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WILLIAM C. HAMMER LAID TO FINAL REST—THOUSANDS OF FRIENDS PRESENT

People From All Walks of Life Pay Tribute to Dead Representative—For Hour and Half Double Line Files By Casket.

MANY FLORAL TRIBUTES; ASHEBORO CROWDED

William Cicero Hammer, for ten years congressman from this, the Seventh District, died at his home in Asheboro last Friday, his death being due to sudden attack of heart trouble. Within a few minutes the news was being passed around on the streets of Raeford and seldom has the death of any but a local citizen caused the wide interest and comment that followed Mr. Hammer's death. He was in Raeford the afternoon before his death and was talking with a number of his friends here and making plans to return within a few days and look into matters pertaining to the election in November. His death came as a shock to a large number of warm personal friends here for Mr. Hammer had a grip on the affections of a large circle of friends in Hoke county that few public officers from outside the county ever get.

A large number of Hoke county citizens attended the funeral. Among the large number of honorary pall bearers from all over the state and nation the following Hoke County men were named: Messrs. McNeil Smith, John McKay Bine, Laurie McCachery and Sheriff D. H. Hodgins.

Mr. Hammer's death came just 24 hours after he had attended the funeral in Fayetteville of his friend and colleague, Major Charles M. Steadman. Born in Randolph county where all his life was spent, Mr. Hammer was educated at Western Maryland college and the University of North Carolina, he taught school, practiced law, held several city and county offices, was named United States Attorney in 1914 and nominated to congress by his party in 1920. His election that year was followed by four re-elections.

Funeral services will be held here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

February 23, 1914, President Wilson sent his name to the senate for United States Attorney for the western district of North Carolina. The appointment was confirmed the following day and at the expiration of his term he was reappointed.

He served as District attorney until September 1920 when he was nominated for congress to succeed Robert N. Page. He was elected to the sixty-seventh congress and re-elected to the sixty-eighth, sixty-ninth and seventy-first congress.

Mr. Hammer was also prominent in the newspaper world. In 1891 with Wiley Rush he bought the Asheboro Courier. He was the owner of that paper for the last 27 years.

He was also active in fraternal affairs, being a Mason, Odd Fellow, and member of the Junior Order, Knights of Pithias and Woodmen of the World.

The following is a report of the funeral by E. B. Jeffers for the Greensboro Daily News:

Asheboro, Sept. 28.—Asheboro today was literally overrun with folks who came from all parts of the State, from the mountains to the sea and from all over the Piedmont, to pay a last tribute to William Cicero Hammer, late congressman of the seventh North Carolina district, who died suddenly Friday at 1:30 p. m. of a heart attack.

Never before in the history of Randolph county, it was declared by old residents, has there been such a large number of people at a funeral. The body was removed from the residence to the Methodist

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Protestant church at 2 p. m., and then for an hour and a half double lines of people filed through the church for a final view of the man who was described as the one who "incarnated the spirit of Randolph folks" better than anyone else.

Rich and Poor There.

There were many beautiful floral senatorial delegations, and many officials from Raleigh; but it was the great number of folks, rich and poor, old and young, white and negro, who had known Mr. Hammer personally and in whose death they felt a great personal loss, that really told the story of the love which the folks of his district had for him. There were many beautiful floral tributes, from the shops of the nation's foremost florists, but the little bunches of flowers that the children of Asheboro and vicinity brought to the house this morning, from the little flower gardens about the homes of the city and the farms nearby, brought a delicate personal touch and expressed the love of his neighbors for him.

All during the day great throngs of folks called by the house, and soon it was found necessary to bring a lot of Asheboro products—hickory bottom chairs—and the lawn was filled with them.

After the people filed through the church for nearly an hour and half, it became necessary to cut the line and prepare for the funeral party, which entered the church at 3:30 p. m. The services continued an hour, then the body was removed to the cemetery and interment followed in the family plot.

Many Left Outside Church

Only a fraction of the people could get into the church; the street in front of the church was blocked off, and the people took possession of the space and lingered until the services were over. Then many followed to the cemetery, where another large crowd of thousands had already gathered.

The choir sang "Abide With Me" and then Rev. J. E. Pritchard, the pastor, read scripture selections from the Old and the New Testaments. Then followed a prayer which embraced thanks to the Almighty God for the splendid record of this deceased brother, who had been a tower of strength in government, and he prayed that the "Lord would raise up someone who would be the tower of strength that he had been in national affairs, and who would take the interest he had in the church he loved and had helped so much."

Shooting Strainer Did Not Work In This Case

Sometimes it pays to advertise but here's a case where a little publicity caused one man trouble. Mention was made in these columns last week Messrs. J. M. Downer and Tommie Upchurch shooting in their pumps to unstop strainers. A colored man on the farm of Mr. J. H. Campbell read the article and tried it out and tore his strainer to smithereens. He must have used an over-dose.

RAEFORD WINS OPENING GAME

Lone Touchdown Margin of Victory—Team Shows Defensive Strength—Important Game This Week.

One touchdown scored in the second quarter by two long runs by Raynor, was the margin of victory for Raeford High school in the first football game of the season with Candor. Slowed down by the oppressive heat, the two teams battled on almost even terms throughout the entire game, with Raeford having a slight margin at all times through superior aggressiveness on the defense. Offensively there was little to choose between the blue team and the red, with the lone exception of the two runs by Raynor, the second of which scored Raeford's touchdown and both of which came with the unexpected suddenness of a summer storm.

Both teams occupied the time during the first quarter, cautiously feeling out their opponents and doing very little in an offensive way. Candor, possessing a noticeable superiority in weight, held the Raeford attack at bay and made their own attack rather indifferently. At the beginning of the second quarter, a spread formation, used vigorously by the Raeford team, seemed to baffle the Candor defense and from this formation, from which Candor nervously expected passes, wide end runs, with Raynor furnishing transportation for the ball, put over the only score of the game. The two runs totalled about fifty yards. An attempted pass for the extra point was grounded.

The second half was a repetition of the initial quarter with both teams experiencing difficulty in getting off their plays successfully. Candor, in a strenuous effort to salvage the game, threw numerous passes, and in the breaking up of these passes, Raeford backs did their best unified work of the afternoon. Local fans were well pleased with the defensive work of Raeford's light but wiry line. Consistent gaining through them was not to be had and the spectacle of eleven men, all trying to have a part in the tackle, is a sight that rejoices the heart of the fans who admire a fighting team.

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Local Sportsmen Get Two Deer Wednesday

The deer season opened Wednesday morning, bright and early, with a bang—a couple of them, in fact, Messrs. Make and Herbert McKeithan, John F. McFadyen, Jr., and Alfred Cole navigated over to Nicholson Creek about three miles North of Raeford without any dog and were soon back in town with two nice bucks, Make and John F. doing the manipulating of the artillery that brought down the game. One was a two prong buck and the other a one pronger, though the length of the latter's horns would indicate that he should have two. They were in excellent condition. Four deer were "jumped" by the party.

Another party consisting of the veteran hunter, Arch McFadyen, went to Overhills Wednesday but had not reported when this was written.

State Fair Boosters Here Last Friday

Four large buses loaded with State Fair boosters stopped in Raeford for a short time last Thursday and entertained the populace of the city for about fifteen minutes with band music and speeches, the object being to stimulate interest in the fair. Dr. J. Vance McGowan, of Fayetteville, a director of the Fair made a short talk and stressed the fact that the tour was financed by Raleigh business men and was not costing the tax payer a penny. They had a good band and their short stay was enjoyed. Mayor Bethune welcomed them on behalf of the city.

COMMITTEE CALLED FOR TODAY TO NAME DISTRICT LEADER

Mrs. Hammer Expected to Be Named to Succeed Congressman Hammer for Short Term—Many Aspirants For Long Term.

State Chairman O. M. Mull, has called the Democratic Congressional Committee for the Seventh District to meet in Asheboro today, Friday at eleven o'clock to name a candidate to succeed Mr. Hammer on the ticket and to name a candidate for the short term which will expire on March 4th, 1931.

The opinion seems general that Mrs. Hammer, a most able woman, will be named for the short term.

There are numbers of candidates for the nomination for the next term and is problematical who will be named. At this writing it appears that Walter Lambeth, of Thomasville, who started to run last spring but withdrew, has the best chance of the nomination, though it is impossible to make any accurate prediction. Most of the counties in the district, and there are thirteen counties, have candidates of their own and it will take a great deal of elimination to really get down to two or three strongest men. Hoke county has a candidate in the person of D. Scott Poole, who represented this county in the Legislature for three terms and voluntarily retired. He is well known throughout the state on account of his sponsoring legislation to curb the teaching of the theory of evolution in school supported by tax money. He was also prominent in a fight against high taxes, though at that time few people were disposed to agree with him. His predictions along the line of taxation however, have about all come true. He is seventy-two years old, but active and vigorous and a man of outstanding conviction and the courage to fight them out.

Hinton James, of Scotland county, is another of this section whose name will be placed before the nominating committee. Mr. James is one of the most prominent and able men in the district and waged a fine battle for the ticket two years ago. He is president of two banks and a very successful business man. He has the solid support of the citizens of Scotland county and may come in strong in the final counting.

Other candidates are Clauson Williams, of Lee county; Thad Page and George Ross, of Moore county; Arthur Ross, of Randolph; Phillips, Battley, Harrison and Sedberry, of Richmond and R. F. Beasley and Dr. Thomas, of Union.

HOME COMING AT OLD BETHESDA CHURCH

(Contributed)

We are planning to celebrate our Annual Home Coming at Old Bethesda Church at Aberdeen, N. C., on the First Sunday in October.

We are putting forth every effort to make this a real Home Coming and are planning an all-day program for this day. Dr. A. R. Shaw, of Charlotte, N. C., will preach the morning sermon. We feel that this announcement will be of interest to many people as he is a son of this Old Church, has wide family connections here, as well as a large circle of friends throughout this state.

A prominent layman has been asked to address the congregation at the afternoon hour of worship. As soon as his acceptance has been received further announcement will be made. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service.

A basket dinner will be served on the grounds to all who come. All former members and friends of Old Bethesda are cordially invited to bring baskets, and to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Poole and two children spent the past week-end with Mrs. Poole's parents at Liberty,

CUTTING STALKS FIGHT BOLL WEEVIL

Brannon Warns That Action is Important Step in Control of Insect—Should Be Plowed.

Raleigh, Sept. 28.—Community cooperation in cutting and killing the cotton stalks immediately after the staple is picked is an important item in boll weevil control, C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State college, warned farmers today.

The cotton stalk should be cut and killed at once, Mr. Brannon said, because the well-fed weevil going into winter quarters is the one that lives over until the next spring.

Mr. Brannon said he was making a special plea for cotton growers to make a special effort this year to kill the stalks immediately after cotton picking is finished.

"Cotton is opening early in North Carolina this fall," the entomologist said. "This furnishes the ideal situation for early picking and early destruction of the stalks. This should now be considered a regular part of boll weevil control because the only weevils that will live thru the winter are those which feed heavily and plentifully late in the season just before entering winter quarters."

If the cotton stalks are killed before a hard, white frost, most of the weevils will enter winter quarters hungry and will never live until another season, Mr. Brannon said.

The stalks should be killed by cutting and plowing under, Mr. Brannon said, and not by burning.

Little James Dixon Dies of Diphtheria

One of the saddest deaths to occur in this community in a long time was that of little James, eleven months old child of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dixon, who lives about two miles South of town. The child died in a Fayetteville hospital early Monday morning, death being caused by diphtheria. He was sick but a short time and an effort was made to save his life by an operation but all to no avail.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Tuesday afternoon at three-thirty, Rev. W. F. Traywick conducting the service. Interment was made in Raeford cemetery. The largest crowd ever to attend the funeral of a child hereabouts followed the little body to its final resting place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon ask this paper to express to their neighbors and friends their deepest thanks for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown them in their bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their acute sorrow.

Recorder's Court Has Light Docket

Recorder's Court has been so light for the past two weeks that no mention, scarcely, need be made of it, except, perhaps, to congratulate the people of the county on their good behavior. Last week only one small case was on the docket and it was continued until next week. However, as if trying to live up to the adage that there is always a calm before a storm, these light dockets are usually the forerunners of heavy ones, though it may not work out that way in this case.

RALLY DAY AT ANTIOCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(Contributed)

On Sunday, October 12th, at 10 a. m., we are going to give our Rally Day program at Antioch. We want to make this the "Red Letter Day" in our Sunday School by having the largest attendance possible. Everybody is invited to our Rally Day service. Help us to make our Sunday school grow and glow and so, by being there on time.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BRUMMITT ADDRESS WOMANS CLUB HERE

Club Holds Annual Banquet At Bluemont Hotel September 26—Mrs. Brummitt Also Guest.

The annual banquet of the Raeford Woman's Club which is the high spot of the club year, was given Friday evening in the dining room of the Bluemont Hotel with Attorney General and Mrs. Brummitt special guests.

The tables arranged in three sides of a square were beautifully decorated. Silver baskets filled with pink roses and ageratum were placed down the center of the officer's table. White tapers in silver holders were placed between the baskets. The silver baskets were used on the other tables but these held golden glow and ageratum. Lighted tapers were also used. A dinner in three courses was served.

One of the best programs ever put on by the club featured this "Live At Home" dinner. Mrs. Paul McCain, who is President of the club, presided. She explained that all members of the club had been requested to wear dresses made of cotton, manufactured in North Carolina, and bought in Raeford if possible. The Women of the club had heartily cooperated in this idea and there were some beautiful dresses. Most of the dresses were made from the well-known "Character Cloth," which is manufactured by the Character Products Co., of Salisbury, N. C. Mrs. Harvey Cole and Mrs. W. R. Barrington were given prizes, which were offered by Baucom Cash Store for the prettiest dresses.

The main feature of the dinner was, of course, the talk by the Lieutenant Governor. His subject was, "What Do You Think of Your Community?" It was very much in keeping with the Live at Home idea. He stressed the importance of the community and showed the dangers that would follow if the power continued to be taken from the community and the county unit. Every word of the talk was good and worth while, and the women gave him their undivided attention and interest.

The club presented Mrs. Brummitt with a basket filled with dainty delicacies which were canned and preserved in Raeford. The Character Products Co., added to the club gift, material for a dress for Mrs. Brummitt.

Other numbers on the program were short, a talk by Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, president of this district; introduction of the teachers, by Mrs. H. A. Cameron and three musical selections. The Music Club, under Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin's direction, put on a very clever and humorous stunt.

Mrs. McCain is to be congratulated on bringing Mr. Brummitt to Raeford.

Program.

1. Club Woman's Hymn.
2. Collect.
3. Prayer—Mrs. Traywick.
4. Vocal Solo—Mrs. W. R. Barrington.
5. Introduction of Teachers—Mrs. H. A. Cameron.
6. Trio—Mrs. W. M. Thomas, Mrs. Ina Bethune, Mrs. Raymond McLean.
7. President's remarks.
8. "Human Organ" a Stunt.
9. Mrs. Upchurch.
10. Piano Solo—Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin.
11. Mr. Brummitt.
12. Contests.
13. Presentation of prizes.
14. Closing remarks.
15. "Carolina".

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Norton on Tuesday, Sept. 30th, 1930, a fine nine pound son. He has been named Alex Smith, for his maternal grand-father.

Mrs. Ray Funderburk, of Fayetteville, spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. B. Walker.