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C. T. (Tim) Johnson

The death of C. T. (Tim) Johnson, widely-known resident of Benson, has removed one of the pioneer business men of eastern Carolina and one of the leaders in the development of Benson and the Benson section.

For more than 60 years, Tim Johnson was a business leader in his town. He died at the age of 80, and it wasn't until last July that he finally retired from business due to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Johnson was born and reared on a Johnston County farm, moved to Benson after he became of age and had resided there since.

He knew the ins and outs and the ups and downs of business as few others, just as he knew the history of this fine section of the State.

Tim Johnson was always a busy man, always active. Until forced to bed, he remained active and even after illness struck him down, he retained a keen mind and a keen interest in affairs of his community, State and nation.

He came from an outstanding family. Like his other brothers who have made a success in the business world, he proved that he had the stamina, the perseverance and the character required to make a success.

And even though he was a busy man, he still found time to devote to his church, to civic projects and to the various organizations and movements which he thought were good for the community.

He was a man of great personality, who had a keen sense of humor and wit and a man who made friends with all who came in contact with him.

Among his accomplishments was the rearing of an outstanding family. Like him, his sons have found a prominent place in the business world and are succeeding in their chosen fields of endeavor.

Tim Johnson has passed on, but he has left behind him many monuments to the outstanding life he lived and a splendid family to carry on in the finest Johnson tradition.

Benson won't be the same without him, and this whole section shares with Benson the great loss in his passing.

Why So Little Talk Of War In Europe

F. N. McLamb, prominent Dunn business man and widely-known religious leader, returned from Europe this summer and reported that people there paid almost no attention at all to the Korean War. (That's the war American boys are fighting almost single-handed.)

Mr. McLamb pointed out that while American newspapers devote big headlines to the Korean battles, they are given only a paragraph or so in the London and Paris newspapers.

Lyle C. Wilson, distinguished United Press correspondent, reports in a dispatch from Paris that:

"They've got peace over here. You hear less war talk in Paris in a day than you might in two hours in the National Press Club far back home, or in the Senate, for that matter."

Why the difference? Has America been excited into war panic and hysteria? It is odd that a nation which fared so badly in the recent war pays so little attention to talk of another war today. In fact, it is amazing when one considers the fact that so many Frenchmen died and that the property of that great nation was devastated into shambles and rubbish.

These facts make us wonder just who it is promoting and stirring up all the war talk in this country. Is somebody doing it deliberately. If so, who? Of course, it may be that the Europeans know that whenever war comes along that the good old U. S. A. will drain its treasury and kill off our manpower to fight it for them.

The authorities say that history repeats itself. The point we're making is this: If there is real danger of war, then the European countries ought to show a little more interest.

Already, taxes are high enough and manpower is scarce enough because of those wars which always occur in other countries.

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These Days



By Sokolsky

SOME THOUGHTS ON TAXES

Adam Smith, in discussing taxes on property, wrote:

"While property remains in the possession of the same person, whatever permanent taxes may have been imposed upon it, they have never been intended to diminish or take away any part of its capital value, but only some part of the revenue arising from it."

The original intent of the income tax was not to deprive citizens of their savings nor to diminish their possessions; but to raise revenue for the use of the government. The new taxes imposed by the inequitable tax president are actually reducing the possibility of savings and therefore of coming into possession of property. The present taxes involve not only a redistribution of earned wealth but a confiscation of earnings.

Karl Marx aimed to abolish love of country so that the world revolution would come more quickly. Whereas in the United States the theory of life was that there would be a constant improvement, so that workers would own their own homes, but their own insurance policies, even go into business for themselves, Karl Marx really hoped for increased poverty so that the proletariat would be more numerous.

In America the aim was to increase the middle class. Marx sought to abolish the middle class. Harold Laski put these ideas in this language:

"If Communists are charged with seeking to abolish love of country, the Manifesto answers that the workers can have no country until they are emancipated from bourgeois domination; with their acquisition of political power, the hostility between nations will disappear. So, also, it will change traditional ideas in religion and philosophy. Since it puts experience on a new basis, it will change the ideas which are their expression."

In a word, Communists seek, in every respect, to abolish our world as we have known it for at least 5,000 years.

Among the measures which Marx advocated for the accomplishment of the revolution were these (the numbers are his; there were altogether 10):

1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.

2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.

3. Abolition of all right of inheritance.

4. Centralization of credit in the hands of the state, by means of a national bank with state capital and an exclusive monopoly.

5. Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the state.

(It will be noted that since 1948, when this list was published, many so-called "capitalist" countries have accepted Marx's program.)

The income tax is high on the list. The graduated income tax can reduce the individual to a constantly lowering standard of living. It can prevent savings by leaving nothing over after living expenses. The tax guarantees poverty.

When to the income tax is added a complex system of excises and hidden taxes, it is possible for government to arrange for an economy which permits the appearance of high wages and even high prices while all the time the standard of life is being depreciated and the middle class is being squeezed out of existence.

In this country, we are now observing precisely this process, particularly as it affects the white collar and professional classes. For them, very little hope of self-improvement is left. Their doom is to find rated jobs in government, jobs which pay little, permit of no initiative, require featherbedding to survive and end in a low standard retirement pension. If that is pie in the sky, it certainly is not of the American dream.

If we complain that too many Americans are on the government payroll, we are in error. For if



"How do I get to Cedar Avenue an' Sixteenth Street?"



MY SECRETARY, AFRICA, SPEAKS

Dear Boss—Phil Silvers gave the finest comedy performance I've ever seen on Broadway, on opening night of "Top Banana," a miracle of timing, pace and all-around stag savvy. Whether or not his voice can sustain that beating, eight times a week, is open to question, because when he's not on stage, there is no show. The high comedy promise Silvers showed in the locker room scene of "High Button Shoes" has come to full flower in this one. Cornell University's 100-piece band can take a bow. Despite the Cornell-Princeton game sadness, the band stopped off at Madison, N. J., to play for the Bayley-Ellard H. S. night game. The little high school neatly help badly as the team was heavily in debt.

Jesse Woolworth Donahue ailing. Beverly Baker, tennis eye-fal, honeymooning with John Fleits. Montgomery Clift and Lie Taylor romancing at Ruban Bleu. Eddie Foy Jr. rallied after blood transfusions. A daughter for French playwright Marcel Pagnol. Bob Joseph, producer son of City Controller Lazarus Joseph, and Gloria Storch serious. Plans rejected to tear down Roseland Bldg. for a new office bldg. Book of the Month's December selection, "Closing the Ring" by Winston Churchill. Mrs. Robert Cummings coast-bound. Ronald Howard, here for "To Dorothy, a Son," a dead ring for his late dad, Leslie. Bert Lytell lining up "Lights On" show at Carnegie Hall Nov. 18, for the National Council to Combat Blindness.

Resignation of Robert Moss, exec sec'y of the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, effective Nov. 30. He has held the post since early 1947, when the Eastern PVA was first organized, has done a magnificent job. Henry Lustig in Arizona, ailing. Maocoo's at'y, Milton Golden and Charlien O'Donnell honeymooning on the Liberte. Edgar Bergen in town. Allie Reynolds getting A's MVP award. Bugs Bear out of New York Hospital after a checkup. 2 apok thumbed out a deal for Betty and Harry James to do a group of records to be called "The James Family Album" (Betty and the 4 adic shall miles apart). A son for the Dave Riches (TV's "Big Town"). "Death of a Sales Tax" would be a bigger hit, wires Donald Richards.

The Email Messenger Jns. expect Sir Stork (he's on the U. S. yacht racing team). Sugar Ray Robinson turned down London Palladium offer. Jack Haley Jr. in Fordham U.'s "The Inspector General." Pinky Lee starts his TV series Nov. 26. The Eddie Lanes expect Sir Stork (she's Latin Quarter eye-fal Joyce Evans). Jimmy Van Heusen recovering from a heart attack. Decca's "Mimi Benseff Sings" album in the music shops. The Ella Raines-Lt. Col Robin Olds baby due Dec. 15. Gene Autry and Herbert Yates cooking a deal at 21. Paramount handing out subpoenas for the premiere of "Detective Story." Thornton Wilder resting on the Italian Riviera. Jack Dempsey out of Santa Monica Hospital.

Mrs. Edward G. Robinson and Clara Bell Walsh at the first night. Robert Goetz and Isa Sidney a singing love duet. Ticket scalpers running wild. Dave Salter's wife died. He's the president of the Honor Legion of the N. Y. Police Dept. Ingrid Bergman's attorney, Roger Marchetti, flew to Rome for a confab with her. Danny Thomas a terrific smash in "I'll See You in My Dreams." "Stop the Music's" singing star, Dick Brown, signed by King Records. The Jose Wades (Pamela Currah) expect Sir Stork. Duchess of Windsor's favorite escort, Jimmy Donahue, back in town. N. Y. Society, 5th Div., holding its Armistice Day reunion, at the China D'or (contact Arthur McNann, 25-12 Steinway St., LIC). Never saw it so tough to make a bet on Broadway.

Henry Fonda's "Point of No Return." New Haven previewers report, a male "Lady in The Dark." Election campaigning at fever pitch on uptown street corners. Bertica Serrano a click at Havana-Madrid. The Don (MGM) Welles named her Deborah. All-American selectors will have their toughest pick this year with so many standout backs. Try to split apart Ohio State's Vic Janowicz, Princeton's Dick Kasmanier, Columbia's Mitch Price, USC's Frank Gifford, Illinois' Johnny Brick, Nebraska's Bob Reynolds, Miami's Frank Smith, Kentucky's Babe Parilli, Notre Dame's John Pettibone.

AMELIA

we permit our white collar and cultural classes to be taxed out of opportunity for self-improvement, they must take government jobs as no others are available to them. In the past, such Americans made their own opportunities out of their ingenuity, their ability to save or to borrow from their neighbors. They were not inhibited by government through taxes.

In a word, the revolution which the new deal under Harry Hopkins introduced and the Fair Deal under Lesca Keyserling seeks to complete is being accomplished with even greater skill than Lenin exhibited in Russia. The Bolsheviks employed terror and murder and confiscation as weapons.

The American revolution is being accomplished by means of tax-

Frederick OTHMAN

McLEAN, Va.—Old Farmer Othman's Almanac, which does not lose its predictions an caterpillars, forecasts a long, cold winter with plenty of the beautiful white snow and a good deal of skidding on the ice.

All signs, except the bugs, point this way. These are fuzzy worms with 18 feet and stripes. Scientists all over have been predicting weather by the width of these decorations. All I know is that my place here in Fairfax County is crawling with these beasts and they can't make up their minds. Some have wide stripes and some narrow.

I have examined them carefully and all I get for my efforts was a itch; they seemed to shed some of their fur when touched. Other indications are better.

Tommy, our horse, is growing himself such an overcoat as no nag ever had before. He's also producing his own ear muffs, while his appetite grows better and better so he'll have plenty of inner heat to withstand the coming rigors.

The moss along the edges of our creek never has been so thick. The mud is cooler than before, while up and down the pike are traveling the salemen peddling snow-grip tires. These gents look cold already.

The grass long since has stopped growing, while top quality hay is selling for \$45 a ton. I have proven to my own satisfaction that the higher the price of hay, the colder the weather will be. The same goes for the cost of fuel oil: I laid in 1,000 gallons of that the other day and I didn't notice it was getting any cheaper.

The battery on my tractor gave up the ghost, the filling station man claims he's running short of anti-freeze. My bride says she needs a new, warm coat. The leaves are especially thick underfoot. The smoke curls up from the chimney and quickly disappears. All these are signs of shivers on the way.

Our hens have so many feathers suddenly that they look like ostriches. The water pump is beginning to creek. All the apples have fallen off the trees. The gutter's sprung a leak.

Fourteen two-legged signs of bitter cold en route, by actual count, have tried to sell me storm windows. My buzz saw screams unusually loud and there's no sap left in the begonia plants. Skunks have built themselves a weatherproof ramble under my barn. The jack rabbits are especially frisky.

The strawberry plants upon which I lavished such care have disappeared. The field mice are ganging up on my cat. I wouldn't be surprised if this isn't the coldest winter since 1896.

There's a halo around the moon. The back door squeaks. It's raining now, but it feels like snow. Coal oil's 20 cents a gallon.

The Weather Bureau claims I'm talking through my fur cap. Says there's no such thing as predicting snow what kind of winter we'll have in January. I wish the bureaucrats with the barometers wouldn't be so dogmatic.

Farmers like me have been writing almanacs now for 200 years and we've never been mistaken yet; at least, you won't get one of us to admit it. Not in 1951 you won't, when the corn is studded with red kernels, the potatoes in the cellar aren't even beginning to sprout, and a long, hard winter,

Cogitating

BY LOUIS DEARBORN

Thanks To The School Folks

Did you escape the usual Hallow'e'en depreations Wednesday night? Did you find that your car windows were not soaped? Did you notice that your porch and front walk were without the outlandish markings and disfigurements of former years?

If everything was all right you owe thanks to the school authorities of the county. In most schools a Hallow'e'en party kept the small fry entertained and out of mischief.

Uncle Sam Cuts Again

Did you notice the difference in the old pay check this week? I certainly did. Uncle Whiskers has helped himself to another slice from my personal melon.

To most persons, this is the only tax they are particularly conscious of paying. However there are hundreds of other hidden taxes, all of which have gone up in proportion to the increase in the withholding tax.

Buying a car, buying gasoline for the present family buggy, or even the purchase of a package of cigarettes, will cost more under the new tax law.

We don't enjoy paying them, of course, but pay them we will, with what grace we can muster.

Quite A Night

Your reporter was somewhat busy on a visit to Buie's Creek Monday evening. In the auditorium the Grass Roots Company was playing "LaTraviata" and in the Buie's Creek Baptist Church the Little River Baptist Association was holding its session.

In trying to cover both, we had to gravitate between the two, plus camera, since both called for picture coverage.

In the play there was an opening drinking scene, which we left to hear a temperance lecture at the Little River Session. It all became slightly confusing.

Anyhow, we can report that the ill-fated heroine of the play paid the penalty for her misdeeds.

Farmers Know A Good Thing

The success of the "Nickels For Know-How" election shows that the North Carolina farmer knows a good thing when he sees it. The five cent a ton premium on feed and fertilizer should prove a profitable investment.

The vote was understandably light, however, because most farmers were in favor of the measure and conceded that it would be voted favorably anyhow.

Now if the Agricultural Research Foundation will only come up with a sure and inexpensive way of beating the boll weevil, everybody will be happy.

Cold Weather Welcome

Cold weather made its appearance this year with devastating suddenness Friday and caught many of us unaware. A case in point is our family oil tank which had about three gallons when Jack Frost hit.

The present cold snap with its promise of more to come should warn us to get everything in readiness for winter. We should get our supply of anti-freeze and stock up on everything necessary for frigid weather.

We should, of course, but do we—ever. Hope to see you all right here again next week.

Clerk Reports October Revenue

Clerk of the Court Robert Morgan reported today that "courting"—that vast array of matters that arise from and out of court proceedings—ran into big business in Harnett County during October.

The clerk's end-of-the-month report filed with the county board of commissioners listed total receipts of \$4,120.17, all of which have been deposited with the tax collector.

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from civil and criminal actions in the same court totaled an additional \$1,506.03. Other monies reported came from the following sources from probates, \$246.25; from civil and criminal actions and special proceedings in superior court, \$196.14; from fines in superior court, \$11.99; and from trust commissioners, \$22.30.

The United States set a new record in 1949 when, for the first time in medical history, this country recorded only one death for each 1,000 births.

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