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Death Claims Widow of J. McN. Johnson After a Short Illness

Funeral Services Were Conducted at Old Bethesda Church Tuesday Morning

Mrs. Annie Betsy Johnson, widow of James McNeill Johnson, died on Sunday afternoon at her home in Aberdeen, from cerebral hemorrhage with which she was attacked Thursday previously. Mrs. Johnson was one of the older residents of Aberdeen, where she had lived since her marriage, December 14, 1886, and with her family enjoyed a wide acquaintance throughout the neighboring counties. She leaves a family of three sons and two daughters. These are Mrs. Mabel Bethune and J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, Mrs. Frank Mizelle, of Louisiana, Lieut. Felix Leslie Johnson, of the United States Navy, of Longbeach, Cal., and Jack McN. Johnson, of Hollywood, Cal.

Mrs. Johnson was the daughter of Mark A. Cockman, of Chatham county, where she was born 65 years ago, with a twin brother, who survives her. The old home is one of the memories of her children where they were delighted to go with their mother to the romantic land of the great open fire-place, the high bed, the trundle bed and the hospitable atmosphere that they found at "grandfather's" house. Surviving her, besides her children, are her brother James A. Cockman, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cockman and Henry Cockman, of Pittsboro. These were at the funeral, along with Rev. M. D. McNeill, of Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ward and son from Clarkton and Murdoch Johnson, of Camden, S. C.

The funeral services were held at Old Bethesda church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. E. L. Barber, assisted by the Rev. M. D. McNeill and the Rev. Murdoch McLeod. A large number of friends, and she had many, attended, and the church was banked with flowers from many sources.

The active ballbearers were G. A. Charles, M. H. Folley, Cliff Johnson, J. D. McLean, H. A. Page, Jr., and Henry Blue. The honorary pallbearers were G. C. Seymour, Dr. A. H. McLeod, Dr. H. E. Bowman, H. A. Page, Sr. T. D. McLean, J. H. Sutenfield and H. W. Doub.

A storm raged as the funeral services were in progress but as the

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Committee on Federal Aid Projects Meets

Consider Ways and Means of Combatting Unemployment Here This Winter

Meeting in the Southern Pines school last Thursday afternoon at the call of M. C. MacDonald, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Federal aid projects in Moore County were the Mayors and Commissioners of most of the towns in the county, including J. E. Muse, of Carthage, Levi Packard, of Pinebluff, Henry Borst, of Vass, J. Vance Rowe, of Aberdeen, D. G. Stutz, of Southern Pines, Gordon Cameron, representing Pinehurst, and representatives from West End, Jackson Springs and Hemp.

Called for the purpose of considering ways and means of combatting the unemployment situation in the county, a remarkably fine address was made by Judge Humber, of Carthage, and in the general discussion of the subject it was found that Carthage, West End, Aberdeen and Southern Pines have projects under consideration that fit with rulings laid down for obtaining federal aid. A committee was named to meet with James A. Davis, Federal Relief Agent, and Wilbur H. Currie, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, at Carthage on Tuesday afternoon, September 5th.

At the meeting of this committee with the county commissioners in Carthage the matter was gone into more fully and a very full discussion of the possibilities was had. The most tangible result of the Carthage meeting being the appointment of a sub-committee to go into the details of the various propositions and to facilitate action where possible this sub-committee was authorized to act for the whole committee in dealing with the county commissioners.

Still Meddlin'

Aberdeen Dentist Continues to Tinker with Old Man Par

Playing the No. 1 course of the Pinehurst Country club one day recently Dr. Medlin pulled another of Old Man Par's teeth, when after five holes of less than average golf, he made a hole in one on the 204-yard sixth hole. Playing in the foursome with him were Wimberley Bowman, Jack Taylor and Sidney Taylor.

PLAN OPENING OF MARKET HERE ON SEPTEMBER 19TH

Both Warehouses to Operate Under Competent Management

FULL CORPUS OF BUYERS

Plans for the opening of the Aberdeen tobacco market on the 19th are going steadily forward in the expectation that the difficulties which have caused the temporary closing of the earlier opening markets will have been adjusted by that time.

Both warehouses here will operate this season under competent management. B. B. Saunders will be back at his old stand in the big Brick Warehouse which bears his name while Cozart & Roberts, two other experienced tobacco men, well-known locally, will operate the Aberdeen Warehouse.

All the larger companies and several of the independent concerns will have buyers on the market and it is hoped that the exceptionally high quality of leaf raised in this section will be so evident as to justify prices above the average. In any event the warehousemen promise to exert every effort to make tobacco bring its full value.

Arrangements have been completed with the Bank of Pinehurst to establish an office here during the tobacco season so that checks for tobacco can be turned into cash readily.

Grass Planting Next On Schedule Here

Winter's Coat of Green for Parkways and Yards Depends on Early Action

The Chamber of Commerce Directors at their Tuesday meeting discussed price range of Italian Rye Grass for the Fall planting with W. H. McNeill. He estimated somewhat higher prices than last year but the Directors made their plans to co-operate with the Town Officials in seeing that seed could be obtained by local residents at wholesale prices.

The Parkway Beautification Committee was instructed to follow up the matter and secure the best arrangement they could for getting grass seed and fertilizer, so that every yard and parkway might be covered with green grass this season. The town's street force in co-operation with the Seaboard's road maintenance crew did a splendid job in cleaning up Broad Street and the Seaboard right of way for the Seaboard Golf Tournament and this good work should be continued on every street and avenue in town before this summer's crop of sand-spurs and weeds goes to seed. The parkways should be spaded up for the early planting to Italian Rye.

The Committee is to urge all property owners to prepare the ground for early seeding before the Fall dry season comes on. No doubt arrangements will be made by the Committee whereby absent property owners can have their grounds and parkways seeded at cost.

"Clean-up, paint up and plant grass" is to be the most talked motto in Southern Pines for the next two months.

N R A ACTIVITIES ON INCREASE IN SANDHILLS AREA

Southern Pines Well Organized and Completes Canvass of Consumers

MANY MORE SIGN UP

Activities in connection with the work of the various NRA committees have been on the increase throughout the Sandhills during the past two weeks and there has been a heavy sign-up in the three towns in this immediate vicinity.

The Southern Pines NRA Code Committee held its organization meeting last Thursday afternoon at the Southern Pines School building and Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman, outlined in detail the work that the committee will undertake within the next few days in getting the consumers lined up by agreements to trade, in so far as possible, with those places of business flying the Blue Eagle. The consumer drive under the leadership of Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Milliken was carried through on Tuesday, September 5, and a most whole-hearted response by the public was manifested.

Plans are being made for a similar drive in Aberdeen to be put on in the next few days.

Southern Pines has the most complete organization of any of the three towns. The organization here is headed by the mayor, D. G. Stutz and Dr. G. G. Herr, President of the Chamber of Commerce, with Mrs. E. A. Tracy at the head of the women's division. The Publicity division is headed by Dr. Mudgett and the Educational Bureau by the Rev. J. Fred Stimson.

The sign-up by business firms here has continued at a brisk rate throughout the week past and the following names have been added to those published last week:

Williams Service Station, Roth's Barber Shop, Standard Oil of N. J., V. P. Clark, Mgr., Standard Oil of N. J., R. L. Lorenson, Mgr., C. L. Austin, building contractor, Southern Pines Warehouse, Inc., J. B. Cameron Screen Co., C. J. Simons, Citizens Bank and Trust Co., O'Callaghan's Plumbing & Heating Shop, Mrs. Mary Green, McLeod's Furniture Repair Shop, Ed's Cafe, Cameron's Insurance Agency.

The following Aberdeen firms have signed:

Aberdeen Hardware, Sanitary Cash Market, F. E. Plinchum, V. F. Tarlton, Standard Store, Inc., Melvin Bros, Inc., Moore Hoke Realty Co., Progressive Store, Hugh T. Morgan, F. D. Cliff, Matthews Market Bobby Burns Service Station, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Wiley's Lunch, Mountain Ice Co., W. E. Freeman, Max Filling Station, Charles and Sloan, Chas. E. Bridges, Bryan Drug, McCrummen's, Standard Oil Co., Burney Hardware, Aberdeen Sand

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Issues Regulations on School Attendance

Rules Promulgated May Affect Registration in Local Schools

Monday, September 11, marks the opening of the Southern Pines schools starting with the elementary grades on this day, and with the High School on Tuesday. A communication from Leroy Martin, Secretary of the State School Commission, may affect some prospective pupils. In effect it is that "Children who will not become six years of age, on or before November 15th of the scholastic year will not be allowed to enter, and attend school that year." "In no event will there be allowed any teachers for pupils who have graduated from standard as being, in average daily attendance high schools; they cannot be counted for the purpose of allotting teachers, or any allotment of state funds." These regulations mean that no child will be allowed to enter the Southern Pines schools who is not six years old on or before November 15th, and that there will be no post-graduate students in the High School for the coming year.

MRS. R. CALDWELL PASSES AWAY AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Funeral Will Be Held This Afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Home

SICK ONLY A WEEK

Mrs. Ralph Marshall Caldwell of Aberdeen died Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at the Moore County Hospital following an illness of only one week.

Mrs. Caldwell visited in High Point last Thursday and was taken sick while there but did not think it serious. Feeling worse as she turned toward home she stopped at the Moore County Hospital and was operated on for appendicitis last Friday morning. At first it was thought that she would recover but the operation had been too long delayed and infection had already taken place.

Mrs. Caldwell was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McKeithen of Carthage and was born in what is now the community house in Aberdeen. She was married to Ralph Caldwell in 1909. The McKeithen family is one of the oldest of the Sandhills settlers, going back to the early days of the Clarks in the days of Old Barbucue, and the McKays, who were among the founders of Longstreet church. They settled in the Little River country, coming to Aberdeen when lumber and turpentine began to make of the community an active industrial field.

Mrs. Caldwell has taken part in social and public affairs since her childhood, enjoying a wide acquaintance and the warm fellowship of the village and the country round. She leaves in her immediate family her husband, Ralph M. Caldwell, and two sons, Ralph Marshall, Jr., and Neill McKeithen. She is also survived by two brothers, Neill McKeithen of Lumberton and Edwin T. of Aberdeen, and four sisters, Mrs. W. R. Clegg, Mrs. Dan Carter, Mrs. Frances Nicoll and Miss Annie McKeithen, all of Carthage, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McKeithen. Another sister, Mrs. Roy Hart, died two years ago.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home in Aberdeen this (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Rev. E. L. Barber officiating. Burial will be in Old Bethesda cemetery.

FORMER SOUTHERN PINES RESIDENT DIES IN NORTH

E. E. Partridge, a former resident of Southern Pines, died this week at his home at Rangely, Maine, at the age of 86 years. Mr. Partridge was one of the older settlers, coming first to Pinehurst and then to Southern Pines, where he for a time owned the Heisman house which later came into the possession of Royal Scott. While here his wife died and he married a second time, the second wife being Mrs. S. Scriven. A few years ago they left for the North permanently. Mr. Partridge was fond of outdoor sports and held the championship record as a revolver shot. He was also skillful with a rifle. At one time in Maine he was asked at an eleventh hour to make a hand in an international rifle contest with the Canadian team. The guns used were the old Krag-Jorgs, with which he was not familiar, but as the American team was one man short, and he was the only available substitute, he took an old Krag out the morning before the shoot, and practiced diligently until time to appear on the field, and surprised everybody by being the high gun in the encounter. He had many friends here, for he was an affable and intelligent man.

ENGINEER AT SANATORIUM DIES FROM APPENDICITIS

Mark Rothgeb, engineer in charge of the Sanatorium power plant for the past several years, died Sunday morning at the Moore County Hospital after about a week's illness of appendicitis and pneumonia. Mr. Rothgeb was 29 years old.

He was operated on for appendicitis about two weeks ago, but complications set in and he developed pneumonia later in the week.

Case of Emergency

Taxi Driver Jumped to Wrong Conclusion and Mad Race Followed

They tell another story about a Southern woman who went North. Daughter was at a hospital. Baby case. Mother at beauty works getting hair curled when she was notified that she could see the baby at a certain hour, and it so happened the hour was close at hand. She left the chair with hair curled on one side and called a cab and told the driver to hurry and drive her to the maternity ward of the hospital. Driver noticed her hair curled on one side and not curled on the other, and he determined to get the woman there on time. Bicycle cop undertook to stop reckless driving, but the cab driver leaned over and said something and the motor cop pulled ahead and opened the traffic lane so the cab man could speed. Woman tried to say something to cab driver to lessen the terrific gait, but he was too busy trying to make the schedule and could not understand, and thought she was hurrying him along. Rolled her into the emergency department, and they hastened her up to the maternity ward where she fainted. Informant forgot to ask whether she finally saw the baby or not.

FIELD DAY HERE DRAWS CROWD OF MORE THAN 1,000

Moore County League All-Stars Defeats Champions in Loosely Played Game

CONTEST RESULTS

The second Annual Moore County Field Day, held on Monday on the Southern Pines grounds, attracted a crowd of well over a thousand, and proved itself to be one of the most popular attractions in the Sandhills.

Under the capable direction of Mr. Picquet, ably assisted by Messrs. Walters, Denny, Dupont and Everest the field events were run off smoothly and these proved to be very close affairs, but the main interest of the crowd was on the ball game between the Southern Pines champions and a picked team composed of players from other five clubs in the League and known as the All-Stars.

Just before the game started League President Matthews presented the Southern Pines club with the championship cup, and the Locals proceeded to do the customary thing on these occasions by losing the game and playing pretty sloppy baseball in the bargain. The score of the game was 5 to 4 in favor of the All-Stars, but a majority of the runs for both teams were unearned.

Ketchum went the route for the losers and permitted but six hits while his mates could make but the same number off the deliveries of Bill Turnley, Cort Thomas and Hurley Cheek. Southern Pines committed four errors and their opponents misused five times.

Three runs in the first inning, two unearned, gave the All-Stars a lead that they never relinquished. Ketchum was just missing the corners of the plate in this frame and he passed two men who later scored on an error.

Tyson and Max Folley of the All-Stars led the batting with two hits each. None of the Southern Pines players could secure over one apiece.

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SEEK MONEY FOR ADVERTISING SIGNS

Dr. G. G. Herr representing the Chamber of Commerce, and other members of that body, with representative business men of Southern Pines met with the Mayor and Commissioners Wednesday evening advocating an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to be used for the erection of suitably designed advertising signs depicting the advantages of Southern Pines as a winter resort.

Dr. Herr, Frank Buchan, and Dr. Daniels advocated the necessity and advantages of such signs placed between Southern Pines and New York.

COMMISSIONERS SET 70 CENTS AS COUNTY TAX RATE

Two Cents Above Tentative Rate But Still Cent Below Last Year's Figure

RELIEF CALLS HEAVY

The board of commissioners of Moore county, at the regular meeting held on Monday, adopted the budget for the year and fixed the tax rate at 70 cents on the \$100 valuation. This rate is two cents above the tentative rate published a few weeks ago, but is one cent lower than last year's rate, and with the horizontal cut of 20 per cent in property valuation the taxpayer will realize quite a saving. For instance, the person who owned property valued at \$5000 last year paid \$35.50 in taxes, whereas, on the same property this year the valuation will be \$4000 and with the 70 cent rate his taxes will be \$28.00, or \$7.50 less than last year's.

After giving the matter careful consideration, the commissioners came to the conclusion that a 68-cent rate would not take care of the county's requirements, due to the amount of relief it is imperative that the outside poor be given and to the expense of repairing the county home and jail.

The report of Miss Flora McDonald, home demonstration agent, was accepted and approved.

Worthy Brown was granted a permit to operate a billiard room in Hemp.

It was ordered that Paul Thomas, Greenwood township, be relieved of poll tax on account of his being afflicted with infantile paralysis.

Mrs. Elsie Smith of Aberdeen was allowed \$5 for support of herself and children; Mary Chisholm, colored, of Bensalem township was allowed \$4 per month for support; John Maples was allowed \$5 per month for support of three children of Ralph Williams who is serving time on the roads.

It was ordered that the bond of A. R. Laubscher be accepted. Laubscher was recently appointed constable for McNeill township.

The board voted to procure eight mattresses and ten pillows for the county home.

Good Weather for S. A. L. Tourney

Plans Laid for Holding Eighth Annual Meeting Here Next Year

The weather gods were courteous to the visiting members of the Seaboard Air Line Golf Association, during their three days stay in Southern Pines, and with bright sunshine overhead, and a gentle breeze sweeping over the links of the Country Club Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day the contestants and their friends fully enjoyed every minute of their stay, though the storm warnings from Florida summoned Mr. Parsons, and many of the Southern division homeward on Sunday night.

For this 7th Annual Tournament beginning on Saturday, and finishing on the afternoon of Labor Day with the presentation of prizes, and election of officers for the Association, eighty-one members, and thirty-nine of their invited guests played through the hotly contested rounds, with many other members attending merely as spectators. Nearly all of the principal officers of the Seaboard Air Line, were present, while the private cars of C. R. Capps, Chief Traffic Officer; E. C. Bagwell, General Manager, L. R. Powell, Jr., Receiver, and T. W. Parsons, General Manager, were side tracked below the depot.

The Powell Cup won last year by W. D. Simpson, went to J. C. Bennett, of Hamlet; the Capps Cup going last year to W. H. Bunkley, went to Sheriff J. S. Braswell, of Rockingham; the Southern Pines Country Club Cup won by F. L. Cook, this year went to W. E. Smith; while the Bagwell Cup was won by J. R. Bradley, of Jacksonville, Fla., and the S. A. L. Association Cup by W. D. Simpson of Norfolk. Qualifying medalists were J. L. Bennett of the

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