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MRS. JOHNSON IS WELFARE OFFICER

Raleigh Woman Succeeds Roland F. Beasley; First Woman State Officer

Greensboro, July 6.—Mrs. Clarence Johnson was elected Commissioner of Public Welfare and Dr. Howard W. Odom was elected consulting expert to the board when the state board of Charities and Public Welfare met in Greensboro today to receive the report of the nominating committee appointed to nominate a successor to Roland F. Beasley.

The members of the board are W. A. Blair, Carey J. Hunter, Mrs. Thos. W. Lingle, A. W. McAlister, M. L. Kesler, Mrs. W. F. Woodard and Mrs. J. W. Pless. The four first named constituted the nominating committee. This committee unanimously nominated Mrs. Clarence Johnson for the position of Commissioner of Public Welfare and she was unanimously elected by the board.

Mrs. Johnson has for the past two years held a responsible position in the office of the Commissioner of Public Welfare as Director of Child Welfare.

In this position she has demonstrated her ability and resourcefulness in an unmistakable way, and her experience and successful administration of her child welfare work have given her a foremost position in the State as an authority on social questions. She has been in the past president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of the State and has held other positions of influence and usefulness.

The strong backing she has had for the position of Commissioner of Public Welfare was substantial evidence of the favorable impression which she has already made upon the North Carolina public. She had the enthusiastic support of the governor, the state department of Public Instruction, the State department of public health, the State Federation of Women's clubs and other influential support.

She was appointed to the position not because it is necessarily a woman's job. It is a man's job in responsibility and labor and administration, and a woman of real energy and devotion and ability has been called to it, because there was not an available man in the state who possessed in experience and training the qualifications which she possesses. With the strong support which she has received from so many influential directions and the united support of the Board of Charities and Public Welfare, under which she will work, and with the training and abilities which she brings to the office, a successful and efficient administration is assured.

Dr. Howard W. Odom, the head of the school of public welfare at the University of North Carolina, was elected consulting expert to the board and in this position, for which his training and experience in this line of research and work qualify him so admirably, will render invaluable service to Mrs. Johnson and the board.

While it has required nearly four months to fill the vacancy made by Mr. Beasley's resignation, the board and nominating committee have not been idle. It took more than six months to locate Mr. Beasley for this position in the first instance. Comparatively few men and women are trained for the position, and such a selection has to be made with extreme care. It is a case where a mistake might involve irreparable injury. There were great many applications for the position and forty names all told were considered and investigated and more than three hundred pieces of mail handled in connection with the selection and appointment.—News and Observer.

Killed The First Time He Celebrates

Robert Lassiter, colored, of Clayton township was killed at a picnic July 4th on the Barham farm near Mr. Ransom Gully's store. He was 60 years old and had never gone to a 4th of July celebration before. Some colored people got into a dispute at the picnic and Will Ross shot Robert Lassiter just below the heart. He was taken to a Raleigh hospital for treatment but it was impossible to save him. He died Wednesday and was buried yesterday. He was a brother of Walter Lassiter, the bricklayer who lives in Smithfield.

90,000 OWNERS GET LICENSES.

Still Leaves About Fifty Thousand Car Owners in State Who Have Not Paid the Annual Fee July 1.

Raleigh, July 6.—Approximately 90,000 automobile license plates had been delivered by the automobile license department up to Wednesday morning, according to Joe Sawyer, head of the department.

This number shows an increase of about 10,000 during the past four years and about two or three thousand continue to be issued daily by the department. There were in the vicinity of 3,000 of the tags issued by Mr. Sawyer and his force of over 100 young ladies Tuesday.

As yet there remains between 40 and 50 thousand automobile owners who have failed to procure the necessary permit to own and operate cars in the state. Mr. Sawyer, however, thinks that within the next several days the majority of this number will comply with the regulations for the time of obtaining the tin tags, because of the fact that according to the law cars without the new license plates are subject of being taken in custody by state police.

The 90,000 owners who have already complied with the law for buying the license plates before the first of July represent about the same number who had bought their plates this time last year.

The registration of North Carolina motor vehicles had brought the total up to 149,444 Wednesday. The vehicles registered are distributed as follows:

Passenger cars, 133,846; trucks, 14,064; motorcycles, 1,534.

The work of registration is still giving the force plenty to do, but the rush is about over. Clerk Sawyer expects the process of registration to continue for the next three weeks to take care of belated registration.—R. E. Powell in Charlotte Observer.

Caruso in Poor Health

Enrico Caruso is in poor health and doubts that his old voice will return soon to its full glory, Capt. Charles Anthony Fulton of the United States Army Intelligence Service, said on his return from Italy on the Cosulich liner Presidente Wilson.

Capt. Fulton who is on his way to Washington, said he had seen the tenor at Sorrento just before sailing, nine days ago. The singer went to Italy with his wife and baby, Gloria, several weeks ago on the Presidente Wilson, following his severe illness here.

Partial confirmation of Capt. Fulton's statement was made by Capt. Ottore of the liner, who said that opinion throughout Italy, is pessimistic concerning the chances of early recovery of Caruso's voice.

Members of the crew of the steamship said that Caruso did not sing at the concert on board the vessel. It was a report of this concert that led to the belief in this country that the singer's voice had returned to him again. The story told by the sailors was that the singer found himself too weak to appear at the concert which was given on the Sunday following the departure of the liner on the occasion of an Italian national holiday. When Caruso was to appear, the smoking room, decorated with flags and palms was darkened. Suddenly from behind the palms, the voice of the tenor burst forth, although his figure could not be seen in the gloom. The crew declared that the song was sung not by Caruso but was reproduced by a record he had made before his illness, on a phonograph.—New York Herald.

Nails, Just Nails.

Nails have meant a great deal in the business of building. In the early ages all nails were made by hand. One can imagine how frugal the carpenter would be in constructing anything with nails when each one must be made by hand. Nails are now made by machinery in great mills, more than a ton being often made by a machine in a day. We are prone to think that no house could be built row without nails. As a matter of fact the Eskimo uses none to build his house; the Indian tepee is constructed without nails; and the Japanese sometimes use wooden pegs.

Wage reductions seem "the unkindest cuts of all."

GOOD ROADS ARMY INVADES CAPITAL

Nothing Done About Piece Of Road in Johnston—Hearings Not Over

Raleigh, July 6.—The full membership of the state highway commission will leave here Friday night, after concluding hearings of several delegations now waiting a chance to offer the "road that will serve the most people," for Charlotte and make an inspection of the two Charlotte-Concord routes over which the major contest of today was staged.

This was the agreement reached when it became apparent to the commission that there was merit in the contentions of both sides, those desiring the old Salisbury road and those urging the retention of the present road. E. T. Cansler and Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick represented the advocates of the present route while J. Lee Crowell and W. L. Marshall advocated the old road.

Next in importance to this contest today was the withdrawal of the Cleveland Springs route over the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway and the substitution before the commission of a petition from the board of road commissioners of Cleveland county for a two-mile heard on a route also to serve the line with the main highway.

The threatening troubles of Iredell county were dissipated before the delegations went to the hearing this afternoon and the row anticipated over the routing of the hard surfaced road there fizzled out. There were several minor quarrels but nothing of any serious consequence.

Tomorrow is more promising in the way of debates. Half of Johnston county, almost, is in Raleigh tonight waiting for their chance to be heard. The maps incorporated in the present road law miss some of the best Johnston towns, just as the Rutherfordton and Spartanburg surveys misses Caroleen and Cliffside. The folks advocating a change have retained James H. Pou to appear for them tomorrow.

There is much interest in the lobbies over the financial situation. One of the things that worked the harmonious outcome of the Iredell fight was the tender by the county to the state of a loan to grade the road from Statesville to the Yadkin county line which is one of the several proposed outlets for the lost provinces of the west.

The trip to Mecklenburg to decide the first inspection of the full commission. It was represented here today, among other things, that the present route touches the Stonewall Jackson Training school, a state institution and the intentions of the authors of the bill not to divert roads passing state properties will weigh with the commission in this proposition. Another phase of the controversy argued to the commission was the pledge of the advocates of the recent two million dollar bond issue in Mecklenburg to use this fund for building roads other than state highways.

The commission will set tomorrow and Friday and conclude the present session with the visit to Mecklenburg and Cabarrus. Next week additional contracts will be let.—R. E. Powell, in Charlotte Observer.

Those who attended the hearing before the State Highway Commission in Raleigh Wednesday report big delegations from the various parts of North Carolina there to present their various projects. In fact so great was the army of road enthusiasts that the News and Observer made the prediction that it would have to adjourn from the House of Representatives to the City Auditorium if any further recruits made their appearance.

No definite action was taken by the commission Wednesday on any proposal, and it was stated that the vote will be taken after all speech making has taken place. The commission will probably be in session through this week.

Johnston county did not get in a word Wednesday, but yesterday a hearing was called at ten o'clock. A number of our townspeople interested

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS.

Mr. John T. Talton Succeeds Mr. J. Walter Myatt on the Board, After A Term of Six Years.

The County Board of Education composed of the following gentlemen Mr. W. G. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, chairman, Mr. John T. Talton, of Clayton, and Mr. George Woodard, of Princeton met here Monday in regular session. At this meeting Mr. John T. Talton, of Clayton, succeeded Mr. J. Walter Myatt, as member of the board his election having been confirmed by the last legislature. Mr. Myatt completed a six year term July 1st. In consideration of the splendid work rendered by Mr. Myatt the following resolutions were drawn up and adopted which we gladly publish:

"Whereas, Mr. J. Walter Myatt is retiring as a member of the County Board of Education of Johnston County after having served faithfully a term of six years,

"Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the County Board of Education of Johnston County desires to express in this resolution its appreciation for his services as a member of said Board.

"At all times Mr. Myatt has endeavored to be just and fair in his deliberations with the citizenship of the County. The Board has found him to be a man of good judgment and endowed with an unusual amount of common sense. He leaves the work with the profound respect of each member of the Board, the Superintendent and all others connected with the office.

"We extend to him our best wishes in all of his undertakings and trust, that, although advanced in years, that he may enjoy many years of good health and happiness.

"W. G. WILSON, Chairman.
"W. H. HIPPS, Secretary."

Among other items of business considered at the meeting was concerning the building program for the immediate future. The situation in certain sections of the county as to buildings is acute, but in view of the fact that the state has been unable to dispose of the bonds voted by the last legislature for building purposes, the board went on record as not favoring any building operations in this county for the present. It is to be regretted that some schools will suffer for lack of proper housing next winter, but the course seems inevitable. Princeton, Four Oaks and Micro, we understand, are badly in need of new buildings, but the money situation prevents any move now. Four Oaks has voted bonds, but has not been able to dispose of them to advantage. Not only are buildings needed in the towns, however, but some of the rural sections are handicapped as well. Two districts, Hatcher and Corbett, we are told, are ready for consolidation but are unable to build. Three teachers are needed at Hatcher's school and two at Corbett, while only three have been handling the situation of both schools. While we were in the superintendent's office, a committee-man from one of the rural districts was deploring the fact that his school was "out of doors."

This is a deplorable situation but it is certain the Board of Education will cope with conditions to the best advantage.

A Long Distance View

A farm boy was standing on a high hill, looking the country over, when a tourist motoring by stopped for a chat.

You have a fine view from here, my lad. How far do you suppose you can see—to China?

Much farther than that, Mister.

How's that?

When that cloud goes away I'll be able to see the sun very easily.—Judge.

Teachers' Examination

On next Tuesday, July 12, the regular spring examination for State Teachers' Certificate, will be held in Smithfield in accordance with the state law. For information as to where the examination will be held call at the County superintendent's office in the old Sanders' Garage building.

In the locating of the road from here to Goldsboro were on hand to hear the discussion before the commission. Nothing definite, however, was decided at this time.

FINAL VOTE ON THE TARIFF BILL JULY 21

Measure Is Attacked Even By Republicans; Democrats Will Fight

Washington, July 6.—House republicans at a conference tonight fixed July 21 as the date for the final vote on the general tariff bill, consideration of which will begin tomorrow. The conference also adopted a proposition opening the hides, cotton, dyes and oil schedules to amendment from the floor and permitting each to be disposed of by a separate vote.

Other schedules would be subject to amendment only by the ways and means committee.

The conference decided to have the bill read tomorrow, after which general debate will be made the order by a special rule for which the conference decided to ask and which Chairman Campbell of the rules committee said would be forthcoming tomorrow.

Washington, July 6.—The administration tariff bill was laid formally before the house of representatives today and the way cleared for its consideration, beginning tomorrow.

Accompanying it were two reports by republicans, one in praise and the other in denunciation. Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee, in a report which he said he understood all republicans of the committee except Representative Frear, of Wisconsin, would sign, described the measure as a "magna charta for the perpetuation of American standards of living."

Representative Frear, in his minority report, which previously had been made public, said the measure was "subject to criticism for many unnecessary high duties that will increase the burdens of the consumers."

He also characterized some provisions of the bill, particularly the dye schedule, as "indefensible" and as an abandonment of party pledges.

Democratic members of the committee were preparing their criticisms of the bill tonight with a view to presenting their minority report tomorrow when the measure is taken up for reading or for detailed explanation by Chairman Fordney.

Meantime, republican members of the house met in conference tonight to determine, if possible, procedure to be followed in putting the measure through the house. Decisions which leaders hoped to reach included the length of time for general debate and for the consideration of amendments.

Those in charge of the measure hoped to conclude general debate in 10 days or two weeks and then go into detailed consideration of the bill under restricted discussion at which time any amendments would be taken up.

Chairman Fordney's report said that in drafting the bill, the republican members of the ways and means committee were governed by a desire to encourage American industry without at the same time saddling any unnecessary burdens on the consumer. The agricultural products schedule was described as "an all-American tariff on a normal basis."

Explaining the dye schedule, the report said the committee was of the opinion that "no tariff duties, no matter how high," could meet the conditions that would arise when Germany again was in a position to force her dyes and dyestuffs on American markets. It was declared that the great "German dye syndicate" would attack all competitors "with reckless disregard of business decency."

Work Out Their Taxes

New Britain, Conn., July 5.—A plan under which property owners who, by reason of unemployment, are unable to pay their taxes, may meet their debt to the city working for the municipality, is under consideration by Mayor Curtis. This has been done in the case of owners of wagons and trucks, and it is now proposed that the plan be broadened so as to include those who have nothing to give but their own manual labor.

The mayor also is considering the advisability of having delinquent rent-payers work for the city, and have their wages turned over to their landlords.

PASTORS, CHURCH WORKERS

Representatives of Johnston Association Meet In Smithfield Monday To Plan Work.

A good representation of the Baptist churches of the Johnston Association met in this city Tuesday at the Baptist church to plan for a "follow up" of the Seventy-five Million Campaign. It is the idea of the church in addition to raising seventy-five million dollars for the furtherance of missions and other phases of the work, to send out each year for the five years one hundred missionaries, and to wage a campaign of evangelism. Last August a ship sailed for foreign ports carrying 100 missionaries to various mission fields. Next month a hundred more will sail. Thus it is seen that the missionary activities are panning out.

It was for the specific purpose of launching the evangelistic campaign that representatives from the forty-five churches comprising the Johnston Association met here Tuesday. The whole south is being organized in this campaign, and it is the desire of the promoters of the movement that every church which has not already done so, hold a series of evangelistic services between now and the meeting of the association.

From September 10 to October 10, every church is asked to observe the "Everyone Win One" campaign.

Rev. Charles E. Maddry, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was present Monday helping to lay plans for the Johnston Association.

The ladies of the church here served a picnic dinner at the noon hour for the delegates present.

Largest Methodist Church

The largest building housing the Methodist denomination, if not the largest Protestant building in the world, according to a Chicago dispatch to the News and Observer, of recent issue will be in process of construction in Chicago within a year. The announcement further stated that it will be the new First Methodist Episcopal Church to be situated in the very center of the city's business district, at Clark and Washington streets.

While it will at first house all of the Methodist organizations in this vicinity, similar organizations of other denominations are negotiating for office space, so that in the course of a few years it is probable that this great building may become the greatest Protestant headquarters in America, if not in the world.

The building is to cost \$3,500,000 and will be situated on ground valued at \$2,500,000. It will have a width of 80 feet, depth of 182 feet and its tower will rise 410 feet from street level.

One of its striking identification marks will be a huge revolving cross at the top of the tower and its architects are the authority for the statement that the cross will be the largest revolving illuminated cross in the world.

The architect's plans have been accepted and the negotiations looking toward the erection of this building have been proceeding for months. As now planned the building is to be 21 stories in height, 182 feet in depth, on Clark street, and 80 feet front on Washington street. The building is to be of Gothic architecture, with a tower of Gothic design. Though a great city skyscraper, it will be churchly in appearance and presents the aspect of a great cathedral.

This church, popularly known as "Clark Street," was organized in 1834, being the first Methodist Church and probably the first Protestant church of any denomination in Chicago.

There will be a great church auditorium which will be a gathering place for all great religious gatherings of the city. Rooms for all sorts of social and religious purposes will be provided. An outstanding feature will be the Forum in which the great public and social questions of the day will be freely discussed in a Christian sympathetic atmosphere. All the features which have become so through such institutions as Westminster Hall and Toynbee Hall in London are being studied for suggestions.

In addition to this the office part of the building will become the headquarters of all the great Methodist organizations of Chicago.