

President Proclaims Friday Day of Mourning and Prayer.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Friday, August 10, is the day the body of President Harding will be laid to rest. President Coolidge has issued to the people the following proclamation calling on them to "pay out in full heart the homage and love and reverence to the memory" of Mr. Harding:

"By the President of the United States of America, a proclamation: "To the people of the United States:

"In the inscrutable wisdom of divine providence, Warren Gamaliel Harding, 29th President of the United States, has been taken from us. The nation has lost a wise and enlightened statesman, and the American people a true friend and counselor whose whole public life was inspired with the desire to promote the best interests of the United States and the welfare of all its citizens. His private life was marked by gentleness and brotherly sympathy, and by the charm of his personality he made friends of all who came in contact with him.

"It is meet that the deep grief which fills the hearts of the American people should find fitting expression.

"Now, therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, do appoint Friday, next, August 10, the day on which the body of the dead President will be laid in its last earthly resting place as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the United States. I earnestly recommend the people to assemble on that day in their respective places of divine worship, there to bow down in submission to the will of Almighty God, and to pay out of full heart the homage and love and reverence to the memory of the great and good President whose death has sorely smitten the nation.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, the fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-eighth.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.
"By the President,
"Charles E. Hughes,
"The White House,
"Washington, August 4, 1923."

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX VOTED BY DISTRICT 5 BRITT TOWNSHIP

Tax increased from 10 to 30 cents so that Mt. Elim District May Consolidate With Orrum.

A special school tax election was carried by district No. 5, Britt's township, last Thursday which increases the present 10 cents tax to 30 cents on the \$100 valuation. The vote was 26 for the increase and 6 against.

The election was called for the purpose of increasing the tax so that it would correspond with the tax levied in Orrum township, so that the Mt. Elim school district could consolidate with Orrum. According to the school law, one district cannot consolidate with another until the tax levies are the same. The matter of consolidating the Mt. Elim school with the Orrum school will be taken up today at the regular meeting of the county board of education.

A similar election was held in Regans school district of Howellsville township on the same day to increase the tax levy from 20 to 30 cents in order that this district could consolidate with Barker-Ten Mile, but was defeated by a small majority.

Superintendent J. R. Poole says that he thinks the reason the issue failed to carry was on account of a misunderstanding of some of the voters who thought the "not more than 30 cents" meant that 30 cents would be added to their present 20 cents levy, making a total of 50 cents.

COOP SPEAKER AT COURT HOUSE TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. T. C. Watkins, warehouse director for the Tobacco Cooperative association, will speak at the court house here Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. He will discuss the landlord and tenant clause in the contract.

Pleased With Co-op Advance.

By selling on the cooperative market this morning Mr. W. P. Britt, who lives on R. 4 from Lumberton, says he received almost \$4 more on his first advance from the cooperative market on his half of the crop of tobacco than his tenant, Mr. Luther Ivey, received on the auction market on his entire half. Mr. Ivey would not sell on the "Co-op" market, receiving \$20.48 on his entire half while Mr. Britt received \$16.54 as first advance for his half, several more advances to be made.

Miss Lizzie Caldwell and adopted daughter, little Miss Midred, and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle and son, Master William, left this morning for Atlanta, Ga., where they will spend a week. They are making the trip by auto. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Watson of R. 1 from Lumberton were among the visitors in town Thursday afternoon.

THE NEW PRESIDENT



CALVIN COOLIDGE

Booster Meeting For Lumberton Tobacco Market

Right Sort of Co-operation is All That is Needed Was Consensus of Opinion at Enthusiastic Meeting—Ample Territory to Make This Leading Market Without Interfering With Other Established Markets.

A meeting characterized by an unusual degree of enthusiasm and interest was held in the town hall Friday night by some of the business and professional men of Lumberton and the local warehousemen in an effort to create a renewed effort on the part of the people of Lumberton to make this a bigger and better tobacco market.

Mayor E. M. Johnson presided over the meeting and several short talks were made relative to what was necessary to obtain a better tobacco market in Lumberton. Mr. Richard Beasley of Apex, formerly in the tobacco warehouse business here, was the first to respond and told in his interesting way of the opportunity Lumberton had for a 10-million pound market.

"This night appeals to me more than any minute or hour since I first came to Lumberton two years ago" said Mr. C. H. Taylor, president of the Lumberton Tobacco Board of Trade and well-known warehouseman. He went into the details of how to make this a larger market and appealed to the business men to make themselves more conspicuous in their efforts to strengthen the market.

Other short talks were made by Messrs. K. M. Biggs, C. M. Barker, D. R. Shaw, T. A. McNeill, Frank Gough, S. F. Caldwell, M. F. Cobb, J. D. Perkins, B. A. Love and Allen, Messrs. Perkins and Allen being warehousemen and Mr. Love being buyer for the Imperial Tobacco Co.

A committee was appointed to formulate and carry out plans for advertising the market, this committee being composed of Messrs. C. H. Taylor, chairman, M. F. Cobb, C. M. Barker, K. M. Biggs and S. F. Caldwell.

Another meeting of this kind will be held in the next few days.

Mr. Taylor makes a rapid-fire go-get-it speech that does his hearers good like a tonic. He provoked enthusiastic and appreciative applause when he declared that he has been in all the tobacco States and in many of the tobacco market towns of the South and that honestly Lumberton is the best town in the best State. Mr. Taylor said that he believes this is declined to be the best tobacco market in the South Carolina belt.

Mr. Beasley said that within marketing distance of Lumberton to the east and north there is excellent tobacco land enough to make this a 10-million pound market if the farmers are given proper encouragement in raising tobacco.

It was the consensus of opinion that Lumberton market has the brightest kind of future, without interfering with any other established market, and that all that is needed is for citizens of the town to give the proper kind of co-operation.

Miss Fodie Townsend returned home Saturday after spending several days at Myrtle Beach, S. C., and Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes and children returned Saturday from Waynesville, where they spent two weeks.

Lumberton, R. 7, Aug. 4—Miss Willa Faircloth returned home from Fayetteville Thursday after spending some time in that city. She was accompanied home by her aunt Mrs. D. E. Koonce and cousin Miss Thelma Mae Holt, both of Fayetteville.

Mr. Julian Price, traveling salesman for H. M. Beasley, left Saturday for Wilmington, Warsaw and Wrightsville Beach, where he will spend a few days vacation.

Farmers Were Paid \$36,082.17 For Tobacco On Local Market Last Week.

Two hundred and six thousand pounds of tobacco were sold on the Lumberton auction market the three days last week, Wednesday, the opening day, ranking first with 87,191 pounds. The average for the three days was \$17.51 per hundred pounds. The amount paid to farmers during the 3 days the market was open was \$36,082.17.

Better grades of tobacco sold for better prices Friday than on the opening, according to the prices paid for the first curings. A general slump in the prices paid was felt throughout the entire belt, but this will possibly be built up again in today's sale.

MRS. LEOLA BRIDGES ANSWERS SUDDEN SUMMONS

Suffered Stroke of Apoplexy While at Work Saturday and Died a Few Hours Later—Funeral Yesterday Attended by Large Crowd.

Mrs. Leola Bridges died Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Thompson hospital following an attack of apoplexy which she suffered about noon while at her work in the sewing department of the business conducted by Mr. J. B. Bruton on the corner of Elm and Fourth streets.

Mr. Bruton, who went to her assistance when she called him, stated that he did not realize anything was wrong until after he had asked her if she had called him, to which she did not respond but sat in her chair staring at him. He then asked her if she was sick. She did not reply but kept staring. Mr. Bruton then summoned a physician, who was at her side in a few minutes, and who pronounced his diagnosis as apoplexy.

The stricken woman was then rushed to the hospital, where everything possible was done to overcome the death stroke. She did not rally and passed quietly away four and a half hours after the attack. She appeared in good health when coming to work in the morning, and had just been watching with interest the street parade of the minstrel show, which gave a band concert on the corner across from the window where she worked.

For nearly three years Mrs. Bridges was employed by Mr. J. B. Bruton doing hemstitching, piecing and fancy work. She was considered one of the most industrious women in Lumberton. She worked at a machine in front of the big window facing Elm street and during work hours she was always seen there.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of the mother of deceased, Mrs. Mary Eliza McGill, Willow street, yesterday afternoon at 4:30 and interment was made in the Meadowbrook cemetery. The services at the house and at the grave were conducted by Rev. J. H. Shore, presiding elder of the Rockingham district. Deceased was a devoted member of Chestnut Street Methodist church. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of the church, who is away on his vacation, was not reached by messages in time for him to return and conduct the funeral.

A large crowd attended the funeral and the numerous and beautiful floral offerings covered the grave.

Surviving are three small children, Lillian, Janice and J. D., her mother, Mrs. Mary E. McGill, two sisters, Mrs. E. S. McNeill of Lumberton and Mrs. Raphael Gillespie of Elizabethtown, and four brothers, Messrs. Vance, Don and Worth of Lumberton and Fulton of Fayetteville. All the above named with Mr. Raphael Gillespie were here for the funeral.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Regan McIntyre, D. M. Barker, Ira Townsend, J. B. Bruton, D. D. French and J. D. McAllister.

Among the out-of-town people here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McGill, Miss Mamie McGill, Mrs. Frank Niven and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGill of Raeford, and Mrs. J. W. Wilson of Bladenboro, cousins of deceased; Mrs. Ida McGill of Bladenboro, aunt; Miss Alice Ledbetter and Messrs. Thomas Rankin, Harold Harris and Jessup of Fayetteville and Miss Clara Heester of St. Paul.

The deceased's favorite hymn, "Whispering Hope" was beautifully sung by Mrs. R. E. Lewis. Other appropriate selections were rendered by a choir from Chestnut Street Methodist church.

Deed of Trust Over 116 Pages Long.

One of the longest deeds of trust if not the longest, ever recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Robeson county was recorded last week, or at least work on it was begun. The deed is in book form and contains 116 pages. The size of each page is 8 x 10 1-2 inches, and is practically covered with printing. There are also type-written attachments to these pages which would total nearly 4 more pages.

The deed was made to Irvin Bank-Columbia Trust Co., Trustee, by the Carolina Power & Light Co. The charges for recording will be over \$40.

Mr. J. C. Smith of Rennett R. 1 was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Parkton Letter

Recent Revival One of Greatest in History of Parkton—Store Robbed—Improvements at St. Pauls—Postoffice Moves Into Larger Quarters.

By C. D. Williamson
Parkton, Aug. 4.—Many eventful things passed by since our last writing.

One of the greatest revivals of religion in the history of our town closed Wednesday night of four weeks duration, and the people hated for it to close then. The evangelistic party was as follows: Rev. Mr. Leyman of Washington, D. C., did the preaching; Wm. J. Ramsey led the singing, with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Prof. Sanders of Macon, Ga., pianist. All were up to the standard. The preacher is one of unusual gift and power, thoroughly consecrated and devoted to the work of the ministry. His messages were delivered with spiritual power and were listened to by his large congregations with rapt attention with visible results. The singing by the large union choir was fine, never was there better heard in this section. Also the local orchestra of 15 pieces rendered splendid music.

The closing night the tabernacle was filled to overflowing. The male quartette of Lumberton was present for their first time and sang most beautifully. So eager were the people to hear them that the second selection was prevailed, receiving the most hearty applause by thousands of their friends.

Last but not least, the colored choir led by Heck McNair, who had been called on several times during the campaign and responded with one of their most effectual selections, which will never be forgotten. The colored choir is the best we ever heard of color, and was much enjoyed by all that heard them.

I have been asked numbers of times as to the number of conversions. This I am unable to give accurately. On the last night of the meeting when the evangelist asked that all that had either been converted or reclaimed during the meeting to indicate it by standing to their feet, and you would judge near one thousand responded. Other visible results, a good number of converts have already joined the various churches of the town, also the people at large all over our town and community are seemingly on friendly terms with their fellows and the men's prayer meetings are growing in interest and have organized not only in town but will hold weekly, Thursday night at New Home school house, Tuesday night at Buck Horn school house. Delegations will attend and a great time is anticipated.

The Parkton Mercantile Co. store was broken into several nights ago, making entrance by breaking a large plate glass in the front door and taking large quantities of dry goods of high grades and qualities, hundreds of dollars worth taken and hauled away with no clue to the guilty parties. This store unfortunately has been the victim of robbers most every year for several years.

The Standard Oil Co. has installed a much-needed station just out of town near the water tanks. This means much to our town.

A brief visit to our neighbor town of St. Paul yesterday revealed new paved sidewalks and many other improvements; and most everywhere signs were seen in box-car letters, "Special Sales, etc. One merchant remarked, "When I put a special sale every other merchant does like wise." Great numbers of customers are in attendance. Watch St. Pauls grow because they pull together.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Stubbs and two daughters, Marcia and Jessie, of Pierce, Fla., are on their annual visit to relatives and friends of our town. Mr. Stubbs is a brother of our townsman A. M. Stubbs and pastor of the first M. E. church of Pierce, Fla., county seat. We are always glad to meet these good people, also to hear the minister preach. He also attended the men's prayermeeting on last evening and declared he never did attend a better meeting of the kind anywhere.

The McNatt family held their annual reunion at the Rockfish beach Thursday and report the usual good time and a large turnout and good eats, etc., with abundance of swims with the youngsters as well as of grown ups. This is always looked forward to with great anticipations with the McNatt clan.

Helen Marie McNeill of Lumberton came home with her grand father, Mr. C. D. Williamson, Wednesday and will spend several days.

The Parkton postoffice moved its headquarters Wednesday from the Cobb building to the McCormick building on Main street next to the bank building. Plenty of room at the present location.

Rev. D. B. Humphrey of the Saddle Tree section was a caller in our town this a. m. Mr. Humphrey formerly lived in our town and he admits enjoying news from our town. We always are proud to greet him.

Let Me Make Your Fall Suit—A Fit Guaranteed—Prices Reasonable.

JOHN D. PURVIS
Tailor
National Bank Building, 3rd Street

Fairmont Letter

Heavy Tobacco Sales and Good Prices—Parents-Teachers Contract for Pictures—Social and Personal.

By Mrs. H. G. Inman.
Fairmont, Aug. 4.—The Fairmont independent tobacco market opened Wednesday morning with heavy sales, 81,318 pounds for the sum of \$15,969.41, an average of \$19.63 per hundred. This is a great increase over the opening day last year.

This season's tobacco is better than last year and the farmers and warehousemen are very well pleased with the opening sales. The warehousemen are expecting the sales to go far ahead of those last year, which were over 5,000,000 pounds. The farmers are very much pleased with the prices the Co-ops are advancing.

The Parent-Teachers association has signed a contract with the Paramount Pictures for two pictures each week to be shown in the high school building each Tuesday and Friday nights. In signing for these pictures we are getting the cream of America's screen entertainments, the same pictures you see in higher-class theatres. It will be remembered that the Fairmont people chose this method of showing pictures to pay for the stage fixtures in the new school auditorium so let's stay in town and see our own pictures.

Misses Ruth and Beatrice Townsend of Fair Bluff were delightfully entertained Monday at an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. P. P. Jones. Immediately after the arrival of the guests a "T" contest was given in which Misses Dinabel Floyd and Lillie Kyle won first prize, which was presented to the guests of honor. Misses Lillie Kyle and Ruth Townsend gave several amusing and entertaining readings, after which a delicious ice course was served. Those enjoying the occasion were Misses Ruth and Beatrice Townsend, Sarah Floyd, Annie Lee McDaniel, Dinabel Floyd, Lillie Kyle, Kathrine Galloway, Maude Bullock and Lucy Stephens; Mesdames F. J. Barker, P. P. Jones and S. G. Floyd.

The U. D. C. chapter was entertained at the beautiful home of Mrs. E. J. Chambers, Iona street, Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Floyd assisting hostess. In the absence of the president, Mrs. G. H. Cole, vice president, presided. The first chapter of the book "Southern Women in War Times" was discussed. After the chapter finishes studying the book it will be presented to the school library. The hostesses served delicious grape acid and pound cake.

Mr. J. P. Lewis and family and Mr. Stony Moore and family are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nye.

A very enjoyable picnic was given at White Lake Monday afternoon in honor of Miss Maggie Pittman of Oklahoma. Those enjoying the outing were: Misses Maggie Pittman, Wrennie Floyd, Grace Fisher and Nell Floyd; Messrs. Mark B. McDaniel, Harry Lewis, Van Floyd and Wayland Floyd.

On Friday night Mrs. P. R. Floyd was hostess at a very charming porch party in honor of her houseguest Miss Maggie Pittman. The porch and pergola were all aglow and attractive with Japanese lanterns and potted plants. Progressive bunco was enjoyed very much, Miss Maggie Pittman making highest score, while Mr. Ralph McDaniel made lowest score and was presented a great big stick of candy with red streaks running all the way 'round and back—the delight of all small children. "Kodaking" provoked much fun and laughter. Delicious ice cream and Nabiscos were served. Those enjoying the evening were: Misses Maggie Pittman, Lillie Kyle, Kathrine Floyd, Mary Ethel Lewis, Sarah Floyd, Kinie Inman, Dinabel Floyd, Mildred Mitchell and Lela Floyd; Mesdames P. R. Floyd and Ben S. Oliver; Messrs. Raph and Mark McDaniel, Jim Floyd Rabe Lewis, Fulton Floyd, Harry Lewis, Wayland Floyd, Tom Baker, Furman Floyd, Knox Kyle, Worth Williamson and William Shockett.

Mr. A. T. Stone spent last week with his sister in Dunn.

Miss Nell Hamilton of Marietta spent Thursday afternoon with Miss Annie Lee McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Smith and children spent last week with friends and relatives in Roseboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Jackson and children, Charles, Geraldine and David Stone, of Dunn, and Miss Beatrice Stone of Lumberton spent a few days with Mrs. Jackson's and Miss Stone's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stone.

Miss Ruby Thompson returned last night from Laurinburg, where she spent the week-end. She was accompanied home by Miss Margaret Tuggle of South Boston, Va., who was visiting in Laurinburg and who will spend a few days here a guest of Miss Thompson.

Mr. Collier Cobb, who represented Robeson in the last Legislature, and Mayor J. Q. Farnell and daughter, little Miss Mary Lee, of Parkton, were Lumberton visitors Friday.

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BROKEN PRESS DELAYS PAPER

Owing to the breaking of an essential part of its press this morning The Robesonian is compelled to appear late and in abbreviated form this afternoon. It is hoped that the press may be repaired in time to issue the regular size paper Thursday.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 23 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Caroline Ivey and Mr. Rowland H. Edwards.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hedgpeh, Saturday night at the Thompson hospital, an 11-pound boy.

—The Woman's auxiliary of the local American Legion post will meet Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

—The county board of commissioners, road commissioners and the board of education are holding their regular monthly meetings here today.

—The district masonic meeting which was called to be held in Lumberton Friday night, August 10th, has been postponed till a later date, to be announced later.

—Mr. W. C. Boone of Lumberton R. 2, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, advises that Mrs. W. Chaffin Boone and small daughter Louise left Shanghai, China, on June 30th and arrived in Orlando, Florida, July 24th. Mr. Chaffin Boone, who is a brother of Mr. W. C. Boone, is connected with American tobacco interests in China, and will not return to the States for some time yet.

—Dr. J. W. Patton of Greensboro, one of the lecturers of the Masonic Grand Lodge of N. C., arrived this afternoon and will be with the local Masonic lodge for a week. His hours will be 9 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5 and 8 to 10 p. m.

—Mrs. E. R. Hardin and small son, E. R. Jr., returned Friday night from a two-weeks' trip to Richmond, Norfolk and Emporia, Va. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Hardin's sister, Miss Louise Goode of Clinton, who made the trip with them. She was a guest of her sister here till yesterday, when she returned home with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Smith, and Misses Margaret and Georgia Faison of Clinton, who spent the day here, guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hardin.

—Mrs. N. H. Jones and daughter, Mrs. I. L. Pope, have returned from Asheville, where they spent some time with Mrs. Pope's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Pope. Mrs. Jones says they had a most delightful time there and were especially impressed with the invalid soldiers at Oteen hospital. On their way home they stopped in Charlotte with Mrs. Pope's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Monroe. Mrs. Monroe and baby daughter, Barbary Pope, came home with them and will be a guest at the home of Mrs. Pope for some time.

IN THE TOILS OF THE LAW

Four White Men Arrested on Charge of Being Drunk and Disorderly on Public Highway and Operating a Car While Under the "Influence"—Indian Boy Charged With Stealing \$320.

Ed. Allen, Paisley Ivey, Norman Hardin and Pugh, white, were arrested late Saturday night by Hubbard Lowrey, Chief of Police of Pembroke, on charges of being drunk and disorderly on the public highway, operating a car on the public highway without lights at night, operating a car while under the influence of whiskey, transporting whiskey and possession of whiskey.

According to information given to Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy A. H. Prevatt, who went to Pembroke and brought the men back to jail here, they had been riding most of night over all the roads in and around Pembroke and had been in one accident, which resulted in a buggy being torn to pieces. The name of the owner of the buggy could not be learned.

Dallas Locklear, a young Indian boy who was arrested Saturday night by Policeman Lowrey, was also brought to jail charged with the theft of \$320 in currency. The money was stolen from Jim Sanderson, Indian, at Pembroke during the day of the Indian Normal commencement last spring. Jailer A. H. Prevatt stated this morning that the boy told him yesterday that he knew where all of the money was, except \$20, but would not tell it or tell who did the stealing. He will possibly be tried before Recorder W. B. Ivey tomorrow, as will the white men.

Mr. A. F. Corbin, agricultural teacher at the Indian Normal school at Pembroke, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.