

JOSEPH COREY DIES AFTER YEARS OF SUFFERING

Buried in the Gray that He Wore in the Wilderness

After many months of suffering Joseph Corey passed away at his home Saturday. He was 83 years old the 14th of last February and was born in Griffins township where he lived all his life except for four years when he sojourned into the Wilderness where he slept in the trenches in mud and water at night and fought for what was considered right in the day.

Perhaps no man wore the Confederate Gray with more honor than did Joseph Corey for four years, and few men cherished its cause and the recollections thereof more warmly than he.

He had so well preserved his uniform of 60 years ago that it was used as his burial suit knapsack was also placed in his coffin.

A large crowd assembled at the home Sunday afternoon where funeral services were conducted by W. E. Harrington, E. C. Stone and A. J. Manning. After the services the body was taken to the burying of his father at the Claudius Roberson farm and buried.

Mr. Corey was the last of a large family of children. His wife only reached the grave a few months ago. He leaves six children, L. E. Corey and Alex Corey of Jamesville and D. W. Corey of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. W. E. Roebuck, Williamston; Mrs. C. E. Perkins of Baltimore and Mrs. C. H. Moore of Graham, Virginia.

MR. AND MRS. M. J. DAVIS ENTERTAIN SENIOR CLASS

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Davis gave the Senior Class of the High School a social evening Friday, May 16. Pink roses massed in silver vases and baskets artistically carried out the class color scheme in the receiving rooms. A lively game, "Searching for My College" started the program of activities. Miss Carrie Lee Peeler representing Big Bluff College won first place and for her athletic feat was awarded a small W. H. S. pennant. "Entrance to Big Bluff College" marked the door of the parlor. To enter Big Bluff College the candidates were to pass three entrance examinations. Miss Myrtle Wynne and Mr. Bryant Carstarphen winning highest honors on history and public speaking received a class of 74 leatherette booklet containing class poems written by the hostess. The reading of these afforded wholesome amusement. The students then exchanged partners for the geography test. Miss Myrtle Wynne scored highest in this also. The class animal was presented to her.

After the entrance tests the candidates were received in the dining room by Miss Hartsfield. Here they found their places, which were designated by tiny diplomas tied in old rose and silver ribbon, and each bearing the name of a senior. These diplomas contained fortunes instead of a certification of qualification for entrance to Big Bluff as expected. Pat's decrees were then read. After which refreshments, consisting of old rose and white ice cream and cakelets matching the paper napkins were served. All this coloring added sentiment, as did the punch served at the beginning of the evening.

When the guests returned to the parlor they found magazines, scissors, pencils, ribbon and all the necessary tools for making picture journals of each other. This task furnished an hour of well-earned fun. Just before saying "good night" each senior drew statistics for his or her diary now completed.

There was one absent member of the class. She was not forgotten at any time. Pattie's fortune, journal and refreshments were delivered to her by her class mates. Nevertheless her absence was felt. Professor Wolf of the High School was made an honorary member of the class for the evening. He also passed the entrance examinations.

The Senior Class boasts eight unusually fine members this year. The town should be proud of her boys and girls who will enter our colleges of North Carolina as freshmen next year. They are Misses Velma Harrison, Mattie Perry, Carrie Lee Peeler, Pattie Harris, Myrtle Wynne, Messrs. William Hodges, Bryant Carstarphen and Frederick Hoyt.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson and Mrs. Oscar Anderson will leave Thursday for Greensboro where they will attend the graduation exercises of Greensboro College where Miss Martha L. Anderson is an A. B. graduate this year.

BLAKEST, DIRTIEST AND MOST BRUTAL CRIME IN HISTORY OF WILLIAMSON COMMITTED SATURDAY

Smallwood Threatened Woman's Life and by Carefully Laid Plans Is Enabled To Escape Hands of Law

The blakest, dirtiest and most brutal crime in the history of Williamson was committed last Saturday night when Lock Smallwood of Bertie county assaulted Mrs. Alena Kelly, wife of Carl Kelly, at her home in the apartment over the F. K. Hodges store.

Mrs. Kelly who works in the City Fruit Store on Main street went to her home about 11 o'clock where she lay down on the bed to rest and read. She did not undress but pulled a blanket over herself. In about a half hour her husband and Lock Smallwood who she had known for some time and who had been a close friend of her husband for several years, came in.

Smallwood was to spend the night, using the apartment usually occupied by Mr. Harrison a Plymouth contractor when in town and who is Mr. Kelly's employer.

Smallwood brought two friends to Williamson from Bertie county and asked Kelly if he would not take his car and carry them home which Kelly did. Mrs. Kelly still reclining and reading just as when her husband left.

After Kelly had departed, Smallwood went to her bed and sat down on the side of the bed. He was told by Mrs. Kelly to get away which he refused to do. After his refusing to get away, Mrs. Kelly attempted to get up when Smallwood caught her and forced her back on the bed, choking her and bruising her throat, her arm and scratching her breast. She screamed so that it was heard by a number of people, but she was so badly choked that she could not continue to scream and the hearers of the first scream thought little or nothing more about it until later.

After accomplishing his purpose, he then told her that if she told it he would kill her. For some time she would beg and cry. Those hearing it however, thinking it was a disturbance between she and her husband, were slow to interfere. Sometime there after Sheriff Roberson and Chief of Police J. O. Manning who had been away from town came and listening in heard Smallwood say "If you tell it, damn you, I will kill you". Then it was that the Chief went to the door and demanded entrance, going in he expected to find Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, but saw he was mistaken when he found the man to be Lock Smallwood. Chief Manning found Mrs. Kelly badly frightened and deathly pale.

Smallwood took the floor and told the police the trouble was that her husband had gone off with his (Smallwood's) car and she was uneasy and nervous about it. While Mrs. Kelly was in her frightened condition she did not tell it, remembering the threat made by Smallwood. Smallwood's statement threw the officers off his track and they had no clue to hold him.

When Mr. Kelly came his wife told him just what had happened, but before Smallwood could be arrested, he had slipped.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly moved to Williamson early in the year and since their arrival, Mr. Kelly has worked with the Williamson Tinning and Plumbing company and Mrs. Kelly has been employed at the City Fruit and Vegetable store. Mrs. Kelly is only fifteen years old, she being married soon after she reached the age of fourteen. To make the crime more brutal, Mrs. Kelly is in a delicate state by several months. Smallwood is thought to have left for some northern point. Careful watch is being made by the officials and it is hoped that they will bring him to quick justice.

LOCAL TALENT TO STAGE PLAY AT CITY HALL TONIGHT

"The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet" a comedy, will be staged by local talent in the City Hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

Clean, wholesome entertainment along with barrels of fun for those who attend. The proceeds will go to the promotion of the Baptist Aid Society and is being staged by Circles 4 and 6 of that Society.

STAR ATTRACTION AT STRAND TOMORROW NIGHT

"Enemies of Women" an unusual attraction has been secured by the management of the Strand theatre and will be screened tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock. Lionel Barrymore is in the cast and his presence speaks for the rest.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF LOCAL SCHOOL

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The Chief Justice was stricken ill at his residence at noon Sunday and was unconscious all night. Justice Clark complained of being unwell Sunday morning but dressed for church as usual. About ten o'clock he lay down and his physician Dr. Huert Haywood was summoned. He was put to bed and ordered to be kept quiet. Two hours later he suddenly lapsed into unconsciousness.

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The Chief Justice would have been 78 years old next August. He has been on the bench for 39 years, beginning his service as a superior court judge in 1885. In 1889 he went to the Supreme Court and in 1903 was made chief justice. In addition to his judicial labors he found time to do a great deal of writing and among his works is the three-volume translation of the Constant diary. Justice Clark was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Confederate army at the age of 17, the youngest man ever to bear that rank.

DR. SAM SMALL AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Sam Small of the American Anti-Saloon League addressed a large audience at the Baptist church here last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Small cited the most important days in history, capping them off with the one when Nation-wide Prohibition was made possible.

Out side his witty remarks he mentioned the one great purpose, "Prohibition, not for the old and gray haired like he was, but Prohibition for the sake of his children and our children—the future citizens of America." He mentioned the fact that the trend of several congressmen's actions was to seek light wines and beverages, and to this he made a very striking appeal to the members of all the churches to help combat any such thing.

Dr. Small has been in the service about forty years and though his speech was a bit below the average one, he touched the key note to our future and the next generation's future when he said, "Prohibition, not for the old but for America's future children." He showed what would and could happen to America by referring back to times and conditions before the World War, using the down fall of the German Empire to illustrate his point. In his speech he stated that the Almighty had not selected America just for us to live and die in but for a much greater cause, and to establish that cause a drunken nation was not needed, therefore Nation wide Prohibition for America now and forever.

MISTAKE LEADS MAN THROUGH WINDOW INSTEAD OF ALLEY

Saturday night, a colored man who had parked his Ford on the street in front of Anderson Crawford's store, made a serious mistake when he pushed the clutch rather than the reverse gear while his engine was running at a fast speed.

The man had finished shopping and was attempting to "back out" but instead of doing so he went forward, sending his car over the sidewalk and into the store window. So far as the store was concerned, it withstood the shock but a seventy-five dollar plate glass window was broken under the strain. As an explanation, the colored man said he was simply wrong in instructing his feet and the Ford, as a result, went the wrong direction.

WARREN TO SPEAK IN JAMESVILLE FRIDAY NIGHT

Hon. Lindsay Warren, candidate for congress from the first congressional district will speak in the school auditorium in Jamesville Friday night, May 23, 1924. On the following night Mr. Warren will speak at the County House in Griffins township.

Everyone is cordially invited, and a special invitation is extended to the women.

On Friday night, May 20, Mr. Warren will speak in Robersonville, and at Bear Grass Saturday night, May 21.

Mr. M. J. Davis left this morning for Raleigh to attend to business matters. He will return tomorrow.

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Windsor School Closes Successful Session

The graduating exercises of the Windsor High School were held May 13th and 14th and brought to a fitting close a very successful year of one of the most progressive school systems in the state.

The Baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. W. D. Moss of Chapel Hill. The "Parson" preached one of the most powerful sermons ever heard in this vicinity. His talk was replete with philosophical advice and not only the graduates but also every member of the entire audience was deeply moved by his profound words.

Judge Francis D. Winston gave the literary address. The topic was "Woodrow Wilson" and never in the history of the townfolk did the "Governor" acquit himself better. The inspiring topic seemed to lend itself with all its inspiration to the speaker, making him even more eloquent than is his wont. The citizenry of Bertie were loud in their praises acclaiming it as a masterpiece worthy to be placed with the nation's best orations.

The diplomas were presented in a unique way, the mothers of the graduates having the honor of giving the sheepskin. Those graduating were: Misses Mary Etheridge Rhea, Eugenia Sessoms, Esther Wade Gatling, Mary Rhodes Copeland, Essie Mizell, Flora Mitchell and Elizabeth Bond.

Among the remarkable achievements of the year a few stand out prominently. A class in Public Health was successfully conducted by the health officer, Dr. J. E. Smith. A class in Citizenship was conducted by Mr. T. C. Taylor, Superintendent of the Windsor Public Schools. This class filled a long felt want in the curriculum. Some of the activities of the class were as follows: A town cleanup was conducted with obviously beneficial results. A violin concert was sponsored and Miss Emilie Rose Knox, North Carolina's most noted violinist was secured as soloist. The class also had A. W. McLean, J. W. Bailey and I. M. Meekins to deliver addresses. Thus the school has become a real community center, the ideal toward which all educators strive. The people have been given an opportunity to hear the best speakers, musicians, and, thru the medium of readings by students and lecturers by authorities, have become acquainted with the Shakesperian Tragedies.

So great has been the interest in this class in Citizenship that inquiries have been received from all parts of the state as to the method of conducting it. Much of the success of the school and its activities has been due to the energy of the Superintendent, Mr. T. C. Taylor, a graduate of the University of North Carolina. After a brilliant record at the University, he took the responsible position as head of the local school system and succeeded admirably.

WILL WATERS FIRES LOAD OF BUCK SHOT INTO HENRY BOWEN'S BODY AS RESULT OF FRIENDLY QUARREL

Bowen Now in Washington Hospital Is Holding His Own, No Better, No Worse, According To Message At Three O'clock Today

Saturday night about ten thirty o'clock, Will Waters shot and very seriously wounded Henry Bowen in the store of Reubin Spellar near the Roanoke river wharf. According to a statement made by Waters to the Norfolk police the shooting was a culmination of a trip on Saturday afternoon when Will Waters, Dink Harlison and Henry Bowen made a trip to get whiskey and upon returning became engaged in a friendly argument on the wharf and during the course of which Bowen became infuriated and slapped Waters. This infuriated Waters and he went to his home and got his gun and came up town to get shells and then went back "down the hill" and found Bowen in Reubin Spellar's store and shot him, the number 2 buck hot going in Bowen's back causing him to have several hemorrhages from which he lost so much blood that he was not expected to live for several hours.

Bowen was able to walk most of the way to Biggs Drug store where he was given first aid by Dr. H. B. York and was then rushed to the Washington hospital where he was reported at 3:00 o'clock today as getting along as well as could be expected, but as being in a very critical state.

Waters spent the night in or near Williamston, having evaded the sheriff and the deputies that night as he was seen early next morning at Spellar's store again but he left shortly after seven o'clock Sunday morning for Norfolk by car with Willie Armstrong, a colored boy who worked for him, driving.

When Waters was arrested in Norfolk (a long distance telephone message having been sent there, he was arrested soon after his arrival on Granby street) he exonerated the negro boy and told him to carry his car back home and put it under the shed and he added, "I don't think I'll have any more use for it soon."

According to Norfolk papers, Will is in a pitiful condition and they say that he broke down when he was jailed and fell to the floor crying, "Lord, how did I ever do a thing like that?" and he has wanted to keep in touch with Williamston to find out how Bowen is getting along and they say he is much grieved over the critical condition of his friend.

Sheriff Roberson left this morning for Norfolk where he will get Waters and bring him home for trial, arriving here tomorrow noon. The families of both Waters and Bowen have the sympathy of their friends in the community, especially the aged father of Waters who has been in ill health for many months.

Infant Child Dies

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wableton died Saturday morning at the home of its parents on Church street. The death of the baby is one of the saddest that ever occurred in Williamston and the parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their deep grief at the loss of their child and for the way that it died.

Saturday morning, Mrs. Wableton thought that the baby was sleeping later than usual, having risen early and left it in a darkened room while she did her household work, and when she went to see what was the trouble she found that it was dead. The mother thought that it must have got underneath the covers during the night and on account of her deafness she was unable to hear it cry, and was strangled to death.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence Sunday afternoon with Rev. R. L. Shirley of the Memorial Baptist Church officiating and his choir rendering special music. The interment took place in the cemetery at the home of its grandparents.

PUPILS OF LOCAL SCHOOL TAXED WITH EXAMINATIONS

The pupils of the local school are going through with their regular final examinations this week. Some of the pupils are fortunate enough to escape the agony by having kept their yearly average above 50. We wish 'em all success regardless whether they take the exams or not.

The commencement exercises will be held in the school auditorium next Friday night. The teachers have been drilling their pupils for the past several months for the occasion and a very entertaining program is assured.

Picnic at Rea's Beach

On Saturday at nine o'clock the sixth and seventh grades of the local school with their teacher, Miss Gladys Benjamin and a few other friends left in cars for Rea's Beach where they spent the day picnicking. Despite the coldness of the weather they all enjoyed the water and spent most of the day swimming. A delightful lunch was carried which was enjoyed at midday.

Other chaperones who accompanied the children were, Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams, Mrs. Jesse L. Whitley, Miss Frances Thomas, Mrs. C. B. Hassell, Mayor John L. Hassell and Mr. G. W. Hardison.

Misses Lucille Hassell, Melba Wynne and Harry A. Biggs motored to Greenville Sunday.

COUNTY BAR PASS RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, death has claimed the immortal remains of Walter Clark, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, who has served his state as a citizen, dedicating his life and labors to its moral and spiritual development, as a brave and courageous soldier, in its time of need and as a great Jurist whose masterful decisions will ever stand as a bulwark of protection to the rights and liberties of a noble people, and,

WHEREAS, the valuable services of Chief Justice Clark will be greatly missed by all the people of the State Now,

THEREFORE be it resolved by the Martin County Bar that we express our deepest regrets in the love of one of North Carolina's most distinguished citizens, and extend to his family, his friends and his State our heartfelt sympathy.

Signed: Members of the Martin County Bar as follows:—

H. M. Stubbs, A. R. Dunning, Luke Lamb, Clayton Moore, R. A. Critcher, H. M. Stubbs, Elbert S. Peel, Wheeler Martin, Hugh G. Horton, R. Duke Critcher, Robert L. Coburn, J. C. Smith, J. S. Peel.

MRS. BUCK EDMONDSON DEAD

At her home on the V. E. Taylor farm near Hamilton, Mrs. Buck Edmondson passed away Sunday afternoon at four o'clock after an attack of acute pleurisy which had only lasted for about two weeks.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowen and married Mr. Buck E. Edmondson early in her life. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Spring Green and during her entire life she was a devoted follower of the cross she professed. Her death is unusually sad as she was the mother of eight children all of whom survive her, and most of the children are very young. Her life was given to her children and the fulfilling of the homely duties and she will be greatly missed as a loving mother and faithful wife.

Bishop Darst Here Yesterday

Bishop Thomas C. Darst made a visit to the Church of the Advent yesterday morning for the purpose of baptizing David Collin, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Barnes of Murfreesboro, who were the guests of Mrs. Irene Smith while in town. The baptismal service was held at 10:30 and at 11 o'clock, the Rite of Confirmation was administered to two candidates. The Bishop made a short address to those confirmed, and after the close of the service, he met the Vestry and discussed with them the calling of a permanent rector to the parish. After the noon hour, the Bishop motored to Washington to board the 3:20 train there.

At the Sunday morning service at the Church of the Advent, Maggie Gray, the infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dunn, was baptized by the rector, Rev. J. E. Warner. The night service was the last to be held by the rector, who will leave in about a week for his home in Nova Scotia.

DUNBAR'S "CANDY GIRLS" AT STRAND THREE DAYS THIS WEEK

Dunbar's candy girls will be the attraction at the Strand theatre the latter part of this week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. This is something unusual and the movie fans will have a chance to vary their theatre menu. The company is composed of ten people and has shown in many places this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon. G. Cox and two children and Miss Hilda Baskett of Kinston spent Sunday in town with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Norton at their home in the Tar Hill Apartments.

Mr. Jim White of Washington spent Monday night in the city.

A. M. DUMAY ELECTED DIRECTOR OF TOBACCO ASS'N.

Every County in District Had Full Delegation Present

A. M. Dumay of Washington, N. C., one of the state's leading bankers was elected Director of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, at a meeting of the duly elected delegates of the Association for the 1st District of North Carolina held here Saturday, May 17th at 12 o'clock.

The District is composed of the following counties: Beaufort with four delegates; Bertie, Hertford with two delegates; Edgecombe with nine delegates and Martin with five delegates. Every county had a full delegation present as follows:—

D. O. Moore, Chowan county; D. R. Latham, Washington; Charles Smallwood, Washington; W. H. Tyre, Bath; T. D. Lancaster, Pinetops; S. E. Jenkins, Pinetops; H. C. Brown, Curdson; C. F. Eagles, Tarboro; W. A. Horne, Tarboro; J. I. Dupree, Rocky Mount; Dan Powell, Rocky Mount; C. H. Garland, Battleboro; John R. Lawrence, Coleraine; Wade Henry, Coleraine; Samuel T. Everett, Robersonville; A. I. Roebuck, Robersonville; C. A. Roberson, Robersonville; J. Arthur Wynn, Williamston; Chas. M. Peel, Williamston.

The meeting was organized by electing Mr. John R. Lawrence of Bertie county as chairman and C. A. Roberson of Martin secretary.

The chairman made a short talk outlining the purpose of the meeting and the importance of selecting good men as directors.

Mr. G. D. Lawrence of Edgecombe county then placed Mr. A. M. Dumay of Beaufort county in nomination. After many splendid tributes were paid Mr. Dumay as a business man, banker, farmer, the vote was called and Mr. Dumay was unanimously elected.

A resolution was passed by a unanimous vote expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Association to Mr. J. V. Cobb, the retiring director, for the splendid service he has rendered the Association during the last two years and the chair was directed to appoint a committee to draft such resolutions. W. C. Manning, C. A. Roberson and J. R. Lawrence were appointed as such committee.

There was a fine spirit pervading the meeting and much enthusiasm shown among the delegates and visitors, there being a much larger number of visitors than delegates present who came from every county in the district.

Mr. Dumay the newly elected director has been one of the Association's strongest supporters and defenders 30 years and his contact with large affairs makes him especially fitted for the big job to which he has been elected.