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WEARY LEADER SLEPT PEACEFULLY AS DEATH CAME

Woodrow Wilson dies Sunday When Heart Became too Weak to Function.

More especially for the benefit of many of our readers who do not get the metropolitan dailies and who have had as yet very little information as to the recent national calamity, we publish a part of one of the Associated Press Dispatches as to the passing of Mr. Wilson:

Washington Feb. 3.—Former President Woodrow Wilson died at 11 o'clock this morning.

The end was peaceful. Life ebbed away while he slept.

A tired man has closed his eyes and "sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust" passed to the great hereafter "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch around him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Last Friday the grim reaper forced his way into the house after waiting on the door step for more than four years. Saturday he had advanced to the landing on the stair case, and stood counting off the ticks of the great clock. Saturday night he knocked on the chamber door. A faithful physician and loyal wife stood with their backs against it. At nine he rattled the knob and called to the peaceful prostrate figure on the bed—a great bed, long and wide, a replica of the bed on which Abraham Lincoln slept while in the White House, with golden American Eagle and a tiny silk American flag just over the head board.

The watchers knew the battle was lost. At the portal of the door, now opened, the faithful negro servant hovered. On the bed sitting beside her husband sustained with all the fortitude and composure of a woman facing a crisis, was Mrs. Wilson, holding between her hands the wane, withered hand that had proved the pen mightier than the sword. Near the foot of the bed was his eldest daughter, Margaret, resigned to the inevitable. Close by, tears welling from his eyes and coursing down his cheeks, was Dr. Grayson, taking the measure of his fluttering pulse weaker and fainter with each effort.

Death advanced and beckoned for the last time. The tired worn man drew a long breath, there was a flutter of the eyelids, an almost imperceptible twitch of the nostrils.

Woodrow Wilson's soul had drifted out on the great dark tide and runs around all the world.

Out through a city stilled in the Sabbath morning's reverent calm his name was being spoken from a hundred pulpits. In the Central Presbyterian church where he faithfully went to worship while the flesh was able it choked-up congregation sang "The Sun of God goes forth to war," "How Firm a Foundation" and "Onward Christian Soldiers" favorite hymns in which he loved to lift his voice in a happier better day. Over a great land that had acclaimed him chief and in lands across the sea where he had been hailed as a god of peace, prayers were rising for the repose of his soul.

In the street before the square brick house where he has lived with his memories, his hopes and his greys was another scene. There was a gathering of people there. It was not a crusading throng come to a meeting in pilgrimage to attest their faith in the incalculable personification. It was a group of men and women kneeling on the pavement in silent prayer. Small strips of paper bearing the inscription "Peace on earth, good will toward men" held in their hands, fluttered in the chill wind that swirled up the debris and litter left there by wretches engaged in the solemnity of the death watch that the world might know.

"Mr. Wilson is attaining the peace that passeth all understanding" said their leader, while the throng sank to their knees and remained in silence for a minute. Then a sickly sun broke through a cloudy bank. A little native warbler, a pilgrim venturing north in search of early sun and spring, stopped for a moment and from his twig aloft uttered a happy note.

Almost at that moment Mr. Wilson was passing on.

Immediately the great government over which he presided for eight years began taking steps to give marks of its respect. President Coolidge heard

JURY LIST FOR SPRING TERM OF WATAUGA SUPERIOR COURT

Following is the list of Jurors drawn for the spring term of Watauga Superior Court that will be presided over by Judge Webb:

First Week
W. N. Howell, Joe C. Phillips, Sam Dugger, E. F. Vines, Chas. Phillips, Vetho Wilson, R. W. Triplett, J. C. Storie, James H. Bingham, B. F. Hodges, W. L. Winkler, Grady Bradley, C. M. Shore, Charley Moody, P. G. Carroll, T. M. Wheeler, N. C. Brown, J. A. Pendley, D. W. Cook, R. C. Eggers, A. D. Wilson, Ambrose Brown, W. H. Michael, W. M. South, Jason Moretz, Will Brown, T. G. Miller, Laville Aldridge, W. H. Mast, John Fox, Wm. L. Ward, M. A. Ward, John C. Smith, John B. Baird, D. M. Shook, Charlie Townsend.

Second Week
W. A. Austin, D. S. Shore, J. R. Eggers, George Wilson, G. C. Ward, Walter Hampton, Jas. S. Thomas, O. G. Winebarger, R. H. Clawson, Hard Hodges, L. M. Moretz, M. E. Townsend, W. C. Calaway, Alphas Triplett, W. L. Greene, W. H. Miller, E. G. Greer, A. A. Greene.

Hungry for News of Carolina Friends

Miss Bettie Stephenson, for some time connected with the A. T. S. in renewing her subscription to the Democrat says: "I am teaching in the foothills of the North Georgia mountains. I still long for real mountains, but can't get too far away from home on account of my aged parents. I am only 25 miles from Atlanta where I make my home. I am hungry for news of my Carolina friends and former pupils in the mountains."

PERFECT PLANS FOR BOLL WEEVIL FIGHT

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—The series of boll weevil meetings held in northeastern North Carolina is but the opening gun in the fight to be opened on the boll weevil this year, state extension workers of the State College and Department, The workers in the division of Entomology have lately prepared a definite program giving in condensed form the best methods of the boll weevil fighting and this is now being printed for wide distribution over the cotton growing area. Only the recommendations embraced in the folder will be presented by the agricultural workers this year in order that a confusion of methods will not be given which may cause the grower to feel that none of them are correct. This folder may be had on application to the extension division of the state college, Raleigh, N. C.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. John B. Steele, Superintendent.

The church school is one of the greatest moral forces in the world. Join some school Sunday.

Epworth League 8:15 p. m.

Study of League work has featured for the last two Sundays. Don't miss the program next Sunday.

Blowing Rock Methodist Church, Sunday School 10 a. m. Grover Robbins, Supt.

Preaching at eleven a. m. and at seven p. m.

Four communities of Mecklenburg County are organized to grow one car each of early Irish potatoes. They will buy fertilizer cooperatively, plant, harvest and ship at the same time. Six other communities are now organizing on this basis, and two others will produce certified seed for eastern growers next year.

the word of Mr. Wilson's death while in church with Mr. Coolidge. Immediately at the conclusion of the service he drove to the Wilson home and left cards. Later he sent his secretary to offer any aid whatever.

Flags on government buildings and on government property everywhere lowered to half mast. The news went to army posts everywhere and to the ships at sea. A thirty day period of official mourning was ordered as the government had done for Colonel Roosevelt and other former Presidents.

Congress arranged to adjourn tomorrow, executive departments were ordered closed on the day of the funeral, social activities at the White House coming within the period of the mourning were ordered abandoned.

MEETING TO BE HELD IN INTEREST OF KINDERGARTEN WORK

A movement is on foot to establish kindergarten work in connection with the Boone School, and the following letter has been sent out to those who have children and who should be interested in this important step:

Dear Friends:
A number of the citizens of Boone have been discussing the establishment of a kindergarten class for the children between the ages of 6 and 3 years, the school to begin not later than the first of May, if you are interested please meet us at the Critcher Hotel parlor on Saturday evening Feb. 9th at seven-thirty. Even if you are not interested at this time come any how and let us talk the matter over.

Very truly yours,
SMITH HAGAMAN
W. H. GRAGG
W. D. FARTHING
G. P. HAGAMAN
W. J. ROWE.

BOX SUPPER SUCCESS

The box supper at the Whiting school house was quite a success on Saturday night for no large crowd. We were expecting some Foscue and Blowing Rock folks but an account of the roads being so bad they didn't venture out.

Anyway there were several boxes and cake baked for the prettiest girl to eat. Among the crowd they picked out Miss Georgia Coffey and Miss Virginia Dula, better known as R. V. Dula. Miss Georgia Coffey being ahead most all the way through on the vote, and at the end, but as Mr. A. Dula was about to lose his temper they decided to let the two girls eat the cake.

SOME CLAIMS AS "FIRSTS" BY THE SOUTH—ONLY A FEW OF THEM

The Democrat is in receipt of a very interesting letter from Miss Cora A. Harris, Book Review Editor, and daughter of Co. Wade Harris of the Charlotte Observer. We are taking the liberty of publishing a few lines from Miss Harris' letter:

"Among the interesting articles in your weekly I saw some 'Firsts' but it occurred to me that we should bring the 'firsts' closer home. If you care to use the enclosed information you may do so, my authority is Miss Mildred Rutherford who is on the 'Scrap Book' issued monthly (Athens, Ga.)

"I enjoy your paper immensely, especially since I know so many people in that section of the country. I never miss reading it. You have a great paper, and people should never miss an opportunity expressing their appreciation.

Miss Harris adds that we are "the best people in Boone that live anywhere on the face of the earth" and expresses anxiety as to the progress of the road work between this place and Blowing Rock. We are glad to be able to add the new 'firsts' which are more interesting because of the fact that they are "close home":

The first literary society in the U. S.—Charleston, S. C. (now in existence)

First to have wind mill—Virginia

First to make brick—Virginia

The first endowed college—Boone, Va.

The reaping machine—Clyde, Me. Cornelia, Va.

First to introduce Irish potatoes—North Carolina.

First to plant indigo—Elizabeth Lucas, S. C.

First cotton plant mentioned by U. S. (seed came stuffed in dolls) Natchez, Miss. 1722.

The Gatling gun—Richard Gatling, N. C.

First water works in America—Baltimore, Md.

First to make steel pens. 1816—Maryland.

First to make straw hats—Maryland.

First floating mine—Thos. Weldon, Va.

First national observatory—Maryland.

First to have a botanical garden—Thos. Walter, S. C.

First street cars run by electricity—Baltimore, Md. or Montgomery, Ala.

The threshing machine—Christopher Hoxie, Mo., 1800.

The sewing machine—Francis Robert Goulding, Ga. 1844.

ASHE COUNTY WILL HAVE A FARM AGENT

The farmers of Ashe county have for some months been in correspondence with district agent, Jim W. Goodimen of Asheville, urging that he assist them in procuring a county agent for Ashe. Mr. Goodimen had an appointment to meet the county commissioners of Ashe on the first Monday in February but finding that he would be unable to keep the appointment phoned County Agent Jobo B. Steele to meet the Ashe citizens in his stead. Mr. Steele went to Jefferson and met the good citizens of that county and was successful in getting an appropriation of seventeen hundred dollars for the carrying on of that work. The work will start there the first of July. The man for the job has not been chosen yet.

WILL HAVE LIVE-AT-HOME CAMPAIGN

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—Extension workers of the State Department and College are now perfecting their plan for the state wide live-at-home campaign to be put on again this year. The campaign will begin by meetings being held at the various community centers and school houses on February 22, Washington's birthday. At that time blanks will be distributed pointing out ten things that far hood farmers should do to make the farm self-supporting this year. Last year several thousand farmers signed these blanks and lived up to their obligations. As a consequence, say the agricultural authorities, North Carolina was more nearly self-supporting during 1923 than at any previous time.

It is felt that the need to live at home will be more imperative in 1924 than in 1923. Especially is this true in the cotton growing districts for the boll weevil did comparatively little damage in 1923. According to Director Kilgore the state may not be so fortunate in 1924 and those who are looked upon as leaders in their communities should by example and precept show the vital importance of all farmers adopting a live-at-home program.

Those who sign the blanks are required to do only ten simple things but these ten things it is believed mean much to the continued prosperity of North Carolina. As outlined by the college workers these three things are: To raise corn and hay enough for 1925, to raise enough for the family, to have a spring

and fall garden, to have milk and butter, to keep at least 30 hogs, to improve the orchard, to work for rich soil by plowing and improving crop lands, the children in club work this year, to add some home conveniences for the money made in 1923 and to make the farmstead more homelike by the addition of shrubbery and other plantings.

Those who carry out seven of the above suggestions will be given an official certificate of honor in 1925.

HERE'S A BOOST!

From Statesville Daily.

Talking about State progress, an boasting and boasting, the best thing in the way of State progress this paper has noted for quite a spell is the fact that a whole trainload of seed crop potatoes—some cars—was sent out from Boone's five days ago for distribution in eastern North Carolina and South Carolina. Get the idea now, this isn't an ordinary shipment of high potatoes for food, that is so common that it wouldn't be news. The interesting and even exciting thing about it is that instead of buying seed Irish potatoes from Maine, Vermont and New York state, as we have done for years on end, potato growers in this and other states will say seed grown in Watauga and other mountain counties.

If the steel business may be again utilized as a barometer next year ought to be a better business year than 1923. Railroads, to take care of current business must expend over one billion dollars in new equipment and trackage and even this expenditure will not provide for five years hence.

This nation is now supporting a vast horde of public servants holding political jobs. If a program of public ownership of industries could be successfully carried out, it would create an enormous additional number of jobs for taxpayers to support. Public property pays no taxes.

MILES LOVE, SLAYER OF OWN CHILD, IS AGAIN IN TOILS

On Tuesday evening Sheriff Critcher received a telegram from Mr. Sizemore, Sheriff of Wyoming County, West Virginia, stating that he was "irresistible" sure that he had in custody Miles Love, alias Miles Pransell. Love is wanted in Watauga for the murder of his own child and it will be remembered that he escaped from the jail in Boone when his case came to trial. There is a reward of \$250 offered for his arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Watauga County and it is earnestly hoped that there is no mistake in the identity of the man held. The sheriff wired to bring him on to Boone and he is expected today. This is one of the most atrocious crimes that ever blotted the pages of a docket in Watauga County and the people at large will be glad to learn that the accused man is again in captivity.

A NEW CHURCH FOR VALLE CRUCIS

Rev. James P. Burke, Priest-in-charge of the work of the Episcopal church in Watauga County has appointed a Ways and Means Committee to make plans for the erection of a new church at Valle Crucis to cost not less than fifteen thousand dollars.

The campaign for funds began February first and will last through the Easter season. An attractive booklet has been printed and will be widely distributed. The booklet sets forth the need and the plan of procedure.

The new church will be erected on the land opposite the present rectory, near the Bishop Ives Cottage and Ansham Hall. The School has given on this site and the trustees of the diocese of Western North Carolina have appropriated \$3300 to the project.

Valle Crucis has long needed a new church that would be in keeping with the excellent buildings of the school and meet the needs of a growing congregation. Such a church as is proposed will seat three hundred people and the basement will provide for ample Sunday School rooms.

MILESTONES IN WILSON'S LIFE

Woodrow Wilson's life was marked by these milestones:

Born at Staunton, Va., Dec. 28, '56

Graduated at Princeton University

Selected as president of Princeton

Selected as president of Princeton

Elected governor of New Jersey

Named for president in Democratic national convention Baltimore

Elected President Nov. 3, 1912.

Inaugurated March 4, 1913.

Re-elected president Nov. 7, 1916.

Acked Congress to declare war on Germany April 2, 1917.

Sailed for France Dec. 4, 1918 as head of the American peace commission.

Signed treaty of Versailles June 28, 1919.

Carried fight with Senate over the League of Nations to county Septem

Survived nervous breakdown near

Struck with paralysis in the

Retired from Presidency March 3, 1921.

Died at Washington Feb. 3, 1924.

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce plans to put its entire organization behind the agricultural advancement of Mecklenburg county this year.

A pilot's army airplane has made successful flights of more than 90 miles with only an automobile control device steering it. Experiments show it to be possible to shoot bomb laden planes without pilots, at targets either on or off the ground with surprising accuracy.

PLAY AT BAILEY CAMP

The students of the Bailey Camp School are giving a play entitled "Single Life" at the school house on Saturday night Feb. 9th. The name of the play tells you its fun from the beginning to end. Everybody come and enjoy the play and good music Admission 15 and 25 cents. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school.

VIRGINIA DULA, Teacher.

ITEMS FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL

Items of General Interest From the A. T. S. and Town as Handed in by our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. C. H. Gragan of the Public school methods Co. was at the A. T. S. much of the past week in the interest of his company.

It was a far forward looking move on the Kiwanis club of the good city of North Wilkesboro when it planned in a recent meeting to put forth strong efforts to make the Boone Trail Highway a part of the route from Florida and eastern North Carolina to the Northwest and West through Tennessee and Kentucky into Ohio, Illinois and the west. The proposed route from this northwest section to Florida would be from 165 to 200 miles shorter, and all of these places with all our own state should be greatly in earnest in pushing the proposed route.

The sudden death of Mr. Andy Greer, of Zionsville on Friday morning was a great shock to his many friends in the county. He was out feeding his sheep when the end came. His death is supposed to have been caused by apoplexy or heart failure. He was one of the good citizens of the county and will be greatly missed.

Miss Dorothy of the State Library Commission was at the Training School on Saturday and remained over till Monday in the interest of the school library. She is one of the experts in library classification.

On Friday the first and second years played the Senior boys at basket ball and lost the latter by a small score. On Saturday the senior girls outplayed the Junior girls by a score of 55 to 2.

Miss Margaret Reñine of Tennessee who is visiting Miss Richardson, one of the Directors of Music at the Training School has been entertaining the young ladies at their hall with some of her beautiful instrumental music. She is an expert on the piano, violin and the saxophone. On Sunday she played a number of most beautiful and appropriate selections on the saxophone at Sunday School and at preaching at the Methodist church.

The entire community was sorry to learn that Mrs. R. C. Rivers had the misfortune of breaking one of her lower limbs on Friday morning. Mrs. Rivers is one of the best women in the county or anywhere, and her many friends here sincerely sympathize with her in her misfortune and earnestly wish for her a speedy recovery.

Prof. Chappel Wilson of the Normal department of the Training School spent Sunday in Lenoir, as his many friends think on some interesting business. And his friends wish him well.

Mr. Baxter Limney who is a student at Training College, spent his vacation between terms at his home in Boone. His friends are glad to see him. Mr. A. K. Moore, who is also at Training spent several days in Boone, to the pleasure of his many friends.

The entire community is greatly saddened by the news of the death of Ex-President Woodrow Wilson. When or where will his like be found. As some remarked, he is easily the greatest man the world produced in a hundred years, if it has ever produced an equal in world affairs. To what man in all history has the world said, in substance, "We approve your words and your course; go forward, and we will follow you?" Yet this is precisely what the world said to him. All Europe and the world acclaimed his message, for as the Associated Press says "his was a country rejecter." It was a man of wonderful high ideals, and has often said himself that he was willing to die for these ideals, which he in reality did, failing in his campaign for the League of Nations, which he and many believe should now be in full force to our own country. It is a case of self-sacrifice for his cause. The Associated Press again says: "His proper place in history cannot be assigned to him until his contemporaries are likewise assigned to their niches."

J. M. DOWNUM.

Dr. P. C. Jurney of Turnersburg, Iredell county, visited his sick sister, Mrs. R. C. Rivers Saturday afternoon and night, having made the 100 miles across the mountains in four hours. The Doctor returned to his home Sunday morning.