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## TOBACCO BRINGING GOOD PRICES HERE

Mr. Mellie Johnson Sold 318 Pounds Here This Week Averaging \$76.05

This has been a good week for the Smithfield Tobacco Market. Tobacco has been coming to this market in large quantities. The buyers are aggressive and every one seems to want his share for the house for which he is buying. The warehousemen say that tobacco is coming Smithfield's way and prospects are brighter all along. The better grades are advancing and the farmers are pleased with their sales. The better grades are coming in more now than at first. Some very high averages are being made. Mr. Mellie Johnson sold this week three hundred and eighteen pounds which averaged \$76.05 and brought him \$241.84. The market shows an improved tendency as the season advances. No farmer need fear to bring his tobacco here.

### Two Cotton Weighers in Smithfield

There are now two cotton weighers in Smithfield. Mr. J. W. Daughtry, who has been a county weigher for some time lives across the street from the cotton platform near the depot, and still weighs cotton when called on to do so. Most of the cotton bought by Mr. W. M. Sanders and by Mr. A. M. Johnson for the Tomlinson Company, is weighed by Mr. Daughtry at the depot cotton platform. Mr. E. F. Crump, the cotton storage warehouse weigher, does the weighing at the new cotton warehouse near the fair ground. Most of the cotton bought by Austin-Stephenson Co., and Cotter-Underwood Co., is weighed by Mr. Crump as these two firms handle their cotton in connection with the storage warehouse.

### Mr. Will H. Johnson Dead.

Early Wednesday night the spirit of our townsman, Mr. Will H. Johnson wended its way to Him who gave it, and a home was bereft of a husband and father.

For three weeks he had been confined to his bed with a complication of diseases and for the past several days the end had been expected at any moment. His loved ones and friends did all that could be done, but his days on earth were numbered, and he had to answer the summons.

Mr. Johnson was the son of Mr. W. L. Johnson of Smithfield township. He grew up in our midst, farming for quite a number of years, but later came to Smithfield and worked at the carpenter's trade. He married Miss Lizzie Wellons, daughter of Mr. J. W. Wellons, of this city. To this union were born nine children who with his wife survive him. He also leaves one brother, Mr. W. D. Johnson, two sisters, having preceded him to the grave. The deceased was 48 years old. He was a member of the Methodist church and made the remark during his illness that he was going to try to be ready to go when he was called.

The funeral service was held yesterday afternoon at four o'clock from the Methodist church conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. H. Tuttle. The interment took place immediately afterward in Oakland cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved but while they mourn their dead, they may rejoice that there is no cloud so dark that there is no light behind it, no sorrow so poignant that there is not balm for the wound it inflicts. The Heavenly Father makes the burden no heavier than one is able to bear.

### Girls Accepts Proposal In Air.

Miss Mildred Armstrong went for an airplane ride with George Hauser, at Mineola, N. Y., and came back to earth wearing a diamond ring, having accepted his proposal while 4,000 feet up in the air.

At 2,500 feet Hauser was holding her hand; at 3,000 feet he proposed to her and she hesitated, but at 4,000 feet she answered "yes." Then they came back to earth to make the announcement of the engagement to their friends.—Piedmont Press.

## ENGINEER FURMAN SNATCHES CHILD FROM GREAT PERIL.

Driver of Norfolk Southern Locomotive Excels Movies in His Daring Deed.

He has been often in the moving pictures—the handsome engineer who from his cabin on a speeding locomotive, sees a sweet baby girl toddling along the track ahead, jams on his emergency brakes, staggering but not halting the heavy train sweeping down a grade, climbs out of his cabin, down to the cowcatcher in front, and scoops up the infant to safety, with just a scant fraction of a second to spare.

Yesterday it happened in real life, not 50 miles from Raleigh, and with more thrills than any moving picture ever had the imagination to put into it. Engineer J. H. Furman was the man; Gertrude Collins, aged three was the little girl; the Norfolk Southern was the road; Smith's water tank, two miles beyond Kipling, toward Fayetteville, was the place; and 3:05 was the time. And he had never had time to practice the feat, with a sack full of straw instead of a real, live, dimpled-face little girl.

Engineer Furman was taking 25 loaded freight cars to Fayetteville, and running at about the usual speed of freight trains. Rounding a sharp curve and going down grade toward the Cape Fear River and Lillington, he saw the little girl walking along and unsteadily down the track. Her back was toward him. With one hand Furman yanked the whistle-cord and with the other the emergency brake lever. The child was 75 yards away.

The speed of the train was slackened but the weight of the cars behind thrust it on. Furman saw that it could do stop before it ground the child to bits. Without an instant of hesitation he ran forward on the running board, climbed down on the pilot. The locomotive was then within a few feet of the still unheeding child. He reached down and grasped her by the arm and pulled her up to safety. Her worst injury was a slight bruise on the head and a scratched foot. The train was then moving at ten miles an hour.

At home half mile away the child's mother had not missed her. She had wandered off toward the railroad, clambered down the steep embankment and onto the track. Furman stopped the train and began inquiry as to whom the child belonged. With modesty as becoming of a brave man he retreated before the demonstration of parental joy. Then he went back to write the casual, matter-of-fact reports that railroads keep, and went on Fayettevillewards.

Furman is 30, married, lives in Boylan Heights, Raleigh, and Norfolk Southern officials say the coolest engineer in their employ. When younger he went off to the navy and served out an enlistment period. Then he came home and went to work with the Norfolk Southern as a fireman. Three years of that and he moved over to the other side of the cabin, and has been an engineer since.—News and Observer.

### A Wagon Load of Meat

Mr. Thomas G. Allen who lives on the capital highway three miles south of Four Oaks was here Wednesday with a two horse wagon load of bacon which he sold to Mr. W. M. Sanders. It was probably the largest lot of meat brought here by any one man this year. Mr. Allen weighed it before leaving home twenty three hundred and seventy-nine pounds. There were 39 hams which he sold at 39 cents per pound. There were forty-seven shoulders and fifty sides which brought an average price of 24 cents per pound. The load of meat amounted to \$657.33 in cash. The meat was in perfect condition and as pretty a lot of bacon as we have ever seen delivered here.

### Toadstools Indicate Heavy Snow.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 19.—Weather prophets, after exhausting the animal kingdom for signs to show that severe winter conditions are ahead, turned to the vegetable world and stated that toadstools bear out their contentions. The stems of the fungi are about three times their normal length and this is cited to prove that there will be a 300 per cent increase in snowfalls.—Philadelphia Record.

## GOVERNOR MORRISON NAMES JUDGE ADAMS

Succeeds the Late Judge Allen on the Supreme Court Bench

Governor Cameron Morrison smashed the hopes of a score of contentants for a seat on the Supreme Court bench to succeed the late Justice W. R. Allen yesterday afternoon when he announced the appointment of Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, as associate justice; named Solicitor Walter Brock as successor to Judge Adams on the Superior Court from the 13th District; and appointed M. W. Nash, of Hamlet, as Solicitor to succeed Mr. Brock.

The appointments were announced by Governor Morrison shortly after an imposing delegation from the counties composing the thirteenth judicial district had called on the Governor in the interest of Judge Adams. It was the largest delegation that has appeared before Governor Morrison since the campaign for successor to Judge Allen started. The next largest was for Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, the choice of a host of the many of the Governors' personal and political friends.

With the announcement of the appointment, Governor Morrison dispatched this telegram to Judge Adams, now holding court in Guilford county:

"Believing that you are the choice of the people of the State for the Supreme Court bench and my own judgment being that you will ably and justly discharge the high duties of that exalted position, I take great pleasure in tendering you the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench, caused by the death of the Hon. William R. Allen."

Until Sunday it was almost generally conceded that Chairman Thos. D. Warren would get the appointment. Governor Morrison had almost committed himself to the position that the East should get the appointment. An avalanche of telegrams and letters and personal envoys deluged the Governor and when the appointment was made it was a question as to which of the two—Adams or Warren—had the largest number of endorsements.

Judge Adams, the son of the Methodist minister, Rev. Shockley D. Adams, and himself a prominent lay member of the Methodist church, has been on the Superior court bench since 1908, when he was appointed by Governor R. B. Glenn. Prior to that appointment, he had practiced law in Moore county, has led the forces of the Democratic party as county chairman and had served his county in both houses of the General Assembly.

He was a member of the House in 1893 and one of the six Democratic Senators in the Fusion Senate of 1895 and there won the admiration of Governor Morrison by his ability and his fearlessness.

He married Miss Florrie Wall, daughter of Stephen Wall, of Richmond county, and has one son, William Adams.

When the death of Justice Allen created a vacancy on the Supreme Court bench, Judge Adams was the first man suggested for the office. He was declared at that time to be the choice of the majority of the bar of the State. He is regarded as an able jurist, a man of keen insight, sound judgment, and a thorough knowledge of the law.

Governor Morrison was under the impression yesterday that Judge Adams would not be able to take his seat on the bench until he had disposed of pending matters of the Guilford court.—News and Observer, Sept. 20.

### Alien Poll Tax Law Unconstitutional.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 12.—The State alien poll tax law was declared unconstitutional today by the State Supreme court in unanimous decision which held that the measure was in violation of the 14th amendment to the United States Constitution and to the treaty between the United States and Japan.

—Why does a wig resemble a lie? Because it is a false hood.

## CONGRESS IN SESSION AFTER ITS RECESS

Barely Quorum in Senate When it Resumes Debate; Anti-Beer Bill Up

Washington, Sept. 21.—Congress did not get back to work today with a rush for seats after a month of recess, for only 54 Senators out of the 92, of these 33 being Republicans and 21 Democrats, answered "present" to the roll call. Having barely a quorum at the opening there was a counting of noses from time to time to see if a quorum was on hand to go to business. But there was little accomplished during the session in the Senate, while the House is by a gentleman's agreement marking time till the Senate gets some of the House bills sent to it ready for House action.

The first of these bills is expected to be the revenue bill, and as there are differences between the Senate and House measures it will have to go to conference in the throes of the differences. Senator Penrose, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, says that he expects to have Senate action in two weeks, a short period of conference, and the measure ready for the President before October gets away.

The anti-beer bill got into action early with the reconvening of the Senate. There was a lull and it made a quick appearance, and there ensued a lot of wrangling amid mixing up on the measure, the "drys" evidently ready for a vote and inviting it, while the "wets" on the other hand, were for staying off action for the present, recognizing that there was defeat for them in the vote. There were clashes from side to side on the question that search and seizure provision, but there was no conclusion reached. It appears very evident that the conference proposal is going to win and that the Stanley amendment is doomed to defeat. But one of the fighters to the last for it will be Senator Jim Reed, of Missouri.

Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, took occasion today to hand out a few sharp things to the Republicans, telling them that the very thing of which the Republicans had complained in the case of President Wilson had just been done by President Harding, that he had written to Senator McCormick a letter to be used in the New Mexico election that was a call to Republicans to put over a Republican Senator to support the administration just as President Wilson had done. He spoke of the efforts of the Republicans to make it appear that there had been great things done by their party in Congress, that President Harding had spoken of "monumental accomplishments" without any of these having been accomplished.—Edward E. Britton in News & Observer.

### Recorder's Court Proceedings.

The Recorder court in Smithfield was in session Tuesday and Wednesday. The cases tried are mentioned below:

State vs. Leonard Capps, charged with having an excess quantity of whiskey, resulted in conviction, he being sent to the roads for 4 months.

State vs. Aaron Lee and Bill Blackman, cursing on the highway, judgments suspended on payment of cost.

Juddie Conner charged with assault, judgment suspended on payment of cost and he to appear before the court for two years and show good conduct.

S. Muns, charged with assault with intent to commit rape bound over to appear in Superior court. Bond \$1000.

Quince Capps and Herman Capps, violating prohibition laws, six months each on roads.

Minger Alfred Holder, abandonment, to pay costs and prayer for judgment continued for two years.

### Blockade Still Captured.

On Saturday morning, September 17th, Messrs Atkin Wood, W. V. Masengil and Nogah Wood captured a 30-gallon whiskey still complete in Ingrams township about five miles south of Four Oaks. They turned out about two barrels of beer. The blockaders rushed away from the still which was running but they are known to the officers.

## PUPILS OF TURLINGTON SCHOOL WANT CLEAN YARD

Supt. Urges Pupils To Attend School Regularly. Poor Attendance Causes Failures.

The children in the first five grades of the Turlington Graded school held a mass meeting in the school auditorium at 11:30 Wednesday for the purpose of discussing the problem of keeping the school yards clean. The plan which was used last year worked very well and was readopted on the children's recommendation. Six nominations came from the floor for a Chief Scout, who is to have the management of the yard in charge. Speeches for the nominees took place and then voting. Alton Benson was elected Chief Scout by a large majority.

Cooperation in the work was pledged by the whole mass meeting; and several well-stated practical plans for helping the Chief Scout in his business of keeping the yards clean were given by the various grades. Durward Creech suggested that three children be elected from each grade and each of these children be responsible for a certain part of the yard. Margaret Aycock suggested that each grade elect one assistant scout and these with the Chief Scout keep the yard. Theo Ellis suggested that the Chief Scout and his assistants be further assisted by one grade each week. This last plan was adopted by the meeting. Beginning Friday, the Chief Scout and his assistants will go on duty, having the first grade to help them for the coming week.

I have just gone through the register for third year junior high school of last year to find out whether there was any close relation between failure to be promoted and absence from school. I found that those who remained in school through the year and yet failed to be promoted were absent from school on an average of one day in nine. Then I checked up on those who passed their work and were promoted. I found that the students who were promoted were absent from school on an average of less than two days for the entire year. The failures in this class were absent 11 per cent of the time. The successful students were absent less than 1 per cent. I checked up the failures in two other classes. In one the failures were absent 12 per cent and in the other the failures were absent 10 per cent of the time.

Now failure to make the grade may not be due altogether or even at all, to poor attendance. There may be other causes for failure, such as lack of ability, or insufficient preparation for doing the work of the grade due to too rapid promotion, or failure to work at home, or unsatisfactory home conditions. But poor attendance is one big cause for failure to make the grade. There are some farmers around Smithfield, who live in the Smithfield Graded school district, who probably cannot send their children to school during the rush of the cotton picking season. In some cases the children have to pick the cotton or else let it ruin. These parents have my sincere sympathy. But I feel quite sure there are some farmers who are not compelled to keep their children out to pick cotton. About forty children in the primary department have been out this week picking cotton. I am very confident that there is no really good reason for such a large number of small children remaining out of school to pick cotton.

Please bear this in mind. It does not take many absences to make it necessary for your boy or girl to remain in the grade two years. Failure to be promoted a few times discourages the average child to such an extent that it is impossible for him to make a good student.

Some parents have an idea that the first month or so of school does not count as much as the work of the later months. This is wrong. The foundations for the year's work are being laid now. The pupil who fails to get a good start usually fails at the end of the year. If the work we are doing in September were not important we would not do it, but find some work that was important. By keeping your child out to save the price of picking a few hundred pounds of cotton you may ruin your child's chance in life.

THOS. H. FRANKS, Superintendent. September 22, 1921.

## BAD EXPLOSION AT OPPAU, GERMANY

From 1,000 to 1,500 Killed And Over 2,000 Hurt at Chemical Plant

Mayence, Germany, Sept. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—A great explosion today at the chemical products plant of the Badische Anilin- und Fabrik company at Oppau, on the Rhine, wrecked the town and spread death and destruction on every hand. The number of killed is variously estimated at from 1,000 to 1,500 and the injured close to 2,000. One report says that there were 3,000 men on the spot at the moment of the explosion and it is believed that about half of these were killed.

The town of Oppau is a scene of utter desolation, more than a third of the houses having been completely destroyed, while the roofs of the others were swept off as if by a whirlwind. Here also many were killed or injured.

The explosion is attributed by some to excess pressure in two adjoining gasometers, the whole of this part of the works being literally pulverized. Where the gasometers stood is now a funnel shaped hole, 130 yards wide and 45 yards deep, while twisted girders and debris of every description lie scattered about. For a distance of several hundred yards not a wall is left standing.

The directorate of the company is quoted as saying that the explosion occurred in a storehouse containing four thousand tons of nitrous sulphates, which had previously been examined and was believed to be free from danger of explosion.

All the workmen's dwellings in the vicinity were razed. At Mannheim on the opposite side of the river, 35 persons were seriously injured and two hundred or more slightly injured. Ludwigschafen reports say that three workmen's trains were buried under the wreckage and many children on their way to school in that town were injured.

Heartrending scenes were witnessed on all sides. At the little cemetery on the outskirts of Oppau there are already more than 200 bodies laid out on the grass. Numerous tombstones were lifted and hurled in various directions by the force of the explosion. There was not a door or window left intact for a radius of three miles.

French medical units are aiding in the rescue work. Assistance also has been rushed from all the neighboring towns, and all public and private motor cars and vehicles were requisitioned. The roads leading to Oppau were crowded with people, making their way to the scene of the disaster.

### Fordson Demonstration.

Next Tuesday, Sept. 27, the Sanders Motor Company will conduct a Fordson Tractor demonstration on the farm of Mr. J. W. Stephenson, near town. Stiff, bottom land rendered harder by the dry summer will be the scene of operations, everybody being invited to be on hand and witness the remarkable work which a Fordson tractor can do.

Representatives of the Ford Motor Company will be present as well as leading plow and implement manufacturers. The day will be given over to showing what power farming can do. The demonstration will begin at 9:30 o'clock.

### Sanders' Motor Co. Canvass.

The Sanders Motor Company's canvass is being pushed every day. They do not expect to stop until they have made a house to house canvass all over Johnston County. Up to date they have seen about three thousand people in the interest of Ford automobiles and Fordson Tractors. Two men are traveling in Selma, Micro, Oneals and Beulah townships and they have two more men traveling in Ingrams and Pine Level townships. They are arranging for an all day demonstration on the farm of Mr. J. D. Stephenson on Tuesday, September 27th and hope to have a large number of farmers with them that day. So far this month we are told they have delivered forty-seven Ford cars and one Fordson tractor. This is the biggest canvass ever undertaken in Johnston county, but it will no doubt pay them well.