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## JOHNSTON COUNTY LOSES GOOD MAN

Mr. Esrom Johnson, of Elevation Township Passes Away Following Accident.

### SERVED IN THE CIVIL WAR

Mr. Esrom Johnson, one of the most prominent men of his community and county and well known in the State, died at his home near Four Oaks Saturday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock after an illness of only a few days. The deceased was eighty years, eleven months and twenty-five days old. Last Monday afternoon about five o'clock he was kicked by a mule and received injuries which proved fatal. Everything that could be done for his relief was done, but it was soon apparent that his injuries were of a serious nature. Physicians were called into render medical aid and on Wednesday morning at seven o'clock an operation was performed, but he gradually declined until death came Saturday.

Mr. Johnson was a Confederate soldier during the Civil War and served his country faithfully during the four years of the great struggle between the North and South. After the war he returned home and took farming as his chosen profession. By hard work and thrift he became one of the most prosperous men of the county and had accumulated considerable property.

For many years he had been a faithful member of Clement Primitive Baptist church, and was a man of the finest Christian character. He was a kind neighbor, and was ever ready to help those in need. He was often found at the bedside of the sick or wherever he could relieve suffering. Those who called upon him in need were never turned away empty handed. He was a valuable man in his community and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Johnson was married three times, the last time to Mrs. Columbia Tomlinson Sanders, of the Polenta section. To this union were born four children three of whom survive him: Mr. C. Walton Johnson, who was formerly secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Portsmouth, Va., but has recently gone to Camp Sequoyah, near Asheville, where he is developing a summer camp for boys; Mr. Roy Johnson, of Four Oaks; and Mr. Paul E. Johnson, who lived with him. He was a step-father of Messrs. John W. and D. H. Sanders, of Four Oaks, and Mrs. E. F. Moore, of Benson. His wife preceded him to the grave more than thirteen years ago.

The funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock conducted by Elders Exure Lee, of Benson, L. H. Stephenson, of near Willow Springs, and Jesse Barnes, of this city, after which he was laid to rest in the family burying ground at his home. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Will H. Lassiter, Alfred Lassiter, Calvin Lassiter, Albert Lassiter, J. H. Lassiter, John Lassiter, John Hobbs, and R. A. Langdon, relatives and neighbors of the deceased. A large crowd attended the funeral. The floral offering was beautiful.

The sympathy of a large circle of friends goes out to the bereaved ones in their loss.

## N. Y. Radio Set Heard 90 Feet Under Water

New York, Jan. 4.—Huddled in a dripping tunnel, 90 feet below the surface of the Hudson river and 1,600 feet from an exit, a group of transit officials, electrical experts "sand hogs" and newspapermen today tuned in on radio concerts broadcast from Pittsburgh and a half dozen nearer stations. The experiment was conducted at the farthest end of the uncompleted Jersey-Manhattan tube of the dual vehicular tunnel by technicians of the Radio Corporation of America, the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing company and the New York, New Jersey Bridge and Tunnel commission.

The radio programs were heard distinctly, both by ear phone and loud speaker. The fact that the ether vibrations carried into the tunnel (Continued on page 8)

## TO DISCUSS TOWN GOVERNMENT

Woman's Club Program Wednesday To Be Featured By Talk.

### MR. F. H. BROOKS TO SPEAK

A program which promises to be both interesting and instructive and to which all the ladies of the town are cordially invited, has been planned by the Woman's Club for its monthly meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon. The topic for the occasion is: "Our Town Officials and Administration" and Mr. F. H. Brooks will cover the subject in his usual capable manner.

The program is in line with the citizenship course for Women's clubs sent out by the Extension Department of the State University. The topic will be developed as follows:

1. The Town Plan of Administration.
    - (a) Officers.
    - (b) Their position.
    - (c) Title.
    - (d) How elected.
    - (e) Term of office.
    - (f) Important Duties.
  2. Departments.
    - (a) Finance.
    - (b) Police.
    - (c) Fire.
    - (d) Civic.
  3. Functioning of the Department.
- The meeting is called at three o'clock in the club room, and all interested in knowing more about the administration of the affairs of Smithfield, are urged to be present.

## Filene Offers \$50,000 For Peace Plan

Paris, Jan. 3.—The establishment of a series of European peace essay competitions, similar to that of Edward W. Bok, the prizes totaling 50,000, will be officially announced shortly.

The donor of the money is Edward A. Filene of Boston, Mass., who offers it for a competition among English, French and Italian writers for the best practical plan for the general maintenance of peace.

Leon Bourgeois, former President of the Council of the League of Nations, has agreed to preside over the French committee, provided Senator de Jouvenel, editor of the *Matin*, serves as acting head of the committee. Tommaso Tittoni, president of the Italian Senate, has accepted the Chairmanship of the Italian committee. In England Gilbert Murray, the noted scholar, is doing the directive work.

The competitors may write on any subject which they consider will be helpful to the peace movement. They may discuss the League of Nations, the Court of International Justice, the reparations problem, how Europe can best co-operate with the United States, or any plan for furthering international cooperation and prosperity.—Associated Press.

## Improvements In X-ray Tube Cancer Cure

New York, Jan. 4.—The x-ray tube for cancer treatment invented by Dr. C. T. Urey, research engineer for the Westinghouse Lamp company will be a boon to cancer victims in cutting down the high expense of treatment.

This was the conclusion reached by experts after the new tube had been used successfully at St. Luke's hospital during the past three months. New improvements being made on the apparatus are expected to result in great advances in the treatment of the disease.—Associated Press.

## Normand Films Not to be Barred in N. Y.

New York, Jan. 4.—The New York state moving picture commission will take no action toward barring films in which Mabel Normand and Edna Purviance appear, unless complaint is made, officials said today.

The commission, as a rule, passes on the film itself and not on individual actors and actresses.

## All Eyes in Eastern North Carolina Centered on Exposition

### Five Thousand Rifles Sold To Mexico

Washington, Jan. 4.—Sale of 5,000 Enfield rifles with 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition for the guns and eight DH-4 surplus airplanes to the Mexican government was announced today by Secretary Weeks.

The transaction was completed during the day when word came by wire to Mexican agents that the government had transferred funds necessary to make one-half of the payment in cash, the balance to be paid within 30 days. The terms fixed by Secretary Weeks were equivalent to a cash transaction and were accepted by the Mexican government, paving the way for immediate delivery of the war munitions at the army depot where they are stored.

Under the terms of the sale the war department will turn over the rifles and ammunitions at Fort Sam Houston and Fort Bliss while the airplanes will be delivered from the depot at Fairfield, Ohio. The Mexican government will make its own arrangements for shipment to the border. Orders were issued at once for delivery of the military supplies to designated Mexican agents. They will reach commanders of the depots tomorrow.

Although the statement issued by Secretary Weeks did not disclose the total amount of money involved in the sale, on the basis of prevailing prices it would appear to be less than \$400,000 as Enfield rifles sell at about \$35 each and surplus ammunition at about \$18 per thousand rounds while the airplanes would be valued at about \$12,000 each.

It was reported when first word of the sale of arms to Mexico became public that the Obregon government expected to spend \$750,000 for the equipment. Whether, in view of the necessity of making the deal practically a cash transaction, the Mexico City government found itself unable to go beyond the purchase of the amount of equipment mentioned in today's statement, or whether Secretary Weeks found it inadvisable to authorize any larger sale, has not been disclosed.

Mr. Weeks did not say what other equipment the Mexican government had asked for in its original list. He stated however, that the airplanes to be sold were not equipped with machine guns or other armament or that any proposal to equip them before delivery would be supplemental to the present deal. The war secretary also said that there was no project for the sale of field artillery and artillery ammunition now under consideration.

The Enfield rifles were turned out after the United States entered the war to supplement the supply of Springfield rifles and since had been recalled from service and stored as surplus. The ammunition also will come from surplus stocks manufactured in this country in considerable quantities in the closing days of the war, and although the eight which used, they are in good shape and are will be delivered to Mexico have been equipped with the war-built Liberty motors which give them great speed for observation planes. They are great rearers and well qualified for scouting and communications work.

While there were no developments today in connection with opposition in Congress to the sale of arms to Mexico, an authorized statement of the administration attitude became available at the white house which made it plain that the purpose of the Washington government in the present transaction was wholly one of aiding a neighbor state in the maintenance of order and governmental stability within its own borders.

Any suggestion that the administration might have under consideration munitions sales to other governments, where the question involved was aggressive warfare planned by one nation against another was rejected.—Charlotte Observer.

Do a kind deed each day.

### Exposition to be Held in Kinston Will Be "The South's Biggest Event of Its Kind" 50,000 PEOPLE EXPECTED.

All eyes in Eastern North Carolina will center on the big Exposition, that is to be held at Kinston one week beginning April 7 of this year, for the next three months. Plans are fast taking definite shape which indicate that this will be up to the slogan, "The South's Biggest Event of Its Kind." There isn't a better place in all the eastern part of the State to hold the big show than Kinston. The excellent road system radiating in every direction from the metropolis of Eastern Carolina, will make it easy for everybody to go at least one day.

**Program To Be Great**  
In speaking of the program recently that is being gotten together for this big occasion, Secretary Bartlett said, "We had a wonderful exhibition of talent last year, but it is going to be even bigger this year." Some outstanding Star will open the Exposition on Monday night and the on till the curtain falls Saturday evening there will be something doing all the time. The committee expects to get together a program that will appeal to every class of patronage, and no expense will be spared to bring this about.

**Exhibits To Be There**  
Last year, the first year, more than 50,000 square feet of floor space was covered with exhibits of various kinds. This year the indications are there will be more exhibits and a bigger variety. An extra effort is going to be made and is being made now to get a real agricultural show. Every county that is a member of the Eastern Chamber of Commerce is entitled to a free booth and this means that more than fifteen counties will have a chance to do some real first-class advertising. They will be there and you need not worry about that. Eastern Carolina will be there in no uncertain way.

Every manufacturing plant in the State ought to have some floor space at this big show. It is an excellent way of putting before the outside world, Eastern North Carolina's wonderful advantages.

**The People To Come**  
The turn stiles last year registered 17,310 paid admissions with two rainy days. The attendance this year should run to 30,000 easily. They are going to Kinston, you bet.

## Four Meet Death at Grade Crossing

Belle Fontaine, Ohio, Jan. 2.—One man, two women and a child, occupants of an automobile bearing a Michigan license were instantly killed tonight when the machine was struck by a Big Four train at Huntsville, near here. Parts found in the man's pockets bore the name of Ernest R. Herron, of Oak, Mich. Bodies of the victims were brought here. The man's apparently 35 years of age. One of the women is described as being about the same age possibly the wife of the man. The other two victims were an elderly man and a little girl of about 10 years. Bodies of all four were badly mangled. The bodies of the little girl and one woman were found in the debris of the machine, which was hurled more than 100 feet. The train which struck the machine was Big Four passenger train No. 3, bound from Detroit and Toledo to Cincinnati.

**Mistake Corrected**  
In our last issue the statement was made that Dr. W. T. Martin, of Benson, would occupy the office of Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald of this city while he is taking a special course in New York. Dr. Martin's brother, Dr. J. H. Martin, who has just completed a course in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., is now occupying Dr. Fitzgerald's office, and will be glad to have his friends call to see him there.

## SCHOOL BONDS BRING GOOD PRICE

Princeton and Glendale Issues Sell Above Par; Each \$100 Worth Brings \$106.11

### OTHER ELECTIONS SOON.

Certain sections in Johnston County are waking up to the possibilities of education, as the school building program being carried out is sufficient evidence. At a meeting of the Board of Education on January 3rd, bids were received for Princeton and Glendale Bond Issues. For the Princeton Issue of \$55,000.00 Klam, Gates, White & Company of St. Paul, Minn., bid \$58,359.50 and were awarded the bonds; this being the highest bid. This means that each \$100.00 Blanchet, Thornburg & Vandersall of Toledo, Ohio were awarded the Glendale Issue at \$31,365.00. This means that each \$100.00 worth of bonds brought \$104.55.

Princeton recently received \$40,000 from the State to go with the proceeds of this bond sale to erect a twenty-room modern school building. Glendale received \$30,000.00 from the State to go with the proceeds of this bond sale to erect a sixteen-room building.

Next vote on January 23 on \$150,000 issue for school purposes. Pine Grove will vote on February 5th on \$20,000.00 issue; all for new buildings.

## Many Injured May Never See Again

Pekin, Jan. 4.—More than a score of bodies are buried in the plant of the Corn Products Company where the explosion early yesterday morning caused the death of upwards of 40 and the serious injury of 20 more. The workers are in constant danger from the tottering walls and it may take several days to recover all of the bodies. Throughout the night, while the searchers dug their way knots of women stood outside of the fence of the plant. One hundred men were working through the night trying to put out the fire. Pitiful accounts come from the survivors in the hospitals here and in Peoria where the survivors are fighting for life. Even if they win the battle against pneumonia they may never see again. The force of the explosion or the concussion was of a nature it seems to destroy the sense of sight. The eyes of nearly all the survivors are swollen or puffed up, and are fearfully burned.

### Had To Keep Her Youth.

A brutal editor once printed in his "social" column this curious item: "Miss Mabel March, an Albany belle of twenty summers, is visiting her twin brother, aged thirty-two."—Ex.

## Mable Normand Films May Be Banned in Ohio

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 4.—All motion pictures in which Mabel Normand is one of the characters, may be barred from exhibition in Ohio, Director of Education Vernon M. Rigel indicated today after receiving an "urgent request" from Attorney General C. C. Crabbe that such action be taken.

In his reply to the attorney general, Director Rigel after reciting the fact that Jack Johnson and "Patty" Arbuckle pictures had been barred by the state censor department said:

"I assure you there will be no deviation from our present policy of dealing with such pictures."

"This film star has been entirely too closely connected with disgraceful shooting affairs and her name brought into such dispute as to warrant this suggestion," the attorney general wrote Mr. Rigel declared. The barring of the Normand films, he said, would be "to the best interest of society and of the legitimate picture industry."

Tom Tarheel says that now is the time for self-inquiry. In what way was failure made on the farm last year and how can it be remedied this

## SEVERE WEATHER SWEEPS COUNTRY

Lowest Temperatures In South Since 1918; 39 Deg. Below in Mankato, Minn.

### A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Upward of a dozen deaths resulted today from one of the most severe cold waves that has swept the entire country in years, disrupting transportation, and communication and causing untold suffering.

The North Central section was the greatest sufferer from the cold, Chicago and Illinois having low marks which have not been passed since 1905, while Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa also reported exceptional cold, some temperatures being the coldest in many years.

The coldest point in the United States today, according to unofficial reports, was Virginia, Minnesota, where 39 degrees below zero was reported, but this record was closely approached by Mankato, Minn., with 38 below and Gordon, Nebr., with 37 below.

Tinight the death list of Chicago, where the lowest official reading today was 16 below, but where unofficial readings in suburbs reached 22 below, stood at six. Three deaths had been reported at St. Louis, Mo., and at St. Paul a park policeman was frozen to death.—Associated Press.

## THREE FATALITIES IN GEORGIA ARE REPORTED

Macon, Ga., Jan. 6.—One negro was frozen to death and a white girl and a negro were burned to death while trying to keep warm as a result of the low temperature of last night and early this morning. The minimum temperature was eight degrees above zero, reached at 8 o'clock this morning.

## FOUR DEATHS, DUE TO COLD WAVE, IN PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, Jan. 6.—Four deaths attributed to the cold wave were reported to the coroner's office today. Two persons were frozen to death during the night and two others, a child and an aged man, were fatally burned while dressing in front of open fires.

## BACK OF COLD WAVE IN CENTRAL WEST IS BROKEN

Chicago, Jan. 6.—With the back of the severest cold wave in years broken, the Central West today crawled out from hiding to find temperature of 19 and 20 degrees above zero like summer climes compared with the sub-zero weather which had gripped this section for several days.

## ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY WHEN STOVE BLOWS UP

Raeferd, Jan. 6.—How one could escape alive under these circumstances is the question everybody is asking today in Raeferd.

Mrs. A. R. Morris knows something of T. N. T. although she never saw an ammunition plant nor a front line trench. After kindling a harmless (Continued on page 4)

## Morrison Denies Budget Estimate

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—Fearing that recent publication purporting to come from the office of the commissioner of revenue has been interpreted by some in a manner grossly to mislead the public as to the condition of the state treasury, Governor Morrison issued a statement tonight denying that the budget commission made any estimate whatsoever as to how much money would collect for the calendar year ending December 31, last. The governor does not get personal and leaves the fellows to guess as to what gross misinterpretation he seeks to correct. He returns to the "folly" of a system which would seek to determine whether revenues "levied for a year meet the state's appropriations and expenses for that year until the taxes have been collected and applied to the period for which they were collected" his statement says.