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PLANS FOR SERVICE TO GIVE THANKS

Planning for a Musical Program as Well as Speaker for the Occasion.

The Program Committee, appointed at the meeting to the City of the Thanksgiving Service, which met at the Court House on Monday, August 6, sketched out a tentative program, but left the matter of settling the program until the Music Committee, headed by Mrs. Charles G. Gulley could arrange the musical part of the program. A letter from Mrs. Gulley states that they are organizing a meeting of the singers of the county which is to be held at the Methodist Church at Smithfield, on Sunday afternoon, August 19, at 3 p. m. Therefore the completed program cannot be made.

The chairman is calling on the program committee to meet in Smithfield on Sunday, August 26th, 1923, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of completing the program, and giving it to the county papers, so that they may publish the same during that week.

From all over the county goes up Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful crops which we are now enjoying, from the deliverance of the county from cyclones or storms, deliverance from any great curse or scourge and the people are unanimous in the desire to come to the county seat on September 3rd, at 11 o'clock, to show in a concrete way this feeling of Thanksgiving that they hold. It is expected that there will be 10,000 citizens of Johnston County, yea there should be even more, who will come here on that day for the purpose of rendering Thanks to the Maker and Preserver.

The Chairman has been disappointed in not getting Rev. John E. White, but he received a telegram Wednesday stating that prior engagements on that day prevented him from accepting the invitation. Another great speaker of note will be secured, however, and those who are planning to come will not be disappointed in hearing a great speech. The music will be especially good and all together the people of the county will feel greatly repaid for their taking off one day, to say nothing of the service that they will render in acknowledging the Graciousness of God in dealing with Johnston County and its people. Begin now to make your arrangements to take off Monday, September 3rd, and come to Smithfield. Let every Preacher and Sunday School Superintendent, urge their congregations to be in Smithfield on this day, and let every one constitute himself a committee of one to take up this meeting, and urge the people to recognize the Giver of these Great Gifts by participating in this Thanksgiving Service.

The Chairman of the Music Committee has extended an invitation, through Mr. J. M. Beasley, President of the Johnston County Singing Union, for all singing classes of the county to be here on that day. We want to have a song and praise service, and we know that every one will enjoy this part of the program.

F. H. BROOKS, Chairman.

NEW CLOTHING STORE OPENED IN SMITHFIELD

As will be seen from an advertisement elsewhere in this issue, a new clothing store has been opened up in Smithfield, the proprietors being Messrs. R. S. Smith and John A. Coats. The firm, which will be known as R. S. Smith & Co., is occupying the store on Third street formerly occupied by the Ward Earp Co., this building having been recently repaired and painted. A complete line of men and boys clothing and shoes will be carried. Mr. Coates knows the clothing business well having been with the Davis Stores for the past seven or eight years, and having worked in a clothing store practically all of his life before that. Mr. Smith has conducted a tailoring business here for a number of years and this feature of the business will be continued.

The Weather: Somewhat Unsettled today; Local Thundershowers Probable.

CARS DO NOT HAVE TO STOP ON MARKET STREET

At the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Smithfield, N. C., in regular session assembled, the ordinance prohibiting the passing at the intersection of Market and Third Street without stopping at said intersection, has been by action of the aforesaid board repealed, now in the future automobilists and other vehicular conveyances will not be required to stop on Market Street either going north or going west.

—This August 10th, 1923.

JOHN A. NARRON,
By the Mayor.
W. L. FULLER, City Clerk.

ISLAM HOLLAND RUN OVER BY OIL TRUCK

Escapes Death By a Miracle and Is Now at Home With a Sprained Hip and Several Bruises

Escaping death almost by a miracle when a heavy Texaco oil truck driven by his friend, Paul Brown, passed over him yesterday afternoon, Islam Holland is at his home with only slight injuries consisting of a sprained hip and several bruises and scratches.

The accident occurred directly in front of the residence of Mr. T. S. Ragsdale on South Third street at 1:09 p. m. Thursday. Mr. Holland was returning from his home on a bicycle and riding up South Third street toward the business section while Mr. Brown was approaching him in the big, red, oil truck which he drives for Holt Oil Company.

From the tracks on the pavement it appears that the truck was on the left hand side of the street when passing Mr. Skinner's house but was steered to the right side to avoid hitting Mr. Holland. Evidently Mr. Holland thought the truck was not going to turn out, and turned to his left, only to be hit by the approaching vehicle.

The truck passed over the body of Mr. Holland without any wheels touching him but the bicycle was smashed beyond repair. Mr. Holland was knocked on the grass between sidewalk and street, the impact on the coping spraining his hip.

The truck continued down the sidewalk for about 30 yards before it was brought to a halt, skinning one of the young trees on its way.

Mr. Holland was found lying on the grass but was able to walk to a car.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC AT CARTER'S CHAPEL

Thursday, Aug. 16, there will be a Sunday school picnic at Carter's Chapel in Micro township. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring a well filled basket.

J. R. ATKINSON, Sec.

MEADOW HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN OCTOBER 1ST

A protracted meeting will begin at the Freewill Baptist church at Pine Level on Sunday, August 12. Rev. R. F. Pittman, of Ayden, one of the best singers in North Carolina, and also a very strong preacher, will assist the pastor, Rev. D. H. Styron, in this meeting. You are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. Mr. Cumming To Sail

Rev. W. C. Cumming who supplied the Presbyterian church here for the past year, will leave Wilmington next week for China where he expects to take up mission work. A farewell service was held last Sunday in his honor in the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington. He will start for the Pacific coast on Monday and will sail from Vancouver, Canada, on Aug. 23. His many friends who may desire to send greetings may write to him in care of C. P. S. S., "Empress of Canada," Vancouver, B. C.

Oakland Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. R. Woods will fill his regular appointment at Oakland Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

HARDING'S HOME TOWN IN MOURNING

Simple Service To Be Held For Marion's Most Distinguished Citizen.

Marion, Ohio, Aug. 8.—Warren Gamaliel Harding is on his last journey home and Marion, shrouded in mourning, awaits his coming.

Unlike his arrival and his departures in the distant past when little notice was taken of his movements, and also unlike the near past when they were announced with rejoicing, tomorrow's arrival will be heralded by the tolling of the bells.

Bells Will Toll

When the nation's funeral train bearing the late President in its flag-draped coffin crosses the Marion county line and begins to traverse the county where he laid the foundation for a character which made him the nation's beloved, Marion's bells will begin to toll at 30 second intervals until the body has been set at rest in the home of his father.

As soon as the body is placed in the Harding home, the utmost privacy will be maintained there for a few hours. It will be a sacred hour in that home in East Center street, for there sits the aged father bowed in grief, who, for seven days, will have been waiting the time, counting the hours and the minutes, when he again might be with his son, even though there can be no spoken greeting, no returned smile, no gentle handclasp.

Silent Communion

After this silent communion the doors will be thrown open from 2 to 10 p. m., and friends of the dead President will be permitted to pass by his bier. They will also be allowed to pass again Friday from 9 removed to the cemetery for brief funeral services.

The nation having today held funeral services for its President in all stateliness and honor due his exalted position, Marion Friday will conduct funeral services for its most distinguished citizen.

In striking contrast to the services in the nation's Capitol today, when state honors were paid, will be the plain and simple service conducted here at the vault in the "city of the dead."

No Pomp or Ceremony

Without pomp or military display of a single sort, the service at 3 p. m., central standard time, will consist only of the singing of two hymns by the choir of Trinity Baptist church, of which Mr. Harding was a member, the reading of a few passages of the Scriptures by Rev. George W. Landis, pastor of the Trinity Baptist church, and a prayer by Dr. Jesse Swanik, pastor of Marion Epworth Methodist Episcopal church. The hymns to be sung are "Lead Kindly Light" and "Nearer My God To Thee." With this simple service concluded, the nation's President will have been laid to rest, and as the world moves on, the only indication that another of the nation's Chief Executives sleeps in Ohio's bosom will be the military guard stationed there to see that the

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MRS. HARDING BEARS ORDEAL WELL

Spends Quiet Moments in East Room of the White House With Her Dead

Washington, Aug. 8.—With the fortitude that already had won her a great outpouring of the sympathy of a nation, Mrs. Florence Kling Harding today passed courageously through the ordeal of the solemn state funeral of her husband. Tonight she again was alone with her dead as the funeral train sped westward toward Marion where for her husband there was an even greater trial as the body is consigned to its last place of rest.

Although plainly showing the strain of the long and painful journey across the continent, Mrs. Harding who only a brief time ago made a brave fight for her own life, still maintains the control of an iron will that enabled her to say when first the terrible blow struck at San Francisco that she would not break down.

And, so, in her public appearance today, she permitted to escape her no manifestation of the grief that tears at her heart. Both Brigadier General Sawyer, and old friend from Marion and physician to Mr. Harding and George Christian, secretary to the dead President, declared after Mrs. Harding returned from the Capitol that she was bearing up well under the strain. General Sawyer said she "was holding up wonderfully well," adding that she was "a remarkable woman."

After luncheon with members of the immediate family this afternoon, Mrs. Harding received Mrs. Coolidge, the wife of the new President, who remained at the White House for half an hour. Wives of the Cabinet officers also were received during the afternoon. Many government officers and members of Congress visited the White House to leave their cards.

During the few hours the body of the President remained at the White House before the state funeral, Mrs. Harding twice gazed upon the face, noble in life, majestic in death. At one o'clock this morning after officials and visitors had left the White House she went quietly to the East Room to spend half an hour alone there save for the silent statuesque figures of the guard of honor around the casket.

For a time she stood beside the bier in silent prayer and meditation. Then she examined a number of floral pieces banked against the walls and selected several to be laid near to her sleeping husband.

Returning to her apartments on the second floor, Mrs. Harding retired at 1:30 o'clock. She arose at 7:45 o'clock after what apparently had been a fairly refreshing rest, and had breakfast in her room. During the meal Laddie Boy came in for a time to receive a kindly pat from his mistress.

She remained alone until 9:45 o'clock, when she was escorted to the East Room for the simple prayer service that preceded the claiming of the body by the nation to bestow upon it the homage befitting a highest es-

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JOHNSTON & STEPHENSON NOT TO OPEN SUNDAYS

According to an action taken by the board of town commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday evening, the drug stores of the town will be allowed to keep open on Sundays, one store each Sunday, rotating in order. Wednesday, the proprietors of Johnston and Stephenson's drug store requested us to announce in our columns that their store will not open on Sundays except for the purpose of filling prescriptions. They asked us to state that they will gladly serve those needing medicine, but the store will not be open for the sale of other merchandise.

POST OFFICE HERE WILL CLOSE TODAY

Will Be Closed From Four to Five P. M., During Funeral Exercises of the late President Harding.

The city post master, Mrs. D. T. Luncford, has received the following communication from the Central Accounting Postmaster of Wilmington which asks that this office be closed today, Friday, from 4 to 5 p. m. during the funeral exercises of the late President Harding.

The Department has wired me to repeat the following instructions, by first mail, to every office in this central accounting district:

"As a further mark of respect to the memory of the late President, it is hereby ordered by the Postmaster General that all United States Post Offices be closed for one hour during the exercises attendant upon the burial of the late President at Marion, Ohio. Burial will take place at Marion, Ohio, at three o'clock central standard time on Friday August 10, 1923. Adapt your hour to Marion Central standard time so that all will be concurrent."

This means of course, that all offices in this section of our State will be closed Friday, August 10, 1923, from 4 to 5 p. m.

W. G. ELLIOTT,
Central Accounting Postmaster.

MRS. HARDING TO RECEIVE PENSION OF \$5,000 A YEAR

Washington, Aug. 4.—If precedents are followed, Mrs. Warren G. Harding will receive a life pension of \$5,000 a year from the government.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt received annuities by vote of the House and Senate, and members of Congress said today there was little doubt of similar action in the case of Mrs. Harding.

MEETING TO BEGIN AT PINE LEVEL FREEWILL CHURCH

Due to the fact that the upstairs rooms of the school building at Peacock Cross Roads in Meadow township has been condemned by the Insurance Department of the State of North Carolina the rumor has gone out that the high school at this point will be discontinued. We wish to make the statement that this rumor is without foundation. We plan to make temporary arrangements for housing the high school this year. Mr. B. K. Miller has already been secured as principal. The school will open about October 1st.

Rev. Mr. Tuttle Back In Pulpit

A card from Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the Methodist church, who is now visiting his daughter at Ashboro, requests us to announce that he will be back in the city today and will preach both Sunday morning and night at the usual hours.

Struck By Lightning

Mr. Will Starley, who lives in the Southern part of town toward the cotton mill, was stunned by lightning Wednesday afternoon while standing in the door of his home. Medical assistance was called, but the injury did not prove serious.

Prominent colors for this fall will be smoke gray, seal brown, beaver, sailor blue, camel's hair and terracotta.

MRS. CARL GORDON HURT IN ACCIDENT

Auto In Which She Was Riding Hit by Another Car in Raleigh.

News reached here Wednesday afternoon of an automobile accident in Raleigh which resulted in the serious injury of Mrs. Carl Gordon of this city and Mrs. J. J. Wrenn of Raleigh and minor injuries to other in the car when the accident happened.

Mr. J. J. Wrenn of the Raleigh Essex Sales Company was demonstrating a new Essex touring car, when at the intersection of Blount and Polk streets, a Paige touring car driven by Alfred Haynes of Raleigh, crashed into his Essex. The Essex being hurled against a telephone post and turned on its side was almost completely wrecked. The Paige was only slightly damaged. The noise of the collision attracted a large crowd and the injured were rushed to Mary Elizabeth Hospital. Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Wrenn were the most seriously hurt.

Mrs. Gordon suffered the fracture of one lung. Mrs. Wrenn suffered a broken collar bone, a gash in her forehead which required several stitches and the loss of several teeth. Mrs. Gordon and children went to Raleigh Sunday to visit Mrs. Gordon's sister, Mrs. Scott Green. Mrs. Green and her child and also the two children of Mrs. Gordon were in the car when the accident occurred.

The accident took place shortly after two o'clock, Mr. Gordon being notified as son as possible. He left immediately for Raleigh but returned late in the evening and took Mrs. Gordon's mother, Mrs. R. L. Sanders to her daughter's bedside.

A telephone message yesterday morning stated that Mrs. Gordon was resting as well as could be expected, but the extent of her injuries other than those already mentioned was still unknown.

It is understood that Haynes, who driving the Paige car, will be prosecuted for reckless and careless driving.

MR. JAMES M. PARRISH DIES AT HIS HOME HERE

The death of Mr. James M. Parrish occurred at the home of his son, Mr. M. B. Parrish, in this city, Monday, Aug. 6, after a lingering illness of several months. The deceased was eighty-one years old. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and interment was made at Little Creek Church. Rev. Elijah Pearce of Princeton conducted the service. He was assisted by Rev. M. Barnes.

Mr. Parrish was a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Little Creek, having been a member for about thirty years.

The deceased leaves seven children as follows: L. A. Parrish, J. B. Parrish, H. G. Parrish, of Clayton; Mrs. N. C. Stephenson of Pleasant Grove Township; Mrs. J. W. Powell, Mrs. W. C. Jordan, and Mr. M. B. Parrish of this city.

RECORDER'S COURT HAS LIGHT DOCKET

The following cases were disposed of this week by Judge Noble:

State vs. S. Boykin charged with assault. Defendant pleads guilty and was fined \$5 and costs.

State vs. Fred Hughes charged with beating a ride on a train. Defendant pleads guilty and is sentenced to thirty days on the roads and to pay the costs.

State vs. Robert Surles and Dave Carter charged with affray. Guilty. Robert Surles was fined \$25 and one-half costs; Dave Carter to pay one-half costs.

State vs. Thurman Blackman charged with assault. Guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Walter Eason charged with cursing on highway. Not guilty.

State vs. Robert Tyner charged with assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Judgment that the defendant pay prosecuting witness \$37.50 for loss of time from work as result of injury; \$15 to Dr. Thel Hooks for medical attention rendered prosecuting witness; \$10 for board of prosecuting witness while recovering from wounds; and court costs.

By the Mayor of the City of Smithfield

A Proclamation

To the People of Smithfield

The untimely death of our late Chief Executive, Warren Gamaliel Harding, has wrought upon our nation and the civilized world a great sorrow, at his unexpected demise, and in which the nations of the earth are mourning with us.

The President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, and our Governor, Cameron Morrison, have by proclamation, designated, Friday, August the tenth, as a day of Mourning, and

Now therefore, I, John A. Narron, Mayor of the City of Smithfield do hereby proclaim that all business and social activities will suspend from four until five o'clock in the afternoon, and that further, the bells of the different churches in our City be tolled at intervals of five minutes beginning at the hour of the funeral services in Marion, and that all traffic in the city be stopped for three minutes at the beginning of the funeral services.

Done at the City of Smithfield, the ninth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

JOHN A. NARRON.

By the Mayor.

W. L. FULLER, City Clerk.