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## Calvin Coolidge, Jr., Dies From Septic Poison Attack

### President's Son Loses Five-Day Battle After Making Three Rallies

### All Medical Aid Fails When Lad's Reserve Drops

### Frail Constitution Is Sapped By Racking Disease

### PARENTS PRESENT WHEN END COMES

### Infection Was Result of Broken Blister From Tennis Match.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of President and Mrs. Coolidge, died tonight at Walter Reed Hospital.

The end came after the boy had battled with the utmost bravery and fortitude for five days against a disease that 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 the bedside hopeful and comforting their son to the last.

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

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 off death repeatedly was unable to meet the attack.

The collapse began at 6:30 o'clock and he gradually sank into eternity.

### Result of Broken Blister

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 last Monday. At first paying no attention to it the youth developed an alarming condition by Wednesday night and physicians were summoned.

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.

Every resource of medical science was brought into play in vain effort to save young Calvin's life. An operation was performed on the left leg Saturday night to drain off the poison, and blood transfusion and oxygen were later resorted to.

The natural strength of a boy of 16, however, which was counted on as the most powerful resisting force to the creeping poison, was slowly beaten down and after having fought a brave but always losing fight he succumbed.

One of the final complications and the one which the physicians were unable to meet was the formation of gas on the stomach. The organ was washed out repeatedly in an effort to put it in condition to retain nourishment but the effort was

unsuccessful.

Young Calvin was removed to the hospital Saturday and an operation on the same night revealed inflammation of the bone marrow of the left leg, where the infection first localized in part. A slight rally followed but on Sunday night his condition grew so serious that blood transfusion and oxygen administrations were resorted to.

Even as he had fought when there was hope for life, young Calvin battled when the time of death approached. Minute after minute and hour after hour he lived to the surprise of all.

As the spark of life flickered only faintly, still persisted, ready to be extinguished at any minute, but the will to live was strong and death was held off when those at the bedside had long since abandoned hope.

E. T. Clark, the President's personal secretary, emerging from the sick room at 10 o'clock told those waiting outside that the patient was sinking, but that his stamina was resisting at every backward step.

### Widespread Sympathy

Neither President Coolidge nor Mrs. Coolidge came out and the physicians remained to minister to the suffering boy's last minutes. The White House where a staff had been kept busy while the Presidential residence was temporarily removed to Reed Hospital, ceased to function for the time and Secretary Slep and others rushed to the hospital. In other parts of the city where the illness of the boy had gripped public interest to the exclusion of almost everything else, there were anxious inquiries as to his conditions and expressions of sympathy for the parents.

At the hospital groups gathered outside the ground awaiting word but inside, the sentries moved in their usual way and there were no visible signs that anything out of the ordinary was taking place. Hundreds of war veterans are housed there and sympathy was marked on every hand. Silence was the order over all the building.

Only the physicians and the President's personal secretary were authorized to give out any word and their information was confined to occasional brief reports of the condition of the boy unaccompanied by any detail.

Announcement that death had finally relieved the sufferer was made by Mr. Clarke. He walked slowly from the room and those who were gathered there knew from his demeanor that the end had come. Only the brief announcement of death was made and soon thereafter, President and Mrs. Coolidge, grief stricken over their great sorrow, made their way slowly to a White House automobile and drove away.

The parents had been with the boy unceasingly since the final collapse and all through the ordeal of the administration of oxygen in the effort somehow to win the losing fight.

For some time before the end, however, the patient had been in a state of coma.

## The Marshall Sunday School Picnic.

The Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools of Marshall all united in an outing picnic, at Hot Springs July 4. Mrs. Bessie M. Safford, of Hot Springs very graciously, permitted the picnic festivities to be held in the hotel park, which is conceded to be one, if not the most beautiful parks in North Carolina. The fact, that all the Sunday Schools united in this occasion shows the kind of feeling existing between the churches in Marshall. This is hardly to be boasted of, for it is as it should be. If churches do not possess, the kindest feeling and brotherly love toward each other, it is a certain indication that they are not out representing the religion of Jesus Christ. Religion should be the same to all who profess to follow the Prince of Peace, what church each individual is a member of is a personal matter, and if we have the right spirit in us we are certainly willing to accord to others the same privilege that we claim for ourselves.

The Marshall people appear to possess this splendid trait, to get back to the picnic, cars and trucks were provided at Marshall and the schools above mentioned together with the bountifully filled baskets of good eats, were transported to Hot Springs, getting there about 10:30 A. M. The drive now from Marshall to Hot Springs is a pleasure. It is all the way over the State Highway, and one of the most scenic trips to be found in America. The four schools, with the invited guest made a large crowd.

Before the dinner was spread, it looked as if it would be next to impossible to feed the crowd. It turned out however that there was more than "five loaves and a few fishes." The truth is that after the great crowd eat all they could, there was plenty left to feed another such crowd, abundance of delicious lemonade had been prepared and every one drank all they wanted which made the good dinner go better.

Before the dinner was spread two of the crowd decided to get married. Register of Deeds J. Will Roberts provided the license and Rev. Mr. Elliot, pastor of the Baptist Church of Marshall performed the ceremony in the park under the beautiful trees using the group of large rocks as a background. The couple seemed well pleased and the large crowd bid them Godspeed and sent them on their way rejoicing. After the dinner hour Mrs. Safford invited a large number up to her beautiful home on the hill. Mrs. Safford's home is beautifully appointed in every way. To go through the home, is like being in one of the high class homes in Paris, France.

She has many rare collections of furniture and paintings, connected with and apart of the home is a beautiful chapel. In the chapel is some very rare collections. One cannot but feel in going through this little chapel, that one is in the presence of God. Mrs. Safford has many of the finest variety of flowers, planted and cultivated by her own hands. All the Marshall people greatly enjoyed the day, and thank Mrs. Safford for her kind hospitality and generosity.

The 4th of July, which the people of Marshall celebrated could

## Mexican Bean Beetle Is Persistent Pest

In order that gardeners of Asheville and Buncombe county may successfully combat the Mexican bean beetle, L. D. Thrash, farm agent offer a brief sketch of the beetle, its habits, and how to control its ravages. Mr. Thrash says:

"For years the Mexican bean beetle, has been traveling northeast from Mexico at the rate of about 50 miles a year until at least he has reached Buncombe county and from all indications he has come to stay.

"He is a terrapin shaped bug, of a yellow brown color, with large black spots on his back. The larva is shaped like the potato larva but is yellow in color and is covered with yellow spines.

"This beetle as the name implies, feeds on plants of the bean family. It prefers the garden bean to any of the others but when the garden beans gives out it attacks the soybean, the cowpea and even the bagger lice.

"It is considered impossible to grow garden beans on a farm where the beetle has made his appearance unless a system of dusting is carried out, and the owner of a bean-beetle-free bean patch, should consider himself fortunate.

"Calcium arsenate and lime mixed as follows and used as a dust has been found to be the most effective method of control calcium arsenate, 1 part, and builders lime, 9 parts.

"Since the beetle eats the under side of the leaf only, it becomes necessary that the dust gun nozzle be deflected in order that the dust will strike the under instead of the top side of the leaf. The dust must be applied as often as new foliage appears on the plants, which will mean that the beans will have to be dusted about once every week.

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while, That costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile. The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its fellow men. Will drive away the cloud of gloom and coax the sun again, It's full of worth and goodness, too, with many a kindness bent— It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a cent.

not have been spent in a more appropriate manner. When the Declaration of Independence was being considered, for adoption, Benjamin Franklin said in a speech supporting its adoption, "If we do not hang together, we shall all hang separately." The inference was that King George would have them all adjudged traitors and hung. They hung together and adopted the Declaration of Independence, and won the independence for the United States of America. That is what standing together means. The moral is if the churches of Marshall stand together as they did in the picnic it means lots for the moral uplift of the town. If the people of the town stand together for the improvement of the town it means Marshall will be a good town. If they don't stand together, it not only means that Marshall is a "finished town," but it also means that it will run the back track and play out.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The French Broad Baptist Sunday School Convention will convene with Walnut Creek, Baptist Church, on Saturday July 26th, 1924 at 9 o'clock, A. M., of which fact all Churches and Sunday Schools will please take notice and send messages and full reports on the blank letters now being sent out to every Church and Sunday School. Let us have complete reports this year.

W. P. JERVIS, Secretary

## PROGRAM

Saturday, July 26th, 9 A. M.

Music by Walnut Creek, Sunday School, and religious services by some one named by the Moderator.

9:30—Call the roll of Churches and Sunday Schools. Read reports and enroll delegates names.

10:30—Organization.

10:45—General discussion of the various reports, with all incidental problems connected with the work, (first) by delegates then by others.

12:00 M. DINNER ON THE GROUND

1:00 P. M.—Conversions in our Schools and after Conversions "What"

3:00 P. M.—Incidental Convention work, and Adjournment.

SUNDAY JULY 27th

9:00 A. M. —Music and Devotional Services.

9:30 A. M.—General Sunday Mass Meeting to be addressed by Rev. A. C. Hamby, Prof. R. L. Moore, Rev. R. P. McCracken.

11:15 A. M.—Sermon Rev. J. R. Owen.

## The Baptist Mountain Assembly

Great plans are being laid by the Director of the Mountain Assembly, Mr. Perry Morgan of Raleigh, for making this one of the most vital gatherings of this nature held in this State. It begins on Tuesday evening, July 29 and closes August 7, ten days full of study, inspiration, and delightful fellowships. An evangelistic service, perhaps under a large tent, will be held at eight o'clock every evening, at which an attendance of a thousand or more is expected. Last year several hundred people from outside the county attended the Assembly and the number will be larger this year. One church in Greensboro plans to send a delegation of at least 25. If every community in Madison County sent some of its fine young people along with some of the mature workers in Sunday School and church, it would mean much to the ongoing of the Kingdom of God. Some should stay here through all the ten days, others can make up a car full and run over to Mars Hill every morning and stay for the study classes and the Bible addresses returning home for night. Board is only a dollar a day. If our people show their appreciation of this Assembly and profit by attending its sessions, it will be made a permanent gathering to which hundreds from every part of the State will come each year. Another year Mars Hill will have room for a much larger number as two dormitories costing \$100,000 are now under way; also a gymnasium which will cost \$35,000 when completed.

R. L. MOORE, Mars Hill, N. C.

When you want Hay, Oats, Corn, Flour, Meal, Bran & Shorts and all kinds of Chicken Feed we have it.—Marshall Feed Company.

## Death Of Mrs. Isabella Baker Better Known As Grandma Baker

On Thursday P. M. July 3, a quarter past one o'clock the death Angel visited the home of N. F. Baker of Big Pine and called away Mother and Grandmother, Isabella Baker.

Grandma Baker as she was always spoken of had passed her one-hundredth birthday, her exact age was unknown, but was known to be that old and possibly older. She had been in feeble health for years, and at the last had been confined to her bed for several weeks. Many of her grandchildren and friends were at her bedside when the end came.

Grandma joined the Methodist Church when she was fourteen years of age, and has through her many years remained a member of that church, being brought up in an old-fashioned Methodist home she was a strong believer in that denomination, and although for years there has not been a Methodist Church in the community in which she lived, she would not place her membership with any other Church.

Grandma's husband, David Baker died more than forty years ago leaving her with seven children, all of whom she outlived except two, N. F. Baker, with whom she had made for 36 years, and D. H. Baker who has been blind since boyhood.

Although Grandma had been in feeble health for several years and had for a good while been confined to her bed, still she was always kind and cheerful, and besides her two sons she leaves many grandchildren to mourn her loss.

### A Telegram

Lexington, N. C.  
Homer Henry

An old man is here by name of John Drake, mind not good, states he was born and reared in Madison County. Am detaining man trying to get some information wire me at once if you know anything about man.

Supt. Public Welfare