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DEATH OF AGED LADY.

MRS. JANE CREWS HICKS OF SAINTED MEMORY

One of Granville's noblest women will be greatly missed.

This good and aged woman passed away on Friday, last after an illness of several months and her translation and sweet surprise we may well envy, since manifold ills and a weary waiting do often encompass us as we near our journey's end.

She was lovely in all the relations of life, kindly in thought, gentle in words, generous in deeds, with a sweet and noble nature and a broad and unflinching charity for others, whether high or low, and in consequence was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She leaves behind three surviving children, ex-Senator A. A. Hicks, of Oxford; T. T. Hicks, an able, honored member of the Henderson bar; Mrs. S. R. Harris, of the same town, and Hewett Hicks, of Vance county, at whose home she died.

The burial took place Saturday afternoon at the old homestead and the remains were consigned to the tomb in the presence of a large assemblage of neighbors and friends.

May the loved ones left behind dwell beneath the cover of His grace "until the day break and the shadows flee away." The following was read at the burial services:

Her father was James Crews. Her mother was Sarah Earl Crews. She was born August 24, 1829. Her brothers and sisters were: Mary, who married William Wright and removed to Tennessee; Rebecca, who married James Cheatham; Martha, who married Joseph Penn Hunt; James A. Crews, Elijah Thomas Crews, Edward N. Crews, Susan, the only survivor, who married George W. Hunt, and Melissa who married Rev. William S. Hester. Isabella married Benjamin W. Hicks.

All these except Mary, lived, married and died near the place where they were born. They were an honor to their ancestors and to their descendants.

Isabella departed this life September 5th, 1913, at the age of eighty-four years. She was married in October 1854. She saw her husband depart for the war leaving her and three infant children to the tender mercies of slaves. Her happiest day was when he returned in June, 1865, while slaves were still at work harvesting wheat.

She burned the midnight candle prepared by her own hands making clothes for her family. Her husband, on the other side of the candle, made their shoes. Together they toiled for a generation providing means for the education of their children. She saw her husband die after forty-five years of happy married life. She saw one of her sons and two of her daughters pass away in the maturity of their lives and faculties. Four children, with grand-children and great grand-children survive her.

All these eighty-four years she saw and did the right, and duty was as clear to her as is given to mortals to see and to do them. She had abiding faith in a future life of happiness.

Her earthly light went out as quietly and gently as it had burned and shined.

She was closely connected, related and allied with a great multitude of good people who have thought and will think and say: "It was very good to have lived such a life."

Her husband praised her. Her children loved and honored her. Her kindred are glad that they are such.

We dwell with sweet satisfaction upon the thought that she still lives with the good and the happy.

Read the Message.

A farmer works hard to make a crop of tobacco and wants to get all he can for it, so listen to no hot air tales and drive straight to the old reliable Owen Warehouse, where Will Fleming will see that you get the top notch prices for your tobacco. Read his message to you on the last page.

SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

About People and Things That Are of Interest to Our Readers.

It was a pleasure to us receive a call Tuesday from J. N. Stainback, of Route 2.

Our old friend Sam Webb has joined the clerks' brigade and is with Horner Brothers Co.

The Oxford Tobacco market is moving right up to the notch, as prices are picking up every day.

Mayor and Mrs. Thad Stem and son are now occupying part of the Powell residence on Front street.

J. I. Newton, an excellent young man of Berea, has become one of the salesmen for Long-Winston Co.

Glad to see R. L. Hamilton out at his business after several days confinement at home on account of sickness.

A house and lot is advertised for sale near the Colored Orphan Asylum in another column by A. W. Graham, Trustee.

It reaches your customers and advertising in the widely read Public Ledger brings results Mr. Business Man. Try it.

Rev. S. K. Phillips returned Saturday from his pleasant summer outing and occupied his pulpit on Sunday morning.

Misses Lillian McFarland, of Oxford, and Emma Chandler, of Northern Granville, left yesterday for D. & D. Institute at Morganton.

We learn that several people had their pockets picked at the show grounds Saturday for small amounts and did not know when it was done.

The highly accomplished Mrs. Woodall, who is very popular with the people of Oxford, has returned to Oxford College as one of the faculty.

Miss Lettie Hobgood was in Oxford first of the week visiting her brothers, Sam Hobgood. She was on her way to Winston to teach school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Britt, John Brown, Eugene and Walter Crews, Marion Taylor, Roy Osborn, Thos. Pruitt and Roy Wright visited Buffalo Springs Sunday.

R. T. Crews and family, of Tar River section, have become citizens of Oxford and are occupying his dwelling on Hillsboro streets, and we welcome them to Oxford.

We do not believe there is a town in the State the size of Oxford afflicted with as bad a street as that of College street, which is worse than any road that leads into the town.

It is claimed that an office distributing combination has been formed for the distribution pie in the county and that it met with defeat on its first attempt to land an office.

We are glad to learn that our young friend Nathan Cohn, who was attacked with appendicitis and taken to Baltimore by his brother Simon for an operation, is getting along nicely.

Henry Williford, of Berea section, was on the tobacco breaks Monday, and among many things he talked about said he had a thousand pounds of fodder that he had paid taxes on 22 years.

The friends of Josiah Cannady are glad to know that he has so far recovered from his attack of illness as to be able to return home from that hospital. Pleased also to state that Mrs. Cannady is slowly getting well.

We are requested to announce that a protracted meeting will begin at Geneva Church on Monday after the second Sunday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Thereafter services will be held in the morning and in the afternoon.

"Old corn licker" flowed freely in Oxford Saturday and the blind tigers had a regular pic nic. Almost wherever you turned you smelt it as well as see its effect upon the men who imbibed too freely. Of course no one has been arrested.

A SPLENDID CONCERT

CHILDREN OF ODD FELLOWS COMING

They Will Appear in Auditorium of Graded School Next Friday Night

The Singing Class of the Odd Fellows Orphan Home will arrive in Oxford at ten o'clock Friday morning, September 12th, and give a concert in the auditorium of the Graded School at eight o'clock that evening. These children receive very careful training before the yare permitted to leave the Home on a singing tour.

As for behavior and the many little things that draws one to good children, it is doubtful if a superior lot of children could be found in the State. Twelve neat boys and girls form the class and they will stop in private homes while in Oxford. Gen. B. S. Royster, L. B. Turner and J. F. Meadows will secure homes for the children and meet them on the arrival of the train.

The Oxford Lodge of Odd Fellows is recognized as being one of the best lodges of the State, and the fact that the real founder of the Home was a member of this lodge makes the singing class thrice welcome to Oxford. The following committee has been named to look after the details of the concert: Messrs. J. C. Haskins, C. A. Carroll, J. Robt Wood, W. R. Harris, J. W. Jones, E. T. Taylor, H. M. Shaw, W. Z. Mitchell, J. C. Horner, A. A. Hicks. The low price of admission is a mere bagatelle as compared with the excellent concert and the cause the Home represents.

Meeting of Farmers.

Dr. T. B. Hill, of Virgilina; W. A. Harper, LL. D., of Elon College; Dr. J. A. Morris and Prof. J. F. Webb will address the people at Knop of Reeds Sept. 13, at 1.30 o'clock p. m. Dr. T. B. Hill will speak on the importance of organization of the principals and objects of the Farmers Union. Dr. W. A. Harper will speak on the advantages of an education. Dr. Morris will speak on the best and most improved methods of farming. Prof. Webb will also make an educational speech.

The Proposed Amendments

We devote a page of this issue to the proposed Constitutional amendments as formed by the Constitutional Commission and referred to His Excellency, the Governor, together with statutory machinery for submitting the same to the qualified voters of the whole State. This document will be much in the public eye for sometime, and it is well that every voter should read and ponder it well. It is one of the most comprehensive bills we have seen in a long time.

35 Gallons Poured Out.

Ye thirsty ones ought to have been with Judge Shotwell and the "old man" Tuesday morning as we saw 35 gallons of corn whiskey emptied into the jail sewer by our good Sheriff Hobgood who loves to do right. He was efficiently assisted by R. E. Booth and Conrad Walters, who sent the "white lightning" flowing towards old Fishing Creek. It was in pint bottles and took some time to empty the corn juice into the jail sewer.

The Tobacco Market.

This week's tobacco market shows the same steady tendency that has characterized it from the opening. The prices are higher if anything than last week, and the grades are improving. Both planters and buyers seem well satisfied with the results of the last two days. All grades above twenty cents a pound are higher.

The Compulsory Law.

We are requested to announce that so far as the Graded School and the school at the Cotton Mill are concerned the compulsory law will go into effect on the 15th instant. Parents who are not sending their children to school had better send them along, and avoid the enforcement of the law.

"MURDER WILL OUT."

COLORED MAN FOUND ON RAILROAD TRACK.

Was Seen in an Intoxicated Condition Saturday Night.

On Saturday night last Demus Waller, a colored man of the Providence section, was seen around the circus train at the Southern Railway station in an intoxicated condition. A few hours later—at 1:15 a. m., when the circus train pulled out, his body was discovered by the engineer of the train laying with his head on the track two hundred yards south of the station. The train was composed of eleven cars, drawn by two engines, and was making ten miles an hour when the engineer discovered the man's body forty yards ahead. He applied the emergency breaks, but as the train was heavy and on a down grade the front engine passed over the prostrate form, mangling it almost beyond recognition. The dead man was removed from beneath the engine, and on examination no blood was found in that vicinity.

At the Coroner's inquest held Sunday Dr. Sam Booth, the County Physician, stated that one of the exposed ones revealed something like a recent gunshot wound. The fact that the body was cold and stiff when removed from beneath the train points to foul play, and as such Coroner W. D. Bryan awaits the testimony of the conductor and brakeman of the train, who have been summoned and will arrive in Oxford this Tuesday at noon, rather too late to print the findings of the jury in this issue of the paper.

The following compose the jury now setting on the case: J. R. Sneed, R. E. Booth, A. D. Oakley, J. T. Spencer, W. D. Pendleton and Claude Tillotson.

Entertainment on Horner Hill

Rehearsals for the open air performance and folk-lore dances are being held daily. These dances are rather difficult for the little folks, but we will certainly enjoy seeing them do their best to entertain us. The handsome new Reredos for which they are working is now being put in place in St. Stephen's church. If the weather will just be fine next Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock we will have all who are interested in the children and their work out for a pleasant afternoon and a good cup of tea. The prices are certainly low enough, only 25 cents for grown people and 10 cents for children.

Our Loss is Burlington's Gain

The Burlington Graded School, to which Miss Elizabeth Hancock was elected, has an enrollment of eight hundred pupils and a faculty of twenty three. The first grade is divided into two sections, one of which is under the supervision of Miss Hancock. Miss Hancock was present at the opening of the school on Monday last. The social circles of Oxford will miss the sweet voice of this cultured young lady, but Oxford's loss is Burlington's gain.

An Interesting Sermon

Rev. Willis, pastor of the Sandford Baptist church, who was invited to fill the pulpit of the Oxford Baptist church last Sunday, preached two excellent sermons. It was announced that Rev. Tunstall will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

Circus Day in Oxford.

Circus day in Oxford last Saturday was very prolific of drunks. Just how the whiskey got here is a question, but those who have an eye and a nose for such things say that there was a regular walking distillery in the woods near the Fair Grounds.

Sustains a Broken Arm

Mrs. Abbott and her interesting family have returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Appomattox, Va., but their pleasure was marred by an accident that befell our little friend Julian, who sustained a broken arm by falling from a swing. We are glad to say he was able to enter school and is getting along nicely.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

E. C. Harris, of Route 3, was in town Monday.

Cam Burnett, of Route 5, was in town Monday.

Wait Howard, of Fuquay, was in Oxford Monday.

John R. Hall was in Richmond first of the week.

Dr. Meadows, of Culbreth, was a town visitor Monday.

Willie Lee Currin, of Route 1, was in town Friday.

Mrs. Will Fleming is on a visit to her sister at Norlina.

Mrs. B. K. Hays returned from Buffalo Springs Monday.

Hart Overton, of Hester, was on tobacco market Tuesday.

Elvis Mangum, of Tar River, was on tobacco market Monday.

Miss Fannie Gregory has returned from Ellerbe Springs.

Thos. Hunt, of Stem section, was on tobacco breaks Monday.

Jack Overton, of Route 2, was on the tobacco market Tuesday.

Nat Jones, of Route 1, was in Oxford Monday selling tobacco.

J. I. and Charley Gordon, Route 2, were town visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Grissom, of Route 3, were in town Monday.

Major and Mrs. Will Landis are at home from the northern cities.

L. D. Royster, of Northern Granville, was an Oxford visitor Friday.

James Thomasson, of Skipwith, Va., was an Oxford visitor Tuesday.

R. Y. Crews, of Route 6, was among the farmers in town Monday.

Ed. Parrott, of Brassfield township, was on tobacco sales Monday.

George Whitfield and Mac Bragg, of Stem, were on tobacco sales on Monday.

Miss Mary Shotwell is attending an educational meeting in Durham this week.

B. F. Hester and daughter, of Route 1, were among the throng in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dickerson and daughter, of Dickerson, were in town Saturday.

John Stedman, John Hamilton and Lee Gooch left Monday for the State University.

C. D. Currin and Titus Currin, of Route 6, were on our live tobacco market Monday.

George Parham, E. A. Hunt and James Ellis, of Route 5, were on the breaks Tuesday.

J. Y. Longmire and J. P. Hargrove, of Fairport section, were on tobacco break Tuesday.

W. C. and R. H. O'Brien, of Berea section, were among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Mrs. C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mike Chamblee, on High street.

H. H. and C. A. Hicks, of Route 3, were among the farmers selling tobacco in Oxford Monday.

John Brummitt, Wes Brummitt, and Tilden Barnett, of Route 2, were on tobacco sales Monday.

J. H. Daniel and two nice sons, Osby and Glenn, of Tally Ho, were on the tobacco market Monday.

Herman Bryan, of Scotland Neck, has become book-keeper for J. G. Hall, and we welcome him to Oxford.

Shepard Booth and Beverly Royster left Tuesday to enter the State University and Roy Royster left for A. & M. College.

Primrose Brown, who was en route from New York to Tallahassee, Fla., spent Sunday at his old home in Oxford.

Mrs. John Webb and daughters, Misses Mary and Sallie, are guests of the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, for a few days this week.

THE OLD AND THE NEW

A NEW CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC FAVOR.

A Long and Hard Battle for Democracy, Education and Progress.

The initial number of the Granville Enterprise made its appearance last Thursday and it is a good one. Our young friend John W. Hester is editor of the new paper, and we trust the publication will accomplish much good to the county. Granville is getting well supplied with newspapers—the Twice-a-Week Public Ledger, the Creedmoor Times, and the new Granville Enterprise. "The more the merrier," is an apt saying, and the people of Granville will be supplied with an abundance of reading matter.

In our battle of twenty-eight years against many odds we have fought for the education of the dear children of the county when that measure was not popular, embracing a period when there were eighteen negro school committees to look after the white schools of the county; we were in the very heat of battle for white supremacy under the leadership of Senator Simmons, now the able leader of the Democratic party of the nation; we exerted our efforts to rid Granville county of seventeen negro magistrates, negro County Commissioners, negroes who bossed the Court House and took possession of the different offices to the exclusion of white men. The files of the Public Ledger will show that we stood like a stone-wall on the battle line between the whites and the blacks during those dark days when negro grand juries and negro petit juries were empowered to sit in judgment over white men. A vigorous boycott was inaugurated against the Public Ledger because we dared to fight for good government and for the protection of our homes and firesides, and we were compelled to borrow money to continue this battle in the interest of the Democracy of the people. We won a grand and glorious victory, which blessings are now enjoyed by the people of Granville county and handed down to posterity. This victory brought peace and contentment to our people, and with confidence restored better schools sprung into existence, and with that broadening influence an era of prosperity was inaugurated, enabling town and county to forge ahead in the light of day.

With the people of Granville firmly established along progressive and educational lines the two new candidates for public favor will hardly encounter the turbulent sea encountered by the Public Ledger in its long battle for the intellectual, moral and physical development of the county.

Rev. James Gay.

Rev. James E. Gay, Presiding Elder of the Morganton District, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church Sunday night and delivered an able message in the cause of Christ. He is an old Granville man and was reared in the Shady Grove section where he visited relatives the past week. He is one of the pure in heart and has been an ambassador of Christ for 30 odd years. While in Oxford it was our pleasure to shake the warm hand of our friend who we hold in sweet remembrance.

The Orpheum Theatre.

Messrs. Harris & Crews, owners and managers of the new and up-to-date theatre, are to be congratulated on the high class attraction of the opening night of the Orpheum. The seating capacity of the house was taxed on this occasion. Those who appreciate nice clean pictures of an elevating refined nature can see them every night at the Orpheum. The management has also booked "Mutt and Jeff," a high class production, for an early date.

Commercial Congress

Gov. Craig has named Mr. Henry W. Hunt a delegate to the Southern Commercial Congress which meets in Mobile, Ala., in October. President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Secretary Daniels will be among the speakers.