



A. T. CRAWFORD DIES AT HIS HOME HERE THURSDAY

Funeral Being Held at Baptist Church Here This Afternoon

Mr. Asa Thomas Crawford, a popular figure in the life of the town and section for a long number of years, died at his home in New Town here at 8 o'clock yesterday morning following an illness of several weeks duration. Pneumonia was assigned as the ultimate cause of his death. Mr. Crawford had been in declining health for some time, but he was very active up to a very short time before he died.

Unusually active in religious circles, Mr. Crawford showed a great interest in the progress of the Williamston Memorial Baptist church. He was also interested in the welfare and happiness of every one, willingly lending his aid to those less fortunate than he and finding much pleasure in doing for others. He kept himself well posted on the happenings of the day, and after retiring from his life's work he busied himself for months with the duties of justice of the peace and arbitrator. He was a grandson of Judge Asa Biggs, prominent attorney and United States Senator.

The son of the late W. T. and Cottie Biggs Crawford, he was born in Williamston 63 years ago. For many years he was secretary of the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company here, retiring from the service of that company several years ago. When a young man he was married to Miss Pattie Biggs, who died a few years ago. His wife was the daughter of Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs and the late Captain John D. Biggs. He leaves no children and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Anna Crawford, of Williamston; and two brothers, Mr. K. B. Crawford, also of Williamston; and Mr. Ben Crawford, of Greensboro. Funeral services are being conducted in the Baptist church here this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Charles H. Dickey, pastor, assisted by Rev. E. F. Moseley, of the Episcopal church. Interment will follow in the family plot in the local cemetery.

SCHOOL IS HELD FOR CLUB WOMEN

Club Leaders Study Foods and Nutrition at Meet Here Wednesday

(By Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Agent)

The best leaders' school ever held in Martin County went on record here last Wednesday when eighteen women from nine out of ten clubs were in attendance to begin work in the food and nutrition project. Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension nutrition specialist, opened the session with a discussion on "Foods in Relation to Good Health."

As a part of the morning session, three different vegetable dishes were prepared by Miss Thomas. The subject under discussion was "Making Common Winter Vegetables Uncommon," and the women all agreed in their opinions that the dishes prepared were very good and excellent sources of vitamins, minerals and bulk. This meeting was held for leaders only and the leaders will during the month of February assist in carrying forward this work in their immediate communities. The vegetable dishes were served as part of the "pot-luck" lunch along with canned meat contributed by Mrs. Will Taylor. All the women enjoyed their day here.

All leaders were given recipes and urged to prepare the vegetable dishes during the month. The recipes prepared were "Creamed Mixed Vegetables" and "Five-minute Cabbage." Recipes were given to all leaders present.

Try this:
German Escalloped Potatoes:
Potatoes, 2 c. chicken broth, 1 cup of milk, salt pepper, 2 t. flour. Fill a butter baking dish with diced potatoes. Mix milk and broth and thicken with flour. Season as desired. Pour over potatoes to just cover. Bake until potatoes are almost done. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs and complete baking.

Six Months Old Child Dies of Pneumonia

Helen Joyce Allen, six months old, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton G. Allen, Williamston R. F. D. 2, yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock from an attack of pneumonia. The little girl was just recovering from whooping cough and developed a cold, followed by pneumonia. She was sick about one week. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry at the home of Mrs. J. T. Allen, the child's grandmother. Interment will follow in Beaver Dam Township in Pitt County.

Town Fire Loss Is But \$2,705 in 1934

SIGN AGREEMENT

A marketing agreement and license for the peanut milling industry, establishing a schedule of minimum prices to be paid to peanut growers, was approved and signed Tuesday by Secretary Wallace.

Both the agreement and license become effective at midnight on January 27th.

The two documents are identical except for provisions in the license stipulating how it shall be applied. The license was proposed and requested by millers as a means of enforcing minimum prices, and other provisions intended to increase returns to peanut growers.

A control board of ten members will be established to provide enforcement of the license and agreement, and to make recommendations on methods for controlling marketing and production.

MR. A. F. TAYLOR DIES NEAR HERE LATE TUESDAY

Was One of County's Most Highly Respected Citizens

One of Martin County's most highly respected farmer-citizens, Mr. Alonza F. Taylor, died at his home near here just before midnight last Tuesday from cancer. Suffering a stroke of paralysis about three years ago, he has been in feeble health since that time. However, he was very active despite his illness up to a few months ago. A short while before last Christmas he was forced to his bed, the end coming gradually. He suffered much during his last affliction, and only last Monday he expressed himself as wanting the end to come, adding that he was ready to go.

The son of the late J. T. and Penne Harrison Taylor, Mr. Taylor was born 61 years ago. He lived all his life at his birthplace. Valuing honesty, kindness and friendliness, Mr. Taylor was recognized as a good neighbor and a friend to every one. He met his obligations willingly, and rendered every service he could for his fellowman. About 30 years ago he was married to Miss Sadie Rogers, who survives him. There were no children born to the union. A member of the Skewarkee Masonic Lodge, Mr. Taylor attended the meetings regularly until his health began to fail him. He leaves one brother, Mr. Daney Taylor, and one sister, Mrs. Jim Jones, both of this county. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from his late home by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment followed in the Jesse Peel burial ground in Bear Grass Township with members of the Skewarkee Lodge conducting the last rites there.

Program of Services At Christian Church

Services at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 p. m. Bible school at 9:45. Public cordially invited to all or any of these services.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "Some Eternal Certainties," and in the evening service on "A Business Man Talks To His Soul." Take the family and your friends to church. You need the church, and the church needs you. If that is true you cannot afford to be classed as a "non-church goer." You will enjoy the fellowship, the messages, and the worship next Sunday. We have a sufficient reason for making this assertion. Come out and see.

Methodists Announce Program of Services

C. T. Rogers, pastor.
"Some spiritual failures are like the man who planted a garden and expected nature to keep out the weeds." You must do your own hoeing if you expect to keep the weeds out of your own heart. No better way than to attend Sunday school and church. We will be looking for you next Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Church services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League Monday, 7:30 p. m. Holly Springs Sunday school, 2 p. m. Epworth League, 7:30 p. m., Friday.

Merry Cherry Farm Preaching services Thursday at 7:15 p. m. You are welcome; and we will be delighted to have you worship with us.

FIRE COMPANY HAS AVERAGE 2 CALLS MONTH

Fire Loss in 1933 Smallest In Many Years; Double Year Before

Williamston had a fire loss last year estimated at \$2,705, or one of the smallest losses reported here in a number of years. In 1932 the loss by fire was fire estimated at \$5,716, or more than twice as great as the loss was in 1933. In 1931, the loss was estimated at \$4,850.

The largest single loss resulted to the tenant house belonging to Sam Faulk and located on lower Church Street. The loss was estimated at \$1,500, the fire being one of the most stubborn attacked by local volunteer firemen during the year. The second largest loss was the dry kiln and a quantity of costly furniture material belonging to the Hand Made Furniture Company on Washington Street. The remainder of the loss was distributed among six pieces of property, the damage running as high as \$125.

During the year, the local firemen answered 26 calls, or slightly more than one every two weeks. Only 8 of the fires were of any consequence at all, the others being on vacant lots and rotten house tops. Defective flues and careless persons around dry grass plots cause the firemen more inconvenience during the period than the eight fires. Already this year the company has answered three such calls. Only one trip was made out of town by the fire with the apparatus. The company was called to Jamesville on August 29, when fire threatened the business district there.

On an average 14 members of the volunteer company answered each of the 26 calls made upon the department during the year. There are 17 regular members of the company, including the chief and assistant chief. Twenty-four regular meetings and drills were held, making an average of once each week during the year that the company carried the apparatus out for service or for practice.

In addition to the saving effected in insurance rates because of the standard equipment and the rating of the fire company, tangible losses were held to a minimum under the conditions. Without the fire-fighting equipment, it is believed that the town's fire loss last year would have been greater by thousands of dollars. The company made some errors during the period, but the work of the members was a conscientious one, not a single member failing to cooperate in the fire-fighting work when called and when it was possible for him to attend. Very little compensation is received for the volunteer services, the members receiving hardly enough to pay their pressing and cleaning bills for clothes soiled while calls are being answered.

ROOSEVELT BALL HERE TUESDAY

Mayor Hassell Urges Local People To Help Good Cause

There will be held at the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse on the evening of January 30th, a Roosevelt Birthday Ball to be given under the auspices of the Woman's Club.

This is the President's fifty-second birthday, and these balls are to be given in most of the 5,000 cities and towns throughout the nation in honor of our great President.

The net proceeds of these balls are to be given to the President and donated by him to the Warm Springs Foundation as a nation-wide response to stamp out infantile paralysis throughout the country.

I hope the citizens of our town and adjoining communities will come out in large numbers on that occasion not only to honor our President, but to help a good cause.

JOHN L. HASSELL, Mayor.

County Officers Capture Small Still This Week

County officers, raiding in Bear Grass Township, near the Beaufort County line, captured a small steam plant and about 600 gallons of beer this week. The plant was cold, and no sign of operators was seen.

The raid was the first conducted in the new year and one of the first in several weeks by officers in this county.

FINAL RITES FOR MRS. H. D. PEEL HELD THURSDAY

Dies Wednesday in Hospital at Washington, After Operation

Mrs. Emma Peel, one of this section's most beloved women, died in a Washington hospital last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, following an illness of about three weeks' duration. Mrs. Peel had been in declining health for several months, but her condition was not considered serious until just a few days ago. Her passing came as a decided shock to the members of the family and acquaintances throughout the county. She had been in a Washington hospital for treatment for a week, and died a few hours following an operation.

The daughter of Robert G. Sexton and the late Mrs. Bettie Mobley Sexton, Mrs. Peel was born in Jamesville Township 48 years ago last August. She attended the schools of that section, and early in life she cultivated a friendship that developed as the years passed. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Herbert D. Peel, of Williamston, and moved here to make her home about 30 years ago. Five children, Herbert O. Peel, Charles, Edwin, Mildred, and Parker Peel, survive with their father. She also leaves three brothers, John Sexton, of Washington; Charles Sexton, of Jamesville; and Milton Sexton, of Zebulon. She also leaves two half-sisters, Mrs. Garland Anderson and Mrs. Roscoe Stallings, of Jamesville; and four half-brothers, Will Clarence, and Herbert Sexton, of Jamesville, and George Sexton, of Plymouth.

No greater devotion was probably ever shown than that held by Mrs. Peel for her family and friends. She was a good woman, and apparently her greatest happiness was experienced when she did for others. She possessed an understanding heart, and her walk in life gained for her the great respect and marked devotion of every one who knew her.

The last rites were conducted yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the late home on Houghton Street by Rev. Charles H. Dickey, pastor of the local Baptist church, of which Mrs. Peel had been a member for a number of years. Interment followed in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Ordination Service At Baptist Church Sunday

There will be an ordination service held at the Baptist church Sunday night, at which time certain men will be set aside formally as deacons in this church. The Rev. W. B. Harrington will assist the pastor in this service, to which the public is invited. "Help Those Women" is the Scriptural text that will be used at the Sunday morning service.

The sympathies of this church go out to the family of Mr. H. D. Peel in their recent loss of their wife and mother, and to the family and connections of Mr. Asa Tom Crawford.

New Plymouth Models On Display Saturday

The new Plymouth automobile will go on display for the first time in this section tomorrow in the showroom of the Plymouth Sales and Service Company in Robersonville, it was officially announced here today. One of the new coach models will be on display, it was said. The public is cordially invited to view the latest in automobile manufacture in the new garage of the sales company.

Presbyterians Announce Regular Series of Services

Church school at Williamston, Bear Grass, Roberson's Chapel, and Ballard's Farm at the usual hours. Also worship services and sermon at Williamston and Bear Grass as usual. Young peoples' meeting at Bear Grass. These services are held in various places and at various hours so that you may have the opportunity of going to church or Sunday school near your home. They are for you. Come. Form the habit of going each week.

Robersonville Teams Lose Pair Games To Jamesville

The Jamesville basketball teams won both ends of a double-header with Robersonville at Robersonville Tuesday night. The Jamesville girls won by a 35-30 decision, after holding a 19-19 tie at the half. The swift and skillful playing in the last half made manifest the relative strength of both teams. During the entire season the girls have not been defeated. Martin, Perry, and Ange featured for Jamesville.

The boys ran up a 32-14 score without any particular difficulty, with Blount, Martin, and Roberson featuring.

Few Farmers Are Applying For Production Credit Loans

Three Colored Children Are Burned To Death in Home Near Stokes Early Thursday

THREE OTHERS BARELY MANAGE TO MAKE ESCAPE

Evidence Indicates Home Was Set Afire; No Clue To Perpetrators

A gruesome tragedy occurred on the Robersonville-Stokes highway early yesterday morning when three colored persons were burned to death and four others barely escaped with their lives from their burning home. The bodies of J. B. Roberson, 19 years old, Curles Roberson, a brother, 14 years old, and a sister about 7 years old, were nearly consumed by the fire. Three other children saved their lives by jumping from a two-story window, but not until after they were painfully burned.

Escaping from the fire, the mother, Cora Roberson, almost sacrificed her life when she learned that three of her children were trapped in the house and attempted to rush into the roaring flames for them. Her life was saved when other persons prevented her from rushing into the burning house.

As she jumped from an upstairs window, one of the older children saw the ends of burning lightwood splinters fall from a window downstairs, indicating that the fire was of incendiary origin. It is believed that some one used a long piece of lightwood as a torch and started the fire by placing the fast-burning wood in a lower window, leaving one end sticking out. When the fire burned one end of the torch, the other end became topheavy and fell out on the ground in the sight of one of the older children.

The house belonged to Mr. M. H. Whitchard, and as far as it could be learned here, no reason has been advanced as to why the home was burned or who burned it.

HIT BY AUTO AND PAINFULLY HURT

Mrs. Emma Riddick Said To Be In Critical Condition In Hospital

Mrs. Emma Riddick suffered a fracture of the skull and a broken shoulder Wednesday morning when she was struck by an automobile in front of her home just the other side of Sweeten Water Creek on State Highway No. 90. Her condition is considered critical, late reports stating she had not regained consciousness.

Mrs. Riddick, widow of Jim Riddick, was hit by a car driven by A. B. Cox, drug salesman out of Norfolk, as she walked across the highway. After carrying a package to her son, N. S. Riddick, who was in a car across the highway from the home, Mrs. Riddick started back to the house and in front of the approaching car. Mr. Cox turned his car off the highway and up an embankment. The machine did not run into Mrs. Riddick, but she was struck by the top as the car turned over on the embankment. Mr. Cox was not hurt, and his car was damaged only slightly. Mr. Cox summoned a doctor and reported the accident to the sheriff's office for an investigation.

Mrs. Riddick was removed to a Washington hospital, where she is expected along with well as could be expected.

Eastern Cotton Oil Co. Representative Here

Mr. R. C. Coward, of Ayden, is now representing the Eastern Cotton Oil Company in this section, his appointment having been announced by the company headquarters in Norfolk a few days ago. Mr. Coward has his office in the Station or Flatiron Building on Washington Street. The company is carrying a complete line of high-grade fertilizers in the Union Storage Warehouse just across the railroad from the Lindsley Ice Company plant.

Regular Services At Reddicks Grove Sunday

Regular services will be held at Reddicks Grove church Sunday at 3 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, it was announced this morning.

MANY WAITING TO SEEK SEED AND FEED LOANS

Production Credit Group Is No Help To Numbers of Small Farmers

Thirty applications have been filed so far by Martin County farmers for loans from the Production Credit Administration, it was learned here today, the applications asking approximately \$30,000. The requests for the loans are not numerous, many farmers waiting in hope that the seed-feed loan fund will again be created this year from which they plan to borrow money for financing their operations.

According to information gathered from a number of farmers, the Production Credit Association is not considered with any too great favor. The farmer trying to operate with no capital and with all his property mortgaged for one reason or another is not eligible to borrow from the association, it is understood. Then each borrower has to buy so much stock in the association, the cost of the stock being added to the amount of the loan. These features are not very appealing to the hard-pressed farmer, and he is living in hope that he can borrow from the seed-feed loan fund again.

The Production Credit Association is similar to a certain extent to the Regional Credit Corporation that advanced loans in this county and thru-out the country last year. Farmers owning their property will find it easy to borrow from the association, it is believed. Mr. W. H. Carstaphen is receiving applications here, and he will gladly explain the features of the lending agency to those who plan to borrow money this year.

J. E. Hull, secretary and treasury of the Washington Production Credit Association, comprising the territory of Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Washington, and Tyrrell Counties, released the following information this week: The agreement between the Farm Credit Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration will not bar any farmer who has adequate security and is otherwise eligible to borrow, from obtaining loans for financing agricultural production credit associations or from private credit agencies discounting with the Federal intermediate credit banks, according to a statement issued by the Farm Credit Administration.

The only effect of the agreement is that the farmer who has not signed a production control agreement will be required to furnish, in addition to other necessary loan papers, satisfactory evidence that he plans no increase in production of basic agricultural commodities in a manner detrimental to the success of the production control programs. Farmers who have signed control agreements will need no further proof of their cooperation in order to borrow.

A list of all who have signed production control agreements will be made available to the Farm Credit Administration. Each production credit association will have in its possession the list of farmers cooperating with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in the territory it serves, and, therefore, will know which farmers have signed agreements.

Thus each farmer who has not signed such an agreement will be required to obtain a statement from the county council to be set up in each county by the AAA, with authority to issue certificates respecting crop production by farmers who are not named on the list of cooperators. The production credit association will accept such certificates as satisfactory evidence that the persons to whom they are issued are not increasing their production in a manner detrimental to the success of the program.

This cooperative agreement between the Farm Credit Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration applies to all short-term credit agencies over which the Farm Credit Administration has control. Thus it applies not only to the newly organized production credit associations, of which there are now more than 450, and of which 50 to 75 are being organized each week, but to private lending agencies and corporations which discount farmers' notes with the Federal intermediate credit banks, such as livestock loan companies, agricultural credit corporations and banks.

Services At St. Martins Church At Hamilton

E. F. Moseley, rector. Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7 p. m.

ADD WORKERS

Approximately 22 women will be added to the CWA employment list in this county, according to information received from state headquarters of the administration in Raleigh day before yesterday. It was first thought that no additional workers could be added to the CWA group, but Mrs. Thos. O'Berry stated in a telegram that additional workers could be placed where the projects had been approved prior to January 19.

A sewing project, employing 22 women, had been approved in this county prior to January 19, but the workers had not been assigned. The project will probably get underway within a short time, it is understood.

TEN CASES TRIED LAST TUESDAY IN COUNTY COURT

Violations of Traffic Laws Is Proving Costly To Many Drivers

Ten cases were called in the county recorder's court last Tuesday, four of the cases going to the docket following a check-up on improper lights and brakes on automobiles. Violations of the traffic laws proved costly for two or three of the defendants, the court staying judgment for a few days in one or two other cases. One 90-day road sentence meted out during the day stuck, but another calling for four months on the roads was appealed from by the defendant.

The case charging S. S. Slade with violating the traffic laws was continued under prayer for judgment.

Ananias Davis was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for operating an automobile with improper lights.

The case charging Onward Roberson with operating an automobile with improper brakes was continued one week.

Julius Knowles was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with operating a car with improper lights.

The case charging Medrid Daniel with non-support was continued under prayer for judgment.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Mack Knox with trespass and assaulting a person with a deadly weapon.

The case charging Walter Gaynor with an assault upon a female was ordered placed on the superior court docket for trial next March. Preliminary examination was waived by the defendant.

Joe Davenport, charged with assaulting his wife, was given an optional judgment. He was to pay \$50 and cost or go to the roads for four months. By appealing to the higher courts he did neither.

James Barnes went to the roads for 90 days when he was adjudged guilty on a drunk and disorderly charge.

Charged with non-support, W. C. Purvis was ordered to pay to the court the sum of \$25 a month for a period of four months.

Rain Last Night One of Heaviest in Some Time

One of the heaviest rains recorded in several weeks fell here last night and early this morning. A fraction of over one inch was reported, or more than half as much recorded by Hugh Spruill at the river here since last September.

A heavy fog settled over the section following the rain, delaying traffic on the highways and on the river here. Two oil boats and a schooner were delayed several hours, it was said.

Post Office Applicants Have Few Days To File

Any person desiring to take the examination for postmaster of the local office will find it necessary to file their applications before next Wednesday. Blanks are obtainable at the local post office or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. It is understood that one or two applications have been filed locally, but it could not be learned whether others had been filed with the commission in Washington.