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REV. R. C. CRAVEN ENDS LIFE AT OXFORD

His Body Found With A Pistol by His Side; Had Been In Ill Health

Oxford, Sept. 30.—The entire community was shocked this morning to learn of the tragic death of Rev. R. C. Craven, pastor of the Methodist church in this place.

When Mr. Craven was missing at a late hour Thursday night, a party of friends went out in search of him. His bicycle was found at De La Croix Springs, a place just outside of town to which he frequently rode. At 3 o'clock this morning his body was found about half a mile from the spring with a pistol lying by his side, a bullet hole through his temple. There was no writing, or any other evidence which has been found, which might furnish a reason for the act.

It is known that for some time he had been under a nervous strain and had been in consultation with his physician. At the dining table yesterday he was heard to exclaim with his hand to his head: "Oh! what a terrible pain shot thru my head."

Mr. Craven had been pastor of the Methodist church here for the past three years, coming here after a four year's pastorate in Rocky Mount. No minister has ever been held in higher esteem by the people of the town. Not only had he endeared himself to the members of his own church, but to all the church people in the community. He was a great lover of young people, and had probably done more for the boys and girls of the town than any other minister who has ever held a pastorate here.

The funeral will be held at 12 o'clock Saturday at Dunn.

Editor's Note—Rev. R. C. Craven will be remembered in Johnston county and people here will regret to learn of his tragic death. In Mr. Craven's young days, he taught school in this county at Glenwood Academy at that time a well known preparatory school. Among his pupils were Mr. W. W. Cole and the late T. J. Lassiter.

Funeral of Mr. Craven.

Oxford, Oct. 2.—Beautiful in its solemnity and simplicity was the funeral services conducted on Friday afternoon in the Oxford Methodist church over the remains of its former pastor, Rev. R. C. Craven, whose tragic death had occurred in the early morning hours. The choir sang sweetly, "Asleep in Jesus" and "It Is Not Death to Die," and Miss Hutchings sang "Lead Kindly Light." A most sympathetic and eloquent prayer was offered by Presiding Elder H. M. North, while Scripture lessons were read by Rev. B. H. Blank and R. L. Davis, of Raleigh. The presiding elder of the Raleigh district, Rev. J. C. Wooten delivered a short address on the life and works of the beloved pastor and minister. Mr. Craven numbered his friends in Oxford by the hundreds and not an eye was dry in the vast assemblage. The body remained in the church until 9:30 when it was carried to the Southern for shipment to Dunn, where the burial took place Saturday. Stewards of the church acted as pallbearers accompanying the remains to Dunn. Many eloquent floral designs were sent from every section of the state, noticeable among them being a floral blanket of white asters from the children and workers at the Oxford orphanage.

ATHLETICS AND SCHOLARSHIP

At the time when the Greeks attained their greatest intellectual and artistic development—a height never excelled in many respects by any other people before or since—they were also preeminent in athletics. Whether the preeminence in athletics was responsible for the preeminence in art and philosophy, or the reverse, is hard to determine. But it is a fact that Greece excelled in athletics and learning at the same time. In education the motto of the Greeks was "A sound mind in a sound body." In this country it is a general rule that the colleges and universities which are most notable for scholarship are also most notable for athletics.

Some parents object to football because they consider it too dangerous. Well, it is not a game for a "sissy

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS DISAPPOINTED

Assembly Looks to Washington Conference For Disarmament Plans

Geneva, Oct. 1.—Disappointment at the absence of results attained by the league of nations since the last assembly and hope in the forthcoming Washington conference were the two principal sentiments expressed in today's debate by the assembly on disarmament. Many seats were empty on the floor of the assembly, the question having been fully threshed out in committee.

The assembly however, was aroused to considerable enthusiasm, particularly by the eloquent defense of M. Noblemaire, of France, against accusations of militarism brought against his country. Lord Robt. Cecil, who presented the committee report on disarmament, said he hoped that the Washington conference would do something for the control of private manufacture and traffic in arms.

Capt. Melcourne Bruce of Australia said it was a matter of as much interest to Europe as to Australia, if his country were obliged to go on arming, following the example of the Asiatic countries, in order to protect its 12,000 miles of sea coast.

Hjalmar Branting, of Sweden, expressed the opinion that conditions in some countries made it impossible for them to begin disarmament now.

M. Noblemaire, in his defense against the accusations of militarism against France, said:

"Our attitude is the same as it was last year, and the same as it was in the Hotel Crillon in 1919 when France demanded disarmament contingent only upon national security. I want to reject, with all the energy I am capable of the accusations of militarism that certain persons have brought against France.

"No one wants war less than France because no one suffered so much from the war as she did.

"It is this spirit of loyalty and real patriotism that the French delegation is going to Washington to consider there naval disarmament, which, in its way, has the same importance as the military disarmament of which we are speaking."—Associated Press.

"boy," or a weaking, or a boy who has any "yellow" in him. The game requires a manly courageous fellow. But when a football team is properly equipped with good pants, shoulder pads, and helmets, and is properly coached, there is very little danger of any serious injury. Very seldom is there a death from football in schools and colleges where the teams are under the direction of a trained coach. But even including the schools where there is no adequate coaching the game is less dangerous than some other sports. Very few people know personally of any one who has been killed in a football game, but in practically every community cases are remembered where some boy or man has been killed while hunting. A much larger number of people meet death while swimming than meet death on the football field. Judged by the number of fatalities automobiles is incomparably more dangerous than playing football.

Football is the world's greatest high school and college game, and it is reasonable to expect that a real live boy should want to get into it. More than any other game, probably, football tends to develop qualities which are essential to success in life. To be successful in the game one must be in the best physical condition. This means that one must avoid any dissipation. It is sometimes said that "knowledge is power." This is not true. Knowledge, with the health, energy and courage to use it is power. These three last qualities are developed in robust games such as football, basketball, baseball and track athletics.

Football in the school is not simply for the eleven who make the team, any more than the high school instruction is for the few who finally graduate from the school, say ten out of fifty. Even those who do not play are inspired to try to make themselves stronger.

THOS. H. FRANKS, Supt.

Miss Elva Timberlake spent the week end at her home at Timberlake.

NEWS ITEMS FROM CAPITAL OF BANNER

Man Hurt In Auto; Mrs. Hook of Charlotte To Address Club

Benson, Sept. 30.—Mr. John Walker of Raeford, was a visitor here Saturday.

Messrs R. F. Smith and J. R. Barbour went to Clinton Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Call of Selma visited Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver Wednesday.

Mesdames E. M. Hall, W. D. Boone, Donald Kanoy, J. R. Barbour and Miss Evelyn Boone attended the District Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church at Clayton Tuesday. They report an unusually good meeting.

The Primitive Baptist Association held at Rehobeth church last Saturday and Sunday was attended by a large crowd from Benson.

The revival closed Monday night at the Methodist church. Rev. J. A. Martin of Durham preached strong and convicting sermons and although no professions of faith were made it is believed that much good will result from the meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Lassiter are the proud parents of a fine boy who arrived Tuesday.

Quite an interesting accident occurred near here Wednesday night on the road from Smithfield. Mr. Willie Woodall in passing noticed an overturned automobile with its lights still on and on stopping to investigate found a man pinned beneath it. He called for help and with the aid of those who came pulled the car off the unconscious man and brought him to Benson. Local doctors rendered first aid to him and sent him to the hospital at Fayetteville. No one seems to know anything about him except that his name is Morris and that he is a salesman for Swift and Co. Reports from Fayetteville today state that he is in a serious condition, his skull having been fractured besides other injuries. His people have not been located as yet and he is still unconscious.

Dr. Oliver spent Thursday in Wilson.

Miss Clara Woodall left last week for Raleigh. She is a student of Peace Institute again this year.

Miss Mary Jackson has accepted a position with W. W. Hockaday as bookkeeper.

The Missionary society of the M. E. church held a business meeting Wednesday evening. Reports were filled out and a few changes made in officers. Mrs. E. M. Hall was made agent for the Voice and Missionary News, the new conference paper. She secured several new subscriptions to both of these papers. It was decided to take up Bible Study again under the leadership of Mrs. J. R. Barbour. The president, Mrs. Boone, urged all departments to plan for the last quarter to be the best of the year. Two new members were added at this meeting, Mrs. Donald Kanoy and Miss Poindexter. The plan of having circles was abandoned and it was decided to meet all together monthly as heretofore. The October meeting will be held with Mrs. Wade Royall.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mrs. W. J. Root was hostess to a delightful theater party. The invited guests were members of the Health-Home Economics Department of the Woman's club of which she is chairman, and the president and vice-president of the club. A Paramount picture, "Don't Change Your Husband" in which Gloria Swanson played the leading part was an unusually good one and the guests were grateful indeed to Mrs. Root for affording them such an enjoyable occasion. There is much interest in this department of the Woman's club. It plans to have a booth at the coming Dunn Fair and hopes all of its friends will patronize it. The Woman's club is looking forward with delight to next Friday evening when Mrs. C. C. Hook of Charlotte, former president of the N. C. Federation of Women's clubs and one of the most prominent women of the State, will address them.

The John Charles McNeill Pook club held its first regular meeting of the new club year Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock with its president, Mrs. J. R. Barbour. After chaplain service the roll was called and minutes of

FOUR OAKS NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Revival at Baptist Church Attracts Large Crowds; Movie Theatre Opened

Four Oaks, Oct. 1.—Messrs S. M. Boyette and E. M. Denning have returned from Wilmington where they went to attend a Shriners Meeting.

Mrs. Ellen Barbour spent last week end in the Rehobeth section and attended the association at Rehobeth church.

Little Miss Daphne Lamm, of Lucama, spent last week here the guest of Miss Irene Paschall.

Mrs. C. M. Bandy has returned from Dillon, S. C., where she spent some time with her mother, Mrs. Martha Guill.

Mrs. A. M. Branch and son, of Lucama, spent Sunday here the guests of Mrs. Sallie Paschall. They motored over to Buie's Creek in the afternoon.

Miss Nan Burwell, of Stovall spent the week end with Miss Gladys Adams.

Misses Caroline Fitzgerald of Micro and Zelma Wester, of Franklinton, arrived Friday to teach in the Four Oaks graded school, which will open Monday, Oct. 3. They taught in our school last year and we are glad to have them back again.

Mr. Hugh B. Adams, of the Howard Taylor Cotton Co., of Atlanta, Ga., spent last week in the city the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barbour and Mrs. Sallie Paschall spent last Friday in Raleigh.

Mr. Edgar Denning who has been ill, is rapidly improving. Mrs. Denning, who was visiting her parents in Baltimore, was called home on account of his sickness.

Mr. L. C. Keene is very sick with fever.

Mesdames A. D. Ford, B. B. Adams, W. H. Tucker, E. B. Craven and W. R. Keene attended the group meeting of the Woman's Missionary auxiliaries of Johnston county which was held in Clayton Tuesday.

The revival at the Baptist church is in progress now. Dr. Wright of Greenville, Texas, is preaching forceful sermons and Mr. Grindle of Georgia is leading the singing. Large crowds attend each service.

Mrs. William Adams fell from the porch on Friday afternoon and suffered painful injuries which rendered her unconscious for several hours. She is very sick now.

Four Oaks is right along with the other small towns in amusements now. Mr. Leon A. Adams has opened a Movie Theater and is giving splendid shows on Friday and Saturday nights. Only the best pictures are shown. Mr. Adams says if the people will give him their patronage he will give as good shows as are seen in larger towns.

Miss Eloise Turley of Clayton was the guest of Miss Leola Sanders Friday afternoon.

Attorney James A. Wellons and Ed F. Ward spent a few hours in the city Friday on business.

Master Marvin Tucker entertained a number of his friends at a birthday party on Wednesday afternoon. Delightful games were played after which ice cream and cake was served.

We are glad to see Mr. W. E. Barbour out again after a few days' illness.

Master Albert Keene, of Smithfield, is spending the week end with Edward and Rowald Keene.

The last regular meeting and the annual business meeting were read by the secretary. The program committee has decided to adopt th study course on "Modern Drama" as outlined by the State Federation and the chairman of the committee, Mrs. W. D. Boone, gave an introductory to their course. Miss Estelle Burt gave an A. B. C. number of delightful readings. Mrs. E. M. Hall read a brief discussion of the course to be taken up and the program for October was announced. After books were distributed the club adjourned for a delightful social hour. Besides club members Mrs. Barbour had as her guests Miss Estelle Burt, Mrs. J. W. Whittenton, Mrs. John Rose, who is visiting Mrs. J. H. Rose, and Mrs. Donald Kanoy.

THE FRENCH DEAD HONORED BY U. S.

Congressional Medal Placed On Tomb Of Unknown Soldier; Great Crowd

Paris, Oct. 2.—The United States today paid its highest tribute to the dead soldiers of France when Gen. John J. Pershing, in the presence of an immense throng, including President Millerand and other high officials of the republic, laid the congressional medal of honor upon the tomb of the unknown poilu under the arch of triumph. The ceremony was the most impressive expression of Franco-American unity since the United States declared war on Germany in April, 1917.

A military review, second in size only to the historic victory parade, followed the ceremony. A picked battalion of American troops, representative of all units, comprising the American forces on the Rhine, led the parade, which was reviewed by President Millerand, General Pershing, Ambassador Herrick and all the marshals of France. The presence of a large body of American troops in Paris for the first time since 1919 caused an outburst of enthusiasm from the thousands of Parisians who lined the Avenue Des Champs Elysees and the Place D'etoile, where the arch is located.

Before placing the decoration on the unknown soldier's tomb, General Pershing stood before it at salute for several minutes. Then in a voice shaking with emotion, he declared:

"In the name of the President and of the people of the United States, as a token of our perpetual belief in the righteousness of the cause for which you died and as a mark of respect and admiration to you and to your countrymen, I place this congressional medal of honor upon your tomb."

The American headquarters band from Coblenz then played the "Marseillaise" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

General Pershing's speech made a profound impression upon the assemblage and brought tears to many eyes. Referring to the unknown as "soldier of France, dear friend and my comrade, the general said:

"I salute in your noble life and in your tragic death you have become to the world an immortal symbol of devotion to the highest ideals of mankind. Your valor on many fields will ever remain an inspiration to living mothers who weep over your grave as they recall the heroism of their own brave sons.

"Your allied comrades remember with deep emotion how you cheered them as you fell. They praise your gallant deeds while they renew their vows of allegiance to the principles for which you fought. Dear friend your battle is over. You sleep quietly amid the noisy traffic of a great city. For you, the victory is won. You gave your last drop of your life's blood for liberty and in the glorious sacrifice of your youth was born the hope of those you left behind. In your heart there is malice toward none, but charity for all. It is this spirit and this alone which will establish confidence among nations.

"You fought against the calamity of war, but your work will not be completed until the burdens which the preparation for war impose are lifted from the shoulders of all peoples. You gave your all for peace but your gift will be barren unless a generous spirit of unselfish co-operation arises to take the place of hatred. Unknown soldier, to you of whom thousands of mothers ask "is it my son?" To your tomb, which is for France the altar of the country, I bring the love and affection of the American soldiers who fought beside you and the valiant soldiers of France."—Associated Press.

D. G. S. Girls Meet.

Miss Eula Parrish delightfully entertained the D. G. S. Girls Thursday evening at her home on Second street. Rook and pleasant conversation whiled away the time until the hostess served delicious cream and cake after which the guests took their departure.

Miss Eula Parrish spent the week end with friends in Raleigh.

CAPITAL AND LABOR TO JOIN FORCES

Both Sides Promise Aid In Relieving Unemployment Situation

Washington, Oct. 1.—Capital and labor joined forces here tonight to give impetus to the carrying out thru community organization of the emergency program for the immediate relief of the nation's idle wage earners adopted by the National conference on unemployment.

In an appeal to the business men and chambers of commerce of the country to actively support the program, Joseph H. Defrees, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States declared that, "business has a great responsibility in the situation," it must furnish employment.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a formal statement, expressed his confidence that "the trade union movement in each community will join energetically in the effort to assist in the task of providing work for the thousands who are idle."

Both Mr. Dufrees and Mr. Gompers are members of the conference and assisted in drafting the emergency program.

Mr. Defrees called upon the business men to offer the mayors in their communities immediate assistance in order to speed up the establishment of employment committees on a national basis.

American labor, Mr. Gompers declared, would give its "whole-hearted support" to the emergency program which he said provided an opportunity for the co-operative action of all the agencies and institutions in each community to bring relief to the unemployed.

"Labor," he said, "will endorse every constructive feature of the report which the unemployment conference has adopted. Beyond question, America can solve the problem of unemployment if it undertakes the work in earnest. If mayors, communities, employers, manufacturers, dealers of all kinds and our people generally, will undertake to put into effect the conference recommendations with the same earnest spirit in which they were formulated and adopted it seems certain that a tremendous impetus will be given towards eliminating the great and pressing problem of the unemployed."

Discussion of the emergency program was undertaken today by the conference members. Many of them residing in nearby States have gone to their homes until the sub-committees begin the consideration of permanent unemployment measures next week and are expected to aid did the organization work of their committees. Others from distant States are understood to be in communication with their local authorities urging the formation of the emergency committees and immediate initiation of relief measures.

Recreation Club Meets.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Boyett, who live near town, presented a scene of unusual charm, Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Boyett entertained the Recreation Club. About fourteen ladies were present and the occasion was one of unalloyed pleasure. The home was profusely decorated with cut flowers. After spending sometime sewing, a contest, "Your favorite stitches," was engaged in. Mrs. C. F. Gordon and Miss Annie Myatt seemed to be more familiar with the fancy stitches and answered the seventeen stitches correctly.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. E. J. Wellons and Mrs. L. H. Sasser served an elaborate salad course with iced tea. The guests besides club members were Mrs. E. J. Wellons, Mrs. J. W. Wellons and Mrs. B. F. Lane of Wilson.

Mr. Powell Visits Johnston.

Mr. Charles Powell, Jr., of Clinton, was here last week on business and to visit relatives. Since he left Johnston he has been representing the Watkins Medicines in Sampson county. He says Sampson has had more rain than Johnston recently.