

Prominent Native Died On Saturday In Winston - Salem

Funeral Services Conducted For Ben C. Crawford Here Last Sunday

Benjamin Coffield Crawford, member of a family for generations prominent in the political and other affairs of this section of North Carolina...

A son of the late William Thomas and Martha Cotton Biggs Crawford, he was born in the old family home here on the corner of Church and Smithwick Streets on January 9, 1876.

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The body was brought here late Saturday to lie in state at the home of his brother on North Smithwick Street until 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon...

ROUND-UP

Nine persons, eight of them white, were arrested and detained temporarily, at least, in the Martin County jail last week-end.

To Hold County Memorial Service In Robersonville

A county-wide memorial service, sponsored by the various veterans' posts and organizations, will be held Wednesday morning...

Business houses in Robersonville and in other centers in the county will be closed, and a cordial invitation is being extended to the public and especially to relatives of the war heroes.

Mr. Roberson will handle the introductions, and Rev. Sidney Boone will read a Scripture selection, followed by the invocation by Rev. John W. Hardy.

STILL MISSING

Disappearing from his home in Cross Roads Township on October 14, presumably to go squirrel hunting, Andrew Roberson, 40-year-old farmer...

Even though extended searches have been made over a wide area, no trace of the man has been found...

Miss Celia Stokes Wins Scholarship Award In Contest

To Compete For State Prize In 4-H Club Electric Methods Contest

Winning first place for girls in this county, Miss Celia Stokes of Hamilton forged ahead to take one of the first Virginia Electric and Power Company territorial awards...

Howard Bennett of Bear Grass won first place for boys in this county and he made the trip to Raleigh where he was reported to have made a creditable showing in the territorial contest.

The territorial awards were presented to the winners by W. E. Wood, executive vice president of the VEP Company at a barbecue supper and harvest friendship party held in the Tar Heel Club at Raleigh last evening.

Aged Man Faces Charge In Court

Julius Eborn, about 70 years old, was returned from Princess Ann County, Virginia, yesterday to face a non-support charge in the courts of this county.

Deputy Sheriff Buck Holloman and Officer W. E. Early returned the man here.

Young County Man Dies In Hospital Of Bullet Wound

Funeral Wednesday At Home In Bear Grass for W. A. Bailey

W. A. Bailey, young county farmer, died in the hospital here last night at 11:00 o'clock of a bullet wound inflicted at his home in Bear Grass late yesterday afternoon.

The bullet, a rather long one fired from a rifle, entered the forehead and came out the top of his head, tearing through the brain structure and possibly fracturing the skull for several inches.

Few details of the shooting could be learned immediately, and no theory has been offered. The young man returned to his home near Bear Grass late Monday afternoon and went to the living room with his rifle.

Mr. Bailey's mother was in another part of the house and his wife was feeding the chickens when they heard the rifle fire. Going to the living room they found him lying on the floor with the rifle across his chest.

Investigating the death, the county coroner had not filed his report early today.

REOPENING

While no definite date has been determined, it is believed the tobacco markets will reopen next week, possibly on Monday. A holiday, going into effect today, was ordered when the expert companies went off the market as a result of a ban placed on additional leaf purchases by Great Britain.

Elder E. C. Stone Died At His Home Saturday Morning

Funeral Sunday Afternoon For Prigent Primitive Baptist Minister

Elder Edward C. Stone, prominent Primitive Baptist minister and well-known citizen of Griffiths Township, died at his home here at 3:15 o'clock last Saturday morning, the victim of a heart attack and complications.

Devoted to his religious work and ready to answer a service call, Elder Stone faltered slightly while conducting a funeral service the sixth of this month...

Born in Coventry, England, 71 years ago on October 21, 1876, he spent his early life on the farm in his native land.

Surviving are his widow, five daughters, Mrs. Idell Riddick and Mrs. Jimmy Jones of Williamston, Mrs. Paul Ange and Mrs. W. H. Marshall of Norfolk...

During his long years of intense suffering Mr. Griffin never complained, but bore his affliction with great patience, remaining thoughtful of others and cheerful until he lapsed into unconsciousness just a few days before the end.

Surviving are Mrs. Stone, two children by his first marriage, a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lott of Raleigh, and a son, Philip Stone of Alabama; four step-children, Mrs. Johnnie Gurkin, Miss Effie Griffin and John A. Griffin...

Throngs Attend Church Meeting

The Primitive Baptist Association, setting a new precedent, attracted visiting ministers from five states and an estimated 1,500 friends and acquaintances to a wide territory at Smithwick Creek last week-end.

Established in 1803, the church held what is believed to be its first program at night last Saturday, the service attracting a comfortably filled house.

Funeral At Home Here Monday For Nicholas Griffin

Retired Farmer Had Been An Invalid For About Nineteen Years

Nicholas Roberson Griffin died at his home here on South Biggs Street last Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock following years of feeble health.

A son of the late John Bryant and Annie Elizabeth Roberson Griffin, he was born in Griffiths Township 58 years ago on March 9, 1889.

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Negro Painfully Shot Late Sunday

Hoyt Smith, young colored man, was painfully but not seriously hurt when Joe Hoover, also colored, fired a load of small gun shot into his face and neck late Sunday night in the Dardens section of Jamesville Township.

Smith, swearing out a warrant for Hoover, said that the shooting climaxed a fight the two had at Peter Rogers's store earlier that evening.

Following the fight which Smith claims he won, Smith went home and was walking by Hoover's home when Hoover allegedly fired upon him from a distance of about fifty yards.

They have got it in for me," Smith said as he told an incoherent story of the attack to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck yesterday morning.

Seeking A Parole For Milton James

Milton James, colored man who was sentenced to the roads for violating the liquor laws, is in line for parole, unofficial reports saying that the parole movement is being sanctioned by prison officials and friends as well as by James himself.

A helpless invalid, James has proved a problem to the authorities since he was sentenced to the roads last June.

Little Activity Reported On Peanut Market Locally

Although a few farmers started threshing the current peanut crop in this county last week, there has been little or no activity reported on the markets.

Company buyers, representing plants in this state and Virginia, reported no activities on the market here other than crop inspections.

Tobacco Sales Pass Eleven Million Mark

Sales Suspended Pending Outcome Of Export Plans

Most Farmers Sell Graded Tobacco Before Holiday Went Into Effect

Despite the order suspending sales for an indefinite period on account of the foreign market situation, sales continued unusually heavy right on up until the last day before the holiday went into effect today.

At the close of sales yesterday, the market had sold 10,963,622 pounds for an average right at \$42 per hundred.

Prices by grades during the ninth week of sales on the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets were steady to lower than the previous week in the majority of instances.

States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture report that the losses were not as severe nor as numerous as in the previous week. The declines ranged from 50c to \$3.00 per hundred with most between \$1.00 and \$2.00.

Action taken by the flue-cured (Continued on page eight)

SUPPORTER

Convinced of its value and appreciative of the work it has done for agriculture, Farmer Billy Craft a few days ago put five members of his family in the Martin County Farm Bureau.

While the peanuts are dry and ready for threshing, inspections have proved that the peanuts were picked while in a wet or, at least, damp condition.

Quite a few pickers were placed in operation this week, but several operators withdrew, declaring that the peanuts were not in proper condition for threshing.

"It'll take a cool, piercing wind to condition the crop for threshing," a buyer said.

ABOUT COMPLETE

Williamston's street improvement program, launched last Friday, is nearing completion today. Parts of School Drive, Halifax and Park Streets were surfaced with two inches of sand-asphalt, and resurfacing was done on Hassell, Grace, Elm, Ray, Warren and Washington Streets and Marshall Avenue.

In addition to the public project, the contractor plans to handle one or two private jobs if the supply of asphalt is sufficient.

Bodies Of World War II Dead Are Expected Shortly

Body Of Lloyd M. Hassell Reached New York Last Sunday

The body of Lloyd M. Hassell, U. S. Army private first class who lost his life in the Battle of the Bulge, Belgium, arrived in New York last Sunday. Carrying the bodies of 6,200 young Americans who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II during the Bulge Battle or other encounters in the Western European Theater, the United States Army Transport docketed at New York where it paused overnight while a special memorial service was held in the city's Central YPark.

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Driving west on the Roanoke River detour bridge here about 2:30 o'clock, Dr. Edward L. Early lost control of his Buick sedan on the first curve and drove the machine off the structure.

Runs Buick Auto Off River Bridge

Special wrecking equipment was called this morning by patrolmen to get the car out of the swamp.

Educator Speaks To P.-T. A. Group Here Last Night

Organization Driving To Boost Membership Feat - 228 Is Over 500

Speaking on the subject, "Teaching Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," Dr. J. L. Oppelt, director of Student Teachers and Field Extension at E. C. T. C., addressed the members of the local PT-A at their monthly meeting held last night at 8 o'clock in the grammar school auditorium.

In his address Dr. Oppelt reviewed the teaching profession in colonial days stating that the physically handicapped men were preferred as teachers and that women were only temporary "fill-ins" for the youngest children.

As for the teacher of tomorrow, Dr. Oppelt pointed out that there is still not a clearly defined pattern for a teacher. As a contrast from early days there are few men teachers and the requirements for teachers are much higher than formerly.

As for the teacher of tomorrow, Dr. Oppelt presented the view that future instructors will be those who are above the average in scholarship; also, that the teacher will pledge himself to serve for several years.

Dr. Oppelt continued by pointing out that the present day curriculum is detached from life in general. He also mentioned that North Carolina ranks 39th on the list in the matter of salaries.

Mrs. Irving Margolis reporting for the membership committee announced the following awards for the most memberships: Grammar School, Miss Baker, first prize of \$2.00; Miss Jenkins, second prize of \$1.00; Mrs. Gorman's 11th grade won the first prize and Mrs. Manning's 10th grade took second place.

Chairman Hack Gaylord of the luncheon committee reported on the operation and efficiency of the grammar school luncheon. Mr. Gaylord stated that the luncheon was now operating at a deficit and as a result of this milk was no longer served in the luncheonroom. A committee composed of...

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CALL MEETING

Important and urgent business is scheduled for consideration at a call meeting of the local Woman's Club to be held in the club room Wednesday evening of this week at 8:45 o'clock. It was announced yesterday by the club president.