need. The Council of Defense will help you. To the Soldiers from Randolph county—your families shall not suffer.

Yours for service,  
C. C. CRANTFORD, Chairman.