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## POPE'S BODY NOW LYING IN STATE

### Succumbed to Pneumonia; Cardinal Gasparri is in Charge of Affairs

Pope Benedict XV breathed his last Sunday morning at 6 o'clock after an illness of several days with pneumonia of the purulen or pus type. For several days dispatches from Rome have reported his condition and the announcement of death did not come as a surprise. Arrayed in full conicals, with golden mitre, gloves, and ring, his body lies in state in the throne room on the floor immediately below the apartment in which he died.

An Associated Press dispatch says "the formal announcement of the pope's passing was the occasion for a scene of deep emotion. All those present in the ante-chamber wept, and the prelates knelt in fervent prayer. Shortly after Cardinal Gasparri proceeded with the formal taking over of temporary charge of the affairs of the church. He will be the nominal head of the church until a new pope is elected."

Pope Benedict, the spiritual head of 300,000,000 Catholics, was born of noble line at Pegli, Italy, on November 21, 1854. He was educated at the Capranica College and later attended the Academy of Ecclesiastics. He began his pontificate on September 6, 1914, soon after Europe entered upon its four years of war. He took his ecclesiastical title from Pope Benedict XIX, one of the oldest pontiffs of the church.

He has been described as to his personal appearance as "physically ill-favored, but gifted with great intelligence."

Pope Benedict endeavored upon several occasions during the World War to bring about peace among the belligerent nations. It will be recalled that President Wilson paid him a visit in 1919 when he went to Rome prior to the opening of the Peace Conference at Paris.

## CARDINAL GASPARRI POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR

### Papal Secretary of State Figures In Speculation As To Next Pope

Washington, Jan. 22.—Cardinal Pietro Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State and "Chamberlain of the Holy Roman Catholic Church," is being spoken of here as a possible successor to the seat of St. Peter. By virtue of his position, Cardinal Gasparri has been in charge of the papal household and of the entire church since 6 o'clock this morning. His presence at the helm of the Holy See during the interregnum insures continuity of the policy followed by the vatican since the advent of Benedict XV.

Rome, Jan. 22.—Speculation is already rife concerning a successor. Cardinal Gasparri is among those prominently mentioned, although the election of a Papal Secretary is almost without precedent.

The College of Cardinals is understood to be divided into two fairly equal groups on the subject of Pope Benedict's successor. The two groups represent those who wish the next Pope to come from outside of Italy, and those who think he should be a native of the country. At the moment the later group appears to be in the ascendency.

## COLD WAVE IS FORECAST FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

Washington, Jan. 22.—The cold wave prevalent in the east Gulf States the past week has moved northward and tomorrow the middle Atlantic states will be visited with much lower temperatures, according to the weather bureau which issued a cold wave warning tonight for the latter section. Fair and colder weather also is indicated for the south Atlantic states, according to the forecaster.

## My Name, My Name's Billious.

Teacher to little boy: "What is your name, dear?" Little Boy: "Jule, teacher." Teacher: "Don't say 'Jule'; you should say 'Julius.'" Then to the next boy: "And what is your name?" Second Little Boy: "Billious, teacher."—Ex.

## FEAR LYNCHING HARNETT COUNTY NEGRO

### Officers Leave For Raleigh With Prisoner Charged With Attempted Assault.

Lillington, Jan. 22.—Arrested on a charge of attempted criminal assault when two blood hounds followed a trail from the bedroom of two members of the faculty of the Lillington High School to his house in the negro section of the town this morning, Jim Fuller, a middle aged negro, was carried to Raleigh early tonight to avoid threatened violence.

The attempted assault occurred some time Saturday night. Miss Vivian Draper, asleep with Miss Ruth Corpening in the school dormitory, was awakened by some one pulling at her feet. Thinking that it was Miss Corpening, she called to her. When Miss Corpening did not answer, Miss Draper screamed. A man jumped through the window and ran.

Jim and Polk, the famous Hoké county blood hounds, owned by Deputy Sheriff L. B. Cockman, were brought here. Given the scent from muddy footprints on the floor and windowsills of the room occupied by the two young women, they followed it without a second's hesitation to the house of Fuller, and nosed him out as their quarry. He was immediately taken into custody.

Feeling ran high during the morning before the arrival of the blood hounds and the arrest of Fuller, and when he was taken, it appeared that a lynching was imminent. Sheriff McArtan slipped his prisoner out of town, with the intention of carrying him to the State Prison at Raleigh early tonight. He left in the direction of Dunn. Fuller had been employed as janitor at the courthouse here, and was regarded as a reliable negro.

Up until a late hour last night the Lillington negro had not been brought to the State Prison here, according to the warden. Harnett county officers telephoned here at 5 o'clock in the afternoon that they were bringing him here. Some little concern was felt over the possibility that the sheriff had been held up and the negro taken from him and lynched.—News and Observer.

## President Harding Expresses Regret.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Secretary Hughes today transmitted to Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, President Harding's condolences on the death of Pope Benedict.

"Deeply regretting to learn of the demise of His Holiness Benedict XV," the message said, "the President desires me to express to Your Eminence profound condolences. His love of humanity, his promotion of peace, as well as his kindly spirit and great learning won for him a place in the hearts of men everywhere. His death will be deeply mourned throughout the United States."—Associated Press.

## BIRD ON PEACE DOLLAR IS EAGLE, NOT A DOVE

Washington, Jan. 19.—The bird on the new peace dollar is an eagle—not a dove—in case there be any ornithological dispute about it. Moreover, he's the only eagle with folded wings on an American coin with the exception of the bird on the \$10 goldpiece. Bird sharks have been horrified to hear the eagle described as a dove of peace on a mountain top. In truth, it took some digging among mint officials to find out what kind of a bird it really was. All the other eagles are spread-eagles.

## Death of Mrs. Lina Peterson

Mrs. Lina Peterson, wife of Mr. J. R. Peterson of the Sanders Chapel neighborhood died suddenly Sunday morning, January 22nd. She had been in failing health for about two years. Saturday afternoon she visited one of her neighbors but complained of suffering to some extent. Sunday morning she asked for some liniment with which to rub herself but fell over in a chair dead before the liniment could be given her. She was buried yesterday afternoon at Hope-well Freewill church near her old home. Rev. H. R. Faircloth, her pastor, preached the funeral. She was a good woman and has gone to rest.

## SIXTH DISTRICT POLITICAL TALK

### George K. Grantham, Former Johnstonian, Mentioned for Congressman

Dunn, Jan. 20.—Homer L. Lyon, representing the Sixth North Carolina district in Congress, will not retain his seat in Washington without bitter struggle in the approaching primaries, if present indications are any index to what will happen. Already the rumble of political cannon being placed for the big fight is heard throughout the length and breadth of the district and an answering cry comes from aspirants in nearly every county of that great region which two years ago sat so hard upon Hannibal LaFayette Godwin, idol of Harnett, after he had served seven consecutive terms as its representative.

Still smarting under the sting of the Columbus man's blow to its favorite son, Harnett will champion the cause of George K. Grantham, pharmacist, who owns a string of apothecary shops in the district, if he can be induced to forsake pill rolling long enough to make the race and fill the office. Druggists and other business men in the district have been strong in their appeals to Mr. Grantham. He, however, has not decided what he will do in the matter.

It is unlikely that Mr. Godwin will contest with Mr. Lyon whether Mr. Grantham does or does not run. He is busy rebuilding that large legal practice which was his before he went to Washington and is meeting with wonderful success. There is some doubt, too, that L. R. Varner, Robeson's big gun, will enter the race this time. Friends of Mr. Varner feel that his activity in recent local political battles through which some wanted to dissect the county would hurt his chance in Robeson. For this reason it is believed that he will not attempt the race.

Cumberland, however, expects to put State Senator John A. Oates into the fray. And all through the lower end of the district people are looking to L. Clayton Grant as a probable successful candidate against the Whiteville man. Grant, too, has a large strength in Harnett and Cumberland and would probably start even with Lyon in these two counties and Robeson; if Oates and Grantham do not become candidates.—Byron Ford in News and Observer.

## JOHN C. LEWIS DIES IN MOREHEAD CITY

### Superintendent of Norfolk Southern Railway For Past Six Years.

Morehead City, Jan. 22.—John C. Lewis, superintendent of the Raleigh division of the Norfolk Southern railway, died at his home here tonight at 11:30 o'clock following a brief illness of pneumonia. Mr. Lewis had been in the employ of the railroad for the past 35 years and had worked to the superintendency from an unimportant place in which he began his service. He was 50 years old.

Mr. Lewis was a relative of State Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade.—News and Observer.

## JOHN KENDRICK BANGS IS DEAD AFTER BRAVE FIGHT

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 21.—John Kendrick Bangs, humorist, and lecturer, died at a hospital here late today of intestinal trouble.

Mr. Bangs who has been ill for a number of weeks, succumbed after a second operation for a growth performed today.

Once before his physicians had given up hope, but he rallied and for a time it seemed as if he would recover.

## HARDING MAY SPEAK AT FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

Washington, Jan. 18.—President Harding promised C. G. Vardell, of Flora Macdonald college at Red Springs, to speak before the students of that institution some time, if he can find the time. Dr. Vardell presented the invitation in person at the White House.—Wilmington Morning Star.

## SMITHFIELD HIGHS DEFEAT WILSON

### Piled Up A Score of 29-25; Ellington and Davis Lead the Locals

With five minutes to play and the score 25-18 in Wilson's favor, the Smithfield highs took victory out of the visitors hands by scoring eleven points in rapid succession. The final score was 29-25 Smithfield leading. The game was the best played on the local court this season.

Davis, Smithfield's led both teams in field goals. He shot five, caging four in the last five minutes rally. Ellington played over the entire court, following the ball and showing up fine. He scored 3 field goals and caged 3 fouls out of three chances. The two centers Stephenson and "Flue" Davis scored four field goals each. Sharpe played a good game for Wilson "caging the onion" three times. Every man on the Wilson team scored a field goal.

The passing was good on both sides. It is hard to tell which side did the best in this phase of the game.

The next game of the Smithfield Highs will be with Clayton Wednesday, the 25th, at Clayton.

The line up and summary:

Smithfield (29)	Wilson (25)
Davis	Sharpe
Ellington (Capt.)	Tomlinson
Stephenson	F. Davis (Capt.)
Godwin	Waldo
Brown	J. Davis

Smithfield scoring: Field goals, Davis 5; Ellington 4; Stephenson 4. Foul goals: Ellington 3 out of three chances. Wilson scoring: Field goals, Sharpe 3; Tomlinson 2; F. Davis 4; J. Davis 1; Waldo 1. Foul goals, F. Davis 3 out of five chances.

Substitution E. Caudill for Brown. Referee Tyner. Scorers Blackman and Wharton. Timekeeper: Moore.

## Survey Party at Work.

A surveying party from Kinston numbering six or seven men, are making Clayton headquarters while at work making a preliminary survey of the proposed hard surface road over the State Highway from the Johnston-Wake line to Smithfield, the mileage of which is 16.5 miles. The engineers have been at work since last Thursday, beginning at the western end of the road they have already reached Clayton on their way toward Smithfield. The men are now making their first trip over the route, and before the plans are finally completed it will be necessary to go over the route three or four times.

We understand that there will be several changes in the route of the new road near Clayton, the old road being followed only at a few places. Where the engineers find it best to re-route the road in order to shorten or straighten it, this is done.

The party now in Clayton consists of Messrs J. L. Phillips, H. Gray, B. Z. Cameron, J. O. Cornell, George Griswald and M. L. Hardy, all of Kinston.—Clayton News, Jan. 19.

## COLORED J. C. T. S. BASKETBALL TEAM WINS TWO VICTORIES

Before a large, enthusiastic, but orderly crowd in the Farmers Warehouse, Smithfield, Tuesday evening, January 17th, the Training School Highs beat the Rocky Mount Highs to the tune of 21 to 16. Both teams played well, but the superior organization of the Training School was too much for their ambitious opponents. The fact that the score was 10-10 at the end of the first half helps to tell that the game was not a one-sided affair.

In Watson's Warehouse, in Wilson, Thursday evening, the Training School won over the Wilson Graded School by the shameful score of 25 to 3. The Wilson team was entirely outclassed in every respect. All of their scores were made from the foul line. The Training School boys were well entertained by the Wilson faculty and students before the game.

Return games are to be played with both of these teams, and arrangements are being made to play other schools in the High School class.

## NEARLY DEAD FROM GAS IN A WELL

### John Morgan, Colored, Killed By Gas In Well; Mr. W. C. Strickland Nearly Succumbs to Fumes.

In the neighborhood just south of Wilson's Mills, N. C., there are several wells which afford more or less dangerous gas. Several well diggers who were digging wells or cleaning out wells or digging old wells deeper have had to come out of these wells on account of the gas. A few months ago John Morgan, colored, one of the oldest well diggers in that section was killed by this gas. He signaled to be drawn out but when near the top he became unconscious and fell back and was suffocated by the gas.

Last week Mr. W. C. Strickland was digging a new well at Mr. W. M. Sanders' Frost place. He found the gas was about to overcome him and asked that he be drawn out of the well. After he had come up about ten feet he turned loose the rope and fell back to the bottom of the well. Everybody there realized that he could live but a short time if allowed to remain in the well. They could hear him making a noise like a dying man. After he had been lying in the well for about half an hour Mr. J. B. Coats came along. He went down into the well and chaiming Mr. Strickland to the well rope brought him out of the well. It took some time to revive him but after getting where the air was pure he gradually revived and is now all right again. If some one had not gone down into the well for him he would have died before long.

## JEFFERSON STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE CO. 15 YEARS OLD

### W. H. Austin, F. K. Broadhurst and B. B. Adams, Directors—Business Increased Last Year.

Fifteen years of doing business in North Carolina has raised the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company to a commanding position at the head of the field in North Carolina. During the past year which was not a good year for any business, the company increased its business to \$165,000,000 according to the annual statement made to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in Greensboro during the past week.

A decade and a half ago the company began business, and at the end of the year, had in force \$1,576,000 of insurance. Since that time it has paid out to policy holders approximately nine million dollars. Its reserve fund now is more than ten times the amount of its total outstanding insurance fifteen years ago. During the present year the company will pay out in dividends approximately \$465,000.

Forty million of insurance in 1921 is one of the most notable achievements of the company since it was founded, and one that has given great satisfaction to its officers and directors. Raleigh has had a notable share in this business, its local office being in the hands of the well known firm of Fetter and Hines. The officers and directors of the corporation are as follows:

Julian Price, president; J. E. Latham, vice-president and chairman of the board of directors; George A. Holderness and J. Elwood Cox, vice-presidents; Charles W. Gold, treasurer; W. T. O'Donohue, secretary; J. P. Turner and J. T. Battle medical directors; Ralph B. Coit, actuary; and A. L. Brooks, general counsel. Directors of the organization are:

W. P. Holland, Clarksdale, Miss.; C. W. Causey, Greensboro; R. C. Dunn, Enfield; J. E. Latham, Greensboro; S. H. Anderson, Wilson; Walker Taylor, Wilmington; Julius W. Cone, Greensboro; Albert Anderson, M. D., Raleigh; P. C. Lindley, Greensboro; R. E. Buck, Charlotte; John A. Kellenberger, Greensboro; J. L. Latham, Greensboro; T. S. Franklin, Charlotte; Frank Broadhurst, Smithfield; W. G. Clark, Tarboro; W. H. Austin, Smithfield; A. G. Myers, Gastonia; J. W. Fry, Greensboro; R. P. Richardson, Reidsville; W. A. Blair, Winston; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; George A. Holderness, Tarboro; P. C. Rucker, Greensboro; Julian Price, Greensboro; Chas. W. Gold, Greensboro; J. P. Turner, M. D., Greensboro; A. L. Brooks, Greensboro; B. B. Adams, Four Oaks.—News and Observer.

## COTTON, TOBACCO NOT ONLY CROPS

### North Carolina Ranks High In Production of Various Other Crops

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—The enviable rank of fourth in value of North Carolina's important crops, calls for the reason therefor. Over half of the \$262,880,000 value of all crops belongs to cotton and tobacco alone.

Many states and authorities have the idea that North Carolina is almost solely given over to cotton and tobacco, but according to the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service of the state and federal Departments of Agriculture, this state produces as great a number of different crops on a commercial basis as any state in the union. Corn is valued at over 38 million dollars; hay at 14 millions; sweet potatoes at almost ten, and Irish potatoes near six millions, while peanuts stand at over 7 millions in value. Soy beans equal over four, Sorghum Cane and Cow peas each over two million dollars. Fruit and truck run into the millions, also, although the western rugged counties do not produce many of these crops in great quantities, the farmers up there produce valuable products from their mountain side pastures in the form of livestock, both domesticated and tourists. The several crops mentioned and the livestock productions are ample evidence that North Carolina has diversified farming interests.

It is interesting to study the state's diversity of leading crops and the percentage of their total acreage which follows, corn 33.5 per cent; cotton 20.5; all small grain 10.6; all hay 9.6; pastures (cleared) 8.0; tobacco 6.3; soy beans 3.3; cow peas 2.6; peanuts 2.4; sweet potatoes 1.3; velvet beans (all) 1.0; sorghum and Irish potatoes .6 each. Several lesser field crops and the fruits are not included.

The per acre value of crops are: tobacco \$157; white potatoes \$126; sweet potatoes \$98; sorghum \$73; peanuts \$51.50; cotton \$50; hay \$20; soy beans \$37; cow peas \$21; corn \$15; oats \$12.50; wheat \$10.60; and rye for grain \$9 per acre. The average value of all crops, exclusive of fruit, truck and pastures is \$34.00 per acre for the year 1921. Comparative figures for other states are not yet available.

Though we do have fourteen crops grown on a commercial scale, the fact that some of them yield the producers a gross average of less than \$15 per acre after a whole year's expense and effort, means that something is wrong. Bread is recognized as our principle food—commonly called the "Staff of Life" and the last crop of wheat brought the average North Carolina farmer only \$10.60 an acre. The production cost included fall preparation, fertilizing, and drilling, early summer harvesting and threshing, the use of valuable land, expensive machinery, teams and overhead expense. The total value of North Carolina's crops is but half their value of two years ago, and many farm products are below the 1913 prices.

The farmer is up against it and prosperity cannot return until these essential producers get an equitable business like deal. They cannot trade without money or credit. A little human interest will help too.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN NEARS GOAL

Nashville, Tenn. Jan. 22.—Southern Methodists lack 13 million dollars having their quota in the campaign for Christian education which ends May 1, it was announced here by Dr. Stonewall Anderson, secretary of the Board of Education which initiated the plan.

Dr. Anderson said he considered it remarkable that twenty millions of the original amount sought had been subscribed during the period of business depression and added:

"With a mind to work, coupled with faith and hope and courage we shall yet do this thing."

## An Artist

First Boy—My father is a fine artist. With a few strokes he can turn a laughing face into a sorrowful one.

Second Boy—So can mine, but he uses a stick.—Charity and Children.