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Mrs. Martha Cotten Crawford Dead

There passed away from earth and loved ones on Tuesday morning, May the 6th, 1913, the soul of Williamston's best beloved woman, Martha Cotten Crawford, whose last days were full of sufferings borne with the fortitude of one who could truthfully say: "For me to live is Christ, to die, is gain." Like the quiet closing of the eyes of a little child when sweet sleep comes on, her spirit slipped its earthly moorings and passed into that Eternal Sea, where no storms are, but where a beautiful peace rests o'er the face of the waters. That hand whose warm grasp had helped alike the highly and lowly—that voice which had spoken loving words that brought cheer to the souls cast down—that heart whose throbs had quickened when pain came to others, and whose sympathy was as boundless as the love of the Father who had implanted into it His saving grace—all, all are gone and cannot come back again, but shall live on and on in the memories of men, women and children who mourn her departure. Over the door of her heart and home was written "Welcome" and any could enter and find joy in her companionship. Her charm of manner, and brightness of spirit combined with a love of the beautiful things of life, made her popular in society as a young girl and when a matron. The broad-minded Christianity which ruled her every-day life, shone out most prominently. Loving God and His Church, she loved all who called upon His holy name, and her religion was not bounded but embraced all of God's people with whom she came in contact. Many years ago she embraced the faith of her fathers and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Skewarkey, receiving baptism by the hands of Elder C. B. Hassell in the waters of the Roanoke River one quiet Sabbath day.

She was born in Williamston in the home where she died, on October 17th, 1839. Her parents, Judge and Mrs. Asa Biggs, were among the most prominent people in the State, Judge Biggs being at one time United States Senator in those trying days prior to the war.

Whatever affected State or Nation, she took an interest, having kept upon the altar of her heart strongest love for her country. To the South for whose cause the blood of her beloved brother was shed, she gave her warmest love and interest.

On December 20th, 1865, in the town of Tarboro, where her parents lived for some years, she married William Thomas Crawford, whose death occurred seven years ago, after a life of thirty years of public service in Martin County. Their life together was a happy one, full of sympathetic love, which made the home attractive to the children whom God gave them. A true wife and mother, she reared her children tenderly and with care. Grief came into her life particularly in the death of her oldest daughter and then the husband, but through it all, she leaned on the mercy and goodness of the Giver of life and murmured not.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. S. H. VanCleave, of New Jersey, and Mrs. C. W. Kellinger, who lives with her. There are many relatives in other towns and states among whom are her nephews, Judge Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, and Dr. Harry A. Cotten, of New Jersey. Her surviving children are, Messrs. Henry, Asa Tom and Kader Crawford, Miss Anna Crawford,

Williamston, and Benjamin Crawford, of Lexington. Two grandchildren also survive her, Master Asa Henry and little Martha Cotten Crawford, whose presence helped to brighten her days and months of suffering.

Wednesday afternoon, the funeral services were held at the residence at 4:30 o'clock in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends. Elder Sylvester Hassell assisted by Revs. G. J. Dowell, J. T. Stanford and Morrison Bethea, conducted the services, saying a few words appreciative of the life and character of her upon whom "death had left only the beautiful." Handsome designs of flowers, sweet to place on the mound of one who loved them so, were presented in large numbers by friends here and elsewhere. The body was borne to the family cemetery and laid beside the husband to await the coming of that glorious day when all the saints of God shall arise to meet Him in the air.

Among those attending the funeral from out of town were: Mrs. E. T. Whitehead, of Scotland Neck; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Biggs, of Washington; Mrs. A. V. Deans, of Tarboro; Mrs. C. M. Lanier and B. C. Crawford. The active pall bearers were: C. D. Carstarphen, J. H. Page, A. D. Mizell, Arthur and J. W. Anderson, John D. Biggs, W. H. Gurkin and F. U. Barnes.

D. A. R. Meeting

The Gideon Lamb Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met with the Misses Lamb on Thursday evening of last week. Miss Mayo Lamb, who was a delegate to the National meeting held in Washington City, was to have returned and make a report, but was detained in New York whence she went to visit her sister. There were interesting papers by Miss Irene Smith and Mrs. John D. Biggs, the former taking for her subject "The Puritans in England," and the latter "The Pilgrim Fathers." Both papers were well written, and showed careful research. The hostess served delicious refreshments in the dining room, and the evening proved one of the most pleasant in the history of the Chapter. The next meeting will be held with Miss Emily Whitley in June.

Ticket Named

About seventy-five citizens of the town met on Friday night at the City Hall to name a municipal ticket, consisting of five commissioners and a Mayor. A. R. Dunning was called upon to preside over the meeting. There were several speeches made in support of the two tickets put before the meeting and a vote was taken to decide the candidate for Mayor between B. F. Godwin and J. D. Simpson, the former winning by 10 votes. After a lengthy discussion, the following were named as candidates for Commissioners: C. H. Godwin, W. T. Meadows, W. H. Crawford, A. R. Dunning and F. K. Hodges. Hodges received the entire vote of those present being acceptable to the advocates of both tickets.

The election was held Tuesday and was very quiet, there being but the one ticket nominated at the meeting Friday night. The vote was also light, many citizens letting the election pass without exercising their suffrage. The Board of Commissioners is composed of some of the best business men in the town, and it is hoped that they will manage municipal affairs to the best interest of the town.

Robersonville Township Wins

Tuesday there were three townships in Martin County that voted to decide for or against good roads. The question has been agitated for some time and those for and those against waged the battle fiercely. In some places, the fight was unusually strong. The advocates of the bill in Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships were confident that the victory was assured, but not so. In Goose Nest the fight for improvement was lost by a vote of 22, and in Hamilton by 23. There is much disappointment in both sections for good roads are needed there and many of the citizens of those townships are working along progressive lines to bring their respective sections up with the best in the county.

Robersonville Township, though the fight was long and fierce, won out for progress by a majority of 9 votes. The progressives of that section are jubilant and are being congratulated on their splendid victory. Perhaps, the opposition was more apparent in that township, and so brought out the best work among the advocates of the bill, thus winning the victory and putting Robersonville Township among the progressive sections of the State and Nation. The time will come, however, when even the bitterest opponents of good roads will see the error of their ways and regret that they failed to endorse for progress.

One Wife Too Many

J. R. Davis, originally of Jamesville, has been arrested in Suffolk, Va., on the charge of bigamy. Several years ago he married Miss Maggie Jordan, of Jamesville, but for two years has not been living with his wife and two boys, who are with relatives at Jamesville. Davis, who made a good appearance, has been working for an insurance firm in Suffolk, and there married a Miss Evans, who lives on Holliday St., representing himself as a widower. Suspicion rests upon Davis and the police received a wire from Mrs. Davis No. 1, who offered to go to Suffolk as a witness against Davis. She forwarded a photo of herself and children which appeared in the Virginian-Pilot of Tuesday. This is the same Davis who several years ago attempted to cut the throat of his wife at Jamesville and escaped after being placed in the lockup. Mrs. Davis, No. 1, has relatives and friends in Williamston, where she lived in her girlhood and attended school.

Arrested in Richmond

A dispatch from Richmond last week states that Mrs. Vesta R. Gray, of Martin County, had been tracked by a brother and arrested with James Walker, of Norfolk, who told the police that Mrs. Gray was his soul mate and that she intended to secure a divorce from her husband and marry him. Walker furnished bail but the woman failed to be released.

From inquiry it was learned that Mrs. Gray is the daughter of the late Calvin White who lived near Spring Green, and had lived with her husband at Hassell. She is only about twenty years old and very attractive.

A Card

Editor The Enterprise:
I wish to express my thanks to friends for so many kind acts shoes me during my recent illness.
Geo. W. Griffin.

To Visit the President

Col. Wilson G. Lamb left Tuesday morning for Washington City, where on Wednesday in company with Mr. Daves, of Baltimore and Col. Benehan Cameron, of Raleigh, will visit President Wilson by appointment. At the meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati at Greenboro last week, President Wilson was made an honorary member of the North Carolina Society. Col. Lamb, who is President of the Society, will present the certificate of membership to Mr. Wilson and also a golden badge of the Society.

Every President since Washington, who was the president of the first organization, has been made an honorary member of some state society, and North Carolina has the distinction of electing President Wilson to membership.

Signs Of The Ohio Flood

It is a few miles from here to the Ohio and Maumee Rivers where the waters destroyed so many lives and so much property, but the signs of the flood have been seen here in a car load of Studebaker automobiles shipped from Detroit, Mich., and consigned to J. P. Simpson. The shipment was made early in March, and reached here several days ago. So long had the car been held up by the inability to move freight in that section from which they came, that they were badly damaged by getting loose and running against each other in the box car. Two of the cars had already been sold and the purchasers were anxiously waiting for them, as was the agent.

The Home Paper

It wants you on its reading list, recorded on its books, and then you'll get it every week and know just how it looks.

It will tell you all about the news, in this and near by towns who gets married, dies, is born, and who elopes or drowns.

There isn't a thing from A to Z that tends to help the town, that the paper doesn't catch it up and quickly pass it round.

It tells about your visitors, with titles emphasized, while all their points of merit are freely generalized.

It tells about your virtues, and over looks your sins, and puts an extra emphasis upon the birth of twins.

It never designs to tell a lie except in personal praise, and then it does it clear and strong, and with its choicest phrase.

In writing up your marriage, it elaborates with care, and says the bride was beautiful and the groom was on the square.

It doesn't matter who it is that crosses Jordan's river, the paper tickets him as saint, and safely sends him thither.

It tells about that darling boy who had a dollar raise, leaves out his measly little tricks and just recites his praise.

And there's your daughter on the streets, gadding night and day, of all the rumor slow or fleet, it wisely does not say.

It knows about your weakness, your little streaks of yellow, just how to smother ill reports or make them smooth and mellow.

It knows the financial standing of every man in town, and whether its living or cheerless giving, that constantly keeps him down.

Unlike the city dailies that delve in scandal's sewer, it eliminates the sewage and retains the good and pure.—Onarga (Ill.) Leader and Review.

Parade Items

Ronald Ward and Mr. Barksdale spent Tuesday night with Nicholas Roberson.

Miss Carrie Andrews spent a few days in town last week.

Miss Lela Nelson spent the week-end with friends in Tarboro. Reymus Bryan returned from Kinston Tuesday night.

W. W. Harper spent Sunday at home.

The mother of J. T. Stokes came from Greenville and spent last week with him.

Mrs. W. W. Andrews and grandson are visiting in Tarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nelson spent Sunday with their father.

Misses Mamie VanNortwick and Lela Nelson spent Tuesday night at the home of J. R. Whitehurst.

David, the young son of D. S. Powell, is seriously ill and it is feared that he cannot live.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Taylor spent Tuesday night here with their mother.

Rev. M. A. Matheson fell from a wheel Saturday and severely hurt his arm.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carson died Tuesday of pneumonia and whooping cough. The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Butler and interment was made at Bethel. The parents have the sympathy of the community.

Local Highs Won

The base ball season opened among younger sports on Monday, when the High School boys met the Robersonville team on the diamond of the latter. The home team accompanied by J. H. Thrower, left on the morning train and returned at night. Two games were played one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. A good crowd of fans witnessed Williamston scoop up both games in fine style.

Robersonville had the advantage in weight, but that was all, though they played to win. Dick Smith, who has been catching rocks up in the mountains for eight months, grabbed everything off the bat and put the sphere back where it was needed. In the morning game, Robertson, Melson and Joe Thrower put the ball across the plate.

The score was 13 to 9 in favor of the Highs. In the afternoon, the game was pitched by Joe Thrower, and resulted in a score of 8 to 1 in favor of the Highs, who came home full of enthusiasm. Principal Jerome gave them leave of absence from school for one day. Robersonville's twirlers did valiant service but could not keep the Highs from finding them easy. The morning game was pitched for Robersonville by Everett James, that in the afternoon by Turner Grimes.

Griffins Items

S. C. Peel came from Williamston Tuesday.

Noah T. Roberson had a severe stroke of paralysis on Saturday.

Miss Jeannette Manning entertained a large number of her friends Sunday.

Misses Eva Peel and Daisy Manning of Williamston, spent Sunday with Miss Katie Lilley.

Miss Miriam is thinking of going to Panacea Springs.

It looks dull for the farmers as it is so dry.

Before burning your bridges behind you, it might be well to see that they are fully insured.