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Chief Executive Dies Instantly and Without Warning, After a Day Declared to Have Been The Best Since He Became Ill

End Comes 7:30 O'clock While Mrs. Harding Reads at President's Bedside

Suddenly a Slight Shudder Is Observed and He Is Dead

APoplexy THE CAUSE

Mrs. Harding, Realizing End Has Come, Declares, 'I Am Not Going to Break Down'; Vice-President Coolidge Is Notified of Tragic Event.

FUNERAL TRAIN LEAVES FOR CAPITAL TODAY

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—The body of President Harding will leave San Francisco on a special train at about 7 o'clock Friday evening and go direct to Washington, by way of Reno, Ogden, Cheyenne, Omaha and Chicago. This announcement was made after a conference participated in by the four members of the President's official party in San Francisco, and was approved by Mrs. Harding.

Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Aug. 2.—Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, died instantaneously and without warning tonight at 7:30 o'clock, a victim of a stroke of apoplexy, which struck him down in his weakened condition after an illness of exactly a week.

The chief executive of the nation, and by virtue of his office and personality, one of the world's leading figures, passed away at the time when his physicians, his family, and his people thought that medical skill, hope and prayer had won the battle against disease.

The disease had been conquered, the fire was out, but seven days of silent, though intense suffering had left their mark and a stroke of apoplexy came without an instant's warning and before physicians could be called, members of his party summoned, or remedial measures taken, passed from life's stage after having for nearly two and a half years served his nation and for many years his native state of Ohio.

With the passing of Mr. Harding, the office of President devolves upon Calvin Coolidge, vice-president of the United States, a man silent in nature but demonstrated as strong in emergencies. He was notified of the death of Mr. Harding at his home in Plymouth, Vermont.

The suddenness with which the end came was shown by the fact that only Mrs. Harding and the two nurses, Ruth Powderly and Sue Dausser, were in the room at the time. Mrs. Harding, with her characteristic faithfulness and constant tenderness, was reading to the President at the time.

Then without a warning a slight shudder passed through the frame of the chief executive, he collapsed and the end came. Immediately the indications of distress showed themselves. Mrs. Harding ran to the door and called for Lieut. Commander Boone and for other doctors to come quickly. Only Doctors Sawyer and Boone, the chief and assistant physicians, were able to reach the room before the nation's leader passed away. They were powerless to do anything.

Brave in the face of the President's illness, Mrs. Harding remained brave in realization of his death and did not break down.

Physicians' Official Statement Says Stroke of Apoplexy Was the Cause. The death of the nation's chief executive was announced in these words:

'The President died instantaneously and without warning and while conversing with members of his family at 7:30 p. m. Death was apparently due to some brain development, probably apoplexy.

'During the day he had been free from discomfort and there was every justification for anticipating a prompt recovery.

(Signed) "C. E. SAWYER, M. D. "RAY LYMAN WILBUR, M. D. "C. M. COOPER, M. D. "J. T. BOONE, M. D. "HUBERT WOK, M. D. "AUGUST 2, 1923—7:30 P. M. In a second statement at 8:02 p. m. the statement was made that death had been caused by a stroke of apoplexy.

Tragic Death Is Described The story of the President's tragic end was told in this way: "The President died at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Harding and the two nurses, Miss Ruth Powderly and Miss Sue Dausser, were in the room at the time. Mrs. Harding was reading to the President when utterly without warning a slight shudder passed through his frame, he collapsed, and all recognized that the end had come. A stroke of apoplexy was the cause of his death.

'Within a few minutes all of the President's official party had been summoned.'

Secretary Hoover was the first of the four members of the President's cabinet, who are in San Francisco, to learn the sad news. He went into the room at once and in a few minutes came out obviously deeply distressed and in a low voice said to newspaper men, most of whom did not know of the hurried call almost half an hour previously: "Boys I can't tell you a thing." "The President had almost splendid afternoon," said Lieut. Commander Joel T. Boone, assistant to the President's personal physician. "When I left the room I commented, doesn't he look splendid. "Then all at once, he just went like that—the commander snatched his fingers. "Just like that," he repeated. "Something just snapped that's all." Secretary Wallace was the second member of the President's official family to learn of the passing of his chief and he likewise was so overcome with grief that he could say nothing.

Recorder's Court

Judge G. M. Beam disposed of the following cases in Recorder's Court on Monday:

- State vs F. H. Cooke, false pretense continued under former order until 1st Monday in September 1923. State vs F. H. Cooke, false pretense continued under former order, until 1st Monday in September 1923. State vs Tom Person, vpl, four cases, continued under former order until August 13th. State vs William (Buddie) Hockaday, continued to first Monday in September. State vs William (Buddie) Hockaday, pleads guilty judgment suspended upon payment of costs. State vs William (Buddie) Hockaday, assault, continued to first Monday in September, bond \$100. State vs J. B. Walters, giving worthless check, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs. State vs Isham Green, larceny from person, guilty, four months on roads to be hired out upon payment of \$15 costs and \$3 to Early Hammond, appeal, bond \$300.00. State vs Matthew Davis, vpl, guilty prayer for judgment continued to August 20th, 1923 upon payment of \$25.00 of costs. State vs Benjamin Purgerson, vpl, pleads nolo contendere, fined \$50 and costs including \$75 to town of Franklinton and required to give bond of \$100 for appearance the first of January 1924, to show good behavior. State vs Blair Burwell, vpl, pleads guilty, fined \$25 and costs including \$25 to town of Franklinton and required to give \$100 bond for appearance January 1st, 1924 to show good behavior. State vs Edward Wrenn, Frank Jones, Walter Johnson, vpl, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

ENTERS T. C. HARRIS STORE AT YOUNGVILLE

Mr. T. C. Harris was in Louisburg Tuesday and reported that his store at Youngville was entered by robbers on Monday night. It seems they removed the plate glass from the front door and entered through the opening. It is estimated that they took about \$200 worth of merchandise from the store. Mr. Harris informs us this is the fifth time his store has been burglarized since 1920. At this writing no arrests have been made.

LOUISBURG GROCERY COMPANY ROBBED

Gets Barrel of Flour and Three Bags Sugar

The Louisburg Grocery Co., Louisburg's wholesale establishment is the loser of at least a barrel of flour and three bags of sugar as a result of a burglar entering their place of business either Saturday night or Sunday night. The entrance was made through a back window. The burglar was clever enough to take the window sash out of the frame and stand it down so as it would not get broken and made his entry. If any other articles were taken it has not been discovered. There is no clue as to who the burglar was.

CHAMBLISS-SWINDELL

A beautiful marriage took place in Louisburg at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, was that of Mrs. Julia Barrow Swindell and Mr. Norman Y. Chambliss, both of Rocky Mount, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Barrow.

The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. L. E. Thompson, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church, was attended by relatives and friends, including a number of friends who motored over from Rocky Mount. The Barrow home was beautifully decorated with baskets of hydrangea and snap dragons. The vows were spoken before an improvised altar of stately palms and ferns, the living room being dimly lighted by cathedrals, candlesticks holding white tapers. The stairway and balustrades were covered in white and garlanded with ropes of evergreen. The lovely bride descended the stairs and was met by the bride groom. They entered the living room together. Mrs. O. Y. Yarborough, of Louisburg, presided at the piano playing the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin and during the ceremony "Traumerel."

Mrs. Chambliss is a charming and attractive young woman. She is a graduate of Louisburg College and attended the North Carolina College for Women. She has made her home here for the past year, being connected with the chamber of commerce as assistant to the secretary.

Mr. Chambliss is one of the city's prominent young men. A native of Emporia, Va. he has made Rocky Mount his home for a number of years. He is secretary of the chamber of commerce and in that capacity has promoted and been actively engaged in furthering the best interests of the city. He is the ex-president of the State Organization of Chamber of Commerce Secretaries and the news of marriage of this popular young couple will be heard with cordial interest throughout this State and Virginia. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served. Late in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss left for Raleigh by automobile, where they boarded the train for a honeymoon trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls. Attending the wedding from Emporia were the bride groom's mother and brother, Mrs. W. H. Chambliss and W. H. Chambliss, Jr.

IN HONOR OF BRIDE ELECT

On Tuesday afternoon, at the home of their parents on North Main Street, Mrs. John Glenn and Miss Eleanor Yarborough delightfully entertained at five tables of Bridge in honor of Miss Mary Exum Burt, bride-elect. The house was very attractively decorated for the occasion with cut flowers and fern.

At the conclusion of the game, Miss Maude Ashley presented to Miss Burt the guest prize, a Bride's Book, as follows: "The pleasure is given to me, girl-bride, to present to you this Bride's Book. May its white pages, wherein you will crowd all of the little joys and tender memories of your betrothal days and honeymoon, be for you symbolical of the Book of Life which Love now opens for you and your betrothed, and as Love shall turn the pages for you two through out the years, may each one be filled with happiness, and joy, and love. May all of your little gray clouds be as heavily lined with silver, as your happy blue clouds shall be shot through with gold."

A delicious salad course with iced tea was then served. R. Y. Winters, in his exhibit, showed a difference of 17.4 bushels of oats per acre in favor of home grown seed from selected plants. Why buy them from outside the State?

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ESTABLISHES HIGH SCHOOL IN SANDY-CREEK-GOLD MINE DISTRICT

Instructs Superintendent to Provide High School in Harris District; Other Matters Before the Board

The Board was called to order by Chairman A. F. Johnson. T. H. Dickens, John C. Winston, W. A. Mullen, and J. B. Jones were present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Board decided to run a high school for 6 months in the proposed Special Taxing District of Gold Mine and Sandy Creek, the school to be located upon the site agreed upon by the district representatives in June. The superintendent was instructed to secure the site, have the house erected and work out all details for beginning the school as early in the fall as possible.

The superintendent was instructed to make plans for taking care of the high school pupils in the proposed Special Taxing District of Harris township.

Since most of the school districts in the county are special tax districts, having a Local Board of Committee men, and in order that the local schools having no local tax might have a committeeman in its own community the Board abolished all township committeemen and a person will be chosen from each of the non-Local Tax Districts to represent the district as committeeman. These vacancies, together with the vacancies on the Special Tax School Boards will be filled the first Monday in September. The Board hereby notifies each school district that it will be glad to receive any suggestions or recommendations concerning these appointments for these vacancies. If there is any local tax committeemen whose time has not expired and who wishes to resign please notify the Board by 1st of Sept.

The Board approved a loan of \$5,000 for Pilot and \$5,000 for Pine Ridge. This amount being a part of the \$105,000 that has already been approved by the State Department of Education.

In addition to the \$105,000 that has been approved as follows: Louisburg \$55,000; Youngville \$40,000; Pilot \$5,000; Pine Ridge \$5,000; the Board approved a \$15,000 loan for Franklinton with the understanding that if this amount can be secured from the State in addition to the \$105,000.

Upon petition of a majority of the governing body of the Youngville Graded School District, all the territory embraced in the Youngville Special Taxing District was made a part of the Youngville Graded School District.

The report of E. C. Perry was received and ordered filed.

Upon a unanimous petition the Balance Rock School District was made a part of the Epsom Incorporated District.

Upon petition all the property of W. G. Kearney and Grace R. Kearney, contiguous to the Epsom Incorporated District, was made a part of the Epsom District.

Upon petition Phi Tomkinson's property, both real and personal was transferred to the Louisburg Graded School District and becomes a permanent part of same.

Upon petition of the Pilot School Board, the Board instructed its attorney to secure a half acre of land from Mrs. L. S. Privett, it being found this tract is necessary for school purposes.

The superintendent was instructed to advertise for bids on the following school property in the county. Pops, Mt. Olivet, Mitchiners, in Franklinton township, Balance Rock in Hayeville township and Kearney in Sandy Creek township.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

During the Farmers' Convention last week, 797 farmers and their wives registered for rooms at the College dormitories. Over a thousand came in each day in their cars.

MAKES TAX LEVY LETS BRIDGE CONTRACT FOR \$1,100.00

To Investigate Clothing of Inmates County Home; Donates \$75 to The Louisburg Fire Department; Receives Many Reports

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving the minutes of previous meetings the following business was transacted:

The report of Miss Addie Bordeaux, Home Demonstration Agent, was received and filed.

Report of E. C. Perry, Superintendent of Public Welfare, was received and filed, and his recommendations carried out as follows: That George Foster and Mary Hamm be stricken from outside pauper list—they being dead. That Mary Person be placed on outside pauper list at \$2.00 per month and Wiley Portness at \$3.00 per month.

Report of J. J. Holden, Superintendent of County Home, was received and filed. He reports 5 white and 11 colored inmates. Since last report Mrs. Zeb Collins and children and Aggie Perry and baby has left the home.

On motion the county appropriated money for railroad fare of Old Soldiers to Winston-Salem.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, County Health Officer, was received and filed. H. P. Speed and T. S. Dean were appointed a committee to go to the county home and investigate the clothing of the inmates.

The following townships made reports of the expenditure of their respective reports and they were received: Cedar Rock, Sandy Creek, Gold Mine, Cypress Creek.

The contract for the construction of a bridge across the creek near A. S. Sherrod's was let to W. H. Perdue at \$1,100.00.

An appropriation of \$75 was made to the Louisburg Fire Department. The following tax levies were made:

- County General Purpose—8 cents on property. Pension—2 cents on property. Interest and Sinking fund—6 cents on property. Bridge Maintenance—8 cents on property. Schools Salary fund—64 cents on property. Building fund—14 cents on property. Interest on bonds—3 cents on property. Poll tax \$2.00—\$1.50 to school fund and 50 cents to pension tax. The following tax rates for special tax school districts were levied, all of which is on property. Pearce—30 cents. Pine Ridge 50 cents. Pilot—50 cents. Bunn, 30 cents. Roberts—50 cents. Flat Rock—20 cents. Epsom—30 cents. Laurel—20 cents. Moulton-Hayes—50 cents. Mountain Grove—20 cents. Wood—30 cents. Sandy Creek—30 cents. Wilder—30 cents. Cedar Rock—50 cents. Cedar Rock bonds—White Level—30 cents. Justice—50 cents. Seven Paths—30 cents. Oak Ridge—30 cents. Mapleville—30 cents. Hickory Rock—39 cents. Hicketside—20 cents. Youngville Graded school—50 cents. Franklinton Graded school—45 cents. Louisburg Graded school—53 1-3 cents.

Upon petition of the Road Trustees of the various townships the following levy for interest and maintenance was made:

- Dunns—35 cents maintenance, 25 cents interest. Harris—38 cents maintenance, 56 cents interest. Youngville—25 cents maintenance, 7 cents interest. Franklinton—10 cents maintenance, 20 cents interest. Sandy Creek—27 cents maintenance 35 cents interest. Gold Mine—10 cents maintenance, 75 cents interest. Cedar Rock—18 cents maintenance, 10 cents interest. Cypress Creek—26 cents maintenance, 28 cents interest. Louisburg—29 cents maintenance, 21 cents interest.

S. A. Newell and S. C. Holden were appointed and authorized to hire out all prisoners as ordered by the Court upon the payment of costs and fines.

On motion the county will borrow \$10,000.00 for temporary use. The reports of the several school elections were received and ordered recorded. After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned. Miss Alice Harris returned home Friday from a visit to her brother, Lieut. H. H. Harris, at Fort Benning, Ga.

MURPHY'S BOARDING HOUSE BURNS AROUND SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS DAMAGE

G. W. Murphy, Scott Dennis, Morris Murphy and G. W. Ford Estate Among the Losers; Losses Partly Covered By Insurance

The peace and quiet of Louisburg was stirred on last Saturday night about 8:30 o'clock when the fire alarm was sounded announcing the burning of the boarding house of Mr. G. W. Murphy on East Nash Street was burning.

The fire department answered promptly and found the flames leaping from a second story room, indications pointing to the origin in a closet as if rats and matches having been the cause. A stream of water was played upon the blaze and after some stubborn resistance succumbed to the power against it, but not until it had done considerable damage to the building and contents. The damage from fire and water together is estimated to be as follows:

The building, owned by the G. W. Ford estate, damaged about \$3,000.00 with no insurance. Scott Dennis, who was occupying rooms there, damage about \$850.00, insurance \$500.00. Morris Murphy, also occupying rooms there, damage slight, insured. G. W. Murphy, proprietor of the boarding house, damage by fire and water about \$2,032.00, insurance \$1,500.00.

PROSPEROUS FRANKLIN FARMER IS UNDER BOND

John Baker, Alleged To Have Handled Blackberry Brandy On Large Scale

John Baker, prosperous Franklin County farmer has been found over to the United States District Court here on a charge of having 41 gallons of blackberry brandy for sale. Baker's home about 12 miles south of Louisburg was raided by federal prohibition agents Franks, Horton, Randall and Trexler who found considerably more brandy than they could account for on any theory of personal consumption. There was a barrel containing 25 gallons and two jugs, containing three gallons and one gallon, respectively, found in a closet, while one of Baker's daughters rushed out of the house with another two gallon jug. Two five-gallon jugs were also found in the defendants store while many funnels, bottles and other paraphernalia, including a 60-gallon still were on hand.

Baker lives on an 110-acre farm of unusually good land and besides owns other land a store automobiles, trucks, stock and other property.

President Calvin Coolidge



A new picture of President Calvin Coolidge taken on the day of Mr. Harding's death as the former was president sat on the edge of the porch of his father's farmhouse in Plymouth, Vt.

FIREMEN ATTEND TOURNAMENT

The members of the Louisburg Fire Department attended the State Firemen's Tournament at Durham this week. Those who have returned report a most enjoyable and instructive trip.