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MUCH SORROW EXPRESSED OVER THE DEATH OF REV. R. C. CRAVEN

Board of Stewards of the Oxford Methodist Church Attend Funeral at Dunn—Laid to Rest by the Graves of Wife and Two Children.

The tragic ending of Rev. R. C. Craven, pastor of the Oxford Methodist Episcopal Church, whose body was found in the woods near Delacroix spring, one mile north of Oxford at three o'clock last Friday morning, hangs like a pall over the community. His untimely death has been discussed from every angle and there is no intimation of foul play. However, it does appear that he went to the woods shortly before sundown last Thursday evening, took off his coat and folded it up nicely and laid it to one side, placed his hat on the ground and dropped his nose glasses into the hat. As there was no indication of a struggle it is thought that he was seated on the ground when the bullet was fired, which passed through his head and barked a tree at his side and passed on and lodged in another tree. The pistol was at his side and his body very stiff and cold when found perhaps eight or nine hours later by a searching party. That is all that is known of the death of one of the best men who ever resided in this community. The tragedy has been one of the most severe Oxford has ever sustained, and was a genuine shock not only to the town, but to Methodists throughout the entire State.

Prayer and Song Service.

There was a prayer and song service at the Methodist church at 5:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. John C. Wooten, of Raleigh, presiding elder of the Raleigh district, and Rev. Harry M. North, also of Raleigh, and one of the leading Methodist preachers of the State, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Black, of Oxford, pastor of the Oxford circuit. The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful, being given by individuals and official bodies of the Oxford Methodist church and other Oxford churches and citizens. The church was crowded to its capacity by sorrowing friends, who gathered for the last mark of respect to the deceased minister.

Body Taken to Dunn.

The body left Oxford Saturday night aboard the Southern train at 9:25 o'clock, and was transferred at Durham to the night train, and taken thence to Selma, and on to Dunn over the Atlantic Coast Line, arriving there for the funeral at noon. The board of Stewards of the church were the pallbearers to the train and a detail of two members of the church accompanied the remains to Dunn. At six o'clock Saturday morning additional parties of Oxford citizens, mostly members of the Methodist Episcopal church, including all of the board of stewards, left by automobile for Dunn to attend the funeral. They carried with them Mrs. Robert Hunter, of Norfolk, and Miss Josephine Craven, who is teaching school at Roxboro, both daughters of Mr. Craven. Mrs. Craven was unable to make the trip on account of her health. Services at the grave were in charge of Rev. J. C. Wooten.

Aged Parents.

The deceased minister's father and mother, both well advanced in years, being around 75 to 80 years old, were unable to attend the services in Oxford or the funeral at Dunn. They live at Ramseur, Randolph county, and their physician refused to allow them to make the trip on account of the feeble condition of their health. Mrs. O. T. Leonard, his sister who lives in Greensboro, attended the funeral.

Years of Usefulness.

During his pastorate, which extended over a number of years, Mr. Craven served some of the most important pastorates in the state, having been in the western North Carolina conference before transferring to the North Carolina conference. He served pastorates in Charlotte and other cities in the western part of the state and after transferring to the eastern conference was pastor at several of the larger churches. He went from Henderson to Durham in 1910 as pastor of Trinity church for four years, thence to Rocky Mount for four years and to Oxford three years ago. He was at one time president of Davanport college. He was considered one of the strongest men in the North Carolina conference. He was a man of sunny disposition and one of the last persons one would think of taking his own life. He was about 50 years old. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference at Winston-Salem in 1898.

Confidence Will Fill Vacancy.

It is understood that no effort will be made to fill the vacancy at Oxford caused by Mr. Craven's death before the coming session of the North Carolina Conference, which meets in New Bern next month. Mr. Craven's loss is regarded as removing from the Conference one of its most able ministers.

Get Into the Movies.

The picture camera man will be in Oxford tomorrow. Be in line so that he can get your picture, which will be shown at the Orpheum as soon as finished.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Oxford Battery Co.

BIG GAME OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HERE TOMORROW

A Chance To See Some Of The American and Other Big Leaguers In Action At the Local Park.

Tomorrow, October 5, the second day of the fair, there will be staged on the local park grounds in South Oxford one of the best games ever played here. It will be a real opportunity for those who never have seen "big leaguers" in action. Oxford has for this game some stars as follows: Luke Stuart, St. Louis, American League; Grub, Texas League; Lee Gooch, Three I League; Bennett, Virginia League; Sadler, Piedmont League, and other good ball players who played with our team last season. Bill Holding, well known to all, will attempt to make us bite the dust with his Wake Forest nine, which will include well-known ball players such as Ellis, Johnson, Speed, Utley, Holding, all of whom played last season with Oxford, and Ed Winston, Portsmouth; Herman Winston, Rocky Mount; both of the Virginia League, with Bill Allen, Raleigh, and Sox Barnes, Greenville, pitching.

The game will be called at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. General admission will be 50 cents, grandstand free to ladies.

ARE THE TEACHERS JUSTIFIED IN PUNISHING PUPILS?

Editor The Public Ledger:

How is a school teacher able to keep deportment and respect in his school unless he is allowed to punish pupils who will not behave through kind words? I note in your paper that a school teacher was fired for punishing an unruly pupil in one of the eastern counties of our State.

There is no possible way of handling a certain class of unruly boys except with the whip. The parents cannot do it at home, where they have only a few boys to contend with, so what would they be able to do if they had a few dozen? If the school teacher who is sincere in his work is trying to bring the best results out of his efforts and finds that there are certain boys who will not obey and instead keep the entire school in an uproar, I believe he is justified in whipping these boys, and he should be upheld by the law.

I don't believe any school teachers are abusive. Many parents have told me that their son's or daughter's school teacher has a grudge against their child, but in virtually every case I could see the reason for it, for the child would not obey at home, and the parents had absolutely no control over it. I have two boys who go to school, and I want them to learn, and I do not in any way object to the teacher whipping them if they disobey, for I do that myself. If my boy comes home and tells me the teacher whipped him, I make inquiry as to what he had done, and then I turn around and whip him again for having annoyed the teacher and the other pupils who were trying to gain an education.

The parent who objects to the teacher whipping his son or his daughter for insubordination, in my mind, is deserving of condemnation in that his own child will be brought up in ignorance, and he or her is hindering the advancement of others. I am sure that many parents agree with me.

Oxford, Sept. 24. PATRON.

ONE DAY TO BE GIVEN OVER TO CHILD HEALTH

Out Of 22,000,000 Children In United States 75 Per Cent Are Physically Defective.

One day of children's week, October 17 to 23, to be devoted to child health.

Government statistics show that out of 22,000,000 school children in the United States, 75 per cent are physically defective. Six million, or one out of every four, are suffering from under-nourishment and 350,000 of these die every year from no other cause than poor or defective food.

A knowledge of food values and the use of proper food would save most of the 350,000 children who die annually and change most of the 6,000,000 under-nourished and suffering children into strong-bodied boys and girls, capable of developing strong minds and becoming useful in the nation tomorrow.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS OPENS TERM

Greenville Institution Has Fine Outlook For Enlarged Activities This Year.

Greensboro, Oct. 3.—East Carolina Teachers Training School had a full opening last week and the most satisfactory in many respects of any in the history of the school.

President Wright announced that hereafter those who wish to train for teaching a high school will also be given the opportunity to do so in this school, for, by act of the legislature, and decision of the courts, this school is required to prepare teachers to teach in the public schools of the State, and the high schools are a part of the public school system.

MOVEMENT OF FIELD STATE LIBRARY.

Capt. George Gillet Pathfinder, Inspects Route Through Granville.

The Fifty-First Field Artillery, marching overland from the recent Camp Jackson to Camp Eustice, Va., which was routed through Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Roanoke, Va., has abandoned the route north of Winston-Salem.

Capt. Gillet, pathfinder for the outfit was in Oxford last Friday night, having inspected the National Highway from Durham to Oxford with a view of routing the military train through here.

Capt. Gillet held a consultation with Mr. Sam Wheeler, state foreman of bridges in this district, and he left the impression with Mr. Wheeler that the artillery train would pass through here by the latter part of this week. "If we pass through here," said Capt. Gillet "we will go from here to Henderson and thence by the new South Hill Bridge.

"Bridges are the weakest points in the State's roads, many of them being declared unfit to handle traffic that weighs 56,000 pounds per unit," declared Capt. Gillet.

The chances for bringing the regiment by Oxford appeared excellent to the pathfinder. Bad bridges north of Greensboro, and again north of Durham may divert the train, said Capt. Gillet.

TOBACCO SELLING PLAN SUCCEEDS IN VIRGINIA

Co-Operative Marketing Is Proving Its Worth With Sun-Cured Tobacco Farmers.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 2.—That co-operative marketing by tobacco farmers can be carried on successfully became apparent yesterday, when it was announced that the Virginia Sun-cured Tobacco Growers' association, comprising in its membership a majority of the growers in the Richmond belt, had sold through their selling agents, Frank D. Williams & Co. of this city, one lot of 1,165,000 pounds of sun-cured tobacco, all of the 1920 crop.

The total price paid aggregated nearly \$20,000, the average price of \$16.25 per hundred which was obtained being nearly \$7 in excess of that received by non-association members who sold their tobacco in the old way.

It is the pants that makes a man. Mr. Cherkas, the tailor, announces elsewhere in this paper the arrival of five hundred styles of clothing for men and young men.

MADE STILL IN SHADOW OF THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Oct. 2.—Philip Goldblatt erstwhile "outfitter to moonshiners," is sitting in jail facing a charge of having manufactured and sold stills to violators of the Volstead law.

He is owner of a hardware store, situated in the heart of the city, only a few blocks from the internal revenue office and the White House and according to revenue officials, has been the main source of supply for persons desirous of purchasing stills and other implements necessary to manufacture "moonshine."

INTERESTING EXERCISES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. S. R. Oglesby Doing a Fine Work.

Rally Day was celebrated at the Presbyterian Sunday School on Sunday morning with a very interesting program. Hymns were sung by the members, each class contributing some entertaining feature of the exercises which were presided over by Mr. John R. Hall, Superintendent of the Sunday School. The offering was generous and the attendance the largest in several years. Rev. S. R. Oglesby is doing a wonderful work with his church and all of its organizations are growing.

CONDITION OF KITCHIN IS CAUSING GRAVE CONCERN

Washington, Oct. 2.—The condition of Representative Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, former democratic leader of the house, is such as to cause his friends grave concern, it was learned upon Kitchin's arrival from his home in North Carolina. He is suffering from a paralytic condition.

He will go to the home of Representative Teneyck at Albany, N. Y., for consultation with specialists.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FEARS BIG INFLOW OF GERMANS SOON

Unless the German government discourages immigration a flood of Germans may follow the re-establishment of American consular offices in that country is the opinion of the department of labor at Washington. While the percentage section of the immigration law permits more than 13,000 Germans to enter this country, in the opinion of the department none have come here in recent months, notwithstanding that the American commissioner at Berlin has power to view passports.

Think About It!

Is it not a wonder that the earth does not open up and swallow those who slander the living and whisper untruths about the dead?

THE OXFORD CHURCHES EULOGISE THE LIFE OF REV. R. C. CRAVEN

Ministers and Laymen Speak Of His Loyalty To His Master and His Untiring Energy To Build Up Christ's Kingdom On Earth.

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The meeting was presided over by Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church. Other ministers present and taking part were Dr. Horsfield, Rev. R. S. Oglesby, Rev. G. T. Tunstall and Rev. Turner.

Among the large number of laymen who spoke in praise of Mr. Craven were: Mr. R. L. Brown, Judge W. A. Devin, Dr. E. T. White, Mr. D. G. Brummitt, Dr. F. P. Hobgood, Mayor T. G. Stem, Prof. Crede, and Otis Rhodes, a young man who after leaving the Masonic orphanage, entered Trinity college through the efforts of Mr. Craven. Mr. F. W. Hancock read the resolution adopted by the Baptist congregation at the morning service, and Col. H. G. Cooper read the resolutions adopted by the Presbyterian congregation, which appear below.

Resolutions Of Sympathy.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the members of the Oxford Baptist Church and congregation on Sunday morning October 2, 1921:

We, the officers and members of the Oxford Baptist Church and congregation in conference assembled, desire to express to the sorrowing family of our dear brother, Rev. R. C. Craven, and also to the officers and members of the Oxford Methodist Church of which he was the beloved pastor our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

We believe that Brother Craven was a man of splendid character, excellent habits and broad sympathy. He was courteous, kind, genial and considerate, a true friend and a most loyal and enthusiastic worker in the cause of our Master.

He was a man of strong intelligence, wide acquaintance and great influence. He appreciated noble purposes in life and derived pleasure and inspiration from devoting his time and ability in their promotion.

He was a warm believer in education and always lent a helping hand in its advancement. He was a devoted friend of young people and spent much time among them. The town has lost a splendid citizen, whose services were of inestimable value and who stood ready at all times to aid in everything which worked toward the moral uplift of the community. He was esteemed and loved by our people regardless of denominational lines.

Feeling that in his death we have sustained a great loss, Therefore, be it resolved.

First, that we extend to his wife and children who survive him our deepest sympathy, realizing that their grief, because of the loss of a devoted husband and father must be great, being commensurate with their love and consideration for him when living.

Second, that we extend to the officers and members of the church whom he so faithfully and lovingly served as pastor our sincere sympathy, assuring them that we have appreciated and enjoyed the delightful Christian fellowship and cooperation which was always shown us by him.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this church, that copies be sent respectively to the bereaved family and the officers of the Methodist Church, and a copy be furnished the Christian Advocate and Public Ledger for publication.

F. W. HANCOCK.
D. G. BRUMMITT.
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LETTER OF APPRECIATION OF SERVICE.

The following paper was adopted by a unanimous vote at a meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church, held October 2nd, 1921:

To The Board of Stewards and Members of the Methodist Church: Greetings:

The members of this church and congregation, feeling deeply moved by the sorrow which has come to our brethren of the Methodist Church, and not only to them but also to us, and to the whole community, wish to express to them, in this manner, our heartfelt sympathy.

We want you to know the respect and affection which we have for you as a branch of the Church of the Living God, and our appreciation of the admiration for the Christian work which was done, and the service which was rendered in our midst by your late pastor Rev. R. C. Craven. He was a man who commanded our admiration and won our love, a man whom we delighted to honor, and whom we frequently called on for service in our church. His work will not soon be forgotten, nor the good which he did prove to have been done in vain.

Though we sorrow deeply with you today, and grope alike in the darkness, yet we confidently believe that the light will not be long in reappearing, and that He who doeth all things well, will prove to us again as He has already done so often in the past, that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose.

(Signed) H. G. COOPER.
For Session and Congregation.

WILL START MACHINERY IMMEDIATELY TO SUPPLY WORK FOR IDLE PERSONS

Governors and Mayo's To Be Called Upon To Put Plan Into Force In Their States and Communities.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Methods for initiating the emergency measures for relief of the nation's involuntary idle, adopted by the National Conference on Unemployment were considered yesterday by Secretary Hoover and executive officers of the conference.

One plan under consideration was said to contemplate a message to the governors of states and the mayors of all towns with a population of 25,000 or more setting forth the aim of the conference and asking immediate steps to put the plans into immediate effect.

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THE THREE DAYS GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR OPENED THIS MORNING

Good Exhibits, Big Mid-Way and Music Aplenty.

Exhibitors were busy yesterday placing exhibits at the Granville County Fair Grounds and the mid-way was in shape before the sun went down, which enabled the management to open the fair on schedule time at ten o'clock this morning.

A large crowd, representative of the county, is here. The line of march, headed by a splendid brass band, is moving out Hillsboro street toward the fair grounds as we go to press.

It is estimated that ten thousand people will visit the fair during the three days—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—if the weather is favorable.

WATTS IS SAID TO BE WORKING ON NEW TAX PLANS FOR THE STATE

Reported That It Will Be Platform For Watts In Race For Governor.

W. T. Bost, Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro News, intimates that Col. A. D. Watts, of Iredell, will throw his hat in the ring for Governor in 1924. Mr. Bost concludes as follows:

"On the ruins of revaluation, Revenue Commissioner A. D. Watts is reputed to be building a real tax system. The colonel and his creator, the governor, thinks so well of the new device that the colonel will have it at work and ready to help him when he offers for the elective office in 1924. It will be his platform. That, at least, is what the best informed friends of Colonel Watts say of him and they have been somewhat surprised that some newspaperman who thinks he could be fair to the Iredell gentleman has not written a good yarn about it.

"The story sounds well. Some weeks ago when the colonel went to Washington it was supposed that he was taking a little time off, but he is said to have been in New England studying taxes. Indeed, it is said that he came back with a perfect blue print of his own plan. Nobody doubts that he can do it if he tries. Colonel Watts is alleged to be on his system now and he means to have it at work before any quadrennial election comes about.

"The visit to New England instead of the weird and wild west is easily explained. It is the west which has been afflicted with the 'damned nonsense' of suffrage, the direct primary, Australian ballot, fair elections, and workmen's compensation acts. The Wisconsin and Michigan universities have been turning out all sorts of evangelists. The west has done something in taxation, too. But the New England states do not live generally by agriculture. Colonel Watts is reputed to be working on a scheme which will take the pressure off agriculture, which casts about 83 per cent of the votes in the state, and lay it on something that has not the voice of many voters."

PRESIDENT CAMPS ON BATTLEFIELDS OF CIVIL WAR

Harding Watches Field Maneuvers Of Marine Corps—Party Shares Chow With Marine Officers, Using Tin Dishes.

Wilderness Run, Va., Oct. 2.—President Harding watched field maneuvers of the East Coast expeditionary force of the marine corps over the famous Civil War battlefields of the Wilderness and camped under canvas at marine headquarters here.

Open order work by platoon and battalion were witnessed by the President during the afternoon and later he saw a demonstration of day and night bombing by marine and navy aviators simulating on land a battle between modern dreadnaughts and the latest type of aircraft.

In following the maneuvers the President plodded across cornfields and through meadows with the first line of the advance and inspected a machine gun in action. The party shared chow with the officers at their mess, using tin dishes.

After attending religious services in Camp Sunday morning, the Presidential party returned to Washington.

TO BEGIN HEARINGS ON KU KLUX KLAN NEXT WEEK

Washington, Oct. 3.—After a conference with attorney General Daugherty, Chairman Campbell of the House rules committee, announced that public hearings by the committee on resolutions to investigate the activities of the Ku Klux Klan will be held Tuesday, October 11.

OXFORD LADY ENGAGED IN MISSION WORK IN CHICAGO

Miss Sylvia Hurst, a member of the West Oxford Baptist Church, who this month enrolled as student in The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, is assisting in evangelistic services which are held each week in one of the large Chicago missions.

MR. J. B. MEADOWS ASSIGNED TO THE RALEIGH MARKET

Mr. J. B. Meadows, buyer for Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, who has been on the sick list for two weeks, has recovered his strength. The company assigned him to the Raleigh market and he reported for duty yesterday.

Meeting Postponed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club has been postponed until October the 12th. All members are urged to be present as many interesting subjects will be discussed.

Rising Liberty Bond Prices.

The most notable financial fact of the day is the recovery in prices of the Liberty war-loan issues. All of them save the 3 1-2's of the first loan are now above 90 and still going strong. The gains from the low year have amounted to \$4 and \$5 on the \$100 for most issues on heavy buying.