

## Join World In Tribute To The Late President

Elizabeth City People Gather in Reverent Spirit at Noontide Pausing from Everyday Tasks to Remember Example of Goodness Set Them by Chief Executive

That President Harding was a conscientious, faithful and reverent member of the church was a fact in President Harding's life that seemed particularly worthy of being stressed to Dr. James H. Thayer, who made the memorial address at the service on the courthouse green held Friday at the noon hour in honor of the dead leader.

The speaker also brought out the truth that American Presidents as a whole have set a standard of rulership in the 140 years of American history that has never been equalled by any European nation, not even England excepted, in any century and a half of history.

Hardly a more democratic President than Harding has occupied the White House in the history of the country, Dr. Thayer said, in comparing the President with Wilson and Roosevelt, both of whom, he said, manifested certain qualities of imperialism.

"We are not here to honor the office," Dr. Thayer said. "The office goes on. But we are here to honor a man, and we honor him because his public and private life was worthy of emulation."

The service was short, simple, and impressive. All business houses closed at 12 o'clock, and shortly thereafter, while the courthouse bell was tolling, Elizabeth City people gathered on the courthouse green to pay tribute to the life of their late Chief Executive, Warren G. Harding. Flags hung at half mast and this quiet, sheltered little city on the Pasquotank river joined with the nation and the world in grief for the passing of the President of the United States.

As the people gathered about the Confederate monument, the strains of "America" floated upon the air, and this patriotic hymn was followed by prayer by Rev. Frank H. Seattergood, pastor of Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church. Mrs. I. M. Meekins, organist and choir director of the First Baptist Church, was in charge of the music, and the First Baptist quartet sang "Lead, Kindly Light," the late President's favorite hymn, following which came Dr. Thayer's address, and the benediction by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

A spirit of reverence and solemn attention prevailed throughout the service such as had never been witnessed at any previous exercises held outdoors in Elizabeth City, and the people dispersed almost as silently as they had assembled, so deep was their sense of the solemnity of the occasion.

## LAUNDRYOWNERS TO MEET AT ROCKY MOUNT

Rocky Mount, August 10.—The annual convention of the North Carolina division of the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida Laundryowners' Association, will meet in this city on August 27, according to announcement just made by R. N. Bishop, vice president of the organization.

In sending out circulars announcing the date of the convention, Mr. Bishop extended invitations to both members and non-members of the association, urging them to attend. J. W. Powell, Greenville, S. C., president of the four state organization, will be among the prominent speakers at the convention.

"It is hoped that the getting together of a large number of the laundryowners of the State on this occasion will be productive of many profitable suggestions and constructive ideas," said Mr. Bishop, "not only valuable to larger laundries but to the smaller ones as well."

## BELIEVE TANKER WAS LOST AT SEA

Panama, Aug. 10.—Shipping circles here fear that the American tanker, Swift Star, bound from San Pedro, California, to Fall River, Mass., with a cargo of crude oil has been lost at sea with her crew of thirty men.

## MAXWELL WANTS A SPECIAL REPORT

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—Commissioner Maxwell yesterday issued a statement declaring that the Governor should order a special report of the State finances as on August 1 to prove his claim that the deficit has been paid off with the taxes collected since January 1.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 10.—The cotton exchange was closed today on account of the funeral of President Harding.

## FIFTEEN NATIONS ASK INDEMNITIES

Present Communication to Chinese Government in Regard to Capture of Foreigners by Bandits in May.

(By The Associated Press.) Peking, Aug. 10.—Indemnities for the capture and imprisonment of foreigners by Suchow train bandits last May were demanded of the Chinese government in a communication presented today over the signatures of fifteen foreign ministers. Although nationals of only America, Great Britain, France and Italy were victims of the bandits, other diplomatic representatives joined in the memorandum which endorsed demands made separately by the various legations at the time.

## ALLEN CASE GOES TO PENNSYLVANIA

Los Angeles, California, August 10.—Dr. H. B. Allen, former head of private schools in Virginia and North Carolina, who is under indictment in Pittsburgh on the Mann Act charge involving the transportation of one of his alleged fifty seven adopted daughters into Pennsylvania from Virginia, today was ordered held to the District Court of Pennsylvania, at the conclusion of the hearing before the Federal Commission here. Efforts of counsel to have his bail reduced from fifteen thousand dollars were unsuccessful.

## TRYING STABILIZE PRICE OF GASOLINE

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—In an effort to reduce and stabilize the price of gasoline, Attorney General Manning yesterday summoned the heads of distributing companies for a conference on September 5 and intimated that if the conference was not successful he would prosecute under the Justice Anti-Trust Act.

## WADE LEAVES FOR WISCONSIN MEET

Raleigh, August 10.—Stacey W. Wade, insurance commissioner, will leave Raleigh on Sunday night for Madison, Wis., where he will attend the national convention of the Securities Commissioners (Blue Sky) on August 15. Mr. Wade, who is president of the southern group of Securities Commissioners, will make a report on the meeting recently held in Atlanta.

## MORRISON INVITED ON BOOSTER TRIP

Raleigh, August 10.—Governor Cameron Morrison has been invited by the Roanoke Booster Club to accompany a party of Roanoke business men on a tour of Western and Piedmont North Carolina on August 24. It was stated at the Governor's office today. Included in the party will be Governor E. Lee Trinkle, of Virginia, and four members of his official family; Mayor Fishburne, Roanoke, and Congressman Clifton Woodrum, of Virginia.

## HOODED FIGURES ATTEND REVIVAL

Whitakers, Aug. 10.—Four hooded figures entered the Methodist Protestant Church last Sunday night and handed a letter to the pastor, Rev. H. Free Surratt. The letter expressed unqualified approval of the revival to be conducted here next week by a Washington minister and contained a contribution of \$25.

## ROTARY MOURNS FELLOW MEMBER

Local Club Has Memorial Meeting, Paying Tribute to Warren G. Harding, Who Was Himself a Rotarian.

A tribute to the late President by Blucher Ehringhaus, a trio, "Lead Kindly Light," sung by Bill Sawyer, Albert Worth and Blucher Ehringhaus, accompanied by Urner G. Davis at the piano, a reading of President Harding's recent message to Rotary International, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," sung by the same trio as "Lead Kindly Light," and prayer by Frank Scattergood constituted the memorial program to Warren Gammell Harding, Rotarian, of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club at the weekly Rotary luncheon Friday.

The setting for the memorial program was unusually fitting. On the center of the table of Rotarian flag hung at half mast. Above the table framed in gold and draped with the white of lilies and the green of ivy was a recent picture of Warren G. Harding.

This picture has now been placed in the lobby of the Southern Hotel where it may be seen by those who walk by on the street.

On the front page of the program printed especially for the occasion was a picture of President Harding with the following inscription, beneath it: Warren G. Harding, Christian gentleman, friend of man, Rotarian, twenty-ninth President of the United States, born November 2, 1865, died August 3, 1923.

On the left hand page, opposite the program on the right, were the following quotations:

"Statesman, yet friend to truth of soul sincere,  
In action faithful and in honor clear;  
Who broke no promise, served no private end,  
Who gained no title, and who lost no friend."

"But since he had the genius to be loved, why let him have the justice to be honored in his grave."

"Let us weep in our darkness, but weep not for him!  
Not for him who, departing, leaves millions in tears!  
Not for him who has died full of honor and years!  
Not for him who ascended fame's ladder so high  
From the round at the top he has stepped to the sky."

"As I have seen reflected in the columns of the newspapers of the day the grief of a nation," said the speaker, "the attitude of the American millions who contemplate in sadness the departure of their chief executive. It has seemed to me, reflected in the words of Mercutio who, wounded in a good cause and asked if he was hurt, replied: 'No, 'tis not so deep as a well, nor so wide as a church door; but 'tis enough, 'twill serve.'"

"Our President is dead. In itself it means a great deal to be the chosen chief of 100 million people.

"Other nations have had their kings and their emperors some of whom they have regarded as good and some as bad, but good or bad to these people can not come the sense of loss that is ours when we lose him whom we ourselves have exalted to his place as head of our nation. Our ruler is marked above his fellows not only by his station, but also by his capacity and his character.

"There may be greater leaders among the Presidents of the United States than Warren G. Harding, though I do not say that there are. Only the future historian can estimate his greatness. But of one thing I am sure. No President has entered his grave more genuinely and generally loved and respected than he who so lately has fallen on sleep.

"The people of America loved Warren G. Harding. They loved him for his achievement in rising with no prestige or backing save that of a dauntless ambition and sterling character from a poor country boy to the highest place in the gift of his people. There is romance and inspiration in the contemplation of such a career. But Warren Harding was loved not merely because of his achievement. Cold intellectuality may win its reward, but it can never in itself claim the heart's affection. Warren Harding possessed those qualities of mind and of heart which endeared him to his people. He knew the ache that labor gives and could sympathize with the hopes and aspirations of the working man. He knew the stress and strain and the temptations of achievement and was able to understand and comprehend and appreciate the ambitions of his countrymen and was eager to strive to alleviate the burdens of the less fortunate among them.

"The wisest of men, when he was asked to choose that which above all else he would ask, did not choose riches or renown, but prayed for an understanding heart that he might know good from evil and be able to judge his people. I am among those who think that no man can solve the problems of life with the mind alone. Warren Harding, I think, had that understanding heart which was responsive to the needs of his country and which led him to his own hardship and physical discomfort to undertake the final mission, the carrying out of which snapped the thread

## RALEIGH STORE IS DYNAMITED

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—A small country store owned by Mr. and Mrs. Zack Jackson about 12 miles from here was wrecked by dynamite early today, according to reports to the sheriff.

The destruction of the store is said to have followed the receipt of two letters signed "K. K. K.," warning Mrs. Jackson to move the store, which was a sort of community gathering place, away from there.

The letters informed her that she was an undesirable resident. The objection to the woman, according to the letter, dates back to a neighborhood quarrel over the best way to improve the community school.

## BIGGEST SALARY FOR CITY MANAGER

Ashburner, Formerly of Norfolk, Gets It at Stockton, Cal.—Was the First City Manager in America.

Lawrence, Kansas, Aug. 10.—When Charles Edward Ashburner, city manager of Norfolk, Virginia, assumes his new job as city manager of Stockton, California, September 1, at a salary of \$20,000 a year, he will continue to be the highest paid city manager in the United States, according to John G. Stutz of this city, executive secretary of the National City Managers' Association. His salary at Norfolk is \$16,000 a year.

"An interesting thing about Ashburner is that he not only is the highest paid city manager in the United States, but he was the pioneer in the profession—he was the first city manager," said Secretary Stutz. "When he accepted the job of manager of the city of Staunton, Virginia in 1908 he received only a nominal salary. It was largely through the successful demonstration he gave there that other cities accepted the idea. When Ashburner was asked by the city of Stockton to fix his salary, he put the figure so high he did not imagine a city of 50,000 population would accept. Although Norfolk, a city of 150,000, later met the rise in the effort to hold Ashburner, of course he could not annul Stockton's acceptance of his offer."

Ashburner went from Staunton to Springfield, Ohio, as city manager in 1914, and four years later to Norfolk. More than 300 cities in the United States are operated under the city manager plan, according to Mr. Stutz.

## TROOPS GUARD AS VOTES ARE COUNTED

Charleston, Aug. 10.—Two companies of militia will stand guard today as the official count is made of votes cast in the majority election last Tuesday.

## NOT GUILTY ABANDONMENT

George Palmer, brought into court Friday morning by his wife on a charge of abandonment, was adjudged not guilty when it appeared that Mrs. Palmer would not return to him, preferring to live with her 22 year old son. In that case, the court told her, she would have to rely on her son for support, there being no evidence that her husband's conduct had ever been such as to make her life burdensome.

Fannie Rogers, colored, with her two jury trials, one on a charge of illegal possession of liquor and the other on the charge of larceny, took up a whole morning in court to get 60 days on the former and 30 days on the latter charge, a total of 90 days in jail.

## ROMANS USED MODERN HEATING APPARATUS

London, August 10.—A central heating apparatus used in a Roman villa about 17 centuries ago has been unearthed in the course of excavations at Konysham cemetery, Somersetshire.

The villa, which was about 120 feet long, was heated by a hypocaust or heating chamber, the heat passing under the floors of various rooms by means of a series of passages. Some rooms were reached by means of flues instead of the floor passages.

"When he was called to Washington and had to leave the newspaper that he had directed at the city of Marion he gave to those whom he left in charge a code of instructions which, to my mind, reflects more accurately than anything else the character of the man."

"Above all," these instructions concluded, "be clean, and never let a dirty word or suggestion get into print. I want this paper to be one that can go into any home without destroying the innocence of any child."

"We loved him for his splendid spirit of good will and for his understanding heart. Peace to his ashes. God rest his spirit in that happy land to which he by his example would lead us."

## England Mourns As If Had Been Her Own

While All America Pays Tribute to Nation's Chief Executive Great Britain Expresses Sympathetic Grief in State-Ceremonial at Westminster Abbey

(By The Associated Press.) London, Aug. 10.—While America paid her tributes to Warren G. Harding today, England mourned him as if he had been her own.

Her chief expression of sympathetic grief was in a stately ceremonial service in Westminster Abbey, an official function at which high officials of state and American officials abroad sat side by side with American tourists in expressing their common sorrow.

When The Day Is Done  
Marion, Ohio, Aug. 10.—The day when human eyes would look their last upon the face of Warren G. Harding dawned with many who loved him still waiting to pass slowly beside the bier resting in his father's home.

Before the shadows of evening steal across the wide peaceful fields of the valley where he was born, the gates of his tomb will have closed behind him and the long, long way of his funeral will have ended.

In gracious kindness the sorrowful woman, who longed for the end of the public ordeal, that has stretched into more than a week of ceremonial and pained in order that the people of the nation and state might testify to their grief, set aside her own wish to be alone with her dead at the last. Throughout the hours of darkness, the casket which held him lay open in the humble home and all were freely welcome to pass beside it. Again today the face of the dead Chief Executive was made visible for the last time.

Friends File Past  
Marion, Ohio, Aug. 10.—From 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon to past midnight friends of the late President filed past his bier to look for the last time on his face. More than 30 special trains were running towards Marion last night and all roads for more than 40 miles were jammed with automobiles pouring into the city with those coming to pay a last tribute of respect.

World Pays Tribute  
Washington, Aug. 10.—All wires will be stilled for two minutes over the nation and practically all industry will stop as the body of the late President is lowered to its last resting place.

Trains will stop running, banks will be closed, ships at sea will cut off their power and their crews will stand at attention.

British ships in New York harbor will dip their Union Jacks and over the entire world the tribute of respect will be paid.

At Marion, simplicity will reign and there will be no ostentation as the nation's leader goes to his eternal sleep.

The larger city afternoon papers will suspend publication and the theaters and all places of pleasure will be closed.

Continues Calm  
Marion, Ohio, Aug. 10.—After the last night of vigil near her husband's casket, Mrs. Harding today continued her watchful attention there, still brave and calm.

## MORRISON CLAIMS ISSUES ARE FALSE

Asheville, Aug. 10.—Governor Morrison yesterday issued a statement declaring that Maxwell adherents are raising a false and unsubstantiated issue and that the only deficit that existed was one of necessity while taxes were being collected which would cover the amount of the deficit.

## NO TRUTH IN REPORT OF NAGS HEAD DISASTER

Reports, which sprang up here mysteriously Thursday evening and gained great momentum in the telling, to the effect that Nags Head was inundated and that a catastrophe similar to that of August 24, 1918, had struck the resort, with the waters of the sound sweeping over the cottages and wrecking the piers, were vigorously denied by Capt. Martin L. Johnson when he brought the Trenton in on schedule time Friday morning.

"Why, there's hardly been any rain there, and nothing in the way of a storm," Capt. Johnson declared. "The tide was eight inches below normal Friday morning and hasn't been eight inches above normal lately. I don't see how such a report started, for it's the biggest lie I ever heard."

## COUPON BOOKS READY

Our Coupon Books are now on sale. They save you 15 per cent on your cleaning and pressing. Cooper Cleaning Works, Matthews street, Aug. 9, 10, np