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MASONIC PICNIC AT POLENTA LODGE

Dr. H. M. Poteat Speaker of Occasion; W. M. Sanders Makes Co-op Talk

For weeks past the people of the Polenta community and surrounding sections have been looking forward to the annual Masonic picnic. Last Saturday was the day, Polenta Lodge, the place, and Dr. Hubert M. Poteat of Wake Forest, the speaker. Such a combination—a day when the farmers could suspend work, a place where cool breezes fanned the leaves of the fine old oak grove making it comfortable for the crowd which gathered, a speaker of such fulcency—could not but make for a successful occasion, to say nothing of the long table which groaned under its heavy load of picnic viands, Brunswick stew and barbecue.

A big crowd greeted Dr. Poteat and others as they took their places upon the improvised rostrum erected in the open. Mr. A. M. Johnson welcomed the folks to the picnic and called upon Dr. R. J. Noble, Past Grand Master and who has been Imperial Potentate, to say a few words. Dr. Noble, who has been given every Masonic honor which can be given him and who was probably the oldest Mason present, advised all of the younger boys to be Masons. He believes in the order strongly and wants to see its influence grow. At the conclusion of his brief remarks he called upon Mr. Chas. U. Harris to introduce Dr. Poteat, the principal speaker of the occasion. Mr. Harris characterized Dr. Poteat as blessed with more accomplishments than any young man in North Carolina, and one who though he might win fame in fields afar, preferred to serve his native North Carolina. The fact that at the age of thirty-six, Dr. Poteat is Grand Master of North Carolina, shows the esteem in which he is held by this fraternal order.

Dr. Poteat then addressed the audience. After a few pleasantries appropriate to the occasion he announced his subject—"Why Is Free Masonry?"—and for twenty-five minutes he spoke to an attentive crowd. "Society," he said, "is a great organization. Within this organization are other organizations. Churches, clubs, fraternities, etc., wheels within a wheel, the purposes of which are evident. Every one he said knows the purpose of the W. C. T. U. and the Y. M. C. A. Not everyone, however, knows the purpose of Masonry. The fact that time and money and energy have been expended in building up the Masonic order, indicates that it is an organization worth while. But not every one, even those who decide to become members, realize at first the real purpose of the order. Some according to Dr. Poteat, join the order for unworthy motives. Perhaps they join to gain certain business advantages, perhaps for political benefit. Others may want a reason to be away from home at night, he said, and still others may be allured by the buttons indicative of the "grinding of the degree will."

But, after enumerating these motives which fall short of the real purpose of the organization, Dr. Poteat proceeded to present the real purpose underlying the Masonic order—character building. An important phase of the Masonic system is that of relieving suffering. "harCiti," in this organization, is founded on brotherly love. Masonry, too stands for a spirit of tolerance. "The spirit of tyranny," Dr. Poteat said, "is exemplified in America in the spirit of intolerance. Masonry teaches command for the law. It believes in education; and for separation of church and state. Ignorance and freedom do not go together. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," he quoted from the Book.

Another purpose of Masonry is to lift men out of the hum drum into a life of the ideal. We need all the beauty and idealism we can get in this world of materialism. And last but not least of the purposes of Masonry, stated Dr. Poteat, is to aid in bringing in the kingdom of God. The Masonic fraternity is the hand maid of the church.

A number of prominent Masons in this section were present at the picnic among whom were: Dr. R. J. Noble, (Concluded on page four)

COUNTY WILL GIVE THANKS ON SEPT. 3

Program, Finance, Publicity and Music Committee Are Appointed.

A good representation of the committee to arrange for a Johnston County Thanksgiving service appointed recently by Judge F. H. Brooks, Chairman, met in this city yesterday to further plan for this occasion. Those here from the various townships are enthusiastic over the proposition which in view of the splendid crops growing in Johnston County is very fitting.

One of the important changes made is the day for the Thanksgiving service, which has been changed to Monday, September 3. The chairman has not definitely yet as to who the speaker will be but announcement will be made in due time.

The following committees were appointed yesterday: Program: C. W. Horne, Rev. Neill McInnis, W. H. Royall, W. H. Call, Rev. N. H. Shepherd, C. M. Wilson, W. H. Austin, Rev. J. R. Woods, F. H. Brooks, Chairman; Finance Committee: F. K. Broadhurst, N. B. Grantham, Jas. A. Wellons and H. C. Woodall; Publicity Committee: John R. Morris, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, W. S. Penn, W. L. Ellis, M. L. Stencil and J. B. Benton; Music Committee: Mrs. Charles G. Guley, Mrs. E. M. Hall, Mrs. C. V. Johnson, R. E. Thomas, Matthew Raynor and Hector Creech.

NEW TYPE OF "FLU" FOUND IN VIRGINIA

State Health Department Wrestling With a New Disease Which is Causing Widespread Interest

Danville, Va., Aug. 1.—The State health department is wrestling with a new disease which has not been definitely diagnosed as yet, but which is being sent out to health officers and practitioners throughout Virginia by Dr. Ennon Williams of the state board of health at Richmond.

City Health officer R. W. Garnett, who has just returned from Richmond says that the new malady is causing a good deal of interest and existing medical authorities are being scrutinized. The victim is taken first with a fever, this coming suddenly, and on the following day severe abdominal pains set in. These pass usually within 24 hours, leaving the victim in an extremely weakened condition. The malady so far has been confined to eastern Virginia, but doctors throughout the state are being urged to watch for cases with these characteristics. There have been no deaths.

The malady has been termed by those living in sections where it appears as "devil's grippie." It is similar to the malady which broke out in 1896, it is said. So far as doctors have been able to determine it is not but is considered by some as a new type of influenza.

LIEUTENANT OSCAR R. RAND REACHES HONOLULU

Cards received by friends from Lieut. Oscar R. Rand, announce his safe arrival on Oahu, one of the Hawaiian Islands, where all of the American troops in Hawaii are stationed. He has been assigned to the 27th Infantry located at Schofield Barracks. Lieut. Rand says that sugar production and rice growing are chief industries in Hawaii, which are carried on largely by Japanese labor there being about 120,000 Japanese on the Islands. He seemed impressed with the tropical vegetation, which includes pineapples, coconuts, and bananas, and with the wonderful coloring of the plants and flowers.

Lieut. Rand formerly lived in this city and has many friends who will be interested to learn that he has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Rouse of Wilmington were the guests of their son Mr. A. M. Rouse for the week end.

HARDING'S FUNERAL WILL BE SIMPLE

Body Will Arrive in Washington Today; Burial in Marion, O., Friday.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The national capital, in sorrow and mourning, symbolic of that of the nation, went forward today with the preparations to receive and pay a last tribute to the dead President.

A state funeral to be marked by a solemn dignity and simplicity, was arranged for by President Coolidge and other high officers of the government, who devoted themselves untiringly to the preparation of ceremonies that will fittingly express the grief and reverence of the American people.

President Coolidge, Chief Justice Taft, and members of the cabinet and of Congress, and others high in government councils will participate in the ceremonies.

Upon its arrival here from San Francisco Tuesday, the funeral train will be met by Mr. Coolidge and other ranking officials, who will accompany the body to the White House behind the escort of a squadron of cavalry and a battalion of field artillery. It then will lie in the east room until Wednesday. Whether there will be private services at the White House will depend upon the wishes of Mrs. Harding.

In Capitol Rotunda

Wednesday morning the body will be escorted to the capitol and placed in the rotunda. After funeral services there it will lie in state until 6 p. m., and an hour later will start on the last journey to Marion, where on Friday it will find a resting place in the soil of Ohio.

As the flag-draped casket moves from the White House over Pennsylvania avenue it will be escorted by several thousand troops under Gen. John J. Pershing, and behind the automobile carrying Mrs. Harding and members of the family will be President Coolidge, members of his cabinet, members of the supreme court, and senators and representatives. In line also will be representative groups of patriotic organizations, headed by their respective commanders with colors and uniforms as well as many civic and commercial organizations.

The Masonic orders of which Mr. Harding was a member will be represented by 150 Knights Templar and representatives of the Grand lodge and there also will be small groups from other fraternal organizations.

As the funeral cortege moves from the White House 10,000 Washington school children will lay down a carpet of flowers for the casket bringing the casket and a children's chorus, recruited from the city's playgrounds, will sing the favorite hymns of Mr. Harding. Pennsylvania avenue will be roped off from the (Concluded on page four)

President Coolidge Sets Friday as Day of Mourning and Prayer

Washington, Aug. 4.—President Coolidge will not disclose any of the policies of his administration until after the burial, at Marion, of President Harding. This official announcement was made from the temporary offices of the President in the Willard Hotel today.

It can be stated with the full approval of the President that the members of the Cabinet have not resigned nor is there any basis for the report that these resignations are immediately in prospect.

The President was up before 9 o'clock this morning and following a breakfast of coffee and cereal he was hard at work in his temporary office which is room 333, on the third floor of the Willard. His first official act was to sign the proclamation setting aside next Friday as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the United States, that being the day on which the body of President Harding will be laid to rest in the Harding burial plot in Marion.

Mr. Coolidge will not take up his residence in the White House until his return from the burial at Marion,

COOLIDGE SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT

His Father Administers Oath of Office At The Coolidge Homestead

Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 3.—Facing his father and with his wife at his side, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the thirtieth President of the United States at 2:43 this morning, standard time, in the parlor of the Coolidge homestead, directly across the road from the house in which he was born.

The President's father, John Calvin Coolidge, 78 years old, like his son of stalwart New England stock, administered the oath of office. It was the first time in the history of the Republic that a father installed his son as the Chief Executive of the nation.

The ceremony took place in a typical New England parlor or sitting room, a comfortably furnished, livable room in the father's farm house at Plymouth Notch, in the southern part of the Green Mountains, nearly 2,000 feet above the level of sea.

The faint light of an old-fashioned kerosene lamp, with a fluted top chimney and etched sides, was sufficient to throw the faces of the President and his father into bold relief. The rest of the small group that witnessed the simple ceremony were in a half light, almost a shadow. Back of the President was a large framed portrait of himself, which occupies the position of honor in his father's home.

The President's father sturdy and active despite his years, stood at the south side of a small centre table that held the lamp, the family bible and a number of other books.

The President stood at the other side of the table, facing his father. Mrs. Coolidge, her face saddened by the gravity of the occasion and sympathy for Mrs. Harding, expressed a few minutes earlier, stood in the space formed by a bay window, less than a yard from her husband.

Simple Dignity Marks Ceremony
It was an impressive sight when Mr. Coolidge took his place opposite (Concluded on page four)

SMITHFIELD BABY HAS 7 LIVING GRANDPARENTS

Little Miss Doris Mae Brown, nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hubert Brown of this city, can boast the distinction of possessing seven living grandparents—four grandparents and three great-grandparents. They are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brown of this city, parents of Mr. C. H. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Creech of Pine Level, parents of Mrs. C. H. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Korngay of Pine Level, great grandparents of the baby being the father and mother of Mrs. L. E. Creech. and Mrs. Cornelia Price great grandmother of Doris Mae, the mother of Mrs. Lawrence Brown.

Smithfield Man to Represent N. C. at Harding's Funeral

The following telegram was received here Saturday afternoon notifying Hon. E. W. Pou, Representative from the Fourth Congressional District of North Carolina, that he had been appointed by the Speaker of the House to represent North Carolina officially at the funeral of the late President of the United States. The telegram follows verbatim:

"Washington, D. C.
Aug. 4, 1923.

"Hon. E. W. Pou,
Smithfield, N. C.

"You have been appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of Warren Gamaliel Harding late President. Service will be held in Rotunda of Capital at 11 a. m. Wednesday, Aug. 8. The committee will meet at Hotel Powhatan 18th and Penn Ave., at 9:20 a. m. Proceed to the White House. The committee will not accompany the remains to Marion, O.

"J. D. ROGERS, Sgt. at Arms.
"House of Representatives".

From an article in the Washington Post it appears that Mr. Pou is the only Congressman to represent North Carolina at the funeral of the nation's dead chief.

FIVE TEST FARMS GIVEN TO COLLEGE

Experimental Work To Be Made Basis Of Instruction; Trustees Meet

Unification of the five State test farms with the college test farms and placing them all under the administration of the college, conversion of the summer school into a teaching agency for farmers only, and the immediate issuance of bonds for the entire permanent improvement program authorized by the General Assembly were approved at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of State College yesterday.

Consolidation of the five test farms now maintained by the Extension Service with the college farm and making experimental work done the basis for agricultural instruction in the college is regarded by President E. C. Brooks as one of the most important steps yet taken in the reorganization of the teaching program at the college. Unanimous approval was given by the trustees.

Discontinuance of the summer school as it has been conducted for the past ten years, with hundreds of young women teachers in attendance, and directing the entire energies of the summer session to the instruction of teachers in farm life schools, announced by Dr. Brooks on Tuesday was also enthusiastically endorsed by the Board. Training of elementary teachers will be left to other colleges.

ANNIVERSARY SUPPER FOR FORMER SMITHFIELDIANS

Hillcrest, four miles west of Kinston, was the scene of an enjoyable supper last Friday afternoon, when Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hood of Kinston entertained a number of friends and members of their bridal party in honor of the ninth anniversary of their marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hood were formerly of Smithfield; Mr. Hood being the son of Mrs. J. B. Hamilton of this city and Mrs. Hood being formerly Miss Lucy Sanders, daughter of Mrs. A. M. Sanders of Oakland Heights.

Tables were spread for two groups, the smaller one being for the children of the guests. Among the sources of merriment was the cutting of the wedding cake in which Miss Bettie Lee Sanders of this city and sister of the bride, drew the dime.

SELMA PHYSICIAN DOES POST GRADUATE

Dr. J. B. Person of Selma is taking past graduate work in the diseases of children in a Children's Clinic at Saluda. Dr. Person will be away from the county two or three weeks.

WILSON TO RIDE IN FUNERAL CORTEGE

Sends Word He Will Take Part in Ceremonies "As Far as Possible."

Washington, Aug. 5.—Woodrow Wilson authorized the statement today that he "will participate as far as possible" in the funeral ceremonies here Wednesday for President Harding.

The extent of the former President's participation was not made known, but the statement was taken to mean that he at least will ride in the funeral cortege from the White House to the Capitol. Whether he will attend the services in the rotunda will probably depend upon his physical condition at that time.

Extended Invitation

President Coolidge extended an invitation to Mr. Wilson yesterday to take part in the ceremonies, but after a conference between the President's aide, Colonel Sherrill, and Rear Admiral Grayson, Mr. Wilson's physician, the announcement was made that because of the state of his health the former President regretted he could not participate.

Mr. Wilson decided later, however, that so far as his physical condition will permit he will join publicly in the last tribute to be paid to the dead President, whose kindness and courtesy to him on March 4, 1921, was one of the outstanding features of that inaugural day.

Should Mr. Wilson find it possible to appear in person in the funeral cortege, it will be his first public appearance since the burial of the Unknown Soldier on Armistice Day, 1921, and his third since he left the White House to seek seclusion and rest in the home that had been prepared for him on S street.—Associated Press.

JUMP OF \$7.00 PER BALE IN COTTON

Low Government Condition Report A Surprise And Advance Is Result

New York, Aug. 1.—The agricultural bureau furnished another sensation for the cotton market today when its report, made public at 12 o'clock, showed a condition of only 67.2, or 2.7 points down from the previous month and fully three points below the average of all the private reports that were issued. It was practically a point lower than the lowest guess of any cotton exchange member and 1.4 points under the low estimate of any of the private condition reports.

Immediately following the report, the market jumped fully 140 points, or \$7.00 a bale. A heavy volume of buying orders to cover shorts was executed in the ring and there was a notable increase of outside speculative demand, part of which was supplied by southern hedge selling and by offerings for Liverpool account. October contracts reached 22.52 and December 22.42 on this rise. Later the market became somewhat quieter and eased off about 3 points from top, but near the close showed a renewal of its earlier strength with some prices reaching new high ground for the day, and final quotations were 115 to 131 points net higher. A good deal of the late afternoon buying was attributed to a bullish interpretation of the weekly crop and weather report, which it was claimed indicated a considerable deterioration in the week since the government report was compiled.

NEW CAFE OPENED IN ASHLEY SMITH BUILDING

A new cafe known as the Farmers Cafe has opened up in the Ashley Smith building on Market street. Mr. E. O. Hudson is the manager, and he says that barbecue will be his specialty.

MR. SILAS JOHNSON CATCHES 7-POUND CHUB

Mr. Silas Johnson, who lives near town, brought to this office Friday morning a large chub which was caught by Mr. James H. Baker, who lives near the Lake, and it weighed almost seven pounds.