

WARTIME PRESIDENT CLOSES LIFE QUIETLY

Woodrow Wilson Died Peacefully at Washington Home Sunday Morning After Four Year Battle Against Stroke of Paralysis--Whole World Pays Tribute to His Memory--Utter Simplicity Marked Last Rites Over His Body Yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Former President Woodrow Wilson died at 11:15 o'clock Sunday morning. 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 on who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams." 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 haemiplegia. 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."

Last Friday the grim reaper had forced his way into the house after waiting on the doorsteps more than four years. Saturday he had advanced to the landing on the staircase, and stood counting off the ticks of the clock. Saturday night he knocked on the chamber door. A faithful physician and a loyal wife stood with their backs against it. At 9 o'clock he rattled the knob and called to the peaceful prostrate figure on the bed—a great bed long and wide, a replica of the bed in which Abraham Lincoln slept in the White House with a Golden American Eagle and a tiny silk American flag just over the head board.

The watchers knew the battle was lost. At the portal of the door now open, the faithful negro servant hovered. On the bed, sitting beside her husband, sustained with all the fortitude and composure of a woman facing a crisis, was Mrs. Wilson, holding between her hands the wan, withered righthand that had proved the pen mightier than the sword.

At the foot of the bed was his eldest daughter, Margaret, resigned to the inevitable. Close by, tears welling from his eyes, and coursing down his cheeks was Dr. Grayson, taking the measure of the fluttering pulses, weaker and fainter with each effort.

Death advanced and beckoned for the last time. The tired, wornout man drew a long breath, there was a slight flutter of the eye lids, an almost imperceptible twitch of the nostrils.

Woodrow Wilson's soul had drifted out on the great dark tide that runs around the world.

Out through a city stilled in a Sabbath morning's reverential calm, his name was being spoken from a hundred pulpits. In the Central Presbyterian Church, where he faithfully went to worship while the flesh was able, a choked-up congregation had sung "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," "How Firm a Foundation," and "Onward Christian Soldiers," favorite hymns in which he loved to lift his voice in a happier, better day. Over a great land that had acclaimed him chief and in lands across the seas where he had been hailed as a God of peace, prayers were rising for the repose of his soul.

Out in the street before the square brick houses where he has lived with his memories, his hopes and his regrets, was another scene.

There was a gathering of people there. It was not a crusading throng come to a Mecca in pilgrimage to attest their faith in the ideals he personified. It was a group of men and women kneeling on the pavement in silent prayer. Small paper slips bearing the inscription, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," held in their hands, fluttered in the chill wind which swirled up the debris and litter left by the watchers engaged in the solemnity of the death watch that the world might know.

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MR. WILSON'S HOME LIFE

Always Read Bible Before Closing His Eyes.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—After Woodrow Wilson left the White House in 1921 he took to the life of a retired man of letters, which he continued until death. He lived alone with his wife in a comparatively modest home for a man of his place and maintained a modest establishment of three servants and a used car.

His daily routine was modeled on the eight hour day which he once told Congress was "adjudged by the thought and experience of recent years, upon which society is justified in insisting as in the interest of health, efficiency and contentment." He always said grace before meals, even in the days when life was at a low ebb and he had to steady himself on the back of his dining chair and whisper the words. He never failed before closing his eyes, for what he knew always to be the last time, to read aloud a few verses from the Bible which lay upon the reading table at his bedside.

Ladies To Open A Tea Room

Attractive Place to Be Opened in the Near Future On South Broadway.

An attractive Tea Room, operated by Mrs. W. B. Owens, Sr. and Mrs. M. A. Hays, is soon to open here. A suitable building is now being erected on South Broadway adjoining the new home of The Chronicle Publishing Company by the owner of the property, Mr. John H. Young. It was stated yesterday that work on the building will be pushed to a rapid completion and it is hoped to have the building ready for occupancy within five or six weeks.

The promoters of the new enterprise, Mesdames Owens and Hays, state that it is their intention to operate a first class tea room catering to the public. Its management will be under their personal supervision and in addition to the serving of meals, a private dining section will be provided in the rear for the serving of luncheons, parties, etc. It will be something new for Clinton yet the ladies who are promoting it need no introduction in this community.

Mrs. Fannie Bobo Has Passed Away

Mrs. Fannie Ray Bobo passed away Sunday night, February 3rd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Bobo, after a week's illness, suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Bobo was 77 years old. Her home was in Cross Anchor and she had come to visit her daughters just two weeks previous to her death. She was a good mother and a true Christian. Everyone that knew her loved her.

She is survived by the following daughters: Mrs. Johnnie Bobo and Mrs. T. L. Cooper of this city; Mrs. Will Sparks of Cross Keys, and one son, Mr. Brooks Bobo of Cross Anchor. Three sisters, Mrs. Mary Frather of this city; Mesdames J. B. Dillard and C. E. Franklin, and one brother, Mr. Lege Ray of Kissimmee, Fla., besides several grand-children.

GINNINGS GIVEN FOR THE COUNTY

According to government report there were 23,589 bales of cotton ginned in Laurens county this season prior to Jan. 16th as compared with 18,302 bales ginned through the same period last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duncan and little son, of Columbia, spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Duncan.

MR. WOODROW WILSON



GREATEST MAN AMERICA HAS YET PRODUCED, SAYS McADOO OF WILSON

Sunshine, Ariz., Feb. 3.—Woodrow Wilson was described as "perhaps the greatest man America has produced" in a statement today by William G. McAdoo, son-in-law of President Wilson, former Secretary of the Treasury and director of railroads, when informed of the wartime President's death in Washington.

"Woodrow Wilson always will be one of the most commanding figures of human history," said Mr. McAdoo. "Judged by accomplishments and achievements taken in all, he is, perhaps, the greatest man America has yet produced.

"He was a rare combination—a charming companion, a ripe scholar, a Christian gentleman, a consummate leader, a superb statesman, a dauntless figure, a noble idealist, a lofty soul, a genuine lover of mankind.

"He made a matchless contribution to his time in the fields of politics, economics and letters.

"He was the champion of peace, of human brotherhood and of world order.

"Out of his sacrifice and sufferings, borne with superb dignity and with sublime courage, the good he has sought to do for humanity will inevitably be realized.

"His example and his work will influence the destiny of civilization for centuries to come.

"Woodrow Wilson the man, is dead; but Woodrow Wilson, the apostle of peace, the lover of mankind, will live forever."

Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo, who left their home in Los Angeles Saturday morning for Washington, on receipt of word of Mr. Wilson's illness, will continue their journey to the capital.

Doctors Hold Monthly Meeting

Enjoy Interesting Program at Laurens After Which Officers Are Elected for Year.

The Laurens County Medical Society held its monthly meeting in Laurens last Monday at which time an interesting program was carried out. The members were the guests of the Laurens chapter of the Kings Daughters at an elegant dinner served in the community hall. The guest of honor for the day was Dr. Gideon Timberlake of Greenville, who made a talk on the subject of prostrate glands.

In the absence of the president, Dr. Black, Dr. J. H. Miller of Cross Hill presided. The matter of electing new officers for the year was entered into with the following result: Dr. J. W. Beason of Gray Court, president; Dr. S. C. Hays, of this city, vice-president; Dr. J. W. Davis, of this city, secretary; Dr. J. L. Fennell of Waterloo, reporter. Dr. R. E. Hughes of Laurens was elected by the association as its delegate to the state convention.

The program as announced for the next meeting calls for papers by Dr. Vincent of Laurens, and Dr. B. H. Henry of this city.

GOLDVILLE PAYS TRIBUTE TO WOODROW WILSON

For a period of fifteen minutes yesterday, from 3:15 to 3:30, the Banna Manufacturing Company of Goldville shut down its plant to pause long enough to pay a brief tribute to the passing of ex-president Woodrow Wilson. W. A. Moorehead, president of the mill, ordered that the last sad rite be paid the great war president and peace advocate and the population of the mill united unanimously in the tribute of respect.

POST TO MEET

Carlton F. Winn, adjutant of the local Harry Horton Post, has called a meeting of the organization for next Monday night, Feb. 11th, at 7:30 in the club rooms. All members are asked to be present.

WILL WAGE CAMPAIGN FOR ROAD MEMBERS

FRIDAY WILL BE GIVEN OVER TO WHIRLWIND CANVASS FOR MEMBERS OVER THE CITY.

Following the county-wide effort that is to be made to enlist members in the Laurens County Good Roads Association, Clinton will observe Friday as "Whirlwind day" for a canvass of members. It is proposed to make a thorough canvass of the city in one day as was done in the Calhoun Highway project when it was up for consideration, and it is hoped that the canvassers and those who are giving of their time to the campaign will receive a cordial response on the part of the public. Each member of the association is asked to pay \$1.00 per year which is to be used in promoting good roads universally throughout the county. Each precinct in the county has been organized and a determined effort will be made to secure the largest membership possible.

The canvass in the city will be made by wards. The following committeemen will serve in their respective wards:

- Ward one and six—Edgar Todd.
- Ward two—Dr. D. O. Rhame and Dr. S. C. Hays.
- Ward three—J. Hamp Stone and Dr. T. L. W. Bailey.
- Ward four—A. B. Blakely.
- Ward five—A. O'Daniel.
- Lydia Cotton Mills—R. E. Ferguson.

Smilin' Through Comes This Month

Great Play With Phenomenal Success to Appear Here As Next Lyceum Number.

Do you want to enjoy the pleasures of an honest-to-goodness gripping, appealing, amusing, stirring and altogether thoroughly entertaining play? Then don't fail to see Smilin' Through which will appear in the orphanage chapel on the evening of February 13th as one of the attractions of the lyceum course. Although this play has been shown in the moving pictures in Clinton, the real play has never been presented here. By critics the country over it has been branded as "a classic of the modern stage."

Fanciful at times, humorous in part, the story draws you into its very movement at the start. You seem to live with the characters and follow their lead into the joys or tragedies upon which the theme is built. "Each character stands out as a great human etching" comedy and reality go hand in hand, deep emotions predominate, and the spectator is caught by the magic of its scenes, and held to the end.

The players enjoy a peculiar prestige. Smilin' Through has been presented with phenomenal success. Audiences like it because it stirs their souls from beginning to end. Nowhere does the movement lag, nowhere does the story lose its compelling interest; but with the earliest scenes the spectator enters a new land, pursues its hear-wrought attractions, and as the final curtain closes the act, he is conscious of having experienced pleasures that will contribute to the richer and fuller meaning of life. A story of love and youth that touches the heart—can you miss it?

Boll Weevil Picture Today

Will Be Shown Free to All in Casino Theatre This Morning at 11 O'clock.

In the Casino Theatre this morning, beginning at eleven o'clock, a free moving picture will be presented to which all farmers and the public is cordially invited. The title of the picture will be "Growing Cotton Under the Boll Weevil." It is shown by the Chilean Nitrate Committee of New York and gives the most improved methods of growing cotton under boll weevil conditions. Its free to everybody.

APPOINTED SPECIAL JUDGE

Judge Frank P. McGowan of Laurens, has been appointed by Governor McLeod to preside at an extra term of Civil Court to be held at Bennettsville beginning February 18.

COURT CONVENES ON THIRD MONDAY

HEAVY DOCKET AHEAD FOR COMING SESSION BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18. GRAND AND PETIT JURORS DRAWN.

With Judge T. J. Mauldin presiding, the February term of Court of General Sessions will convene in Laurens on the third Monday in this month. The docket ahead is a heavy one, including four homicide cases and a number of other offenses.

Jason Davis, who is deputy sheriff at Watts Mill and who formerly lived here, is charged with the killing of Eva Jones, colored, when the latter resisted arrest and made an attack upon the officer. In the other homicide cases the principals are negroes.

Twelve members of the Grand Jury to serve this year have been drawn. These together with the six hold-over members from last year are as follows:

- Laurens—L. L. Moore, R. G. Smith, G. C. Peterson, B. W. Blakely, C. I. Martin, J. Pitts, Henry.
- Youngs—J. M. Rhodes.
- Dials—W. B. Brooks, J. R. Brownlee.

- Sullivan—J. R. Crawford.
- Waterloo—J. K. Daniel, J. Wistar Cooper.

- Cross Hill—R. F. Walker.
- Hunter—S. G. Dillard, J. C. Miller, G. F. Adair.
- Jacks—R. P. Nabors.
- Scuffletown—O. L. Hunter.

The petit jury as drawn by the jury commissioners last Monday are as follows:

- Laurens—C. B. Adams, C. B. Boyd, E. W. Machen, H. C. Fleming.
- Youngs—G. J. Lanford, G. M. Harlan, W. C. Crow, C. L. Waldrop, B. E. Garrett, Jr.
- Dials—J. Ripley Hellams, W. W. Yeargin, R. W. Willis, Chas. B. Owings, L. C. Hipp.

- Sullivan—W. L. Walker, Wilford A. Simpson, W. E. Pitts, W. F. Bolt, W. H. Lancaster.

- Waterloo—Wellie F. McDaniel, John Casper Smith, J. M. Golding.

- Cross Hill—W. E. Hitt, Frank E. Miller, R. C. Smith.

- Hunter—J. Willie Young, H. Y. Abrams, Guy L. Copeland, L. H. Davidson, R. S. Horton, A. B. Blakely.

- Jacks—W. T. Nabors, J. F. Whitmire, L. L. Simpson.
- Scuffletown—D. A. Glenn, D. M. McClintock.

Special Services To Be Held Here

Presbyterians Plan Evangelistic Meeting This Month With Dr. R. G. McLees As Leader.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church of this city, and the authorities of the Presbyterian College, have jointly arranged for a special week of evangelistic services Feb. 18-23. Dr. R. G. McLees, one of the well known preachers and scholars of the Southern Presbyterian church, has been secured to do the preaching and will hold two services daily. His coming is being looked forward to with genuine interest by all who know him and are familiar with his success as a minister. Dr. McLees is a former native of this state but is now a resident of Virginia.

Two services will be held daily, one in the morning in the college auditorium especially for the student body of the college, and the evening service in the First Presbyterian church. A most cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the services.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The February meeting of the Commercial Club will be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the club rooms. A number of matters of importance are to come up for consideration and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance of the membership.

GONE TO MARKETS

Miss Ella Adair left yesterday for Northern markets to purchase Spring goods for B. L. King & Son. She will be joined later in New York by B. L. King and Miss Day, head of his millinery department, for the purpose of buying a complete stock of ready-to-wear and millinery for this popular ladies' shop.