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COMPLETE PLANS FOR COTTON FESTIVAL

Dead Engineer Pilots Freight

PASSES THRU ENFIELD AS DRIVER DIES

Noticed by brakeman after several minutes running; Halifax Inquest HEART FAILURE

A freight train, with a dead engineer at the throttle, thundered thru Enfield last Saturday afternoon, traveling North.

Fortunately, the train crew happened to be in the engine cab when W. Johnston of Richmond, engineer on a Northbound extra freight train of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, seemingly alive and in good spirits shortly before the train reached Enfield, passed away suddenly as the train steamed thru Enfield, 4:30 p. m. Saturday.

C. Y. Kitchin, brakeman of Richmond, says he noticed Johnston leaning far forward as they passed Enfield but thought he was working a valve. A few minutes later he looked at him again and he was in the same position.

Coming closer, sensing something wrong, Kitchin saw saliva running from Johnston's mouth. He grabbed him and brought the body to a sitting position. The engineer was dead and had been since some time before the brakeman looked at him the first time. There was only a small scratch on the temple near the left eyebrow, evidently made when his head fell forward and against a part of the cab. The train was running slower than usual, the engineer having slowed up to pass thru Enfield.

The train was stopped at Halifax and Dr. F. W. M. White called. He examined the body and called Coroner Billy Williams. On the doctor's verdict of heart failure, no further inquest was held and the body was brought to Weldon to be prepared for burial, the train proceeding on to Richmond.

W. A. Falconer of Richmond was the fireman, but knew nothing of firing the engineerless train until called by the brakeman, J. Y. Powell, of Richmond was the other brakeman on the train. Johnston was about 40 years old. He had never had any previous attacks, according to the train crew.

Shooting Scrape Brings Three Before Justice

Alex Bowser, colored, and Moses Turner and wife, colored, were tried by Magistrate W. O. Thompson Wednesday night after a family scrap near Bowling. Alex is charged with firing a shotgun at Moses and wife, missing them. In the melee, Bowser was struck in the head with a rock, alleged to have been thrown by one of the Turners, Lillian Parks and Ethel Hall, white women, were sent on to Recorders Court by Mr. Thompson on a charge of being inmates of a disorderly house.

COTTON SPECIALS

Part of the advertising in this issue was sold by members of the Womens Club to local merchants who are cooperating with them by featuring cotton specials all of next week.

Readers are asked to read these ads carefully and buy all necessary cotton made articles during Cotton Week.

This is the beginning of a national drive by Southern communities to "sell" cotton to the buying public of the world. Get "cotton-minded." Think cotton, talk cotton, buy cotton.

HOSPITAL STAFF AND 1931 GRADUATING CLASS



—PHOTO BY VRIES STUDIO

Back row—Dr. F. G. Jarman, Mrs. J. N. Moss, Dr. R. P. Beckwith, Miss Clara Ruth, Dr. T. H. Royster, Miss Irene Clark, Dr. Bahnon Weathers, Miss Avah Wood, Dr. J. W. Martin, Miss Agnes Temple. Front row—Mrs. A. H. Moore, Mrs. Alice Wallis—Class: Miss Janet M. Harvey, Miss Mary Bertha Harris, Miss Mabel Alston, Miss Nettie Patterson, Miss Janie Lassiter, Miss Lottie Matthews, Miss Cyretha Lyerly, Miss Eva P. Williams.

RECORDER TRIES FIVE FROM HERE

Woman Given 24 Hours To Leave State; Knife Welder Gets 60 Days WEAPON TOTER

Recorders Court had a busy day on Tuesday and disposed of a number of cases. The tax payers failing to list were much in the limelight and liquor charges were still on hand.

A white man from Rosemary, Richard Ivey, had to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of the action for carrying a concealed weapon. John Griffin, white man from Roanoke Rapids, pleaded not guilty to driving car while drunk. Prayer of judgment continued upon payment of cost. Jake Davis and O. C. Mason, white men of Rosemary, charged with possession of liquor. Prayer of judgment continued upon payment of cost. Judge Daniels sentenced Cliff Barnes, a white man of Roanoke Junction to 60 days on the roads for assaulting Willie Moore with a knife. Lillian Parks, white woman of Rosemary, pleaded not guilty to running a disorderly house. Sentence to 6 months in jail, capias to issue if caught in the State in 24 hours.

Ned Thomas, colored of Weldon, got a 8 months suspended sentence on payment of cost for assaulting his wife, Bessie Thomas.

Judge Daniel made Grady Jordan, white of Gumberry, pay a fine of \$75 and cost of the action, and revoked his driving license for 4 months for driving car under the influence of whiskey. The case of Henry Miles for the same charge was dismissed.

James Edward Copeland, Jr., white man from Scotland Neck, was charged with abandonment and non-support of his wife Mrs. Laura Copeland and child. The defendant was instructed to pay his wife \$12.00 a month and he was put under a \$250 guarantee bond.

Four colored men from near Enfield, Walter Smith, Ray Whitaker, Dock Whitaker and Charlie Whitaker were charged with transporting liquor and having in their possession 4 barrels of mash. Charlie and Ray Whitaker were dismissed. Dock Whitaker and Walter Smith were given 8 months sentences, capias to issue upon notice of solicitor.

George Johnson got 60 days on road for carrying concealed brass knucks.

The following are the cases for failing to list taxes: In each case judgment was suspended on payment of cost of the action and upon paying the back taxes. Quinse Christianburg, Joe Harrel, Emory Pittman, Abram Mitchell, Otis Anthony, C. L. Baugham, John Bell, Warren Dunbar.

The following two cases were continued: Bryan Wynn, James Bell. James Kelly remanded to Juvenile Court.

The graduating exercises of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital were held Thursday night in the High School auditorium. Invocation was made by Rev. J. E. Kirk, pastor of the Rosemary Baptist Church. Hon. D. McK. Johnson of Enfield, was introduced by Dr. T. W. M. Long and made the address of the evening.

The Florence Nightingale pledge was repeated by the class, followed by the presentation of diplomas by Dr. Long. Dr. John Martin and Miss Wood presented the pins to the graduates. Music was furnished by the Rosemary Concert Band and a general invitation was given to all present to attend a reception and dance at the new Nurses Home on Jackson Street. The members of the class are: Miss Lottie Eva Matthews Seaboard, N. C.; Miss Margaret Janet Harvey, Littleton, N. C.; Miss Eva Petway Williams, Warrenton, N. C.; Miss Mable Alston, Weldon, N. C.; Miss Janie Lee Lassiter, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; Miss Bertha Mae Harris, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Advertising of Tax Sales Is Postponed

County delinquent tax notices, due to be published in the first week in May have been postponed until the first week in September by action of the county board of commissioners.

Because of the depression and the inability of citizens to pay at present it was deemed advisable that this action be taken.

Mrs. A. G. Harris of Fairfield, N. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. M. Jenkins.

CURB MARKET HERE GROSSES \$2470 IN LAST TWELVE WEEKS

The work of the Home Demonstration Clubs of Halifax County, with particular stress on the curb market here was told to the local Womens Club in the May monthly meeting by Mrs. J. R. Neville, leading county club member. Her speech is given in full here because of the feeling of better understanding between county and town which has been engendered since the starting of the market. The other work of the county women during the year is interesting and worthy of note. Her speech follows:

A few Saturdays ago as I was going to market I thought what a wonderful thing this is for farm women and I just wished I could tell everybody about it, and I also wished I could in some way get the town people to buy from us to really know what their pennies and dollars are doing for us as they spend them with us each Saturday.

A farm womens hours are long—we have to do our daily round of duties day by day from May time on to May.

Our friend in town can get her meals at a restaurant if necessary, her cleaning may be put off until to-

Stores Will Close On Wed. Afternoons

The Rosemary Merchants Association met Tuesday afternoon and voted to close all places of business in the South end of town on Wednesday afternoons during June, July and August. They will close at one p. m. and open the following morning. Drug stores will alternate so one will be open each Wednesday afternoon.

A committee was appointed to see the merchants in the North end for the same purpose and a petition is being taken around today. The Power Company, National Loan & Ins. Co., and Bank are said to have agreed yesterday. Final announcement will be made in The Herald next week. W. C. Allsbrook reported late this afternoon that over half of the stores in the North side had agreed to close, and the rest would be seen Friday.

CENTRAL SCHOOL P. T. A.

The Parent Teacher Association of Central School will have the last meeting of the year next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the school auditorium. All parents are urged to attend.

PRICE CORRECTION

In the grocery ad of J. H. Matkins sugar is priced at ten cents per pound. This should have been five cents per pound, an error in proof reading, but caught later by the alert Mr. Matkins before the last run of The Herald had been made.

Halifax Men Appear In Investigation Of Senate Bribe Charge

W. L. Long of this city and A. C. House of Weldon were yesterday called before the Senate committee which is investigating charges of alleged or attempted bribery in regard to the luxury tax bill defeated in the Senate last week.

Mr. Long was called because of a certain conversation alleged to have taken place in his hotel room between two lawyers from Goldsboro, while Mr. House was called because the room was registered in the name of E. C. House, Weldon.

Mr. Long testified he needed some place for rest and quiet where a crowd was not continually coming in his room and he got room 346 in the name of E. C. House, a fictitious name. He said he knew nothing of the conversation in question and was not in the room when it took place. Senator Umstead had the extra key to the room, he said. Mr. House was shown to have no connection with the hearing. He was a guest of Mr. Long in March at the Sir Walter Hotel.

GRAND JURY REPORTS TO HIS HONOR

Inspection of County Property Made Public; Report of Indictments Secret ADVISE NEW WELL

The report of the Halifax Grand Jury to Judge Clayton Moore was handed in Saturday. It is as follows:

We, the grand jury, respectfully report that we have acted on all bills and presentments presented to our body and returned same into this court.

We have visited the jail in a body and found same in good condition with the exception of an inadequate water supply and an unsanitary condition of the bedding furnished the prisoners. We recommended that all mattresses and blankets be fumigated immediately and fumigated periodically in the future.

We inspected the court house in a body and found the building in good condition with the exception of an inadequate water supply, due in part to the use of county water supplies by other buildings connected to the county water system. We respectfully recommended that either an additional well or water supply be provided to insure adequate supplies of water at all times for the court house and jail or that water lines to buildings other than county property be disconnected.

We find in an examination of hte books and records of the office of the Clerk of the Court, that cross index to judgments is in an unsatisfactory condition and that this condition unless remedied will steadily grow worse.

We respectfully recommend that the Clerk of the Court be directed to investigate the cost of installing a proper cross index to judgments and report his findings to our body at the June term.

We visited the county tubercular sanitarium and county home in a body, and found both in excellent condition. The buildings and surrounding grounds were clean and well kept, the inmates appeared to be well taken care of, the live stock appeared to be in good condition and the land under cultivation being prepared for coming crops.

We find, however, that the property lines of the County Farm have never been definitely established. We respectfully recommend that the county attorney be directed immediately to secure from the county records a description of such property by metes and bounds sufficient to enable a survey of the farm to be made and that the Board of County Commissioners immediately authorize that a survey be completed by the

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NEXT WEEK CELEBRATED HERE WITH SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON WED. AND FRI.

Cotton Queen Contest All Week; Cotton Dress Contest, Fashion Show, Textile Exhibit, Coronation Ceremonies

MAN FROM WELDON IS SUICIDE

J. A. Johnston, Business Man and Farmer, Dies By Own Hand Friday

LEAVES NOTE

John A. Johnston, well known young business man of Weldon committed suicide some time Friday. His body was found behind some cotton of the Weldon Warehouse and Storage Corporation about 4:30 o'clock.

Two young colored men were in the office of the warehouse at 1:15. They left the office but had to come back in about 15 minutes. He had left the office. They found a note addressed to his wife. This was in his automobile.

The note read in part: "I regret to hurt you this way but I cannot stand this mess any longer and this is my way out of it."

The note was taken to Mrs. Johnston by the chief of police who on learning the contents of it organized a search which resulted in locating the body.

Coroner W. C. Williams was notified and summoned a jury but dismissed it after learning of the note and its contents, holding that it was a clear case of suicide.

Mr. Johnston was about 32 years old the son of Mrs. John A. Johnston. He had a number of interests. He farmed on a big scale. He was manager of the warehouse and storage concern, and he owned a store where electric refrigerators and other electric articles were sold. His father, also named John A. Johnston, died some years ago. He had been married about two years but had no children.

He shot himself through the neck, apparently having placed the muzzle of a shotgun under his chin and pulling the trigger with a stick. The stick was made from a piece of white pine board, the large end whittled down for a hand-hold and the small end cut to a thin edge.

JOE MACK COMING

The Reverend Joe Mack, former pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, will be here this Sunday to preach at both morning and evening services. Many of his friends in the community will welcome this chance to hear him again and renew old friendships. A special invitation is extended to all visitors.

PROGRAM COTTON FESTIVAL

Nominations and voting for Cotton Queen begins early Monday morning, May 18, and continues until Friday noon, May 22nd.

Two P. M., Wednesday, May 20, Health Play by county children at High School auditorium.

Three thirty P. M. Wednesday, Cotton Dress Revue, with awarding of prizes.

Four P. M. Wednesday, Textile Display and Silver Tea at former location of Shell Furniture Co.

Eight P. M. Friday, May 22, Crowning of Queen by King Cotton, Fashion Show, Plantation Melodies and Dancing, at High School Auditorium.

Monday morning will usher in National Cotton Week and this community will take the lead in this section of the State by staging a Cotton Festival with programs concentrated on next Wednesday and Friday.

The Womens Club is sponsoring the festival here for Halifax County and committees under the direction of Mrs. R. P. Beckwith and Mrs. George Hayes have been working hard to make the event successful. Additional advertising in this issue as an advance notice of the programs here next week is due to the cooperation of the various merchants.

The public here and in other parts of Halifax County and that part of Northampton County which sells cotton and other products in the Twin Cities are urged to do their share by visiting the different stores, by attending the interesting programs which have been worked up and by entering the contests which have been started to stir up interest.

That contest which will be the most fun and in which everybody will participate is the voting for the Cotton Queen. Nominations and votes may be secured at Rosemary Drug Co. and Taylor-Matthews Drug Co. starting Monday morning. You may nominate any maid or matron in Halifax County. Votes may be purchased at the rate of ten cents for 100 votes.

After a list of nominees have been started, the public will be kept informed as to the relative standing of those entered.

The voting will continue until Friday noon when the ballot boxes will be closed and the final count made. The winner will be made Cotton Queen and will be crowned Friday night. It isn't a question of whether a girl or woman wants to be queen; her friends, husband or sweetheart decide they want her for Queen, they set out to get her enough votes to win for her.

Wednesday afternoon will be a busy one. The Home Demonstration Clubs of the County under the leadership of Mrs. Hazel Wheeler are cooperating in the Wednesday program. They are combining their Better Health Day and Cotton Week Program. They will meet with Mrs. A. J. Jones in Tillery Wednesday morning at 10, go to Mrs. F. W. M. White's residence at Halifax at 10:45, eat lunch at the curb market store here at noon, and render a Health Play at the High School auditorium at two.

Following this play will come the Cotton Dress Contest with the cotton Revue. Girls and women will wear the home made dresses and prizes will be given in the following groups: Children, ages 2 to 6, any kind of frock; ages 6 to 12, school or sports dress; ages 6 to 12, afternoon dresses; ages 12 to 18, school or sports dress; 12 to 18, afternoon dress. Women: house dress, sports dress or suit, afternoon dress. Cotton hose is to be worn by the models with all dresses except afternoon dresses when silk or rayon hose and slippers may be used.

After the Cotton Dress Revue, the crowd will go to see the Textile exhibit in the old L. G. Shell building. Exhibits of manufactured cotton goods will be shown, with the products of the local mills featured. The Womens Club will have a silver tea during the exhibit. To all these programs on Wednesday afternoon, the entire public is urged to be present.

The biggest single event of the Festival Week will take place next Friday night at the High School auditorium when the entire county is urged to be present to see who won the popularity contest for Cotton Queen of the Festival. There will be a splendid and varied program and the admission fee will be ten cents. The program will begin with special music and singing. The next event will be the fashion show when beautiful live models will show the latest creations in ladies wear. Then will come Plantation Melodies, a scene (Continued on back page)

"WE GROW COTTON - WE MANUFACTURE COTTON - LET'S WEAR COTTON"