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## UNVEILING CREW'S MONUMENT

### Woodmen of the World Erect Handsome Memorial to Deceased.

On last Sunday at four o'clock, there assembled at Salem church between three and four hundred people who witnessed the impressive ceremonies that occurred in the unveiling by the Woodmen of the World of a handsome monument erected as a memorial in honor of the late Charles F. Crews, who was a member of the fraternity, a foremost citizen of Salem, and a representative of the best type of Granville citizenship.

Upon the hour as indicated, the ceremonies as prescribed by the order of the fraternity were conducted by Gen. B. S. Royster, consul-commander, with the assistance of the Woodmen, Mr. Frank W. Hancock reading a poem as the unveiling took place. This impressive ceremony took place in the burial grounds adjoining the church.

At the conclusion of the unveiling programme proper, the big crowd, or rather as many of them as could, went inside the church, there to hear the address by Dr. B. K. Hays. Speaking of this address, a very prominent gentleman said: "It was appropriate, instructive, impressive, forceful, and eloquent." The consensus of opinion is to the effect the doctor's speech was unusually good. The underlying idea was to demonstrate that one of the world's best assets is the strength derived from the silent, reserved men, of which the late Mr. Crews was such a splendid type.

The monument is of granite and weighs more than twenty-eight hundred pounds. It stands about four feet above its base and is three or more in depth. Upon the front side which is very highly polished is carved the dates of the birth and death of Mr. Crews, and upon the top which is an inclined plane, the rear being much higher than the front, are these words arranged in a circular manner, "Dum Tacet Clamat."

In the number of those witnessing the ceremonies were many people from Oxford, several from Vance, and scattering ones from other communities.

Mr. Crews was born in the year 1864 and died last September, this making him about forty-five years of age at his death.

### Little Boy Dead.

Last Tuesday at 2:30 in the afternoon, William Armistead Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brooks, died at the home of his parents. The little fellow had been ill of summer complaint for five or six days. He was just a little over two years of age, having been born on March 18th, 1907.

The funeral services, which were conducted by the Rev. A. B. Dunaway, were held at the home, and the interment made in Elmwood.

The sympathy of the community goes to the bereaved parents.

### The Wilson Damage Case.

The second trial of the Wilson damage case takes place today in Henderson. The public will remember the suit brought by G. H. Wilson against the Oxford Cotton Mill for alleged damages sustained by machinery operated by the plaintiff. Former manager of the mill, Mr. J. Locke Irwin, of Concord, and Mr. J. S. Vincent, former bookkeeper, of Mehane, were in Oxford Wednesday preparatory to attending the trial in Henderson. General B. S. Royster, assisted by Mr. A. A. Zollicoffer, of Henderson, will represent the defendants, and the plaintiff has retained Mr. Pittman, of Henderson.

### Death of a Little Child.

Mary Miller, the infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard B. Creecy Lamb, died at Hotel Dieu Hospital, on Thursday morning, May 13th of colera infantum. The little one was born at El Paso, Texas, on January the first 1908. She was the niece of Mrs. M. L. Hargrove and Mrs. W. H. Hunt.

## THE PEDLER'S PARADE.

### Entertainment at Opera House Friday Night a Great Success.

A packed house greeted the rise of the curtain at the Opera House last Friday night, when the "Pedler's Parade" held the boards, and quite a neat sum was realized for the Baptist Sunday School for whose benefit the entertainment was gotten up. The programme was divided in two parts as follows:

#### PART I.

- (1) My Own United States—Chorus.
- (2) If I could Teach my Teddy Bear to Dance—Helen Rowland and Chorus.
- (3) Yo-Ho, Little Girl, Yo-Ho—Hugh Peed and Chorus.
- (4) Won't you Be My Playmate?—Eunice Parham, Richard Turner, and Chorus—Marie Meadows, Ruth White, Ruth Shaw, Helen Howard, Fannie Buchanan and Annie Lee.
- (5) Recitation—The Runaway Boy—William Webb.
- (6) Ya-ma, Ya-ma, Man—Ethel Hancock and Chorus.

#### PART II.

- (1) March and Pedler's Chorus.
- In the first part of the programme, as the song of the first number was sung, a second curtain was raised when the stage was discovered to be beautifully decorated in red, white, and blue, with several large flags floating in the breeze. Twelve pretty little lasses with ribbons in the three colors danced around a May Pole to the tune of Dixie. The small gentlemen as well as the lasses were appropriately costumed.

In the three numbers succeeding this, the girls were in pink, white, and light blue dresses and wore large straw picture hats.

In Part II, these were the many and gaily bedecked pedlers:

- Lemonade Vender—Clyde Gooch.
- Pie Woman—Julia Council.
- Armenian Pedler—Thelma Averett.
- Negro Cake Seller—Mary White.
- Old Soldier—Herman Day.
- Cream Puff Vender—Helen Royster.
- Boothblack—George Cheatham.
- Baker—Beverly Royster.
- Indian Woman—Hallie Fuller.
- Pickle Vender—Esther Mitchell.
- Hokey Pokey Men—Dallas Buchanan and Marsh Callis.
- Popcorn Vender—Mary Royal Hancock.

- Tambourine Girl—Lila Currin.
- Hurdy Gurdy Men—Hugh Peed, and Frank Hancock.
- Corn Curer—John Graham Webb.
- Peanut Vender—Leo Cheatham.
- Apple Woman—Mary Shady.
- Fruit Vender—Clyde Cannady.
- Jelly Vender—Lorraine Peed.
- Candy Seller Dorothy Royster.
- Flower Girls—Marie Meadows and Ethel Hancock.

- Doughnut Venders—Mary Cheatham and Alice Loonam.
- May Pole Dancers:

- Ethel Hancock, Marie Meadows.
- Mary Hancock, Ruth Shaw, Mary White, Fannie Buchanan, Bessie Pitchford, Helen Howard, Mary Cheatham, Thelma Averett, Helen Fuller, Lila Currin.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stimson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

Potato plants for sale, any kind you want, now read. Merrill Peace.

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### OLD HORNER BOYS TO MEET

Every old Horner boy is urgently requested to attend the general meeting of the Association which is to be held in the court house Friday night at 8:30 o'clock. A full attendance is hoped for, as every arrangement looking to the successful carrying out of the Reunion programme must be decided upon. Let every Old Boy make it a point to present. Friday night at 8:30 is the date.

## LAW IN THE ORIENT.

### Americanized Syrian Marries American Wife and Resigns Spouse.

James Shaban, a Syrian of Henderson, has been taught the very valuable lesson that it is not only unwise but unawful as well to be too much married. At the same time he has been the means of having a comparison made between the laws pertaining to marriage in this country and the country of his birth.

About seven years ago he left his native land, leaving his dusky helpmeet behind, and came to Henderson where he has made his home. Forgetting all about the deserted wife he became enamored of an American woman in the northern part of this county. They were married and on Tuesday of this week there appeared in Oxford Assid Shaban and Armad Shaban, bringing along as witnesses another compatriot and a little Syrian girl, Rosanna Kalliel, and had the overly married James, their cousin, arrested on the charge of bigamy. A mild case of excitement followed, for the plaintiffs Shaban retained Mr. A. A. Hicks, and the fickle defendant employed Messrs. Stem and Brummitt to get him out of his matrimonial entanglement.

After a little pow-wow and a great deal of gesticulating, the attorneys took their Oriental clients before Squire Thos. D. Waller, who, after scratching his head over the discrepancies between the Syrian and the American law, discharged the defendant since he claims to have followed out the very simple Syrian law, which is to resign.

The custom of these people when married life becomes irksome is to notify the wife's father of the fact and as stated resign. James claims to have done this, but the allegation is denied. However, as James agreed to resign again in proper order, his written resignation was accepted and happiness reigned once more in the family of Shaban, the charge of bigamy being withdrawn.

The resignation which was sent to Syria was as follows, the letter being to the bride's parents:

Oxford, North Carolina,  
United States of America  
May 18th, 1908.  
Mr. Mahmood Shaban,  
Brytatt, Lebanon, Syria.

Dear Sir:—

I have married another woman in this country and therefore do not want your daughter for my wife any longer. I am writing to say that I give up all claim to her as my wife and that she may go back to your house taking with her the things that belong to her. What money I owe her my father will pay out of the property which I have in my father's hands. I am giving this paper written in both English and the Syrian language to your sons Assid and Ahmad Shaban to be sent by you to them.

JAMES SHABAN.

It is not presumed that the readers of the Ledger will care for the letter as written in Syrian, consequently that is omitted, though the Ledger Assyriologist will state that it is a perfect masterpiece.

### Dr. Hays to Lecture.

Under the Auspices of the Village Improvement Society, Dr. B. K. Hays will lecture in the Court House this Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock upon hygienic subjects. The Village Improvement Society is becoming a potent factor in everything looking to the interest of local conditions and have asked the doctor, who is a very able lecturer, to address the public upon the very important subject. The public is cordially invited to attend and hear this instructive lecture.

Lost—Between Lee Hobgood's and Enon or Enon and Oxford, a locket watchfob with monogram A. J. K. Suitable reward when finder returns to me at Ledger office. A. J. Kittrell. 1t.pd.

## AGED LADY DEAD.

### Mrs. Annie Eliza Long Thorp Passes Away Saturday.

Another link that connected the past with the present generation was severed last Saturday, the 15th of May, when there died in Oak Hill township Mrs. Annie Eliza Long Thorp in the 89th year of her age. The infirmities of old age were the cause of the aged lady's death, and she passed peacefully away on the night of the 15th at a quarter to nine o'clock. The funeral and burial services were held Monday from Goshen Episcopal church, these being conducted by the regular pastor, the Rev. F. W. Hilliard. A large concourse of relatives and friends were present to witness the last tribute of respect paid to the deceased.

Mrs. Thorpe came from very prominent families on both parental sides. Prior to her marriage to the late Benjamin P. Thorpe, Sr., who died about twenty years ago, she was a Miss Norcum, her grandfather being Gen. Henry Norcum. Her father came of Southampton, Virginia stock, moving to Granville when a boy to reside with his uncle, General Thomas Person. Though he came to be with his uncle but a while, he never left his adopted county and continued his residence here as long as he lived.

Sometime in her 17th year Miss Norcum was married, the date of her birth being the 23rd day of July 1820. The issue of this union was eight children, six of whom are still living. These are, Mrs. Betty T. Gregory, Messrs. Benj. P., and Will Thorpe, of the county, Mrs. R. T. Smith, of Oxford; the Hon. Robt. T. Thorpe, of Norfolk, and Mrs. W. T. Alston, of Warrenton. All of these living children were in attendance upon the funeral ceremonies. The dead children are Lieutenant Albert Thorpe, who lost his life in the Confederate service, and the late Peter Thorpe, Esq., of Oak Hill, who died in the early part of this year.

In addition to her children, the late Mrs. Thorpe leaves many other relatives to mourn her loss.

In the death of this estimable lady, Granville county loses one of its best types which cannot be replaced. She was beloved for her excellent traits of character.

She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the quiet solitude of the Goshen burying ground.

### Still Smashed.

A report has just been phoned in from Wilton saying that Sheriff Sam Wheeler and deputies Booth, Mose King and Walters, found a still this morning before day, and destroyed 1200 gallons of beer. The report will get in too late for this issue, but the Ledger man will get Prof. Sam when he gets back and make him tell how they did it.

### Death of an Infant.

On the 8th day of May, 1909, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hunt and took from them their precious little babe. She was 19 months and 13 days old. She had the whooping cough, and it was thought it had a congestive chill Saturday evening. It went to sleep and never awoke any more. We extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy and bid them look to him who doeth all things well. While we mourn our loss we have the assurance that she has gone to that beautiful city where there is no more night. We all loved her but our blessed Saviour loved her best and has taken her to the blessed reward.

### A FRIEND.

#### List Your Taxes!

I will be at the following places for the purpose of listing taxes in Fishing Creek Township:  
Bell Town—June 9th, 1909.  
Clay—June 10th, 1909.  
Fairport—June 11th, 1909.  
Dickerson—June 12th, 1909.  
A. P. OVERTON, List Taker.

A lot of pure bred white Leghorn hens for sale. Fine layers. J. D. Brinkley.

## DR. JOSEPH GRIMSLEY DEAD.

### Prominent Physician of Greensboro Succumbs to Blood Poison.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Booth were called to Greensboro by phone last Friday to be at the bedside of Dr. Joseph Grimsley, one of the city's most prominent physicians, who was critically ill, his malady being an attack of blood poison contracted while performing a surgical operation for a patient. He became worse rapidly and died very suddenly on Saturday.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock when every drug store in the city was closed for two hours in respect to his memory.

The Greensboro Record says of the death of the late Dr. Grimsley:

"A gloom was cast over this community this afternoon by the heart-breaking news of the death of Dr. Joseph E. Grimsley at 1:45 o'clock today at St. Leo's Hospital, to which institution he was taken last night. Two or three days ago Dr. Grimsley suffered an attack of blood poisoning and every thing that medical and surgical skill and tender nursing could do proved of no avail. Dr. Stokes, of Salisbury, and Dr. Stuart McGuire, of Richmond, Va., two eminent specialists, were summoned to aid the attending physicians in their efforts to save the stricken man's life, and an operation was performed last night. Dr. Grimsley rallied from the operation and, though his condition throughout the early morning was critical, the hope was entertained that he might recover. Along towards noon, however, he began to grow worse and it was seen that the end was not far off, the dissolution coming at the hour named.

Dr. Grimsley was a member of Greensboro Lodge No. 602 B. P. O. Elks and also a member of Corinthian Lodge of Masons, both of which Orders will take part in the last sad rites.

Dr. Grimsley was born November 25, 1859, at the Grimsley homestead in Greene county, and therefore was in his 50th year when he died. He was a son of Dr. Wm. P. Grimsley, for many years a well known and prominent physician, farmer and business man of Greene county. Dr. Grimsley was married to Miss Annie Laurie McDougal, of Greene county, and she and six children survive. The children are Misses Lyman, Nell, Irene and Josie, and Mr. Sidney and Master Joseph Grimsley, Jr.

For a number of years after graduating in medicine Dr. Grimsley practiced his profession in Greene county, moving to Greensboro about seven years ago. He readily won friends and soon began building up a lucrative practice. Shortly after locating in Greensboro Dr. Grimsley formed a partnership with Dr. Edmund Harrison under the firm name of Grimsley & Harrison, and their general practice is probably as good as the best of any physician here.

It may be truthfully said of Dr. Grimsley that he was a noble type of the kind, gentle, sympathetic man, always ready to do what he could for every one. Quiet and retiring in disposition, he made his impression upon those with whom he came in contact. He was possessed of all of the qualities that accompany a Christian gentleman and though he is dead his many good deeds and kind words will live after him."

#### Card of Thanks.

Through the columns of the Ledger I desire to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the ladies of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the citizens of Oxford, and the editors of the Ledger, for their many acts of kindness to us old soldiers on the 10th. We all of us deeply appreciate the attentions paid us, the bountiful repast given us, and the consideration shown us everywhere on all occasions.

W. J. DANIEL.

We can suit you in a hat from the cheapest straw to the finest Panama. Our stock is complete; the price will please at Crenshaw's.

## HORNER COMMENCEMENT.

### Will be Biggest in History of the Celebrated Institution.

This is going to be the biggest commencement in the history of the Horner School. The closing exercises commence on Tuesday the 25th, and will continue through to Thursday night at 12 p. m., when the presentation of the colors to the winning company takes place.

#### THE REUNION.

The event which supercedes everything else will be the incidents occurring throughout Wednesday the 26th, when a grand re-union of the old students takes place. In addition to the scores of the old Horner boys in the town and county, there will gather from all points of this state and from other states as well more than one hundred and twenty-five of the former students of the institution. The old pupils now at Chapel Hill are going to play a match game of baseball with the Horner team. Ex-lieut. Gov. Francis D. Winston will deliver the address to be given the alumni at 4:30 and the banquet, when two hundred and fifty covers will be laid, will be an event of history in the annals of the institution.

#### THE PROGRAMME.

The programme will be carried out in the following manner:

Tuesday, May twenty-fifth  
9 p. m.—Final exercises of the Franklin and Washington Literary Societies—Auditorium.

School Declamation Contest—Auditorium.

Wednesday, May twenty-sixth  
10 a. m.—Competitive Dumbbell Drill between Companies—Auditorium.

10:30 a. m.—Butts' Manual of Rifle Drill—Parade Grounds.

11 a. m.—Baseball between School Team and "Old Horner Boys"—Athletic Field.

4:30 p. m.—Alumni Address—Opera House.

9 p. m.—Alumni Banquet—Auditorium.

Thursday, May twenty-seventh  
10 a. m.—Competitive Drill between Companies—Parade Grounds.

Competitive Drill in Manual of Arms—Parade Grounds.

3:30 p. m.—Field and Track Athletics—Athletic Field.

9:30 p. m.—Final Ball—Barracks.

12 p. m.—Presentation of Colors to Winning Company.

"Auld Lang Syne"

### Excellent News.

Dr. P. R. Hardee, of Stem, with a radiant smile came in the office of the superintendent of education Tuesday and replied when quizzed about the Stem school.

"Why a saw mill is getting up the framing and we are putting everything together and will next week put a crew of hands to work. We expect to have the building up in sixty days."

Then picking up a picture of the drawing made by the architect, Mr. R. M. Minor, the doctor continued:

"O! it's going to be a fine building. It will cost about four thousand dollars when completed. You can't tell much from this picture, but it is going to be a good one. People becoming interested in education? Well, I should say so. You never saw anything like it."

Architect Minor has a nice building for the Stem people, and Oxford and Stovall must come across and spend some money to enable them to catch up with Creedmoor and Stem.

### Copy Misplaced.

The notes taken of the Social functions in some manner flew away or escaped and when the error was discovered it was then too late to get them in, and they will have to go over until next week. Getting ready for the Horner re-union has somewhat caused things to go awry.

For Rent—Four-room house on Front Street, vacant June 1st. W. L. Peace. 2t.