

SATURDAY'S ECLIPSE

SCIENTISTS JUBILANT AT RESULTS ACHIEVED FROM OBSERVATIONS

Clear Atmosphere Throughout Area of Totality Except For Parts of Michigan and Wisconsin and Canadian Province of Ontario; Men of Science Throng Observatories, While Number of Them Take To Airplanes and Giant Dirigible Los Angeles To Photograph and Study the Heavenly Drama; Ordinary Laymen Craned Their Necks and Strained Their Eyes Through Smoked Glasses; Business and Traffic Come To Standstill; Partial Eclipse Seen By Sections Not So Fortunate

Sol and Luna held their long anticipated rendezvous Saturday. Their trying place was a Heaven obtained with dusk and fringed with clouds. The occasion was a solar eclipse of such magnificence as humans seldom have seen. On coronas were Venus, Jupiter and Mercury, and the time was 8 a. m. Eastern Standard, as astronomical rumor had whispered it would be.

Ecstatic scientists on earth reported it the most perfectly executed the Heavens have portrayed since man began studying and recording such events, instead of hiding from them, in terror-stricken prayers. Glee fully they peered through cavernous telescopes and cranked huge maceras, while millions of other earth beings stared through smoked glass, awed and silent.

One of the trysters—some said he and some said she—was five seconds late, reckoning by the astral calendar of scientists. But the meeting lost none of its zest of glamor thereby, for it was the first tryst of sun and moon in this segment of Heavens for 119 years, and it will be more than two centuries before they meet there again.

Weather Perfect
Weather conditions for observation were described as almost generally perfect throughout the country where most of the fixed observatories and laboratories were located.

Hundreds of telescopic records were made and as many photographs taken from land, sea, and air. Scientists felt justified in declaring that a huge fund of information undoubtedly had been added to their store of general and specific knowledge about such mysteries as the content of the sun's corona, the composition of eclipse umbra and penumbra, the explanation of "Jumping Jack Rabbit" of the moon's eclipse shadow, the deflection of light as related to the Einstein theory, the effect of eclipse's upon earth's climate and tides of gravity, and its effect upon radio activity, upon the earth's magnetic centers, its thermometers and its barometers.

Observations at New Haven, Itasca, Poughkeepsie and Buffalo reported they had been notably successful in recording this eclipse, as were others of the thirteen fixed stations within the 100 mile path the moon laid down from Red Lake, Minn., to Nantucket Light.

Airplane Pictures
Astronomers ascending by airplane to great heights took what they expected would develop into perfect photographs of all phases of the phenomenon. They had, they said, made the first pictures ever obtained on the moon's 100 mile circular shadow as it bounded across the continent at lightning speed.

Other aviators aboard the dirigible Los Angeles which had maneuvered in the sky all night prior to the eclipse reported all observations and photography had been successful. More privately sponsored eclipse expeditions on land recorded every conceivable phase of the spectacle from the scientific standpoint.

There were whole regions, however, where vagrant clouds and overcast skies brought disappointment to scores of scientists and thousands of laymen. In some cases the sun rose to clear space, only to be obscured as he mounted the path to conjunction with the moon. In others the prospect of a glimpse of the eclipse was never present, and the depressing significance of lowering twilight in day time was the only visible evidence that a celestial drama was being enacted.

Many Missed It
Much of the country missed the eclipse altogether, Wisconsin and Michigan especially, and some parts of Canada and sections of New England. Government airplanes from Camp Broden in Ontario succeeded in toppling the clouds and making a few photographs, but elaborate preparations taken by Canadian astronomers to record the spectacle from a tempo-

FARMERS TO MEET FEBRUARY 14TH

To Receive Information Concerning Fertilizers; Co-ops Hold Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmers Cotton and Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association was held Saturday in the court house with a fairly good attendance. Mr. Carl Pearce and Miss Susan Landon were present. A most interesting meeting was held. At this meeting it was decided to call a meeting of the farmers of Franklin County to be held at the Court House in Louisburg on Saturday, February 14th, 1925 for the purpose of discussing and receiving information on fertilizers. Mr. Savage, the Farm Agent, who was present and made a talk suggested that he would get some concrete information and secure a speaker from the State Department for the occasion. All farmers are invited to attend this meeting.

rary observatory at Long's Corners on the line of totality, were frustrated by overcast skies.

This station was believed, however, to have justified its labors, for, while its telescopes—and cameras swung idle, the operators accumulated much significant electric, magnetic thermometric and barometric data.

First Appears
Sol appeared first to those to whom today's astral antics were disclosed. Rising out of the East and beaming his fullest in the golden effulgence of mid-winter toggery, he moved slowly and majestically to the Heavens.

Luna may have been waiting there for him—behind a cloud, perhaps. At any rate, her presence was not discernible to the human eye until her cold pale countenance was lined against the fiery background of the sun's.

Sudden Twilight
There came a sudden twilight; an awesome darkness galloped from West to East; a pearly halo surrounded a dotted rim suspended in the Heavens where sun and moon had met.

Moon's "Bailey Beads" of molten topaz on a sparkling string flashed for a moment, to be followed by the pyrotechnics of helium and hydrogen gases, flaring and receding a million miles beyond sun's chromosphere, in the spectral performance called by astronomers the solar corona.

Beads and corona appeared at the left of the eclipse at first; later, in the declining phase of the spectacle, they reappeared at the right side. After that the two astral bodies slowly disengaged themselves from the line of vision and drifted off on separate paths.

The meeting, the embrace and the short promenade they took together occupied two hours and 20 minutes of clock time. At 9:11 a. m., they eclipsed. At 10:20 they parted. The phenomenon, and especially the misplaced midnight descending like the crack of doom, awed and filled humans, birds, beasts and even fish with instinctive trepidation.

Animals Affected
Animals in zoological captivity set up a clamor. Monkeys chattered, deer stamped, lions roared, bewildered horses stopped in the streets.

Wild fowl, hardly settled upon their accustomed feeding grounds, hastily took flight again to nest, only to return to feed again as daylight overtook their homeward journey. Hens flew to roost, true to eclipse tradition, and cocks crowed at the phenomenon's end.

Fish in aquaria were seen to gather in schools and seek the bottom of their tank as they are wont to do at evening.

Perfect View
Many large cities, and above all New York were favored with a perfect view of the eclipse. Ordinary activities were suspended; all available transportation to countryside points of advantage was crowded; skyscrapers and such-like observation towers were covered to almost overflowing; men, women and children—old and young of high and low degree—paused to crane necks and whisper.

President Coolidge used a whole pane of smoked glass to view the magnificent sight from the White House gardens, where the penumbra and part of the eclipse were visible. Mrs. Coolidge saw it through smoked glass, also.

Mayor Hylan, of New York, joined a throng in Central Park to gaze through a bit of exposed camera film. The boulevards and drives and parks of all the city were crowded. Broadway's bright lights ran full blast, and street lights did, too, but there was little danger of traffic accidents, for traffic stood still, face upward.

The negro section of Harlem, forewarned by the newspapers against super-natural interpretation of the intensely nocturnity, talked nothing but "Clips" for the rest of the day.

A horseshoe may bring good luck, but when it's thrown you'd better duck.

JAMBES JUBILEERS HOLD A JAMBOREE

The Jambes Jubileers, fun makers of the Jambes Post of the American Legion, of Louisburg, N. C., engaged in a feast of food, fun, and fellowship, Monday evening, January 26th. The "objective" of the "drive" was the consumption of much delicious "Cherry Chow," served in a charming manner, by our Comrade Cherry, and the cementing of most worthy friendships of our friends whom we regret are not eligible to membership in American Legion, but who are Legionnaires in heart.

The dinner was the opening event of a series of such occasions, to be staged throughout the year, in an effort to achieve closer contact between the Ex-Service Men, Comrades of the days of war and misery, with our loyal friends, Comrades of these days of peace and happiness.

Following the sumptuous dinner, and under cover of a "smoke screen," a course of Fun, Fellowship, and Food for Thought, was enjoyed. Impromptu talks were delivered by Legionnaires and guests as follows:

"An outsiders view of the American Legion," by Atty. W. H. Yarborough.

"Voting as a Duty of Food Citizens," by Atty E. H. Malone.

"We Philanthropic Plumbers," or "The Way to Success is a Lead Pipe Cinch," by Comrade "Pot Likker" Dement.

"The Loan Value of Personal Reputation," by M. S. Clifton, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

"My Lost Opportunities—Before the Volstead Act," by Harry Johnson, Legionnaire.

"Americanism as Taught in our Schools," by E. L. Best, County Supt. of Public Instruction.

"False Friends that are True," or "A Talk on My Teeth" Wm. D. Jackson, Furniture Dealer and Slide Line Insurance, and V. D. S. (Victim of Dental Surgery).

"The Meat in the Melting Pot," or "Legionnaires as Future Leaders," by Ben T. Holden, Atty.

"My Growing Successes," Dr. A. H. Fleming, D. D. S. and Prince of Tales. Guests present were J. W. King, A. Clifton, Mayor L. L. Joyner, B. B. Perry, W. H. Yarborough, R. A. Pearce, T. W. Watson, Dr. A. H. Fleming, L. W. Parrish, Ben T. Holden, Dr. H. G. Perry, H. W. Clark, Wm. D. Jackson, E. H. Malone, S. C. Holden, E. L. Best, F. J. Beasley, J. E. Thomas, R. L. Peoples, M. S. Clifton, O. C. Hill and R. C. Woolridge.

Judging from the favorable comments that were overheard, the occasion was a brilliant success of jubilation joy, sparkling with wit and wisdom blended into a wine concocted from the Fruits of Fellowship. Our guests may have enjoyed our hospitality, but we Jambes Jubileers "cashed in" blue chips only, and reaped bountiful, beneficial stakes of Friendship, from our "Comrades," who "sat in" with us, in our Friendly Frolic of Fraternal Fellows.

The days will seem mighty long, till we meet again.

RECORDERS COURT

Judge G. M. Beam had quite a full docket for Franklin's Recorders Court Monday. The following cases were disposed of:

State vs Smith Pearce and Tommie Tant, 1 to pp, warrant amended to include charge of nuisance, not guilty of injury to personal property, other continued.

State vs Willie Gupton, adw, nol pros.

State vs Willie Gupton, nuisance, guilty, 30 days on roads, execution not to issue until further orders of this court upon payment of costs.

State vs Percy Fogg, ccw, called and failed, continued.

State vs Percy Fogg, ccw, called and failed, continued.

State vs Floyd Wood, wreckless driving, continued to Monday, Feb. 2nd.

State vs George Horton, fraud, continued to Monday Feb. 2nd.

State vs George Horton, fraud, continued.

State vs Raymond Ingram, Jim Foster, and David Ingram, distilling, continued.

State vs Harrison Green, stealing \$9, pleads guilty, 12 months on roads, upon payment of \$10 fine and return of stolen goods and pay costs, execution not to issue until further orders of the court.

LOUISBURG TRAIN DERAILED

The Louisburg and Franklinton train was derailed near Katesville Saturday on the 5 o'clock trip to Franklinton. It carried three freight cars, one passenger car and an express car. The freight car loaded with lumber, it seems, was the cause of the derailment. The track was torn up for quite a distance. One freight car turned over. The wrecking crew removed the wreckage, restored the track and Sunday evening the road was opened again for traffic.

COTTON REPORT

The tabulation of the card reports show that there were 21,942 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, grown in Franklin County, from the crop of 1924 prior to January 16, 1925, as compared with 21,900 bales ginned to January 16, 1924.

Gerald Chapman — Mail Bandit Closely Guarded on Way to Prison



Gerald Chapman, notorious robber, central figure in the \$2,000,000 New York mail robbery, being closely guarded in the County Jail at Indianapolis following his capture at Muncie the other day. Deputy U. S. Marshals are guarding Chapman day and night awaiting the arrival of deputy wardens from Atlanta, where the bandit was taken to complete his twenty-five year term for mail robbery. In the photo Deputy Marshals Walter Hook, left and Simon Hickman, right, are shown taking Chapman to Police Headquarters for photograph, measurements and finger prints. The prisoner is double handcuffed. His wrists are manacled together and he is manacled to Hook as well.

MRS. T. W. WATSON ENTERTAINS BOOK CLUB

The Tuesday afternoon Book Club had a most delightful meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. T. W. Watson at her lovely home on Main street. Mrs. Watson, vice-president presided. After the business session a study of Eugene Field and Robert Louis Stevenson, friends of childhood was taken up as follows: Story of the lives of Field and Stevenson, by Mrs. W. E. White.

Readings: Little Boy Blue, With Little Boy Blue, A present for Little Boy Blue, by Mrs. S. J. Parham.

Trio: Sleep Baby Sleep, Mesdames Mohn, Fleming, White, Mrs. Luther Whitaker, Misses Helen Leigh Fleming and Anna Gray Watson, guests of the club added greatly to the program with special numbers. Mrs. Whitaker sang, Good Night Little Girl, Good Night, Miss Fleming sang, Unrequited, and Miss Watson read Field's "Seein' Things."

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Watson served dairy refreshments in three courses. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. A. Turner two weeks later.

AUTO WRECK MONDAY MORNING

A Ford roadster badly demolished and a large touring car badly bruised up on one side was the result of an early morning wreck on Monday at the intersection of Tarboro road and Main street. The Ford belonged to Mr. Adcock and was being driven down Main street when the touring car was driven by Mr. Woolridge and came out of Tarboro road and turned south down Main street. The drivers of the two cars failed to see each other in time to make the clearance.

ENTERTAINS DIRECTORS KIWANIS

Mr. W. E. White delightfully entertained the Directors of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club, at his elegant home on Church street Tuesday night. After the business of the evening was completed and Mr. K. K. Allen had been placed in charge of the program for the month of February a most appetizing and much enjoyed supper was served to the guests. The evening was exceptionally profitable and enjoyable.

U. D. C.

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter, U. D. C., will meet with Mrs. W. E. White Tuesday afternoon, February 3rd, at 3:30 p. m.

MRS. S. J. PARHAM, Pres.
MRS. J. L. PALMER, Secy.

STUDENT RECITAL

The first of a series of student recitals at Louisburg College will be given Tuesday night February 3rd, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

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ENJOYABLE CHICKEN DINNER

IN CELEBRATION OF COMPLETION NEW WATER FILTER PLANT

Mayor L. L. Joyner Makes Fine Toastmaster; Many Splendid Responses; Large Number Enjoy Delightful Repast

Marking the completion of the new filter plant for Louisburg a most enjoyable old time chicken supper was given at the new plant on Wednesday night by the Louisburg Fire Department, Mr. B. W. Harris and Supt. O. C. Hill to quite a large number of guests. Although the weather was possibly the worse that has been experienced here this winter, a large number were present to enjoy the delightful repast, which was served in a most appetizing and pleasing manner.

Mayor Joyner acted as toastmaster and after the invocation was made by Rev. John Archie McIver, guests responded with toasts on the following subjects.

Rev. O. W. Dowd, on the morals of the town.

Mr. B. T. Holden, on the new water works.

Mr. S. A. Newell, on the general town conditions.

Pres. A. W. Mohn, another aspect on the general town conditions.

Dr. A. H. Fleming, on unveiling the Tablet in the name of the Louisburg water works and on fire fighting.

Mr. W. H. Yarborough, on the ability of the Louisburg fire fighters.

Mr. W. H. Ruffin, the oldest fireman, on fire fighting and equipment.

Mr. H. E. Miller, of the State Health Department, Raleigh, on filter plant operations.

Mr. Wm. M. Pyatt, of Durham, on the engineering end of filter plants and water systems.

Mr. B. W. Harris, on filter plant construction.

Mr. T. W. Ruffin on the town finances.

The toasts were all of high and complimentary order and contained much valuable information for those whose privilege it was to be present. The evening was a most successful and enjoyable one to the delight of many.

ENTERTAINS BOOK CLUB

Miss May Fisher, of the graded school faculty, most charmingly entertained the Twentieth Century Book Club in the domestic science rooms on Wednesday afternoon. The guests were received in the hall and ushered into the sitting room where an interesting program was rendered. Miss Robinson presided at the meeting. Mrs. E. W. Furgurson read a paper on Switzerland, Miss Susie Hayes a poem, and Miss Glenn Dunevant gave the current topic which dealt with radio and the approaching eclipse of the sun.

The guests were then asked into the dining room and shown to their places at a beautifully appointed table. The place cards and favors, as well as the flowers and candles, carried out a color scheme in red and white. A lovely four-course luncheon was served by some of the girls of the domestic science class who showed in their ease and capable service the good training they have received. The guests voted Miss Fisher a delightful hostess and her young helpers charming aides. Miss Fisher, during the two years in which she has taught in Louisburg, has proven a splendid addition to the social and educational life of the town, and it is always with pleasure any invitation to visit her rooms and enjoy her work is received.

Y. P. F. MEETING

Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock the Young People's Fellowship of St. Paul's Episcopal church held a social meeting at the home of Mrs. R. C. Beck. The meeting was called to order by the president, Edward Yarborough and the following program was rendered: The New Year—Edward Yarborough. A stronger hold on yourself—Adelaide Johnson. The page of tomorrow—Lucy Clifton Boddie. Original poem, School Marks—Kemp Yarborough. A letter concerning the reports of the activities of the Y. P. F. received from Miss Lucy H. Kimball, of Henderson, was read by Louise Joyner. Miss Mary B. Spencer gave a talk to the young folks. Then, after a brief business discussion, a delicious salad course and mints were served.

CO. OF WAREHOUSE TO CLOSE

The local Cooperative Tobacco Warehouse has given out the announcement that it will close for the season on Friday, February 13th, 1925. All members who have tobacco and have not posted same will please bear this in mind.