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JOHNSTON WILL SPELL AT RALEIGH

To Hold Elimination Contests in County this Week —In State Nov. 23

Spelling perhaps has not been sufficiently stressed in the schools in recent years if we are to judge by the large number of folks who are poor spellers. In the days of the old "Blue Back," spelling was the main study. The boy or girl who could spell down the whole school had an enviable reputation.

In order to stimulate interest in this important part of the school course, a state-wide spelling contest will be held at Raleigh on November 23. The contest will take place in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol and each county shall be entitled to two representatives from seventh grade pupils and below.

The County Superintendent, Mr. W. H. Hipps, is arranging for Johnston county to be represented at Raleigh. An elimination contest will be held in each school next Thursday, November 10, in order to select two pupils to represent the school in the township elimination contest to be held the following day. The school where township contest will be held on Friday, Nov. 11, at 2 p. m. are as follows:

Township	School
Banner	Benson
Bentonville	Mill Creek
Beulah	Kenly
Boon Hill	Princeton
Clayton	Clayton
Cleveland	Polenta
Elevation	Elevation
Ingram	Four Oaks
Meadow	Meadow
Micro	Micro
Oneals	Thanksgiving
Pine Level	Pine Level
Pleasant Grove	Pleasant Grove
Selma	Selma
Smithfield	Smithfield
Wilders	Archer Lodge
Wilson's Mills	Wilson's Mills

On Saturday, November 12th, the County contest will be held at Smithfield, beginning at 11 o'clock and continuing until two pupils are chosen to represent the county in the State Spelling Contest.

The County superintendent recommends that Rule five in the rules governing the State Contest be adopted as the method of conducting the school, township, and county contests.

The rules governing the State contest are as follows:

1. The State Spelling Contest shall be held in the Senate Chamber, Raleigh, N. C., Wednesday, November 23, 3:30 p. m.
2. Each county shall be entitled to two representatives.
3. All pupils in the first seven grades, regularly attending the public schools during the year 1921-22, shall be eligible to enter this contest. Seventh grade graduates are excluded. The committee shall pass upon the eligibility of any contestant, whenever the same is questioned.
4. Representatives to the State Spelling Contest shall be chosen by means of organized county contests approved by the County Superintendent of Schools. The details of the county contests are left to the County Superintendent to work out in such manner as he thinks best for the schools of his county. The elimination plan is recommended, beginning with a spelling match in each school, the winners of these school contests to constitute a township contest; the township winner to participate in a county contest. All words in the school, township, or county contest should be selected from the adopted speller.
5. The State Contest shall be written. The test will be to spell words correctly. No requirements will be made for the analysis, definition, diacritical markings, or the use of words in a sentence. No proper name be included.
6. A list of 100 words will be selected from New World Speller, Book Two, for the State Contest. Should there be a tie, lists of 25 words shall be pronounced from the above mentioned source or from other reliable sources as needed.
7. The following committee will have charge of the contest for 1921: State Superintendent E. C. Brooks, Raleigh, and three others to be se-

GOVERNOR MORRISON CALLS SPECIAL SESSION LEGISLATURE

December 6th Is Set In the Proclamation as Date For Assembly of The State's Lawmakers

Governor Cameron Morrison yesterday formally called the General Assembly of North Carolina to convene in special session at eleven o'clock December 6th to make provision for a deficit of \$700,000 in the school funds of the State and to correct an error in the Municipal Finance Act by reason of which it was declared unconstitutional by the North Carolina Supreme Court, handicapping virtually all the cities of the State in their financial policies.

In June Governor Morrison announced that he would call the special session together, after the municipalities had urgently presented their cause and after Dr. E. C. Brooks, Superintendent of Schools, had laid bare the situation in the public school fund by reason of the inadequacy of the 12 cent property tax for school purposes in 1920.—News and Observer.

GOVERNOR ASKS PRAYER FOR REDUCED ARMAMENTS

Governor Cameron Morrison yesterday issued a proclamation for the observance of Armistice Day in North Carolina on November 11 and calling upon the churches and religious people in the State to hold services spending one hour in prayer "for the reduction of the armaments of nations of the world and for peace on earth."

The proclamation follows: "Whereas, Chapter 287, of the Public Laws of 1919 designates November 11th of each year as a Legal Holiday in North Carolina, and calls upon the people of the State to observe the same in an appropriate manner; and,

"Whereas, said day is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, marking the defeat of our diversities in the late World War, and pointing the way to a new era of world peace and Democracy;

"Now, Therefore, I, Cameron Morrison, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby call upon the people of our State to enter into the spirit and significance of the day, on November 11, 1921, to ponder upon the bravery of those who made the supreme sacrifice on European battlefields, and upon Loyalty, Devotion and Patriotism of those in the Homeland who, without murmuring or complaining, sent the best they had, the Flower of American Manhood, to the fields of honor, and to resolve anew to make the Peace attained through blood and sacrifice count for all that is noble and good and true in our domestic life;

"And further, I appeal to the Churches and Religious people of the State to assemble in their respective houses of worship on that day, at a time to be appointed by their pastors, and to spend one hour in prayer, for the reduction of the armaments of the nations of the world, and for peace on earth.

"And, finally, I call upon the educational leaders of the State to conduct such exercises as may be convenient and expedient."—News and Observer.

The only nation that can lower taxes is indignation.—Richmond News Leader.

8. Competent and disinterested persons will be chosen by the committee to select and pronounce words for the State Contest. In case of disagreement as to the spelling of any word in this contest, the final authority shall be Webster's International Dictionary.

9. A complete list of contestants should be in the hands of Superintendent E. C. Brooks, Raleigh, N. C., on or before November 14, 1921.

10. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the winners of the State Contest. Banners for the first, second, and third places will also be given.

11. Each County Superintendent whose county enters a contestant shall pay a fee of three dollars (\$3) to defray necessary expenses, such fee being paid to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction at the time the entry is made.

TWO MILLIONS FOR HIGHWAYS IN STATE

Federal Aid Money For the State \$1,709,330; Provisions Highway Act

Washington, Nov. 5.—Requirements as to how each state shall select its Federal aid roads constitute the principal new feature of the Federal Highway Act, enactment of which has just been completed as differentiating from the Federal Aid Act of 1916, according to an analysis of the bill today by the Federal Farm Bureau Federation.

To secure part or all of its allotment of the \$75,000,000 of federal funds appropriated for road construction for the remainder of the fiscal year, a state must select a connected road system not exceeding 7 per cent of its entire road mileage for improvement with federal aid. This system is to be divided into two classes of roads, one consisting of inter-state roads, which shall not exceed three-sevenths of the system selected and upon which not more than 60 per cent of the State's allotment can be expended without the joint approval of the Secretary of Agriculture as administrator of the Act and the State highway department. The other class, consisting of inter-county roads, will compose the balance of the system and receive the remainder of the allotment.

The amount of federal aid received on any project, however, is not to exceed 50 per cent of the estimated cost, except in states where more than 5 per cent of the area is unappropriated public land, this latter provision increasing the percentage in ten states, ranging up to 77 per cent for Utah. Where any state failed to properly maintain a federal aid highway the Secretary of Agriculture, after 90 days' notice will maintain it out of the state's allotment and refuse approval of new projects until reimbursement is made by the State.

As in the preceding bill, the Federal fund is apportioned among the states by division into three parts, one apportioned on a basis of population, one on a basis of area and the other according to mileage of rural and star mail routes. A new feature however, stipulating that no state shall receive less than one half of one per cent of the fund, increases the allotment to Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont to \$365,624 each.

The allotment for the various states as estimated by the American Farm Bureau Federation included:

Alabama	\$1,553,420.
Arkansas	\$1,254,140.
Florida	\$886,825.
Georgia	\$1,997,950.
Kentucky	\$1,417,170.
Louisiana	\$996,980.
Mississippi	\$1,294,095.
Missouri	\$2,448,120.
North Carolina	\$1,709,330.
Oklahoma	\$1,725,340.
South Carolina	\$1,061,230.
Tennessee	\$1,647,690.
Texas	\$4,425,170.
Virginia	\$1,456,820.

Preaching Appointments

Rev. A. L. Goodrich will preach next Sunday afternoon, November 13th, at Beauty Chapel church just after Sunday school.

Rev. E. B. Booker of Wake county will preach at Benson Grove Baptist church next Saturday night and Sunday afternoon November 13th at three o'clock.

Mr. H. P. Johnson and Mr. J. M. Beauty will speak at Oliver Grove Baptist church near Four Oaks next Sunday morning November 13, at 11 o'clock.

Armistice Service.

At the Methodist church Friday morning from 10 to eleven, there will be a service appropriate to Armistice Day, conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. H. Tuttle. This service is in accordance with the governor's proclamation. The Baptist congregation will unite in this service.

Armistice Day Observed.

Armistice Day will be observed at the Episcopal Church on Friday morning at 10:30. An address appropriate for the occasion will be given by the rector. Members of the American Legion are cordially invited to be present.

JAPANESE PREMIER IS ASSASSINATED

Stabbed to Death by Demented Youth; Japanese Delegation Sorrowful

Tokio, Nov. 4.—Takashi Hara, premier of Japan, who was stabbed in the heart today at the railroad station in Tokio, died an hour later.

The assassin, who is 19 years old and demented, was arrested.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The Japanese delegation to the armament conference was thrown into sorrow and confusion and official Washington, including the delegates from other lands to the conference was profoundly shocked today by the announcement from Tokio, that Takashi Hara, the Japanese premier, had been assassinated.

Admiral Baron Kato, the ranking member of the Japanese delegation, and Mr. Hara's most intimate friend, was so affected by the announcement, that he burst into tears—something most unusual for a Japanese who is trained from childhood to conceal his emotion.

President Harding expressed his horror at the outrage. It was an unhappy discordant note, he said, in a formal statement, at a time when all were seeking to come together around the conference table and add to the good understanding and good will throughout the world. Secretary Hughes went immediately to the Japanese embassy and expressed his condolences to Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador. Later he cabled to Ambassador Warren, at Tokio, to express to Count Uchida, the foreign minister, his profound distress, and to say how much the news had caused a feeling of deep sorrow throughout the United States.

The death of Premier Hara, who had attained a dominating political influence in the Japanese empire, and who was expected personally to shape from Tokio the Japanese policy at the forthcoming conference, is a very serious loss to Japan at a time when that country is passing through a period of intense transition. The emperor, Yoshihito is incurably ill, mentally and physically, and is no longer able to carry on his duties.

It is understood that plans have been under consideration to establish regency under the crown prince, Hirohito, who recently returned from a tour of Europe. Mr. Hara and Viscount Makino, the household minister have been trying to solve the problem of modernizing the Japanese court and seeking means to bring it nearer to the people of Japan who are clamoring for a development of their country along the lines of democracy. New social ideas, even bolshevistic, have been influencing the thought of the people, 95 per cent of whom are able to read and write.

Mr. Hara frequently referred to public addresses to the dangers of a too rapid absorption of western social ideas into Japanese life, believing that his country could not quickly digest successfully western concepts of society. Gradually his influence grew until the Japanese began to look upon him as a popular leader at a rather critical moment of their history. It was a common saying at Tokio that Hara alone was running Japan and that it was his decision alone that always obtained. He succeeded in inducing General Tanaka, until recently minister of war, to bring about a more straight forward co-operation between the military elements and the civic branches of the government. It was Hara who framed the policy of accommodation and conciliation which the Japanese plenipotentiaries announced as their conference policy when they entered this country.

Important public personages in Japan are never announced as dead, although actually so, until the emperor has been notified of the demise, and it is possible that this ancient Japanese custom may account for the fact that the Japanese embassy tonight was still without official announcement of the assassination of the premier. It was, however, decided in view of an official message received by the state department announcing the death to cancel the official reception which the delegation had arranged for

AUTOMOBILE RUNS OFF RIVER BRIDGE SATURDAY

Car Driven By Mr. Lester White of Selma Turns Somersault in Mid Air Off Neuse River Bridge

Between 8 and 9 o'clock last Saturday night, a forty-eight hundred and fifty dollar Appleton sedan automobile turned over and went off of Neuse River bridge down near the water's edge, twenty feet or more. The automobile going west, the right hand front wheel struck a railing post of the bridge, knocking it over and tearing down the railing. It went past the second post without knocking it over, but by the time it reached the third post which stopped the car, it had turned to the right enough to go over the embankment. It turned completely over and landed on its wheels. The wheels and body were badly crushed. Mr. S. C. White, of Selma, bought the car early this year and still owns it. Mr. Lester White, his son, and Mr. Phil Faulkner were two occupants of the car at the time of the accident.

WEALTHY BAILEY MAN KILLED

Rufus Beard Shot From Ambush As He Was Driving to Town From Farm; Negro Arrested.

Bailey, Nov. 5.—Intense feeling exists here tonight over the killing of Rufus Beard, age 78, reported to be worth a half million dollars, who was shot from ambush as he was coming to town this morning from his farm. He was shot to death as he was riding along the road just outside of town in a stretch of woods. Aaron Morgan is being held on suspicion of having been implicated in the killing.

The father of Aaron Morgan formerly lived on one of Beard's places and in the course of litigation over supplies furnished the negro, judgment was obtained against a house here owned by Morgan's father. This house was to have been sold today under foreclosure proceedings. It was understood that Beard would likely bid it in or have it done. There is a strong feeling here that this litigation furnished the motive for the killing.

That robbery was not the motive for the crime is indicated by the finding of \$620 on Beard's person. He was in the habit of paying cash for his purchases and he had probably brought along the money to make some investments.

Mr. Beard was a Confederate veteran and had lived in Nash county all his life. Through thrifty dealings he had accumulated large holdings in real estate, owning many stores here and at Wilson in addition to much farming land. He is survived by a wife.

"Correct, Sit Down."

Teacher: "Can any boy tell me three food essentials required to keep the body in health?"

There was a silence in the class till a tenderfoot scout held up his hand and replied: "Your breakfast, your dinner, and your supper!"

tomorrow evening. All Japanese official dinners also have been suspended.

Sennousuke Yokota, chief of the legislative bureau of the Japanese cabinet and a personal representative of Premier Hara at the conference, decided to return to Japan immediately.

Before the Japanese delegation left Japan threatening letters were received by its members including Prince Tokugawa to whom were forwarded suggestive and sinister drawings of the assassination of Minister Muri in 1889 and the recent murder of Yasuda, a millionaire banker.

The receipt of threatening letters alleged to have been signed by Koreans caused the American authorities to adopt the unusual precautions during the journey of the delegates from Seattle to Washington.—Associated Press.

Tokio, Nov. 5.—The Japanese cabinet resigned office after a meeting of the members held this morning. The resignation of the cabinet, which came as a direct result of the assassination of Premier Hara yesterday, will not cause any immediate change in the government, as the ministry, in obedience to imperial injunction, will continue office until further notice from the throne.—Associated Press.

BENSON HALLOWEEN SOCIAL ENJOYED

Clubs Have An Interesting Meeting; To Have Armistice Celebration

Benson, Nov. 4.—Quite the most interesting social event of the year took place Monday evening when Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boone were at home to a concourse of friends at a masquerade party. The guests were ushered in through the cellar which presented a most weird and frightful scene. They groped along amid groanings and corpse-like handclaps till finally, weak and exhausted they emerged to the first floor of the lovely home. Dim lights and tasteful decorations, suggestive of the Halloween season made a fitting background for the varied and charming costumes of the masked guests. "Father Time" (Mr. J. R. Barbour) presided over a large Guest Book wherein the guests wrote their fictitious names. In the salarum gypsies told fortunes. Amusement was found in various ways—popping pop-corn by the open fire, pulling candy, bobbing for apples, etc. But the most fun was in the disguises of the guests. It was really a distinguished gathering. There were knights and ladies there of King Arthur's day, Martha Washington was there, and Priscilla, David Mansfield, Bo Peep, several Indian maidens, Uncle Sam, Carry Nation, Colored gentlemen, Buffalo Bill, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Pierrot, Red Cross nurses, JapaneseMadames, Charlie Chaplin, Turks, Bohemian boys and girls, "Night" and others—the prize for the best though went to Harry Lauder (Mr. Root) who carried us all back to the Highlands and the Heather with his jaunty chieftan manner and song. Ghost stories were told and an impromptu poem given by Mr. Alfred Schmidt. During the evening old-fashioned doughnuts were served in the dining room with hot coffee. Never has a social event in the town been more thoroughly enjoyed as this delightful occasion.

The John Chas. McNeill Book club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. M. T. Britt at her home on Church street. An interesting program on "Ibsen" was given as follows: Paper "Ibsen's Life and Works," Mrs. A. S. Oliver. "Ibsen's Influence on Modern Drama," Mrs. J. R. Barbour. Discussion of "Doll's House" by club. New books for the years were distributed and the club adjourned for a few moments of sociability. Ice cream and home-made cake followed by hot coffee were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be on the 7th of November with Mrs. Boone, and all members are asked to bring any last year's club book they may have to this meeting.

The Woman's Club held its monthly business meeting Friday night of this week in the town hall with a large attendance. Reports were heard from the different departments and plans made for serving dinner to ex-service men on Armistice Day when the American Legion will celebrate in fitting manner. Also a Pie Supper was planned for the Saturday evening following Armistice Day. Many other matters of importance were discussed before the club adjourned.

A large crowd is expected in Benson the eleventh. There will be music by a good band. An appropriate address and other features of entertainment and interest. Dinner will be served at 12:30 in a vacant store down the street to all men in uniform, by the ladies of the town.

Mrs. J. H. Rose is in Smithfield today. A large crowd from here attended the county fair there today.

Miss Ruth Andrews, who was a member of the school faculty last year was in town the past week end, the guest of Miss High and Miss Stephens.

Mr. L. T. Royall of Smithfield was in town today.

Mr. and Mrs. Weyland Jones, of Clayton spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Parlia Hudson.

Mr. Laurie Cavanaugh, of Greensboro spent Sunday in Benson with his mother, Mrs. Geo. Cavanaugh.

Mr. Alton Hall, of Wake Forest, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall.

Mr. P. M. Mauney, of Hamlet was in town Friday night.