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PRESIDENT HARDING DIES SUDDENLY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Death Comes Without Warning While Conversing With Members of Family After a Day Described by Physician as Most Satisfactory During Illness.

DEATH DUE TO APOPLEXY

Death came to the Chief Executive while he was conversing with members of his family, and, according to an official statement issued by physicians, was apparently due to some brain involvement, probably an apoplexy.

The end came so suddenly that the members of the official party could not be called. It came after a day which had been described by Brigadier General Sawyer, the President's personal physician, as the most satisfactory the President had had since his illness began. The physicians in their formal announcement of the end said that "during the day he had been free from discomfort and there was every justification for anticipating a prompt recovery."

The first indication that a change had occurred in the condition of Mr. Harding came shortly after 7 o'clock when Mrs. Harding personally opened the door of the sick room and called to those in the corridors to "find Dr. Boone and the others quick." At that time Mrs. Harding was understood to have been reading to the President sitting at his bedside with the evening papers and messages of sympathy which had been received during the day.

Dr. Sawyer was alone of all the doctors in the apartment when the climax came. He first was called by Mrs. Harding who then rushed to the door leading into the hotel corridors and commanded an immediate search for the other physicians.

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."

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 7:35 p. m. Death was apparently due to some brain involvement, probably an 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 WORK, M. D.,
"August 2, 1923; 7:35 p. m."

In the second official statement issued at 8:02 p. m. the statement was made that death had been caused by a stroke of apoplexy.

Policemen Clean up Streets

Chief of Police Jackson, and Policeman Wilson have done an admirable piece of work this week. With only a tractor and a road machine they have scraped and placed in fairly good condition the roadways of Hamilton and Third streets. This part of the town has long been neglected and sorely needed attention. The work of the officers of the law is certainly worthy of commendation.

LIGHT DOCKET AUGUST TERM

Only 58 Criminal Cases Docketed For Trial With Thirty Civil. John H. Kerr will Preside And Garland Midyette Will Prosecute.

COURT CONVENES AUGUST 13

The smallest docket in many years will face Judge John H. Kerr and Solicitor Garland E. Midyette when they come here on Monday, August 13th to hold court.

The criminal cases which are now on docket number only 58 while the civil cases are thirty in number. Among the criminal cases are none of especial interest except those of Arthur Anthony and William Jones who are charged with murder.

Court will extend over a period of two weeks, the first week being taken up with Criminal docket and the second with cases for the Jury. Judge Kerr should be able to dispose of the Criminal docket by Thursday night of the first week since a large number of those indicted are charged with small offenses.

Seven will face the court for failure to stop at railway crossings under the law recently passed by the state legislature and a large number will probably be added between now and court time.

Five men are charged with gambling, eight with assault, four for carrying concealed weapon, one for jumping board bill, four with larceny and receiving stolen goods, one for abandonment of wife, one for abduction, and 9 for violation of prohibition laws.

WITH THE CHURCHES

All Saints Church (Episcopal)
Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector
Mrs. Katherine Webster, Parish Worker
Roanoke Avenue

In the Interest of Church Going
Sunday hours—24.
For sleep—8.
For church (morning and evening)—2.
At one's disposal—14.

All Saints Church invites you to the services next Sunday, the Tenth Sunday after Trinity 9:45 Church School and Bible Classes for adults and children, T. W. Mullen, Supt. H. Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, S. P. M. Night service and sermon.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH

Rev. Robert H. Brown, Pastor
Mr. W. V. Woodruff, S. S. Sup.
Miss Vivian Edwards, Pianist
Mr. R. L. Lowe, teacher of Baraca Class

Sunday School, 9:45 A. M., 11:00 A. M. Sermon, 8:00 P. M. Sacred Concert by Methodist Orphanage Class.
"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."—Num. 10:29.

Meeting Of The Womans County Council

The second meeting of the Womans County Council of Halifax County was held Thursday July 26th at the School House in Halifax. This organization was organized in May with ten members, while at the second meeting thirty-five members were in attendance.

Mrs. N. L. Stedman, President of the Council, opened the meeting and after the transaction of business, Miss Pauline Smith, District Dem. Agent, of Washington, N. C., gave a very interesting talk on the benefits of such an organization to a County. The Council is composed of representative women from each of the rural communities, bringing the women of the County in touch with each other and offering an opportunity for the women from the most remote part of the county to get together and exchange ideas and receive inspiration. The Council elected two delegates to represent them at the meeting of the Home Bureau at Raleigh, July 31st, August 1 and 2.

The committees at present in the County Council consist of Home Economics, Ch. Mrs. Tom King, Calvary Income Earning, Ch. Mrs. W. T. Thorne, Airie, Civics, Ch. Mrs. S. M. Gary, Halifax. Educational and Recreational, Ch. Mrs. H. B. Ferguson, Halifax.

The main subject for discussion at the afternoon meeting was that of establishing markets for the rural woman at which she may sell any surplus material she may have to sell. The committee in charge were to meet the following week and make definite plans for the starting of such a market.

The necessity of a milk Campaign for Halifax County was discussed and plans started for such a campaign.

The next meeting of the County Council will be held Nov. 1st, the place to be announced later. Mrs. W. T. Thorne, Reporter.

Plant Your Fall And Winter Garden Now

Despite the fact that the dry weather practically ruined the home gardens in some sections of the State, there is still the opportunity to have crops coming along for the fall garden says F. E. McCall, garden specialist for the State College and Department of Agriculture. He says, "One can yet plant beans, beets, Cos lettuce, corn, and carrots. Tomato plants, cabbage and celery plants can be set out, and seeds for early winter cabbage, cauliflower and such crops may now be planted. A start now will mean an abundance of early fall vegetables."

R. E. SHELL RUNS AMUCK IN COURT

Enraged at Refusal of Recorder to Dismiss a Case Against Him Threatens Violence and Resists Arrest by Officers for Contempt of Court.

FEARED TO BE INSANE

The peace and quiet of Recorder Clark's court was most rudely and dramatically broken this morning immediately after a case against R. E. Shell had been called and the Recorder had refused a request of Mr. Shell to allow him to "compromise" the case, the defendant proceeding to express his opinion of the court and His Honor in terms so unflattering as to draw down a sentence of thirty days in jail for contempt of court and to engage in strenuous combat with the officers when the arrest was made.

Mr. Shell had been charged in a warrant signed by Mrs. Lynch with assault and battery on her small son, Morris, with a deadly weapon (buggy whip). The defendant had been making strenuous efforts to induce Mrs. Lynch to withdraw the warrant and when the case was called he informed His Honor that Mrs. Lynch was willing to "compromise". Recorder Clark refused to non-suit and Mr. Shell then stated that His Honor was going to have "to pay" for this refusal. His Honor retorted with a fine of \$10.00 for contempt and Mr. Shell became enraged, vituperative, and threatened personal violence. He was then given a sentence of thirty days in jail for contempt of court and the officers were ordered to arrest him, the arrest frustrating what seemed to be an intention on the part of Mr. Shell to assault the Recorder then and there. During the affair that followed between Mr. Shell and the Police, Mr. Jackson, Wilson and Gray the great amount of punishment was inflicted on the force. Officer Jackson getting a plug almost bitten out of his arm and a kick in the ear that brought blood.

Mr. Shell was taken to the community jail and there received medical attention from Dr. Hatchin, who stated that he believed his patient to be insane.

Mr. Shell is an old citizen of the community, the founder of the business now being conducted by the L. G. Shell Company and a man of considerable means. For some time his actions have been eccentric and his friends have feared that he was suffering from some sort of brain trouble. It appears probable that the sentence for contempt will be revoked and that he will be taken to a private sanitarium for treatment although this had not been definitely decided at this writing.

POLICE COURT NEWS ITEMS

Tom Lynch, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was allowed to pay the costs and return the money.

Eddie Moore and Leroy Etheridge, charged with cursing on the public highway, one cent and costs as to Etheridge, Moore found not guilty.

Eddie Moore, Buck Williams, Tom Barnette, Leroy Etheridge, Basil Harrison, Jesse Cassidy, charged with cursing on the public highway and being and creating a nuisance, received fines of \$10.00 each and costs.

Esther Johnson, colored, charged with fighting and the use of profane language, paid a fine of \$5.00 and costs.

Judson Russ was dismissed on payment of costs on a charge of assault and battery on a small boy.

Lewis Gullan, charged with driving with only one headlight, was dismissed on payment of costs.

C. R. Rawls, riding a bicycle after dark without lights, paid a fine of \$2.50 and costs.

ROANOK RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Misses Margaret Ford and Mary Creecy, of Norfolk, are the guests of Misses Alma and Otelia Vaughan.

Miss Mildred Wesson, of Lawrenceville, spent a few days here this week with Mildred Taylor.

Mr. Carlton Taylor has returned from Goldsboro after spending some time there with friends and relatives.

Miss Florine Davenport, of Lenoir, is the guest of Miss Nell Jones.

Miss Alivette Wilkinson, of Lagrange, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor and Cecil Pendleton left Sunday for Greenville, S. C., to spend some time with relatives.

Mrs. Charles Miller, of Enfield, is spending a few days here with her parents.

Miss Annie Mae Edmondson, of Tarboro, is the guest of Blonnie Taylor.

Miss Ruby Williams left Wednesday for Hanover, Pa., where she will spend some time.

Miss Deris Moore returned Sunday after spending some time in Beaufort and Goldsboro with friends and relatives.

Miss Josephine Tillery, of Scotland Neck, spent a few days here this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Tillery.

Miss Eunice Underwood is spending some time in Norfolk with her sister Mrs. Weldon Jones.

Miss Ethel Allbrook, of Scotland Neck, is visiting Misses Mabel and Lelia Braswell.

Mr. A. L. Bain is spending some time at Wrightsville Beach.

Miss Norine Cranwell spent the week end in Richmond.

Miss Pearl Bain is spending some time in Asheville.

Miss Essie Howerton is the guest of her sister Mrs. Job Taylor this week.

Miss Mary Traynham Wyche is visiting friends in Aberdeen.

Mr. William Jackson, of Raleigh, spent the week end here with his parents.

Mrs. Paul Hamrick, of Richmond, spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Gaddy.

Miss Evelyn Gaddy has returned home after spending some time in Charlotte with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lynch and son, Graham and Mr. D. G. Davis spent Sunday in Lawrenceville.

Mrs. T. M. Moore and Miss Eliza Moore and Mr. Luther Moore spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Vaughan.

Miss Snody Moore and brother Carlton, of Greenville, N. C., spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Vaughan.

Mr. S. B. Jones has returned from High Point where he attended the furniture exposition.

Mr. Robert Taylor left Tuesday for Fayetteville, N. C., where he will spend a month in training at Camp Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horpell and children were guests in the Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Chase for the week end.

Singing Class Here Sunday Night

Rev. A. S. Barnes, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, N. C., is, for the first time, to present his Singing Class in the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church, Sunday evening, August 5, at 8 o'clock. A sacred concert will be given by fifteen orphans, eleven girls and four boys. No entrance charge will be made, but a liberal free-will offering will be appreciated.

The Rosemary Methodists will unite in the service, as they did when Bishop Collins Denny preached in this church a year ago.

The pastor and membership extend a cordial invitation to all.

EASTERN CAROLINA CHAMBER ACTIVE

Secretary Bartlett Endeavoring to Enlist Counties in Support of Work. Will Publish Encyclopedia of Eastern Carolina and Distribute Widely.

"EASTERN CAROLINIAN" SPECIAL EDITIONS

"The Encyclopedia of Eastern Carolina", to be published soon by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, will contain information regarding the manufacturing and agricultural products of this part of the state and each booklet will be placed by means of national advertising in the hands of people all over America and the whole world, for that matter, who are most vitally interested in improving this section, moving to Eastern Carolina and living with us. Secretary N. G. Bartlett, who is now working to get every county in Eastern Carolina actively engaged by appropriations from the county board of commissioners, hopes to see every county in within a few more weeks. By next Monday, August 6, all but five counties will have had the plan explained to their county board of commissioners.

In brief, the plan is as follows: Each county is given three pages in the Encyclopedia, in which statistical information and illustrations are placed. Each county also gets a booth for exhibition of farm and factory products at the Eastern Carolina Exposition, to be held in Wilson this coming April.

By means of national advertising, in widely circulated periodicals and newspapers, interest is created in clipping coupons attached to each "ad". The beautiful illustrated booklet is mailed on receipt of the coupon. Enquiries are turned over to the individual county, if specified, while when general inquiries come in each county of the 46 get the names of the parties and are put in touch so as to sell their particular locality.

Besides this program of advertising our facilities, agriculture, manufacturing interests and possibilities, the Eastern Chamber is also working through the "Eastern Carolinian," a publication of the chamber, featuring different towns from time to time, informing all of Eastern Carolina what various particular localities are doing and noted for. Scotland Neck was featured in the July issue with creditable comment every where from people who knew little prior to that time of Scotland Neck. The August number is to be a Tobacco Issue while the September and October issues will feature the fairs to be held in various parts of Eastern Carolina. Special editions, devoted entirely to individual towns may be gotten out at special times on request.

George B. Lay, assistant secretary, was in the city Saturday and explained the program of the Chamber for the coming months. He expects to come back later on and get more of the people of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary interested in the work now going on. He stated Saturday that there were a number of boosters here already and the Chamber hoped to get more in time.

Rev. Mr. Peele To Expound On Biblical Characters

Beginning Sunday night, August 5th, and continuing for the six succeeding evenings, Rev. R. E. Peele will hold services at the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church, making exposition of Scriptural teachings as related to the following characters of the Bible: Noah, Abraham, Daniel, Elijah, Esther, and Jesus. All the services will be held at eight o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these inspirational talks.