

YOUNG COOLIDGE DIES OF POISON

BATTLE AGAINST POISON IN
CURRED FROM INJURY PLAY-
ING TENNIS.

Washington.—Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of the President, died Monday at Walter Reed hospital of blood poisoning.

The end came after the boy had battled with the utmost bravery and fortitude for five days against a disease which had racked his body with pain and sapped the reserve strength of his frail constitution.

President and Mrs. Coolidge, who had maintained constant vigil at the hospital were at his bedside, hopeful and cheering and comforting their son to the last.

Three sinking spells Sunday night brought him to the point of death. A slight rally Monday gave slight hope, but soon thereafter he began again to lose ground and he never rallied again.

A sinking spell, the fourth he had suffered in 24 hours, brought death notwithstanding the use of oxygen and other restoratives the courage which had withstood crisis after crisis and had beaten death off repeatedly, was unable to meet the final attack. The collapse began at 6:30 o'clock and he gradually sank into eternity. He died at 10:30 o'clock.

The infection developed from a broken blister on the right foot incurred during a tennis match with his brother John on the White House courts.

The poison, however, once started, had spread so rapidly that medical skill was without avail. A number of specialists were called to act with White House physicians on the case and a desperate fight for life was made by the boy, who struggled in great pain and with high fever.

White Indians of Panama Arrive.

New York.—Richard Marsh, civil engineer and explorer, arrived on the liner Calamares with three "white Indians" whom he discovered in the San Blas wilderness of Panamak. His charges, together with five copper-colored members of the San Blas tribe of Indians, who also accompanied him were detained aboard the ship by the immigration authorities.

The "white Indians" are Alo, 16 Chepu, 10, and Marguerite, 14. They have white skin, burned pink by the tropical sun, pale blue eyes, golden hair and white eye lashes and brows. Marguerite's hair is bobbed, the work of an American barber in Colon. Her hands and face are covered with brown splotches resembling enlarged freckles. The children showed extreme nervousness in facing the motion picture and still cameras.

Gaston Farmers Lose By Flood.

Gastonia.—Gaston county farmers face one of the most dismal crop outlooks since the famous flood year of 1916, unless conditions change materially and at once, according to a digest of opinions reported by a score or more of farmers from every section of Gaston county.

As a general rule, farmers during the past two weeks on account of the heavy rains, have not been able to plow a furrow. In many instances there has been no plowing done in three weeks or longer. For instance, Mr. Jackson, of the New Hope section, reports 3 1-2 days plowing in the past four weeks, and J. O. Armstrong, of Belmont, four days in the past five weeks.

Cotton and corn are both suffering. In some sections corn is the worst hit; in others, cotton. In these sections of the county, chiefly in the southern and eastern where late planting of corn is the rule, there is a dismal prospect for corn. Half the crop has not even been planted and there is small hope of getting it in the ground within the next two weeks.

MacDonald Mystifies English Leaders.

London.—Prime Minister MacDonald surprised the house of commons by the announcement that misunderstandings which had arisen with the French government over the invitation to the inter-allied conference at London, had decided him to accept the suggestion of Premier Herriot, of France, to pay a hurried visit to France to smooth out the difficulties.

The members of the house were evidently uneasy and mystified. Both former Premier Herbert H. Asquith and former Premier Stanley Baldwin, leaders respectively of the liberals and conservatives confessed themselves perplexed by Mr. MacDonald's statement. Mr. Asquith declaring himself "bewildered regarding what has happened and what is going to happen."

Many Nations To Join London Meet

London.—Prime Minister MacDonald, of Great Britain told the House of Commons that it was hoped that the allied states, represented at the inter-allied conference at London July 16 would be the British empire, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Greece, Portugal, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia. The United States ambassador, Frank B. Kellogg, would also attend, as had already been announced by the American Government. Mr. MacDonald said.

CARRIERS ELECT OFFICERS

Important Resolutions Adopted and
Other Business Transacted
at Closing Session.

Greensboro.—G. V. Hawkins, of Shelby, was elected president of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers association at the closing session of the two-day convention here. Other officers for the ensuing year are:

Vice president, O. W. Hines, McLeansville; secretary, J. P. Turner, Burlington (re-elected); treasurer, W. P. Cook, Asheville.

Officers were installed just before the session ended.

Delegates chosen to attend the national convention are:

Carl H. Howard, St. Pauls; John Norwood, Norwood; Neal Thompson, Vineland; J. S. Devinney, Julian; A. S. Barnes, Wilson.

The convention voted to meet next year at Salisbury.

The convention went through a busy day. Committees made their reports, routine business was handled and resolutions adopted.

Chief among the latter was one asking senators and congressmen to give united support in behalf of the equipment bill, asking that it be brought up at the next session of Congress, passed and made retroactive from July 1, 1924.

The equipment bill proposes that rural carriers be allowed six cents per mile for equipment. It is not a salary bill, but the carriers think they should have some compensation for equipment.

Another resolution put the association on record as desiring all roads used by carriers in discharge of their duties be made public roads; another that carriers be paid by postmaster; another that rural carriers be free from license tax on automobiles used for carrying mail exclusively.

Two Drown Due To Tilting of Boat.

Kinston.—Evidence to the coroner here indicates that Daniel Dickerson and Clarence Grant, who lost their lives in Gray's millpond, near Institute, were drowned as the result of an accident. Dickerson and Grant are reported to have been members of a fishing party. Four men were in a small boat on the mill run. One of them, said to have been Dickerson, in moving tilted the boat until it came near capsizing. Efforts were made to get the craft back on an even keel. It foundered, and the occupants found themselves struggling in deep water. Linwood Suggs and Roland Sheppard swam ashore.

To Reconstruct Catawba Power Plant.

Charlotte.—Another step in the waterpower development program of the Southern Power company was assured when announcement was made at the offices of this company of plans for the immediate reconstruction of the old Catawba hydro-electric plant located 20 miles south of Charlotte. The new plant will have a generating capacity of 80,000 horsepower, being of the same size as the Mountain Island plant, 12 miles from Charlotte, which was completed seven months ago, and almost twice the size of the new Rhodiss plant, development of which was started a few months ago.

The first step in the actual construction of the new Catawba plant was the letting of a contract for the building of a railway track from a point near Fort Mill, S. C., to the site of the plant, a distance of five miles. This contract was let the McDowell Contracting company of Marion. Work on this railway is to begin immediately, and will be pushed vigorously until the road is ready for traffic.

Taxes Increase Twenty Per Cent.

Raleigh.—Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton announced that collections of taxes for the first six months of 1924 total \$4,498,044.66 as against \$3,697,165.97 for the same period last year, an increase of more than 20 per cent.

For the calendar year 1923, total collections by the Department of Revenue amounted to \$5,750,067.73 and this sum is expected to be exceeded materially this year.

The collections to date are divided as follows: income taxes, \$3,901,973.88; inheritance taxes, \$253,256.08; license taxes, \$259,976.89; franchise taxes, \$85,771.70; interest on bank balances, \$6,066.09. The principal taxes to be collected during the remainder of the year are from franchises and licenses.

Negroes Escape From Gang.

Greensboro.—Nine negro convicts escaped from the city's stockade at a reservoir under construction seven miles from here. One has been recaptured. They were all serving short terms.

First Tobacco Harvested.

Kinston.—First harvesting of tobacco has been reported from a number of farms in this section during the past three days. Barns have been "fired" in the Moseley Hall, Tower Hill road and Aldridge communities and elsewhere. In most instances growers declared the first curings were of unusually good quality. In this part of the belt curing will be in full swing before July 15, the earliest date at which harvesting was anticipated by observers here a month ago.

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT FOR NOMINEE

TOTAL VOTE 1098. NECESSARY TO ELECT 732.

Ballot	Underwood	McAdoo	Robinson	J. W. Davis	Smith	Saulsbury	Cox	Ritchie	Glass	Walsh	Ralston	Jonathan Davis
First	42½	431½	41	31	240½	7	60	22½	25	0	30	20
Second	43	431	41	42	251½	6	61	21½	25	1	30	23
Third	42	437	41	34	255½	6	60	21½	29	1	30	20
Fourth	41½	443½	18	34	260	6	59	21½	45	1	30	29
Fifth	41½	443	19	34½	261	6	59	43	25	1	30	28
Sixth	42½	443	19	58½	258½	6	59	23	25	1	30	27
Seventh	42½	443	19	55	261½	6	59	21	25	1	30	30
Eighth	48	444½	21	57	273½	6	60	20	26	1	30	29
Ninth	45½	444½	21	63	278	6	60	17½	25	1	30½	32½
Tenth	44	471½	20	57½	299½	6	60	17½	25	1	30½	12
11th	42	476	20	59	303	6	60	17½	25	1	32	11
12th	41½	477½	19	60	301	6	60	17½	26	1	31½	13½
13th	40½	478	19	64½	303½	6	60	17½	25	1	31½	11
14th	40½	475½	19	64½	306½	6	60	17½	24	2	31	11
15th	39½	479	20	61	305½	6	60	17½	25	1	31	11
16th	41½	478	46	63	305½	6	60	17½	25	1	31	11
17th	42	471½	28	64	312½	6	60	17½	44	1	30	10
18th	39½	470½	22	66	312½	6	60	18½	30	2	30	9
19th	39½	474	22	84½	311½	6	60	17½	30	2	31	9
20th	45½	432	21	122	307½	6	60	17½	25	8	30	10
21st	45½	430	22	125	307½	6	60	17½	24	8	30	5
22nd	45½	438½	22	123½	307½	12	60	17½	25	8½	32	5
23rd	39½	438½	23	129½	308	6	60	17½	30	8	32	5
24th	39½	438½	22	129½	308	6	60	17½	29	9	33	5
25th	39½	436½	23	126	308½	6	59	17½	29	16	31	5
26th	39½	415½	23	125	311½	6	59	17½	24	4	32	5
27th	39½	413	23	128½	316½	6	59	18½	29	7	32	6
28th	39½	412	24	126	316½	6	59	18	25	7	34	6
29th	39½	415	23	124½	321	6	59	17½	25	1½	34	6
30th	39½	415½	23	126½	323½	6	57	17½	24	1½	33	6
31st	39½	415½	23	127½	332½	6	57	16½	24	2½	33	6
32nd	39½	415½	24	128	322	6	57	16½	24	3½	32	6
33d	39½	404½	23	121	318½	6	49	16½	32	20½	32	6
34th	39½	445	24	107½	311	6	54	16½	24	1½	31	3
35th	39½	439½	24	107	323½	6	55	16½	24	½	33	3
36th	39½	438½	24	107	323	6	55	17½	24	½	32	3
37th	39½	444	24	107	321	6	55	17½	24	1½	32	3
38th	39½	444	24	106	321	6	55	18½	25	1	32	3
39th	39½	499½	23	71	321	6	55	17½	24	0	31	3
40th	39½	505½	24	70½	317½	6	55	17½	24	0	30	3
41st	39½	509½	24	70	317½	6	55	17½	24	0	30	3
42d	39½	503½	24	67	318½	6	55	17½	24	0	31	3
43rd	40	483½	44	71	319	6	54	17½	24	1	31	2
44th	39	484½	44	71	319	6	54	17½	24	1	31	2
45th	38	483½	44	73	319	6	54	17½	24	1	31	3
46th	37½	487	44	72	319	6	54	16½	24	1	31	3
47th	37½	484½	45	70½	320	6	54	16½	24	1	31	3
48th	38½	483½	44	70½	321	6	54	16½	25	1	31	3
49th	42	462½	45	64½	320½	6	54	16½	24	1	57	4
50th	42½	461½	44	64	320½	6	54	16½	24	1	58	2
51st	43	442½	43	67½	328	6	55	16½	25	2½	63	2
52nd	39½	412½	42	59	320½	6	54	16½	24	1	93	0
53rd	42½	423½	43	63	320½	6	54	16½	25	0	94	0
54th	40	427	43	62	320½	6	54	17½	24	1	92	0
55th	40	426½	43	62½	320½	6	54	16½	24	1	97	0
56th	39½	430	43	58½	320½	6	54	16½	25	1	97	0
57th	39½	430	43	58½	320½	6	54	16½	25	1	97	0
58th	39	495	23	89½	331	6	54	16½	26	1	40½	0
59th	40	473½	23	60	331½	6	54	16½	25	0	42½	0
60th	42	469½	23	60	330½	6	54	16½	25	3	42½	0
61st	42	469½	23	60	335½	6	54	16½	25	3	37½	0
62nd	40	489	23	60½	338½	6	50	16½	26	3	37½	0
63rd	40	466½	22	63	315	6	48	16½	26	3	56	0
64th	39½	488½	24	61½	325½	6	54	16½	25	2½	1	0
65th	40	492	23	71½	336½	6	1	16½	25	3	0	0
66th	39½	495	21	74½	338½	6	0	16½	25	3	0	0
67th	46½	490	21	75½	336½	6	0	16½	25	2	0	0
68th	46½	488½	21	72½	336½	6	0	16½	26	1	0	0
69th	38	530	21	64	335	6	0	16½	25	0	0	0
70th	37½	528½	21	67	334½	6	0	16½	25	0	0	0
71st	37½	528½	21	68	333½	6	0	16½	25	1	0	0
72nd	37½	527½	21	65	334	6	0	16½	25	2	0	0
73rd	38½	528	21	66	335	6	0	16½	25	2	0	0
74th	47	510	23	78½	364	7	1	16½	28	4½	3½	0
75th	46½	513	25	78½	366	6	1	16½	28	2	4½	0
76th	46½	513	25	76½	368	6	1	166½	28	2	4½	0
77th	47½	513	24	76½	367	6	1	16½	27	2	6½	0
78th	49	511	22½	73½	363½	6	0	16½	21	6	5	0
79th	50	507½	28½	71	366½	6	0	16½	17	6	4	0
80th	46½	454	29½	73½	367½	6	0	16½	68	4	5	0
81st	48	433	29½	70½	365	6	0	16½	73	8	4	0
82d	49	413½	28½	71	366	6	0	16½	78	4	24	0
83d	58½	418	27½	72½	365	6	0	16½	76	4	24	0
84th	40½	388½	25	66	365	6	0	16½	72½	1½	86	0
85th	40½											