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## Pres. Coolidge Sent Telegrams

### Coolidge Now is Facing Most Ominous Crisis of Long Career in Politics.

#### DAUGHERTY MAY SOON GO

Washington, March 5.—The question of Attorney General Daugherty's immediate retirement from the Cabinet is again receiving serious consideration.

The situation today suddenly developed to a point where the selection of a successor was taken under advisement at the White House.

#### Possible Successors

Those under consideration for the post include William S. Kenyon, former Senator from Iowa and now judge of the Eighth United States Circuit of Court Appeals; Frank S. Dietrich, Federal judge of Idaho; and Curtis D. Wilbur, Fifth Justice of the Supreme Court of California.

Steps have been taken indirectly to ascertain from each of the three men named whether he would accept if appointed, but no definite selection has been made.

One of the factors which have again brought the question to an acute issue was the situation resulting from disclosures in the recent Veterans' Bureau grand jury investigation at Chicago.

#### New Disclosures

Some of these disclosures, according to information laid before President Coolidge, relate to matters over which Mr. Daugherty has had at least technical jurisdiction as head of the Department of the Justice, and in which persons close to him were said to be involved.

During the past few days developments in the oil scandal have led the trail of that investigation, too, into the same department.

In addition, the question has arisen whether the stress of the Senate investigation of him and his department, will be able to give to his official duties the attention they merit.

#### New Aspect

All of these considerations have put a new face on the situation since Mr. Daugherty left Washington a week ago after apparently convincing the President he should be permitted to remain in office until the Senate inquiry concluded.

White House officials declined to predict when the next move will come, but some of those high in administration counsel believe that a request to the Attorney General for his resignation is imminent.—Associated Press.

Washington, March 6.—At the end of a day which witnessed an astounding succession of revelations, Calvin Coolidge tonight is facing the most ominous crisis of his political career, a crisis which may result in his defeat for renomination.

It began with the disclosure before the Teapot Dome investigating committee of two telegrams sent by the President to Edward B. McLean, continued with the issuance of three successive statements from the White House explaining the telegrams, ran through an afternoon of spectacular debate in the Senate, which developed, in its closing hours, the most humiliating drubbing which Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, has ever received on the floor of the chamber.

#### NEAR SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT AT DUNN

Ralph Jackson and Percy Sessoms, of Duke, and Herman Jones, of Dunn had a narrow escape from death Saturday night when the car in which they were riding turned over three times on a highway near Fayetteville. All were painfully injured, Jackson being the worst hurt. It is thought all will recover.

## SMITHFIELD HI LOSES TO DURHAM CAGERS

Led by Kelly and Hackney, the Durham high school basket ball team gave the Smithfield quint, champions of Eastern North Carolina last year, its first defeat at the hands of a high school team this season, by a score of 15 to 10. This game eliminated Smithfield from the State high school basketball contest.

The game started at eight o'clock. Durham scored in the first few minutes of play on a foul goal by Satterfield. Within a few minutes after Kelly shot the first field goal for Durham. A long toss by Stephenson of Smithfield missed. A foul goal by Stephenson, C. ended the first quarter. Score 3 to 1 in Durham's favor. Holland and Skinner's fast dribbling and passing featured in this quarter.

Durham started an attack in the second quarter which the Smithfield lads were unable to stop. They piled up 8 points in this quarter. Smithfield was unable to score. Score at end of second quarter stood Durham 11, Smithfield 1.

At the beginning of the last half the Johnston County lads staged a spectacular comeback which almost threatened the Durham lead, bringing the score to 11 to 7 before Durham could score a point. Kelly for Durham then registered a field goal, and a free shot by Skinner, of Smithfield, brought the score up to 13-8, Durham leading.

In the fourth quarter both teams scored one field goal, bringing the score at the final blow of the whistle 15-10, thus giving Durham the right to meet Wilmington tonight at Chapel Hill for Eastern championship.

The game was full of thrills. Although Durham led throughout Smithfield made a spirited attack in the last half, but did not have the necessary punch to cage enough baskets to even the count.

Bennett by his guarding and ability to intercept passes starred for Durham. Hackney lead the scoring with five points.

Smithfield played a mediocre game with no stars bubbling forth. Holland piled up four of his team's 10 points. Skinner came next with 3.

The line up and summary:  
Durham (15) Smithfield (10)  
Kelly (4) Holland (4)  
R. F.  
Satterfield (2) Hill  
L. F.  
Hackney, C (5) Stephenson, R. (2)  
C.  
Bennett Skinner (3)  
R. G.  
Warren Stephenson, C. (1)  
L. G.

Substitutes: for Durham, Bock (4); for Smithfield Brown. Referee: Carboy, Elon College.

## JOHNSTON REPUBLICANS HOLD MEETING HERE

Republicans of the County met here yesterday in convention assembled for the election of delegates to the State Congressional and Senatorial conventions. The meeting was held in the opera house, court being in session in the court house.

Mr. Ezra Parker of Benson, county chairman called the meeting to order, and Mr. W. A. Powell was made secretary. The temporary organization was made permanent. Mr. Parker, however, was not a candidate for reelection as county chairman, and Mr. J. C. Stancil was elected for this position. A new county committee was elected.

Twenty-seven delegates were elected to the State Convention and an equal number of alternates.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the Harding-Coolidge administration.

## Local Girls Win Over Maysville

The Girls Basketball team played Maysville High school Tuesday night in Goldsboro, in the first championship game of the season, the locals beating the Maysville girls 29 to 10. The opponents had won twelve straight games including some of the strong teams in the state, but the local sextette was two much for them, it was not being deemed necessary to play the last four minutes of the allotted time. Splendid team work characterized the Smithfield team, Aava Wellons and Pauline Broadhurst starring in several especially good plays.

## COOLIDGE CLINGS TO MELLON PLAN

Washington, Mar. 4.—Adherence to the principles and provisions of Mellon tax plan was reaffirmed today by President Coolidge. Mr. Coolidge's position relative to tax legislation remains as outlined in his message to Congress declaring for the Mellon plan. This was made clear at the White House in answer to inquiries about the compromise bill passed by the house.

A direct inquiry as to whether the President would approve the compromise bill brought the reply that he could not say at this time whether he would veto or approve such a measure.

## George Y. Ragsdale In Tentative Cast

Smithfield will have a special interest in the new selection of Folk Plays to be given by the Carolina Playmakers next year, if George Ragsdale, among those in the tentative casts, should be among the chosen to present the new plays.

The new plays are: "Nancy's Commencement Dress," by Pearl Setzer, of Hickory; "The Younger," by Sue Bird Thompson, of Norfolk, Va., and "The Wheel," by Ernest Thompson, of Goldsboro. All are contemporary comedies, Miss Setzer's play being of farm life, Miss Thompson's concerning a subdeb, or flapper, and that of Ernest Thompson involving the career of a Carolina student in six scenes. Another "Program of Happiness," to quote Director Frederick Koch and Manager George Deny.

"The Thrice-promised Bride," a Chinese play read last year by Ching Cheng Hsiung, graduate student, and since published in Theatre Arts Magazine and produced by the Little Theatre, of Oakland, Calif., is being held as an alternate.

These plays will be presented in Chapel Hill on April 4 and 5.

## Passing of "Little Red School House" Makes Him Feel Queer

Mr. Julius Broadwell, of Micro township, was a visitor in Smithfield Wednesday.

Mr. Broadwell is a veteran of the civil war and has already passed his eighty-first milestone, but he still marches with a steady pace and a "heads up" stride.

He has seen and heard many interesting things during his four-score-and-one years. He has taught school right here among the home-folks longer than David was King of Israel. He went over the creek one day last week to a little place where he taught some thirty years ago. He saw some old trees and other ancient landmarks that have remained pretty much the same through these years, but the little one teacher school house in which he taught is now gone. In its place now stands a modern building with seven or eight class rooms in it. All this made the old teacher feel a little queer.

He had a few remarks to say about politics while in town. He re-

## BENSON HAS VOTED BONDS FOR SCHOOL

### Election Carried Tuesday Provides Sum Of \$40,000 For New Building.

159 VOTES VS. 45

Another Johnston County town has made provision for better school facilities. Benson voted bonds Tuesday to the amount of \$40,000, one hundred fifty nine votes being cast for bonds and 45 against. The bonds will be sold and the contract let at the same time the bonds voted at Clayton and Pine Level are sold.

This increased revenue at Benson will mean fifteen additional rooms which will be built on to the present building which already contains about sixteen rooms. The high school training for all of Meadow township and a part of Pleasant Grove and Elevation. Probably a thousand pupils will be numbered in the Benson school next year with the personnel of the faculty nearly doubled. At present there are sixteen members of the faculty including Prof H. C. Renegar, principal.

The new rooms are expected to be completed by Dec. 1.

## Mr. Samuel Eason Passes To His Reward

On Saturday night, March 2, about 12:30 o'clock, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barham and took the soul of their darling son.

Samuel was fifteen years, seven months and one day old. He was sick about four weeks with the dreadful disease pneumonia and heart dropsy. He bore his suffering patiently. He leaves to mourn his death a step father, mother, one brother, Benjamin Eason, of State Hospital, Raleigh, three sisters, Mrs. E. J. McDonnell, of St. Louis, Mo., Elizabeth and Iola Eason and a large number of relatives and friends.

His funeral was preached at the grave by Rev. Billy Ferrell. He was laid to rest by the side of his father, I. J. Eason, who died about six years ago.

The familly wish to thank their many friends for the kindness shown, and the flowers placed upon his grave. It made sad hearts lighter.

A precious one from them is gone,  
A voice they loved is still;  
A place is vacant in their home  
Which never can be filled.  
A friend,  
N. H. P.

## Can't Decide On Denby's Successor

Washington, Mar. 4.—President Coolidge is searching for a seasoned executive to succeed Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy, but thus far he has reached no decision.

## NO NECESSITY FOR VET. INVESTIGATION

Washington, Mar. 4.—No investigation of findings of the Chicago grand jury which indicted C. R. Forbes and C. W. Thompson will be made by the veterans committee it was announced by Senator Reid, chairman of that committee.

Senator Reid said the information concerning two representatives showed it was not a matter for investigation but for prompt prosecution. It was stated that it was the understanding of the committee that Mr. Crem would give to the president the names of the two congressmen involved in the charges.

## CAROLINA WONDER TEAM SOUTHERN CHAMPIONS

Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 5.—University of North Carolina's basketball team here last night defeated the University of Alabama for the championship in the Southern Intercollegiate association.

The score was 25 to 18.

## DRAWS \$1,000 FINE ON BOOZE HAULING CHARGE

Greensboro, March 5.—One thousand dollars was the fine imposed in Municipal Court here Tuesday by Judge D. H. Collins, on Geo. Sprou, convict, convicted of transporting whiskey. It was alleged that the young man, white, has been transporting it here from Virginia. He appealed and bond was set at \$5,000.

## \$262,800 RAISED FOR NEW HOTEL AT GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, March 6.—The second day in the drive for the new hotel here brought a response of \$14,200, bringing up the total of sales to \$262,800. A total of \$137,200 is still to be obtained before the sought quota has been reached, but the stock salesmen are of a most optimistic mien and feel sure that Saturday will see the \$400,000 in the coffers of the campaign committee. Telegrams from out of town hotel companies and men continue to pour in and it is evident that the eyes of most every person in the State—especially those connected with hotel projects—are directed towards Goldsboro and its efforts.

## TREASURER LACY TO DELIVER \$3,700,000 BONDS AT N. Y.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy left Raleigh Tuesday for New York, where he goes to deliver \$3,700,000 of State bonds for schools to purchasers. The issue is disposed of at par to bear 4 1-2 per cent interest.

## LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE HELD HERE TUESDAY

A very inspiring laymen's conference was held at the Presbyterian church here Tuesday afternoon and evening. At 3:30 o'clock Rev. Mr. Hunter, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Willow Spring, made a splendid talk on "Personal Work." He told of the great need of personal work and stressed its importance in the Kingdom. He also spoke of the joy that comes from such work and by illustrations showed that opportunities for this work will come to every one who is willing to work.

Rev. Neil McInnis, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Selma, then, using the subject, "Religion in the Home," told of the importance of family worship. He urged parents to (Continued on page four-

## WOMEN TO BUY CLUB HOUSE SITE

### Annual Reports Given At A Meeting Of The Woman's Club Wednesday.

#### DR. ROSE ADDRESSES CLUB

Wednesday, the time for the annual election of officers of the Woman's Club and for giving the annual reports, was one of the most important meetings of the year and probably the most momentous in the history of the club in view of the fact that steps were taken at this time to provide for a permanent club room. The meeting was also characterized by a talk on "Sanitation and Housing" by Dr. A. H. Rose, city health officer.

For some time the Woman's Club has known that the present quarters will not be available in a couple of years more, and for this reason it began to consider plans for a permanent home. A committee was appointed to investigate certain sites which appeared desirable and at the same time within the means of the club. After these investigations, the committee recommended at the meeting Wednesday the purchase of the lot on the corner of First and Market streets owned by Mr. W. M. Sanders, who offered this location for the very reasonable sum of \$250. The club accepted the recommendation and as soon as a corporation shall be formed the purchase will be affected. The club will take immediate steps toward plans for a building, two possibilities having been suggested—the building of a log bungalow, the other the removal of the building now being used. Mr. F. H. Brooks is the owner of this building but he has given the club a chance to purchase it at the expiration of two years should it seem practicable to move it.

That the club, with its more than 100 members, is justified in undertaking the building of a club house which will at the same time serve as a public library, was evidenced by the reports given by the various officers. More than a thousand dollars was raised during last year, a large part of which was expended in local enterprises. Around \$500 was used in keeping the cemetery neat and trim, while a goodly sum went for charitable purposes.

Several of the departments have accomplished a notable work. Cooperation in the establishment of a curb market during seven months of the year in which time about \$1000 worth of produce was sold, is perhaps the outstanding work of the Home Economics Department.

The Music department besides giving three public entertainments, has specialized in the monthly programs held at different homes in the city designed to create a deeper interest in the best music.

The literary department has studied North Carolina writers, and the attendance has been proof of the interest along this line.

The library chairman reported 882 volumes in the library which have been available one day in every week except three, the total number of borrowers for the year being 1,407.

At the conclusion of the reports, the election of officers took place as follows: president, Mrs. W. H. Lyon; vice-president, Mrs. H. B. Marrow; recording secretary, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter; corresponding secretary, Miss Cora Belle Ives; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Woodall; chairman of civics, Mrs. Lee Sanders; chairman of music, Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson; chairman of library, Mrs. A. G. Johnson; chairman of home economics, Mrs. W. M. Sanders; chairman of social service, Mrs. H. C. Hood; chairman of literature, Mrs. A. S. Johnston; editor Mrs. N. M. Lawrence.

The ladies were quite interested in the paper read by Dr. Rose which will appear in full in our next issue.

A genius is a woman who can make her husband believe that beating rugs will improve his golf swing.