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## INAUGURATION TOMORROW

Woodrow Wilson Will Become Private Citizen Again, Harding Succeeding Him—Simple Ceremony Provided For.

The inauguration of Warren G. Harding as President of the United States will take place tomorrow on the east portico of the Capitol at Washington, and President Wilson, who has for the last eight years guided the destinies of the country, will be a private citizen again.

A very simple ceremony has been provided for. President Wilson and President-elect Harding will ride from the White House to the Capitol together in an automobile. Another car will follow with their wives. Following will be a car containing Vice-President Marshall and Vice President-elect Coolidge, and then a car with their wives. Many other cars will no doubt follow.

Vice-President Coolidge will be sworn in in the Senate chamber, and later President Harding will be sworn in. President Wilson will be present at the inauguration of Coolidge, and if he is able will also witness the inauguration of Harding. Immediately after the ceremony he will go to the home he recently purchased in Washington, while President and Mrs. Harding will return to the White House.

It is expected that President Harding's inaugural address will be short. A megaphone arrangement has been installed, whereby the entire vast crowd will be able to hear his address, it being the first time in history this has been possible.

## CEDAR HILL NEWS.

These warm sunny days make us think about planting our gardens. Some of the folks have planted English peas and will plant Irish potatoes soon.

Mr. Daniel Brewer is in a critical condition at his home here. He has been unconscious since Sunday, but is thought to be a little better now. We are wishing for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Joe A. Story of Mt. Gilead visited Mr. R. L. Hatcock Saturday. His mother, Mrs. Margaret Story accompanied him home to spend a few weeks.

Misses Sallie and Eunice Story of Norwood spent Saturday night and Sunday with their cousins, Misses Lillie and Lou Hatcock.

Mr. W. T. Hendley spent Saturday in Albemarle on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlus Gibson are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Laura Maulden is visiting her son, Mr. A. B. Maulden.

Mr. Tom Baldwin and little daughter visited relatives in Norwood Sunday.

Mr. Jim Springer and Charlie Hatcock visited near Norwood Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Lefler of Albemarle arrived Tuesday to be at the bedside of her brother, Mr. Daniel Brewer.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Staton's baby. They have our deepest sympathy.

## PERSONALS.

Miss Anne Baldwin Horne, who teaches home economics in Piedmont South Carolina, spent the week-end in Wadesboro with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Horne.

Mrs. P. R. Bennett and Mrs. L. G. Atkinson and sons, Guy and Hal, have returned from an extended visit to Florida.

Mrs. W. P. Parsons and Miss Katherine Via have returned from Florida where they spent three weeks.

Mrs. C. C. Bennett returned Monday night from a visit to Lenoir.

Mrs. Terrell Covington has as her house guest, Mrs. Jennie Edwards of Pensacola Florida.

Miss Elizabeth Horne returned today from Winston where she has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis.

Mrs. W. D. Stocks and three children Miss Elizabeth and Masters Bily and David, of Reidsville spent the week-end in Wadesboro with Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Webb. Miss May Crewey Webb accompanied them home where she will be for two weeks.

## BONUS HOPE ABANDONED.

Dispatches from Washington state that there is no hope of the enactment of a soldiers' bonus bill at this session of Congress, which expires at noon Friday.

## MRS. SARAH A. BRASWELL.

Mrs. Sarah A. Braswell died last Tuesday morning at the home in McFarlan of her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Moore, with whom she lived. Mrs. Braswell had been ill for several months with heart failure, and her death was not unexpected.

Mrs. Braswell was the widow of the late C. E. Braswell, and before her marriage she was Miss Sarah Northcutt. She is survived by two sons, Messrs. L. C. and C. E. Braswell, and by two daughters, Mrs. Ollie Moore and Mrs. Eunice Moore, and also by two step-sons, Sheriff W. S. Braswell and Mr. O. E. Braswell, of Richmond, Va., and by two step-daughters, Mrs. A. B. Sings, and Mrs. L. D. Teal. She is also survived by two sisters, Miss Helen Northcutt and Mrs. J. H. Miller, and by six brothers, Messrs. S. E. Northcutt, of Savannah, Ga., and R. E. L., W. N., E. F., J. F., and G. C. Northcutt, all of this county.

Mrs. Braswell was a Christian woman of highest character, and during her entire life was a strong force for good in her community. For many years she had been a member of the McFarlan Methodist Protestant church. She was a devoted wife and mother.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon by Rev. S. Taylor, of Morven, assisted by C. A. Wood, of Wadesboro, and interment was in the McFarlan cemetery. There was an unusually large attendance, and many beautiful floral offerings.

## MOUNT VERNON DOTS.

The weather is getting warm and the birds are singing and it is getting to be almost like spring again.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Thomas took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McSwain Sunday.

Some of our girls and boys have organized a singing club. We hope they will succeed.

Our pastor, Rev. M. D. L. Preslar was with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sikes Sunday for dinner.

Mr. Yarborough Porter spent Saturday night with Mr. Willie Sikes.

The children of Mt. Vernon school gave a nice little entertainment Friday night. They had a large crowd and every one seemed to enjoy it.

Mr. Pearl Sikes of Lilesville spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sikes.

The Mt. Vernon Sunday school has been changed to morning at 10 o'clock and we hope everyone will come.

Mrs. C. W. McSwain spent the day Monday with Mrs. Wyatt Hildreth who is suffering from an accident which occurred some time ago. Her many friends wish for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Brutus Martin and a Mr. Greene from Union county made music for the entertainment Friday night.

Mrs. S. C. Billingsley and family are moving to Rockingham where they will make their home.

## SCHOOL WELL ATTENDED.

The school held last Saturday by the county agents was well attended and great interest expressed in the topics discussed.

Mr. Kimery made one of the finest talks on the care of the family cow and the value of milk and butter in the home, ever heard in the county. Mr. A. G. Oliver's claim that the American hen deserves more attention than anything around the home, was substantiated by facts and figures.

The talks on seed and fertilizers were especially interesting to the large number of farmers present.

Making pectin to be used in Jelly from orange peeling was a new idea to most of the ladies present, but was an interesting and beautiful demonstration.

The exhibit of butter was good, Mrs. J. W. Kiker winning the premium for the best pound. From the large number of selected eggs on display, Craig Wall, of Lilesville, won first place.

Mr. E. K. Dunlap's ten ears of large white corn, took the prize in the corn. Many helpful and practical ideas were gained at this school along these lines which will prove beneficial in the future.

## Slight Accident.

A Chink by the name of Ching Ling, Fell off a street-car, bing-bing. The con turned his head, to the passengers said—

"The car's lost a washer ding ding"

—The Drexlerd.

## \$50,000,000 ROAD BILL PASSED.

Beginning of Far-Reaching Road Work in State—Expected That Automobiles Will Pay Most of Tax.

While the House and Senate have not yet agreed on all its provisions, the bill providing for issuance of \$50,000,000 in bonds for building hard surfaced roads in the state has passed both houses, and will soon be law. These bonds will build a considerable mileage of hard-surfaced roads, the amount depending on the cost of construction at the time contracts are let.

The chief provisions of the bill, in general, are as follows:

1—To take over about 5,500 miles of trunk line highways.

2—Some of this system is already hard surfaced. These links are to be connected, making the road continuous in hard surface.

3—System composes for the most part connection of county seats, principal towns, etc.

4—To maintain this system.

5—Fifty million in bonds to be issued to pay for this construction and maintenance.

6—Bonds and interest on same to be retired by tax on motors, fuel and license fees. Maintenance to be provided for in same manner by a sinking fund. The consumers of fuel and the users of motor vehicles will be the payers.

## WAR MOTHERS OF ANSON ASKED TO ORGANIZE.

The North Carolina Branch of American war mothers is asking the war mothers of Anson county to organize. The object of this organization is to help, in every possible way, those who served in the world war.

1st, the thousands of men who came home disabled and are now in hospitals, government, private, county homes, and many who are still waiting to be taken into hospitals, on account of the scarcity of nurses.

2nd, To help them obtain the disability compensation justly and promptly due them.

3rd To brighten the lives of our sick men by letters, magazines and delicacies.

Nearly all of these men are far from home and friends and only those who are in the work, understand how much of simplest comfort they lack. "War Mother" means the blood mother of a man or woman who served in the world war and surely Anson county did its part in this. All women interested are asked to send their names at once, to Mrs. J. A. Hardison or Mrs. R. E. Little, Wadesboro and a meeting will be arranged for, at an early date.

## SCHOOL NEWS.

The coming of spring has caused athletics to take on new life. The boys are on the base ball diamond, the girls are on the basket ball field and the primary pupils are enjoying such sports as jumping the rope and throwing horse shoes. The proposed tennis court will be a valuable addition to athletics. The recent reorganization of the basket ball club will mean greater activity along that particular line.

The domestic science department will entertain the members of the school board Thursday evening at an elaborate dinner.

Miss Hazel Briggs of the High school faculty is attending an English teachers' meeting at the N. C. College at Greensboro and we are very pleased to have Mr. Williamson meeting her classes.

Miss Mary Haynes was absent Monday of this week attending a conference at Durham.

The chapel exercises have been made unusually good this week, thanks to Colson and Covington furniture Co., who loaned us an Edison with some splendid records.

The primary department is planning an operetta at a future date which promises to be very entertaining.

## NOW GOES TO PRESIDENT.

Washington, March 2.—Congressional action was completed Tuesday night on the resolution to repeal virtually all of the war laws, the house voting to concur in senate amendments. The measure now goes to the president.

## Sure Safeguard.

"What is the best fire preventive?" asked a weekly journal. The answer is, the present price of coal.—Punch (London).

## THIRTY PEOPLE KILLED IN INDIANA RAILROAD WRECK

Unofficial Reports Place Death List as High as Fifty—Towerman is Placed Under Arrest.

Between thirty and forty persons were reported killed and an unknown number injured Sunday night when a west-bound New York Central train crashed into a derailed Michigan Central train at Porter, Ind., in what railroad officials said may be one of the most disastrous wrecks in history. Michigan Central officials placed the number of dead at more than thirty, while unofficial reports made the dead list as high as fifty.

The towerman of the Michigan Central was arrested immediately after the wreck, officials saying they believed he had left a switch closed, causing the derailment of the east bound train.

The Michigan Central train left Chicago at 5:05 p. m. bound for Toronto, Canada. It was cut in half by the westbound flyer, and both engines plunged down an embankment.

Five bodies were recovered near the debris of the two engines. Fifteen bodies had been removed within a few hours after the wreck.

It is believed that virtually all of the dead were in two of the Michigan Central coaches which were demolished when the New York Central train hit it.

The tracks of the two railroads intersect here at a sharp angle, being almost parallel. The Michigan Central train was believed to have started across the intersection and then to have been derailed. The towerman was blamed by railroad officials for allowing the Michigan Central train to attempt to cross ahead of the west-bound train.

A few persons living at this junction point immediately began work of rescuing, using lanterns in their search for the dead and injured. Relief trains arrived from Michigan City and Chicago about an hour after the wreck, carrying nurses and doctors. The victims were taken to Gary and to Michigan City.

## WANT BASEBALL TEAM

A movement is on foot to organize and incorporate a baseball association in Wadesboro, with capital sufficient to construct a ball park and to put a good team in the field this summer. If the project goes through the old ball ground on the graded school grounds will be put in good condition, and fixed up so that good ball may be played. The project is receiving considerable support and seems to have a good chance of going through. It is proposed to incorporate with an authorized capital of \$5,000, and operations may be begun when \$1,500 has been subscribed.

There is a quantity of base ball talent in Wadesboro, and the local men available make the nucleus of a first class team. It would be necessary to obtain only a few outside men. It has been several years since Wadesboro had a good team, and it is expected that the citizens of the town will support one, if it is organized.

## LILESVILLE NEWS.

Feb. 2.—Mr. H. J. Wall went to Charlotte yesterday on business.

Mrs. T. P. Richardson has gone to the Charlotte Sanatorium for treatment. Her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Clark and Miss Etta Beverly a trained nurse from Wadesboro accompanied her.

Mrs. Dora Creath of Rockingham is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Clark.

The new barber, Mr. Clyde Dennis and family have rooms at Mrs. M. J. Coxe's.

Misses Alie Mae Spencer and Mary Liles spent the week-end at home.

Miss Nan Wall of Charlotte visited her mother, Mrs. Rosa Wall last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wall and children visited Mrs. Wall's mother, Mrs. Richie of Richfield last Sunday.

Rev. G. Ager the new Baptist pastor and wife expect to move into the parsonage this week, and he will preach every second and fourth Sunday morning and at night.

## One Way Out.

"Father, I need a new riding habit." "Can't afford it," he growled. "But, father, what am I to do without a riding habit?" "Get the walking habit."—Boston Transcript.

## POLKTON LOCALS.

The gardeners are again at work. Let the wise folks tell us what to plant. Our schedule is lost.

Rev. M. D. L. Preslar went to Shiloh, near Monroe, Wednesday, to conduct the funeral services at the burial of a Mr. Hunnicutt, of that place.

If the base ball association can be kept within the bounds of order and decorum, it can serve a useful purpose. Otherwise, its influence will be detrimental to the highest types of manhood.

The ladies of the Baptist church are observing this week as a week of prayer for the success of the denominational interests.

Mr. Brady Kiker of Wadesboro, spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends near Diamond Hill.

Mrs. Henry Hutchinson of Poplar Hill was the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. G. Austin, the early part of last week.

Mrs. J. E. Thomas is critically ill this week. She has been sick for several weeks but does not improve.

Mrs. Preslar and Mrs. Jackson Simpson, spent last Tuesday with friends in Peachland.

Mr. Clayton Edwards of Wadesboro spent Sunday with friends in Polkton.

Miss Hester Bricker is taking a special course of studies in the Marshville High school.

Mr. J. W. Cameron and Mrs. J. C. Redfern will hold a meeting at Diamond Hill Friday afternoon commencing at 2:30 P. M. The people of the community and adjoining districts are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Enos Edwards and Mrs. Nita Edwards, near Polkton spent last week at Rufus North Carolina.

Misses Odell Kiker and Ina Floyd of the Diamond Hill section have accepted positions in the Albemarle knitting mills and commenced work this week.

Little Misses Ruth and Velma Preslar spent the week-end with friends in Wingate.

Mrs. J. P. Coffey of Rufus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Edwards, of Polkton, has been seriously sick with pneumonia, but is now improving.

The teachers of this section will have another meeting next Saturday. A good attendance is confidently expected.

Mrs. W. T. Edwards spent last Wednesday in Marshville.

The protracted meeting at the Methodist church closed Sunday night. There were a number of conversions most all of whom joined the church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stroup and family spent Sunday and Monday at Pineville, attending the funeral of Mr. Stroup's father, Mr. J. P. Stroup who died Sunday, and was buried Monday. He had many friends here and was highly esteemed by them all.

Mr. and Mrs. Covington, and Mr. and Mrs. Harrell, all of Marshville, were guests of Mrs. Howard Bricker last Sunday.

Mrs. Angeline Carpenter, of the Deep Springs section, died Wednesday afternoon, aged 65 years. Funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at Deep Springs. Mrs. Carpenter is survived by two sons, Messrs. Darlie Carpenter of Deep Springs, and Hiram Carpenter, on Newport News, and by one daughter, Mrs. Palmer Hawkins, of Norwood. Mrs. Carpenter was the widow of the late William Carpenter. She was a member of New Salem M. P. church.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Tadlock, of Laurinburg, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. R. J. Dabbs.

## LAND TRANSFERS.

The following real estate deeds have been registered since The M. & I.'s last report:

Wadesboro Mfg. Co. to Singleton Silk Mfg. Co.; about 34 acres, including the silk mill; \$10 and other considerations. The charter of the Wadesboro Mfg. Co. expired some time ago, and the sale is made in order to wind up the affairs of the old company.

H. W. Smith and wife to J. R. Mullis 45.2 acres on Lanes creek; \$1,000.

John D. Ratliff and wife to A. C. Ratliff; about 38 acres in Morven township; \$3,075.

Mary F. and W. M. Tyson to Anna E. Teal; 21 1-8 acres; \$200.

## Why the Editor Left Town.

Miss B. M. D.—sang sweetly and effectively "Just as I am, Without One Flea."—Fairmont West-Virginia.

## COTTON ACREAGE TO BE REDUCED.

Prices Have Gone as Low as They Will for the Present, Theodore H. Price Declares.

New York, Feb. 25.—Cotton acreage throughout the world is to be reduced an average of 50 per cent next season, if present plans are carried out, it was learned today.

Confronted by falling prices and an enormous surplus. American planters expected decreased acreage of 30 or 25 per cent. The Egyptian acreage has been reduced 66 per cent, and a substantial cut has been made in the East Indies.

Prices, however, "are about as low as they will go for the present," in opinion of Theodore H. Price, editor of Commerce and Finance and an authority on cotton.

"Raw cotton, particularly the low grades, are selling now far below cost of production," he said today. "Radical curtailment of acreage next year is almost certain. The surplus of American crop remaining unsold at the end of the present season will be more or less hypothetical in that while there will be no doubt of its existence it will not be pressed for sale."

Mr. Price referred to the fact that the hypothetical surplus in 1914-15, when the world's markets were generally closed by the war, was fully as large as that in prospect now, and added that "many of the greatest bulk price cuts in cotton have had their inception in bearish conditions that were quite as inauspicious as the statistical situation today."

Regarding the present situation in the south, where farmers are withholding their cotton, Mr. Price said:

"No reasons, either ethical or economical, can be urged against the right of the farmer to hold back the product of his labor if it is below the cost of production. As to the farmers financial ability to do this—many of them prospered substantially during the war, they invested their profits in prosperity permanently productive; their command of credit, if not actual money, is much greater than it was six or seven years ago.

## CHAMP CLARK DEAD.

Had Been Sick Only Few Days—Member of Congress 26 Years.

Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, died yesterday in Washington, within two days of his retirement from Congress after a service of 26 years. Mr. Clark had been ill only a few days, with pleurisy and a complication of diseases. He was 71 years old.

Mr. Clark had been Democratic leader of the House for years, and was speaker for eight years, retiring two years ago when the republicans gained control of the House. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1912, and for a number of ballots had a majority of the votes, but was finally beaten by President Wilson, a two-thirds majority being necessary for nomination. His defeat was largely due to the efforts of William Jennings Bryan. He was the only man who ever received a majority of votes for the presidential nomination by the Democrats and then failed to win the nomination. He was one of the most influential men in Congress. He was defeated for re-election last November by Judge T. W. Hukriede, although he led his ticket.

Mr. Clark was born in Kentucky, but moved to Missouri in early manhood. He is survived by his wife, by one son, Bennett Clark, and by one daughter, Mrs. James M. Thomson, of New Orleans.

## JACK HALL IN JAIL.

Jack G. Hall, the carnival musician, who is charged with committing bigamy here several months ago, was arrested Monday of last week in Greenville, S. C., where he was playing the clarinet in an orchestra. Deputy Sheriff W. P. Ledbetter went after Hall, and returned with him last night. Hall was arrested in Florence, S. C., immediately after the charge of bigamy was brought, but the South Carolina officers released him at that time, and he was later arrested in Greenville. He is now in jail here.

Hall, who is a very talented musician, gave a recital last night after arriving here, to a crowd gathered outside the jail, and it was very much enjoyed by those present. He says that he will come through his present trouble all right.