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PRESIDENT HARDING PASSES SUDDENLY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Chief Executive Passed Suddenly Without Warning As Result of Apoplexy

END CAME AT TIME WHEN THOUGHT HE WAS IMPROVING

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.

Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Aug. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, died instantly 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 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 Lieutenant Commander Boone and for the other doctors to come quickly.

DOCTORS POWERLESS

Only Doctors Sawyer and Boone, the chief and assistant physicians, were able to reach the room before the nation's leader passed away.

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

TO REMOVE BODY

Members of the Presidents party said it was probable that the Presidents body would leave San Francisco Friday evening, but that it was impossible to make a definite announcement tonight because of the absence from the city of George B. Christian, Jr., the executive secretary. Neither were members of the party able to say whether the body would be taken to Marion or to Washington, but will remain at the hotel here until removed directly to the train.

MANY QUESTIONS

Everyone who came from the Presidential suits was besieged by questioners, official, newspaper could add much to the information already given out officially. Largely this was because the end came with such shocking suddenness that comparatively few of its details had been noted.

Minneapolis and St. Paul are still at it. Something must be done about these two towns. This one comes from St. Paul.

A Minneapolis man drifted into the sister city, looked suspiciously at a fruiterer's display, picked up a big melon and asked with a sneer: "Is this the largest apple you have in St. Paul?" "Hey!" bellowed the proprietor, "put that grape down!"

Boy of Eight Leads Gang That Robs Twenty Stores

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Aug. 1. FOUR Italian boys and one colored boy, ranging in age from eight to ten years, pleaded guilty in Juvenile Court this morning to breaking into a score of stores in the heart of the city during the past six weeks.

The testimony showed that the leader, an eight-year-old Italian boy, had divided his gang into "lifters" and "chippies," the former entering the stores through breaks in windows while the latter watched for the police.

They store money, watches, tools, tobacco, food and clothing. At one store they mistook an adding machine for a cash register and removed it and chopped it to pieces. Judge Warner continued the cases for one week.

MRS. SARAH A. PARKER DIES AT BENSON HOME

Tuesday about twelve o'clock Mrs. Sarah A. Parker mother of Mrs. D. T. Luncford and Mr. J. D. Parker, of this city, died at her home in Benson after several weeks' illness. Mrs. Parker had been in failing health for some time, and since an attack of malaria fever in April, she rapidly declined in strength until death came to her relief. She was confined to her bed most of the time since a second attack of illness on June 16th. She suffered from an acute trouble and during the last few days she lived her suffering was almost un-speakable.

Mrs. Parker was born October 8, 1851. At the age of sixteen she married Mr. King H. Parker, of Ingrams township. Before her marriage she was Miss Sarah A. Beasley, also of Ingrams. She had long been a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church and was known as a woman of kindly disposition and splendid Christian character.

Her remains were taken to Juniper church near Four Oaks Wednesday afternoon where the funeral was conducted by Elder Y. W. Wood. Interment was made in the family burying ground at the church. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. D. T. Luncford, postmaster of this city, Mr. J. D. Parker, a lawyer of this city; Mr. D. P. Parker, of Buffalo, Okla.; Mrs. N. G. Rand and Mr. J. P. Parker, both of whom live near town; Mrs. Edith Putnam and Mrs. H. L. Graves, of Benson. Messrs Ezra Parker mayor of Benson, and H. A. Parker, president of the Citizens Bank of Benson.

School To Open Sept. 5

Supt. Franks, who has been at Chapel Hill for the past few weeks was in the city for a few days this week arranging details relative to the opening of school. The date for the fall opening has been set for Wednesday, September 5. From all indications the attendance next year will be the largest in the history of the school. Extra rooms are being seated and equipped to take care of the large number expected. Some improvements have been made at the Burlington building among which is a teachers' rest room on the first floor next to the front entrance.

Miss Edna Hilderbrand Entertains
Wednesday afternoon Miss Edna Hilderbrand entertained a few of her friends at the attractive home of her sister, Mrs. H. B. Marrow, on North Third street. Cut flowers were very effectively used as decorations. Four tables were arranged for rook. Toward the close of the afternoon a delectable salad course was served by the hostess.

Those enjoying this occasion were: Misses Elizabeth Aycock, Sarah Adams, Edna Coates, Elizabeth Creech, Nellie and Rose Grantham, Virginia Stevens, Marjorie Johnston, Mary Gattis Holland, Mattie Lassiter, Hilda Peedin, Ellen Patterson, Irene and Marie Anderson Stevens.

ANTI TYPHOID CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN

Schedule of Places and Dates Given; Everyone Should Co-operate

As announced in a previous issue an anti-typhoid campaign will be put on all over Johnston County beginning Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 p. m. August 3, and continuing until the four weekly treatments have been given. The treatments are free to everybody. The increased number of cases of typhoid this year over recent previous years, makes it necessary to take every precaution against the disease and every community should cooperate in safe guarding every person in the county.

The following schedule has been furnished us by the County Health Officer Dr. Thel Hooks:

Benson—Drs. Utley, Oliver, Parker—Friday 2:00 to 4:00 Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7.

Princeton—Dr. R. S. Stevens—Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p. m., August 18, August 17 at some places on Con-

Kenly—Dr. G. B. Woodard—Friday 2:00 to 3:00 p. m., August 17, 24, 31, September 7.

Clayton—Dr. B. A. Hocutt—Friday 1:00 to 3:00 p. m. August, 17, 24, 31, September 7.

Micro—Dr. M. Hinnant—Saturday 1:00 to 3:00 p. m. August 18, 25, September 7 and 8.

D. D. Medlin's Store—Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald—4:00 to 5:00 p. m. August 17, 24, 31, September 7.

Cleveland Court House—Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald—2:00 to 3:00 p. m. August 17, 24, 31, September 7.

Hare's Store—Dr. Thel Hooks—Monday 3:00 to 4:00 p. m. August 20, 27, September 3, 10.

Jesse Bailey's—Dr. Thel Hooks—Monday 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. August 20, 27, September 3, 10.

Wilson's Mills—Dr. Thel Hooks—Tuesday 2:00 to 3:00 p. m. August 21, 28, September 4, and 11.

Archer Lodge—Dr. Thel Hooks—Tuesday 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. August 21, 28, September 4, and 11.

Pine Level—Dr. Thel Hooks—Wednesday 4:00 to 5:00 p. m. August 22, 29, September 5 and 12.

Selma—Dr. Thel Hooks—Wednesday 5:00 to 7:00 p. m. August 22, 29, September 5 and 12.

Brodgen—Dr. Thel Hooks—Wednesday 2:00 to 3:00 p. m. August 22, 29, September 5 and 12.

Four Oaks—Dr. Thel Hooks—Friday 2:00 to 3:00 p. m. August 24, 31, September 7 and 14.

Stewart School—Dr. Thel Hooks—Saturday 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. August 24, 31, September 7 and 14.

Smithfield—Dr. Thel Hooks—Saturday 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. August 25, September 1, 8, and 15.

Marshall Lassiter Store—Dr. Thel Hooks—Thursday 2:00 to 3:00 p. m. August 23, 30, September 6 and 13.

Pleasant Grove School—Dr. Thel Hooks—Thursday 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. August 23, 30, September 6 and 13.

MRS. VANDERBILT TO GIVE PRIZES

Raleigh, July 31.—Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, president of the North Carolina Agricultural Society, is giving special attention this year to three contests which she has arranged for students in schools and colleges.

She is again offering a gold medal for the best specimen of clay modeling which is submitted by a pupil in a North Carolina graded school and for the best history of any North Carolina county by a high school student. Mrs. Vanderbilt offers a standard American history.

For the best short story submitted by a college student, Mrs. Vanderbilt is offering a complete set of O. Henry's books. Entries for the prizes must be made through the office of the general manager of the State Fair. The manuscripts will be judged at the University of North Carolina under the direction of Dr. Chase.

To compete for the prizes the contestant must be in attendance at some North Carolina institution, and during the school year that opens this fall.

General Manager F. V. Walborn will furnish full particulars for entering the contest. Letters should be addressed to him at State College Station, Raleigh.

JOHNSTON CO., TO AGAIN GIVE THANKS

Prosperity Moves People To Express Gratitude in Thanksgiving Service

Last September the citizens from various sections of Johnston county gathered at the court house here for a special thanksgiving service, this movement being prompted by grateful hearts for the bountiful harvest with which this county was blessed last year. One of the finest crops ever known in the history of the county was produced last year, and from present indications it looks as if last year's bumper crop will be repeated again this year.

The boll weevil has not yet damaged the cotton crop to any considerable extent as was feared would be the case earlier in the spring and summer. The weather has been favorable for the crops, and since very little damage has been done by hail storms or other destructive forces, farmers have been signally blessed in their efforts to produce a good crop.

Because of these blessings it has been decided to hold a public thanksgiving service here within the next few weeks, giving thanks to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts for so bountiful a harvest. Definite announcement as to the date will be made later.

The County Committee for the thanksgiving service, appointed by F. H. Brooks, Chairman, called to meet in the Court House at Smithfield on Monday, August 6th, at 3 o'clock, to decide on time, speaker and make final arrangements for the service. The committeemen will take this as notice of their appointment and be on hand, as he will not have time to notify each personally.

The committee follows:

Clayton Township—Hon. Chas. W. Horne, Mrs. B. A. Hocutt, Julius B. Lee, L. F. Austin.

Cleveland Township—A. M. Johnson, Mrs. John O. Ellington, I. H. Johnson, H. M. Barbour, all of R. F. D. Clayton.

Elevation Township—W. L. Massengill, Delma Hardee, Frank Honeycutt of R. F. D. Benson, and J. Shep Johnson, R. F. D. Four Oaks.

Banner Township—Rev. O. A. Keller, Mrs. J. R. Barbour, Rev. E. M. Hall, Ezra Parker, of Benson.

Pleasant Grove—J. E. Gilbert, J. J. Massengill, Ed S. Coates, of R. F. D. Angier, and Leonard Johnson R. F. D. Willow Springs.

Selma Township—T. M. Benoy, Dr. Geo. D. Vick, Mrs. Geo. D. Vick, Miss Margaret Etheridge, Rev. Neil McInnis, W. H. Call, of Selma.

Meadow Township—J. Mang Wood, J. L. Lee, Walter V. Blackman, of R. F. D. Benson, Dr. M. L. Barefoot, R. F. D. 2, H. C. Lee, R. F. D. 2, Benson.

Bentonsville Township—Seth W. Lassiter, Kirby L. Rose, C. C. Beasley, J. V. Massey, RFD, Bentonsville.

Ingrams Township—Hon. B. B. Adams, Rev. Mr. Ivey, J. B. Creech, Four Oaks.

Pine Level Township—W. A. Oliver, Floyd C. Price, Mrs. D. B. Oliver, D. B. Oliver, W. L. Creech, Berry Godwin, Pine Level.

Boon Hill Township—J. R. Ledbetter, Mrs. R. S. Stevens, W. C. Massey, J. Ira Lee, Princeton.

Micro Township—Joe D. Lee, I. V. Pittman, C. A. Fitzgerald, Micro.

Beulah Township—Rev. N. H. Shepherd, Mrs. J. H. Kirby, Mrs. J. W. Darden, Kenly, Alvin Stencil and P. H. Etheridge, R. F. D. Kenly.

O'Neal's Township—J. B. O'Neal, R. F. D. Middlesex, Quince B. Hocutt R. F. D. Wendell, J. B. Creech and W. S. Earp, R. F. D. Selma.

Wilders Township—J. W. Barnes, R. F. D. Clayton, W. M. Nowell, Zebulon, R. F. D., A. L. Batten, R. F. D. Cayton.

Wilson's Mills Township—Chas. M. Wilson, G. W. Boyd, J. T. Holt.

Smithfield Township—T. R. Hood, W. H. Austin, Rev. J. R. Woods, E. S. Edmundson, J. H. B. Tomlinson, J. Frim Parker, J. A. Wellons, Smithfield.

Messrs. P. N. Reese and C. L. Britt of Goldsboro, who have been here this week in the interest of organizing a Council of Boy Scouts of America, are on a three-day encampment at Hole Lake. They have twenty-five boys with them. They expect to return to the city today.

ONLY ONE DAY OF RECORDERS COURT

Several Are Tried For Violating The Prohibition Law; Other Cases.

Recorder's Court was in session only one day this week but whiskey cases made their appearance after being noticeably absent last week. The following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Evins Stark and David Little, colored, charged with beating their way on a train. The defendants plead guilty and they were given thirty days on the roads.

State vs. Winston Braswell and Ralph Braswell charged with assault. Ralph Braswell was found to be under fifteen years of age and the case was carried to the Juvenile court. Winston Braswell pleads guilty and judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Brodie Smith charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Defendant was found guilty and was fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. Evins Stark and David Little, colored, charged with breaking into a freight car at Southern yards in Selma. The seals on two cars were broken but nothing was taken from the cars. Evins Stark was found not guilty. David Little was bound over to the August term of Superior court.

State vs. J. B. Webb charged with false pretenses. Webb was charged with bogus check to C. A. Corbett at Selma for the sum of \$150, part payment on a Gray automobile which he had purchased, and also with giving a mortgage on land to which he has no title. The defendant waived examination, and was bound over to the Superior court.

State vs. H. M. Jernigan charged with violating the prohibition law. Defendant was found guilty and was fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. W. W. Anderson and Paul Lee, son of D. Lee, charged with violating the prohibition law. The defendant, Paul Lee, was found not guilty. Defendant, W. W. Anderson, found guilty and fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. Paul Lee and W. W. Anderson charged with driving an auto while intoxicated. Defendant Paul Lee not guilty. W. W. Anderson found guilty and sentenced to thirty days on the roads. Road sentence was suspended on condition that the defendant refrain from driving automobiles on the roads of Johnston County for a period of four months.

State vs. A. L. Podard charged with assault upon his wife. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Richard Brown charged with violating the prohibition law. Defendant found guilty and sentenced to four months on the roads and to pay the costs.

State vs. Dora Williams, colored, charged with being a nuisance. Defendant found guilty and fined \$5 and costs.

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New Enterprise For Our City

September 5th will see the opening of a first class and up to the minute business school where the youths of Smithfield and Johnston County will have the opportunity to attend and learn shorthand and typewriting. No longer will it be necessary to go away for months to strange towns as Mrs. J. W. Davis will open and conduct a school upon the basis that schools of this character are operated in the largest cities in our state.

Offices have been taken and are being fitted up in the new Davis building on Market street, and will be ready for the opening next month.

Double Egg A Curiosity

Mr. P. B. Stevens, who lives near Smithfield, was in town Wednesday afternoon and brought to our office an egg which was quite a curiosity. It was an egg within an egg. The big egg measured seven inches around and seven and a half inches the long way. Besides a perfectly formed yolk and white, inside the big egg was another egg about the size of a bantam egg with a hard shell like the big egg.

First be sure that you are right, and then don't weaken your faith by arguing the question.

AUDIT FINDS DEFICIT OF TWO MILLION

Figures On the Cash Basis re \$2,522,427; Constructive Criticising.

Raleigh, July 31.—North Carolina's operating deficit on December 31, 1922, was \$2,863,068.88 on a "cash" basis and \$2,522,427.49 on the new "accrual basis," according to the report of Price, Waterhouse and company, Philadelphia, made public today by Secretary of State W. N. Everett.

The report, including comment and recommendations, was formally filed for public inspection this morning in the office of the secretary of state. The document covers about 100 pages of typewritten matter.

Introducing the operating account of the state the report sets up the following figures for the 25 months period involved in the transitory period between the passing of the ad valorem system of taxation and the new income system:

Total revenue:
Cash basis—\$19,400,041.41.
Accrual basis—\$13,676,878.37.
Total expenditures:
Cash basis—\$2,863,068.88.
Accrual basis—\$2,522,427.49.
Total deficit:
Cash basis—\$2,863,068.88.
Accrual basis—\$2,522,427.49.
Accrued surplus December 1, 1920:
Cash basis—\$673,098.39.
Accrual basis—\$2,045,232.74.
Deficit:
Cash basis—\$2,189,970.40.
Accrual basis—\$477,194.75.

This is the statement of the operating account and the surplus is understood to take into account uncollected ad valorem taxes on December 1, 1920, which added to the treasury statement of cash in hand, produced a deficit of \$2,045,232.74. The balance sheet which was published several days ago showed the condition of the treasury on July 1, 1923.

"The net difference between the deficit at December 31, 1922," says the report of the auditors, "computed on a cash basis and that computed on the revenue basis amounted to \$1,712,775.74. This amount represented in effect additional net surplus due primarily to the fact that a substantial amount of revenue is uncollected at the end of any fiscal year and secondarily, because it is subject to numerous adjustments."

The report then sharply criticizes the auditor's department, the manner of selecting accounts and the manner of keeping the minutes of meetings of the council of state.—Associated Press.

Death Of Noah Raynor

On Wednesday July 11, 1923 the spirit of Noah Raynor took his flight to the wonderful home above. He was just 26 years old. He and his wife were taken with typhoid fever and were taken to the Moore-Herring hospital at Wilson only one week after he was carried to the hospital. His wife still remains in the hospital but at this writing is some better. He was a faithful member of the Second Advent church at Banner's chapel. He was always a good boy. He was kind to everybody and everywhere he went he gained friends. He was always quiet and good to his family. About four years ago he was married to Agnes Stephenson. To this union were born three children, two having preceded him to the grave. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife and one little baby Gladys Pearl, a father, mother, six brothers and three sisters besides a great many other relatives and friends.

His remains were brought from Wilson to Benson on the early train. Thursday morning and were laid to rest at the old Beasley Grove Cemetery Thursday afternoon in the presence of a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were postponed until Mrs. Raynor gets well. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Jesus Saviour has this precious one.

Safely gathered for his own, Now he waits for us above, Resting in the Saviour's love. Jesus grant that we may meet And adore thee at thy feet.

Now the blessed forms his sleeping In the cold and silent tomb, Thou shalt have a happy waking, When the blessed Lord doth come.