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Double Tragedy At Holt Lake Crossing

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hays Meet Death When Auto Is Struck By A. C. L. Train.

OVER 1000 AT FUNERAL

One of the most tragic accidents that has ever happened in this community occurred at the Railroad crossing at Holt Lake about three miles from this city Friday afternoon when the Ford car in which Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hays of near Four Oaks, was struck by a train, killing instantly Mrs. Hays, and inflicting injuries upon Mr. Hays from which he died about two hours later.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays, aged about 60 and 50 years respectively, had started home and had reached the Holt Lake crossing about three o'clock. According to eye witnesses, Mr. Hays saw an approaching north bound freight, and stopped his car for the train to pass. As the last car moved away, he started his Ford across the track, when a southbound freight on the other track, which he could not see, hit the automobile with fatal results. The car was totally demolished. Messrs. Chester Ogburn and W. W. Jordan were witnesses to the tragic scene, which happened in a flash, and they together with the train crew soon brought assistance. The body of Mrs. Hays was brought to the undertaking establishment here, while Mr. Hays was rushed to the Smithfield Memorial hospital, where he died about two hours later. Mr. Hays was conscious for sometime after the accident happened, and had the presence of mind to inform attendants of \$500 or more on the person of his wife. The money was found and deposited in a local bank.

The deceased are survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nathan Rhodes and Mrs. Jim Rhodes who live near Oak Forest church.

A large number from Smithfield and elsewhere attended the double funeral and burial which took place Sunday afternoon. The funeral was directed by Mr. J. D. Underwood, the religious service being conducted by Rev. James A. Ivey, pastor of Blackman's Grove Baptist church. The funeral was held at the late home of the deceased, interment being made at the Robin Massengill cemetery. It was estimated that between a thousand and fifteen hundred people attended the funeral. The pall bearers were Messrs. R. D. Massengill, Charley Adams, E. L. Johnson, W. O. Lee, B. A. Rich, Robert Johnson, Lundy Parker, Nogah Wood, J. M. Wood, B. W. McLamb, Burke Barbour, W. M. Morgan, A. P. Grice, J. E. Young, J. C. Morgan.

Irate Gentleman: Say, who are you serenading down there? Intoxicated Rastus: Nobody 'n particular. Ah's jes' broadcastin'!—From Everybody's Magazine for February.

Milestones in Life of Woodrow Wilson

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 3.—Woodrow Wilson's life was marked by these milestones:
Born at Staunton, Va., December 28, 1856.
Graduated at Princeton university, 1879.
Selected as president of Princeton, August 1, 1902, after 17 years as college professor.
Elected governor of New Jersey, November 8, 1910.
Nominated for President in the Democratic national convention Baltimore, July 2, 1912.
Elected President, November 4, 1912.
Inaugurated March 4, 1913.

SMITHFIELD BEATS WILMINGTON QUINT

Game Was Fast and Furious And Fans Were Kept on Edge Throughout Game.

SCORE WAS 33 TO 29

In a game that was hard fought throughout Smithfield high defeated the Wilmington quint here Saturday night by a 33-29 score.

The first half ended 16-13, with both teams showing good speed. Beginning the third quarter Wilmington led 21 to 19. Smithfield staged a great rally here which put them in the lead. Beginning the fourth quarter, Wilmington rallied and forged ahead, then with first one and then the other team taking the lead it was nobody's game until the final minutes of play when Smithfield forged ahead.

Hill, left forward for Smithfield, with five field goals and four foul goals, was the stellar performer. He got some lucky shots in the basket; but many of his shots were fine tosses at the basket. He played a hard, fast game. Skinner and Stephenson, C., Smithfield's guards, showed up well. In fact, the whole Smithfield machine worked like clockwork.

For Wilmington Haar was the one who showed up in the best form. He had seven field goals and three fouls to his credit. Wilmington is considered one of the three best teams in the east.

The contest was one of the best of the season and with Wilmington making it interesting from first to last, the crowd was kept on the edge of the seats.

The only substitute made was Pummer for Haar, who was put out of the game on account of personal fouls.

The line-up:
Smithfield (33) Wilmington (29)
Holland Haar
R. F.
Hill Shepherd
L. F.
Stephenson, R. Kelly
C.
Stephenson, C. Leftvich
L. G.
Skinner Locklen
R. G.

JOHNSTON COUNTY BOYS HONOR STUDENTS

Among the honor students at the State University for the fall quarter there are two from Johnston County—**W. Godwin** of this city and **W. G. Morgan** of Benson. Honor students make a grade of "B" or better, that is, an average of from 90 to 95 per cent at least. There are 178 who made this record, fourteen more than were honor students for the first quarter last year.

Re-elected President November 7, 1916.
Asked Congress to declare war on Germany April 2, 1917.
Sailed for France, December 4, 1918, as head of American peace commission.
Signed treaty of Versailles June 28, 1919.
Carried fight with senate over league of nations to country September 3, 1919.
Suffered nervous breakdown near Wichita, Kansas, September 26, 1919.
Stricken with paralysis at White House, October 3, 1919.
Retired from Presidency, March 4, 1921.
Died at Washington, February 3, 1924.

ROAD MEETING IS HELD IN BENSON

Working To Build Road Direct From Raleigh Via Garner To Benson.

CUTS OFF SIXTEEN MILES

Benson, Feb. 1.—One of the most enthusiastic meetings held in Benson for some months past, was held in the Director's room of the Farmers Commercial Bank last night, by the citizens of the town, and the citizens along the road, leading from Benson north by J. Willis Creech's place, across Black Creek, and by Rev. J. Ruffin Johnson's place, crossing the Hunter Road, and connecting with the Raleigh road the J. B. Edmundson place.

A movement has been started by the people of Benson and those along this road, and of Garner, and the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, together with Hon. Jas. H. Pou, toward the establishment of a short route from Benson via Garner, known as the Benson Garner Raleigh Short Route. This would reduce the distance from Benson to Raleigh from 44 miles to about 28 miles, and is the most direct route leading from Raleigh toward the coast, and it is believed that this route will be adopted as the State Highway.

For the present, the committee is depending upon local subscriptions in order to get the road in good passable condition and to be signboarded and named, in order that it may be received in good condition by the State Highway commission. More than \$2600.00 was subscribed at the meeting and a Soliciting committee for further subscriptions was chosen as follows:

Banner Township, C. T. Johnson and J. Willis Creech; Elevation township, S. F. Barbour and Rev. J. Ruffin Johnson; Pleasant Grove, township, G. Willis Lee and Rev. L. H. Stephenson; Cleveland township, Hubert Jones and Herbert Wrenn.

Cleveland township was not represented in the meeting but the committee was under the impression when the meeting was called, that their road was already in an improved condition.

CO. COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING

Committee Asks That Change In County Home System Be Made

Yesterday, the first Monday in February, the County Commissioners met in regular session, disposing of the usual round of routine business.

One item of general interest was brought before the commissioners which has to do with the County home. As most people know the county home is located on a splendid farm about five or six miles from town, and a rental system has provided a keeper for the Home. For sometime there has been talk of changing the system and yesterday, a committee composed of Miss Mattie Pou, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst and Mrs. Paul Brown appeared before the Commissioners with resolutions signed by the Kiwanis Club, The Woman's Club, and several of the Missionary societies of the town, offering suggestions for certain changes. Mr. E. S. Abell presented the resolutions for the committee, which had three special recommendations. The resolutions first suggested that the pay of the superintendent of the County Home be changed from a rental basis to a salary basis. Secondly, it was recommended that a system of book-keeping be installed which would show an itemized cost of keeping each inmate. The third, and perhaps the point urged strongest, was the importance

Woodrow Wilson Is Folded Gently In Death's Embrace

Former War President Is Dead



WOODROW WILSON

ASKS PEOPLE TO RESPECT MEMORY

Governor Issues Proclamation Calling on Citizens To Respect Memory of Woodrow Wilson

After learning of the death of former President Woodrow Wilson at his S. street home, Washington, Sunday morning, Governor Cameron Morrison issued a proclamation calling on the citizens of North Carolina to refrain from engaging in social festivities until the war-time leader of the United States shall have been buried. He also asked that all business be halted for a half-hour during the time of the ex-President's funeral.

The Governor's proclamation follows:

"Woodrow Wilson after a long illness, died this morning at a quarter past 11 o'clock City of Washington. The hour of the funeral has not been announced. It can be ascertained from the press later.

"As an expression of respect for the great ex-President, I ask that all business be suspended for thirty minutes during the funeral services and that our people refrain from all social merriment and festivity from now until after the funeral.

"He was our President, for eight years, and guided our country thru' the great world conflagration. It broke his health and killed him. It was for his country and humanity that he labored, suffered and died.

"Announcement of a date and hour for State-wide memorial services will be made later."

of finishing each inmate as much as a pint of milk per day. The system heretofore has made no provision for giving any milk to the inmates except such as has been donated by the keeper.

The committee was given a respectful hearing, but action on the matter was deferred until the commissioners shall have had time to look further into the matter.

The home agents report that as a direct result of work done with young people 20 boys and 53 girls entered college last year.

There Was a Long Breath; Slight Flutter of Eyelids And His Soul Drifted Away

DEATH CAME AT 11:15 A.M.

Stroke of Paralysis In White House At 4:00 A.M., October 5, 1919, the Cause of His Death, It Is Shown

Washington, Feb. 3.—Former President Woodrow Wilson died at 11:15 o'clock this morning.

The place of his entombment and whether his funeral will be public or private will be determined later.

The end was peaceful. Life ebbed away while he slept. A tired man, he closed his eyes, and "sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust," passed on to the Great Hereafter "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

ANNOUNCES DEATH

Dr. Grayson, his friend and physician, announced the end of the great War President in this bulletin:

"Mr. Wilson died at 11:15 o'clock. His heart's action became feebler and feebler, and the heart muscle was so fatigued that it refused to act any longer. The end came peacefully.

"The remote causes of death lie in his ill health which began more than four years ago, namely: General arterio-sclerosis, with haemoptigia. The immediate cause of death was exhaustion following a digestive disturbance which began in the early part of last week, but did not reach an acute stage until the early morning hours of February 1."

Washington, Feb. 3.—The real cause of Woodrow Wilson's death was a stroke of paralysis which followed his collapse in the late summer of 1919. Like Warren G. Harding he was stricken while on a speaking trip in the West.

Was Sick Man

Up to the time of his collapse the country thought him a normally healthy man, but he was far from it. He entered the White House with a well developed start toward Bright's Disease which caused his physicians to predict that he never would finish his first term. But by careful devotion to his doctor's orders, he fought off the malady. He was practically blind in one eye from a retinal hemorrhage which came while he was still at Princeton University, but the country never knew it. Years before he had suffered a thrombosis—a blood clot in his arteries—but it was in one of his legs and never developed any serious trouble. The same thing in his brain later on laid him low and led to his death.

Illness Secret

By his own personal directions, the exact nature of his fatal illness was concealed from the world for months because he feared public knowledge of it while he was President might lead to a stock market panic, and possibly far-reaching consequences to a world then passing through the first stages of post-war reconstruction. Some of the details came out piece meal and over a long period of time. Others have not been hitherto published. It is appropriate, therefore, to give them now that he is dead.

The first indication of serious illness came during the night of September 25, 1919, while the President's special train was between Pueblo, Colo., and Wichita, Kas., coming Eastward on the return part of his speech-making trip. The increasing strain upon his physical resources had been growing apparent, but none of his party suspected the breaking point was so near. There was no

truth in rumors that the President had become incoherent during some of his last speeches, although it was true that he had displayed great emotion, which was unusual for his manner of speaking.

Became Exhausted

When Mr. Wilson finished speaking at Pueblo that afternoon he was exhausted and covered with clammy perspiration. An examination by Dr. Grayson, his physician, disclosed nothing markedly wrong and he was put to bed. Mrs. Wilson remained up with him, as he complained of restlessness. Soon after midnight he complained of feeling ill and Dr. Grayson found him in a state of nervous exhaustion, with the right side of his face twitching, as it often had done before when he was very tired and worn out.

But the physician was alarmed and shocked to note a drooling of saliva from a corner of the President's mouth and also a drooping of the facial muscles from the left side. Recognizing immediately that a stroke of paralysis was impending, Dr. Grayson warned Mr. Wilson of his grave condition; strongly suggested that he cancel the remainder of the tour and immediately return to Washington; and in conclusion, that he try and get some sleep.

"I won't be able to sleep at all, Doctor, if you say I must cancel the trip," Mr. Wilson responded. "Even if giving my own life would accomplish this object, I gladly would give it."

Back To Washington

The physician quieted his patient as best he could and took steps to cancel the remainder of the speaking engagements and bring the President to Washington. Mr. Wilson yielding to the entreaties of Mrs. Wilson, acquiesced and the facts were announced to the country in an official statement which said: "President Wilson's condition is due to overwork. The trouble dates back to an attack of influenza last April in Paris from which he never fully recovered. The President's point was so near. There was no (Continued on page 4)