

SMITH MAKES WONDERFUL ADDRESS

At Memorial Services In Court House Sunday

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS AND U. S. FLAGS

Judge Hobgood Welcomes Large Number Present; Mr. E. H. Malone Presents Speaker; Franklin County Quartette Furnishes Special Music; Mrs. James B. King Recites "Young Fellow My Lad"; Jambes Post Cup and Prizes Delivered to Winners; Committees Decorate Graves



HON. WILLIS SMITH

Keeping alive the memory of those who gave their lives that our United States might be and remain free, independent, and democratic, the Franklin County Memorial Association held services on Sunday afternoon, May 28, at 2:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Franklin County Court House in Louisburg. The speaker for this occasion was Mr. Willis Smith, of Raleigh, who delivered a most interesting and inspiring address.

What is Memorial Day or Decoration Day as it is sometimes called? Why do people all over our land celebrate in quiet thankfulness on this designated day? Thus began the speaker getting at the "cause" for the existence of such an occasion. It is a day for "remembering" the acts of heroism performed by our soldier dead. Why these acts of heroism?

Here, Mr. Smith swung his hearers back to the beginning of history with the statement "Humankind has been about the same through all the ages." It has had to battle with such things as love, hate, jealousy, greed, pity, etc. And although civilization has tended to smooth the rough edges, these still exist to harass mankind. These brought about conditions that in turn called for the acts of heroism which we, citizens of today, celebrate on Memorial Day.

Beginning with the recall of the acts of heroism performed at Roanoke Island in the very beginning of the history of our land, Mr. Smith ably reviewed in a concise and graphic way the outstanding periods and occasions when our ancestors were called upon because of strife and conflict to perform acts of heroism. In quick succession were mentioned the story of the Pilgrims, our conflict with the mother country, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and the great World War.

After each of these conflicts mentioned our people thought "now we are at last free and can have peace" but something else happened to create war again and each time when these United States of ours were endangered our men and women rallied to its call.

After the last great conflict in which our country took part, our President, Woodrow Wilson, was obsessed with a great plan. Thinking that perhaps the people of the world had at last realized the folly of war he proposed a League of Nations to preserve the peace of the world. We know how our government, grateful as it was, for the sacrifices that had been made by its citizens, had bodies of loved ones brought back to rest in the soil of their own country and later planned the pilgrimage of mothers, whose sons had been taken in conflict, over to the battlefields of France. It has been twenty years, said the speaker, since this organization to keep alive the memory of these boys was begun. We wonder whether or not we have the ability now to keep out of war. We hope we'll be able to protect our national honor without bloodshed, concluded the speaker, but if we must fight we will do it with the glory of those who have borne arms for us in the past.

To open the program, Prof. I. D. Moon led the audience in singing one verse of America. After this Rev. J. G. Phillips, Pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church, said the invocation. Judge H. H. Hobgood delivered

the address of welcome, saying that on Memorial Day we meet to humbly memorialize those who've passed on, that it is our prayer and hope that these men and women have not died in vain, that we have lives "Lest we forget."

Stephen E. Tharrington read the Roll Call of the Deceased Soldiers of Franklin County after which "Taps" were sounded by Glenn Beasley.

Two interesting numbers on the program were a reading "Young Fellow, My Lad," given by Mrs. James B. King and a vocal selection "Tread Softly" sung by a quartette from Franklinton, composed of Mrs. J. A. Cox, Mrs. A. B. Allen, R. B. Pearce, and H. C. Kearney.

E. H. Malone presented the speaker, describing him as a loyal soldier and a most able statesman and lawyer.

The Jambes Post cup and prizes were presented by T. K. Stockard. The cup was accepted for Franklinton High School, which claimed the first prize winner, by Supt. G. B. Harris, himself a legionnaire, who very appropriately stated that he accepted the cup "as a trust—as a symbol of the highest type of love for God and country."

Mary Elizabeth Sandling, of the Franklinton High School, was recipient of first prize. Mr. Stockard announced that this is the first time that a legionnaire's daughter has won first prize.

Frances Spivey of the Mills High School, Louisburg, won second prize. Sophia Spivey, older sister of Frances, was recipient of first prize.

A. F. Johnson served as master of ceremonies and, as such, expressed for the group thanks and appreciations to the speaker Hon. Willis Smith for the splendid address, to Supt. W. R. Mills, President of the Association for this year and to C. E. Jeffreys.

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Cold Waters Hinder Work Of Salvaging Sunken Sub

Portsmouth, N. H., May 29.—Battling the triple threat of tidal currents, numbing cold and freezing air lines, Navy divers tonight completed the first preparatory step of a newly-adopted plan to carry on the salvage of the submarine Squalus in shallow—and warmer waters.

The plan was forced upon Navy technicians by the icy temperatures and the forty-fathom depth in which the Squalus and her 26 dead lay 15 miles off this port.

The reaction of Diver William Badders, a veteran of previous submarine disasters, decided the technicians upon a plan which entailed moving the sunken vessel shoreward in three steps with the aid of huge pontoons. Acting as a human "guinea pig," Badders sat on the Squalus' deck in the cold water 240 feet below the surface for 52 minutes—it wouldn't have been possible, Navy officers said, if he had been expending any energy in working.

"Cold," Badders reported, "so cold the air line clogged even using helium." And the technicians adopted new tactics.

Paderewski Tells U. S. Farewell

New York.—A lame old man, his shoulders weary with the weight of 78 years was to sail for his home-in-exile aboard the French liner Normandie Tuesday night, ill and doubtless disappointed.

And so ends probably the last American concert tour by the Polish wizard of the piano, Ignace Jan Paderewski, a living immortal among musicians.

His tour manager, Lawrence Fitzgerald, said Tuesday, "I don't think it will be physically possible for him to tour again."

While a throng-enraptured with the legend of his genius waited restlessly in huge Madison Square Garden last Thursday night, Paderewski himself confronted the inevitable. He told his staff that his strength was gone.

He acknowledged what may well be the end of his career in spite of a prime incentive to play once again: He needed the money.

Having given one fortune of \$2,700,000 to the recreation of Poland as an independent nation and hundreds of thousands more to other philanthropies, he had returned to the land of his first great financial success to refill his purse.

Stubbornly staving off illness, he played 20 of his 25 scheduled concerts—a piddling few when compared to the 117 he gave on his first American tour nearly 50 years ago.

In those days, when he was all but mobbed by an admiring public, he set box office records. He received \$2,500 for each recital in 1892 and earned \$118,000, a record for instrumentalists up to that time.

Proceeds of his latest tour were being computed Monday for income tax purposes and, while the sum was considerable, it probably won't meet Paderewski's normally high expenses for long, a member of his staff indicated.

He lives now in a Swiss villa, a voluntary exile from Poland, which he served as a post-war premier, and he also maintains a vast ranch in California.

ANNOUNCES WEDDING

Invitations have been issued to out-of-town relatives and friends for the wedding of Miss Marie Violetious Parker, daughter of Mrs. Lee V. Parker and the late Mr. Parker, and Mr. Felix Hill Allen, Jr., son of Mrs. Felix H. Allen and the late Mr. Allen. No invitations will be issued in Louisburg.

The wedding will take place Thursday evening, June 22, at 8:30 o'clock in the Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. A reception for the families and intimate friends will be held at the home of the bride's mother immediately after the ceremony.

Mussolini plays the same game as Herr Hitler, but not quite so skillfully.

BASE-BALL

The Louisburg All-Stars will play Warden Hugh Wilson's Prison team at the Louisburg Ball Park, Sunday afternoon. The game is called for 3:30.

STORES TO CLOSE

Summer Closing Hours Begin Wednesday at 1 P. M.

In keeping with an agreement reached several days ago, the merchants and business men of Louisburg will begin the observance of summer closing hours on next Wednesday, when all places of business will close at 1 o'clock P. M. for the day. This closing is carried out in order to give a mid-week holiday to the proprietors and clerks who are soliciting the hearty support of the buying public. The public is requested to bear this time in mind and make their purchases before closing time.

Special Meeting C. of C. Tonight

The Louisburg Chamber of Commerce announces a special meeting to be held on Friday night, June 2nd, at 8:00 o'clock in the Court House, Louisburg, N. C., for the purpose of discussing the question of A NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL!

Today the cotton industry faces the greatest crisis in its history. These are indisputable facts concerning cotton:

The surplus is the largest in history.

The world price is the lowest in many years.

World consumption of cotton is steadily increasing, but consumption of American cotton is decreasing both at home and abroad.

To date we have attempted to solve the problem by reducing cotton production—we have done virtually nothing to solve the problem by increasing cotton consumption.

WE MUST increase the consumption of American cotton. WE CAN increase the consumption of American cotton both at home and abroad by co-ordinating and uniting the efforts of the entire cotton industry to that end.

Mrs. Howell Dead

Mrs. M. T. Howell, widow of the late Mr. M. Thomas Howell, died at her home on South Main Street early Wednesday night. She was 85 years of age and was preceded to the grave by her husband seven years ago. She is survived by two sons Mr. John S. Howell and Mr. Arthur Howell, and four daughters Mrs. C. M. Vaughan, Mrs. J. W. Card, Mrs. D. W. Richards, Mrs. H. B. Edwards; thirty five grand children and twelve great grand children. Mrs. Howell was a faithful member of Rock Springs Baptist Church and greatly loved and admired by those who knew her best.

Funeral services were held from her home on South Main Street yesterday afternoon conducted by Rev. A. Paul Bagby, pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church and interment was made at the family burying ground near Rock Springs Church. Many friends and relatives attended each of the services, and the floral tribute was especially large and pretty.

The pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased and were Clarence Card, John R. Edwards, John L. Richards, Jesse Richards, Harold Vaughan, Arthur Leon Howell. The deceased family has the sympathy of the community.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, June 3rd:

Saturday—Double Feature—Roy Rogers and Mary Hart in "Rough Riders Round Up," and George O'Brien and Ray Whitley in "Tribble in Sundown." Also Chap. No. 8 "Lone Ranger Returns."

Sunday-Monday—Robert Young and Annabella (Mrs. Tyrone Power) in "Bridal Suite."

Tuesday—Bob Hope and Shirley Ross in "Some Like It Hot." Extra! on the Stage, Chamber of Commerce Beauty Contest.

Wednesday—Buck Jones and Helen Twelvetrees in "Unmarried."

Thursday-Friday—"Union Pacific" starring Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McRea, Akim Tamiroff and Robt. Preston.

Last Times Today—Alice Faye, Tyrone Power and Al Jolson in "Rose of Washington Square."

Louisburg Wins Over Warrenton

Golf Match Played at Green Hill Country Club Wednesday

Stretching its winning streak to five successive victories, the Green Hill Country Club defeated the Warrenton Golf Club on Wednesday afternoon by a score of 31½ to 13½. Although pushed closely by William Barrow, Jr., and Louis Word, Frank Wheelless, Jr. was again low scorer with a 71, which is one stroke over par. William Barrow, Jr., and Louis Word ran him a close second, with low scores of 73 each.

Louisburg and Warrenton will meet again next Wednesday afternoon on the Warrenton course. The following Wednesday, June 14, Louisburg will play South Boston, Va., at South Boston.

Those making points for Green Hill on Wednesday, were as follows:

Frank Wheelless, Jr., 3; Bill Huggins, ½; Dr. A. Paul Bagby, 3; Dr. Harry Johnson, 2; William Barrow, Jr., 3; Arch Wilson, 1; Louis Word, 3; Edwin Malone 3; V. E. Owens, 3; Dr. Jimmie Wheelless, 3; Leonard Henderson, ½; Dr. Bill Perry, 3; Ernest Thomas, ½; Buddy Beam, 3.

JUDGE W. L. SMALL DIES AT HIS HOME

Elizabeth City Jurist Was Only 53. And Had Suffered Stroke of Paralysis

Elizabeth City, May 27.—Judge Walter L. Small, who retired from the Superior Court bench February 1, 1938, after suffering a stroke of paralysis, died yesterday. He was 53 years old.

After his retirement, Judge Small became an emergency judge, but performed few official acts because of his health. He was appointed to the Superior Court bench in 1928, and was twice re-elected. Previously he had represented Pasquotank County in the Legislature, and was a district solicitor. For many years he was a member of the bar here, and formed a partnership with former Governor Ehringhaus.

Judge Small is survived by his widow and four children.

HOMEMAKERS TO MEET

The Homemakers class of the Baptist Church will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. D. W. Simmons, Kenmore Avenue, Friday night, June 2nd, at 8:00 o'clock. All members and prospective members are cordially invited.

Molotov Rejects Latest Triple Alliance Program

Russian Premier Gives France and Britain To Understand That Soviet Wants Real Defensive Alliance or None at All; Door Not Closed, However; Russia and Germany May Talk Trade

Moscow, May 31.—Premier and Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov today, in effect, rejected as they now stand British and French proposals for a triple defensive entente and said there were signs that Russia and Germany may revive negotiations to improve their trade relations.

Foreign diplomats interpreted the Foreign Minister's reference to the German negotiations, interrupted some time ago, as a warning to the democracies that Russia would insist upon the strongest kind of pact or none at all, and, failing in this, was perfectly willing to pursue her course alone.

Nowhere in his 70-minute speech to the Supreme Soviet outlining Russia's foreign policy did Molotov specifically reject or accept the British and French proposals, but he made it clear that Russia, before linking her Red army of 2,500,000 men to the anti-aggression front, would insist upon three provisions:

- 1. The pact must be exclusive defensive.
 - 2. It must guarantee all countries without exception on the western border of the Soviet Union, and
 - 3. It must be a concrete agreement for assistance in the event of future attacks.
- Molotov said that the democratic countries had underestimated the changes in the world situation and, while abandoning collective

Navy Works To Raise Squalus

Prayers Said in Portsmouth Churches Yesterday For The 26 Men Lost In The Tragic Dive; Efforts To Solve Mystery Already Underway.

Portsmouth, N. H., May 29.—While a crew of sixty divers continued their laborious job of preparing the sunken submarine Squalus for its trip from a watery grave, Commander A. E. Stone, navy chaplain, announced today that special memorial day services for the 26 victims would be held tomorrow.

After the regular decoration day exercises held annually the 33 survivors and relatives of the Squalus dead will assemble in the Portsmouth navy yard auditorium. Music, the singing of hymns, special prayers, and benedictions will be included in the service.

Commander Stone said an office was being set up in his quarters in conjunction with the Red Cross so that relatives of the drowned men might file claims against the government for burial expenses and pensions. Five or six widows already have filed claims.

Relatives in distant cities, Stone said, might file their claims with their local Red Cross office. Salvage work went on apace today while officials studied written reports of the survivors on the fatal dive.

Asserting that each one of the men rescued with the escape bell had written his story of the tragedy Lt.-Commander John Longstaff said "the purpose of these written statements is to get a permanent record of the men's versions of the disaster early before minor events are forgotten."

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach Sunday morning, June 4, on the subject, "Three Things We Need to Know," and in the evening on the last of the Old Testament prodigals, "Israel." Sunday School is at 9:45 and B.T.U. at 7:15. Evening services during the summer are at 8 P. M. Everyone is welcome. The Daily Vacation Bible School has been postponed for one week. On Friday, June 2, at 2:30, the faculty and pupils will meet for the purpose of enrolling. There will be a parade to advertise the school. The school proper opens Monday morning.

If we are careful as possible we shall still be careless enough.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

Attempts Cross Atlantic

Thomas Smith's Tiny Plane Believed to Have Crossed Atlantic Ocean

London, May 30.—(Tuesday)—Officials at London's Croydon airport early today gave up hope of sighting Thomas H. Smith, attempting a transatlantic flight in a midget plane, and snapped off the boundary lights at 2 a. m. (9 p. m. E.S.T. Monday).

Darkening of the field seemed an admission by the officials that they did not expect the young Californian to arrive here.

The flier had been en route from the United States nearly 42 hours, the extreme limit which he had estimated his gas would last.

Reported Over England

The midget 65 horsepower craft had been reported over Londonderry in Northern Ireland, Port Patrick at Wigtownshire in the extreme southwest of Scotland, and Saint Bees Head, Cumberland, northern England, but none of the reports was official and identification of the plane as Smith's was not certain.

Scores of other reports had been received by newspapers from persons telephoning that they had seen a tiny plane at various points.

At 12:45 a. m., Smith had been in the air practically 40 hours and was believed to be nearing the end of his fuel supply.

Before taking off at Old Orchard Beach, Me., at 3:47 a. m., E.S.T., Sunday he had estimated his 160 gallons of gasoline would carry him 36 to 42 hours.

Officials, newspapermen and photographers kept watch at Croydon in the hope of giving the 24-year old Californian a welcome. But the crowd that had gathered in the afternoon disappeared by midnight.

Flying a 670-pound, single-engine monoplane, Smith attempted to span the Atlantic in the smallest plane ever taxed with that assignment since the first North Atlantic crossing (by stages) 20 years ago.

"Sheer Madness"

Officials at Croydon openly expressed doubt he would make it. "To attempt such a flight in an 85-miles-an-hour plane was sheer madness," said one.

HOPE FADES

London, May 30.—Hope for Thomas H. Smith and his "Baby Clipper" faded tonight to the outside chance that he had landed in some remote part of the British Isles or was afloat at sea after his attempt to span the Atlantic in a flivver-type plane.

Even rumors which flooded Northern Ireland and England yesterday reporting "a tiny strange plane" died out as hope for him dwindled.

Nevertheless, the air ministry and police and coast guard officials remained puzzled over identity of the small plane which flew low over Saint Bees Head, Cumberland, Northwest England, yesterday evening at about the time Smith was expected.

"If it was not Smith's plane," one police official said, "it is remarkable that the pilot, whoever he was, has kept silent today."

This pilot circled low over the coast guard station and, after his position was signalled to him, flew off southward in the direction of London. His plane was small and gray—like Smith's.

SHAW IS SPEEDWAY VICTOR

Indianapolis Speedway, May 31.—Floyd Roberts, daring driver of Van Nuys, Calif., died of injuries yesterday in a three-car smash-up as Wilbur Shaw, Indianapolis veteran, raced to victory in the 500 mile classic.

The race with its dramatic close finish, was witnessed by a crowd estimated at 145,000, largest mid-week crowd in the history of the event.

Jimmy Snyder, of Chicago, finished second.

Cliff Bergere, of Hollywood, Calif., was third.

Seventeen of the original starting field of 33 cars, survived the punishing grind.

Shaw covered the distance in 4:20:47:41 to average 115,035 miles an hour. This is below the average of 117.2 last year because the drivers were slowed down for 3½ minutes while the track was being cleared of wreckage. Ted Horn, of Los Angeles, came in fourth and Babe Stapp, of Los Angeles, was fifth.