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## PROMINENT WOMEN OF STATE SPEAK TO BUSINESS WOMEN

Mrs. Johnson, Miss Riddick, Mrs. Bickett and Miss Lewis Meet With Woman's Club

### HOLD BANQUET MEETING

The Smithfield Business and Professional Women's Club had a most auspicious launching with four distinguished business women of the State present at the banquet given Tuesday evening at the Woman's club. Miss Elsie Riddick, President of the State Federation of Business Women's clubs, Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, State Superintendent of Public Welfare, Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of the State Department of Health, and Miss Lottie Lewis, treasurer of Wake County, were present and made talks. Miss Cora Belle Ives, president of the local club, presided over the session, various stunts giving variety to the first part of the program. As soon as the dessert was served, Miss Mary E. Wells, assistant County Superintendent of schools, introduced Miss Riddick, who spoke interestingly on the value of a Business and Professional Woman's club. She told how women proved during the war that they were capable of entering many new vocations, and that since the war, they were still exercising their new freedom in this respect. The value of business women banding together, she said, had been proven. Cooperation, efficiency, education constitutes the program which these clubs strive to put over. Cooperation along the lines of recreation, keeping physically fit, training for work one loves, providing educational facilities for those who want to keep studying are some of the things that these clubs promote. "Better business women for better business" is their motto.

Following Miss Riddick, Mrs. Johnson spoke particularly of the legislative program that women can further. She stressed the importance of women using the ballot, but pointed out that cooperative methods in getting laws passed was the wise course to pursue. She brought a new thought to many present as she told of laws already on the statutes which are not functioning.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett was the next speaker, and made a plea for the home. She said too many girls, in these days when business opportunities call, say "no" to marriage proposals, whereas she would like for business girls to carry the same efficiency which they exercise in their offices into well regulated homes.

Miss Lottie Lewis, was the last on the program, and her talk was rather a personal experience as to what the Business and Professional Club has meant to her. She referred to her campaign as candidate for treasurer of Wake County and paid tribute to the Women who helped her win out. The keynote of her talk, however, was for women who enter the business world to preserve their womanliness. A woman can enter any field of endeavor, said Miss Lewis, and yet remain a womanly woman.

### Motor Club Will Open Office At Goldsboro

Goldsboro, April 2.—The Carolina Motor club, with headquarters at Greensboro, will open an office here this week. It will be the official automobile license bureau of the department of state which Secretary Everett has authorized for the handling of automobile license tags. Complete information may be obtained at this office at any time and a full time man will be placed in charge of the office.

### McLean Supporters of Smithfield Township Elect Their Officers

At the meeting of the friends and supporters of Hon. A. W. McLean for Governor held in the court house on Tuesday, April 1, the following officers were elected for Smithfield township:

J. W. Stephenson, chairman; J. A. Narron, secretary; Judge F. H. Brooks, chairman advisory committee, to work with township organization in Smithfield township.

Also the following were elected as members of the advisory committee: Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Mrs. L. G. Patterson, Mrs. Jas. H. Kirkman, Mrs. E. F. Crump, Miss Cora Belle Ives, Charles A. Creech, R. A. Wellons, E. S. Abell, and W. H. Austin.

### LITTLE WILMOTH VAN ALLEN VICTIM OF A FAMILY FEUD

Booneville, Ark., April 1.—Lick Creek Valley, a little community seven miles from this city, turned out Monday for the funeral of Little Wilmoth Van Allen, 3-year-old victim of the McC Carson-Van Allen feud, who was killed Sunday in a clash between the two families on a highway near the McC Carson home.

The body of the little girl, who was shot four times, was buried in the little country graveyard near her home. Hundreds of men and women gathered for the ceremony.

Reports from the hospital at Paris, Ark., where six of the seven persons wounded in the battle were taken for treatment were to the effect that all probably would recover although the conditions of Mrs. Burley Van Allen, and Charles and Ruby Allen, the latter half brother and sister, respectively, of the dead child, were said to be serious.

County officers said last night they had failed, after a day of investigation to fix responsibility for the clash. Warrants have been issued for all the principals involved and will be served today, it was said, unless the men surrender.

Thirteen members of the Van Allen family were on their way to the home of a relative when the clash occurred. Sam McC Carson and his family live on the road over which the wagon bearing the Van Allen family passed.

Conflicting stories of the shooting were told by members of the two families. The 12-year-old son of Sam McC Carson declared that Dewey Van Allen precipitated the fight when he drew a shotgun from the wagon. Mrs. Geary Van Allen, however, asserted that McC Carson fired the first shot.

The Van Allen and McC Carson families are related by marriage. Bad feeling is said to have existed between the two families for some time; the feud having been renewed several days ago by a school yard fight among the children.

### Will H. Hays Extends Film Contract 3 Years At \$822 Daily Salary

The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, comprising most of the important film makers of the United States, will be guided until March, 1928, by Will H. Hays, its present President.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors Monday Mr. Hays signed a three-year extension of his contract which has a year to run.

When Mr. Hays was elected in 1922 The World's exclusive story said his salary was to be \$300,000 a year, or \$821.92 a day. This, it is understood, is the salary stipulated in the extension contract.

The announcement allays rumors which ranged from the return of Mr. Hays to politics to a resignation owing to internal disturbances in the industry because of policies on which he has insisted.

The reason some people don't smile offener is because they're not sure their teeth will stay in place.

## Elevation Township Girl Visits Nation's Capital

Miss Pearl Johnson, a Student at East Carolina Teachers College at Greenville Writes Interestingly of a Sight-Seeing Trip to Washington, D. C.; Shakes Hands With President

The following letter to her parents from Miss Pearl Johnson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Ruffin Johnson of Elevation Township, who is a student at East Carolina Teachers College at Greenville, will be of interest to a number in the county, and we are glad to pass it on.

Dear Mother and Daddy: I have returned from my trip to Washington, D. C., and wish I could tell you all about it but it would be impossible to write it all even if I had time.

There were forty-five of our college girls and ten high school girls who went on this sight seeing trip. Just the right number of us to have a good time and I think every one had a good time, too.

On our way to Washington, we spent one day in Norfolk, Va. While there we visited the Naval Base and

learned something about life in the navy. We saw the boys studying in the various rooms in which we went. One very interesting thing was the observation of a class of beginners in radio. While there we were shown some very pretty loving cups that had been won in various contests.

In the afternoon we visited the navy and U. S. Naval hospital. In the navy we saw and went on the battleship Texas, the fourth largest ship in the navy. It was there being repaired. We were allowed to go on it and the guide explained many things about a ship to us. In addition to seeing the Texas we saw there a number of other ships out of commission undergoing miscellaneous minor repairs.

At 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon

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## Governor Morrison Marries Mrs. G. W. Watts of Durham

### RECORDER'S COURT HAS LIGHT DOCKET

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's court here Tuesday:

State vs. E. V. Barbour, charged with giving worthless check; defendant plead guilty. Judgment suspended upon the defendant's making good check and paying the costs.

State vs. Vassie Jordan, violation of prohibition laws. He was found guilty on three counts and was fined \$150 and costs on the first count. On second and third counts he was sentenced to three months on roads. Road sentence was suspended during good behavior for a term of two years. Capias to issue at the request of the solicitor.

State vs. McCoy Crawford, abandonment and assault. Not guilty of charge of assault. Guilty of abandonment. Judgment that defendant be confined in jail for six months and pay costs, and the defendant entering into a bond of \$500 payable to the prosecuting witness to be null and void upon his paying to his wife \$30 per month. The defendant appealed to August term of Superior Court under \$500 bond.

State vs. Exum Johnson, charged with violation of prohibition laws and auto laws. He was found guilty on all three counts; fined \$25 on first two counts. On the count violating auto laws, prayer for judgment was continued during good behavior and without prejudice.

State vs. Walt Lee, peeping. Guilty; \$10 fine and costs.

### Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. R. Woods, of Richmond, Va., will preach here Sunday morning and night at the usual hours. The public is invited to these services.

### MOTOR DEATH CLAIMS OVER MILLION IN 1 COMPANY IN 1923

For the first time in its history the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company paid more than \$1,000,000 in 1923 on claims arising from automobile mortalities. The total was \$1,144,304, as against \$867,000 in 1922, the previous high mark.

The curve for automobile mortality continues to show a rising trend, the company announces, the percentage of mortal accidents from this cause last January having increased by more than 17 per cent., over January, 1923. This figure is based upon the experience of 15,000,000 industrial policyholders of Metropolitan in this country and Canada.—N. Y. World.

Mr. B. L. Jones spent Sunday in Louisburg.

### Miss Dora Barbour Wins Prize In Ford Salesmanship Club

Women are proving efficient in a great many vocations, and Miss Dora Barbour, the newest addition to the sales force of the Sanders Motor Co. is certainly no exception to the rule. Miss Barbour has just been awarded a \$25 bonus for making the highest average for the month of March of any salesmen as to the number of cars, weekly purchase plans, and number of Dearborn Independent subscriptions. There are twelve other salesmen, Miss Barbour being the thirteenth, but she has no foolish fear as to thirteen being an unlucky number. She has been an employe for only two months.

Mr. T. E. Talton made the second highest average, and was presented with a \$15 bonus

### AUTO AND BICYCLE CRASH; A. C. L. MAN INSTANTLY KILLED

Wilmington, April 2.—D. Adrian Matthews, 33, married, of Audubon freight conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line yards, was struck and killed by a city-bound automobile at 7:30 o'clock last night on the Wrightsville turnpike, opposite the Delgado cotton mills and just outside the city limits.

Three hours later what is believed to be the death car was located on Grace street, between Front and Water, by Sheriff George C. Jackson and his deputies, and within another half hour H. A. Boyd, said to be the assistant manager of the local stores of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, was placed under arrest and formally charged with murder. H. C. Spooner, well known young man and a former manager of the South Front street store of the same company, who admits being a passenger in the Boyd car, Sheriff Jackson said, and who is alleged to have confessed the whole affair to the sheriff, is being held without bail as a material witness. A partly filled bottle of Gordon dry gin was found in the car, the front of which was badly bent and bore evidence of having been in a collision.

### Dog And Man

A starving pauper, picked up unconscious in a New York street, refused \$500 for is dog. He says the dog is his only friend. Police gave him the price of a beef stew. He goes his way and saures the stew with his dog.

A loyal friend, dog or man, is a priceless possession. In a whole lifetime, few of us make more than half a dozen such friends. Yet there are plenty of men, who down-and-out, would sell their last human friend for \$500 or less.—New Orleans State

### Biblical Story Of The Destruction Of Sodom And Gomorrah True

St. Louis, April 1.—The lower Dead Sea region of Palestine has been scientifically explored for the first time and with great success, Melvin Grove Kyle, president of the Xunia Theological seminary, of Missouri, and head of the research expedition, writes from Jerusalem.

The expedition, which acted in cooperation with the American School of Archeology of Jerusalem, reports the discovery of the old fortress of Kir of Moab, and the region of Sodom and Gomorrah is determined. Graves of a cemetery there yielded fine pottery of the days of Abraham and the "glory of Sodom."

Dr. Kyle writes that the mysterious rising of the Dead Sea can now be explained and the biblical story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is fully confirmed, but withholds details of his discoveries.

The legend of intolerable weather in the Dead Sea region is not true, Dr. Kyle declares and predicts the growth of a winter health resort there in the future, that will surpass in its ideal climate and romantic scenery that of Luxor, Egypt.

## FIRE DESTROYS BARN AND GARAGE OF DR. M'LEMORE TUESDAY

Dodge Roadster Belonging to Mr. A. G. Johnson Among the Articles Burned.

### LOSSES WELL OVER \$1200.00

A large part of Smithfield's population streamed into the streets Tuesday morning about eleven o'clock, when the shrill notes of the fire siren gave notice that something was on fire. A dense black smoke and leaping flames in the north western part of town was further proof that it was no fake alarm, and it seemed at first as though the residential section of that part of town might be endangered. When the scene of the fire was reached, however, it proved to be only a barn and garage belonging to Dr. G. A. McLemore being a part of the property which he purchased some time ago of Mr. Turner Barnes. The out buildings were built largely of fat lightwood, hence the black smoke and bright blaze. The building was valued at around \$500 and there was no insurance.

Mr. A. G. Johnson, who lives at the place, was the biggest loser, his Dodge roadster valued at about \$800 being burned. His loss however was partly covered with insurance.

It is not known how the fire originated. There was according to report, shavings, broom straw and other trash in the building, making it easy for a blaze to get started.

### Leaguers Have Good Program

One of the best missionary programs ever given by the local Epworth Leaguers was the one given Monday evening. Miss Carrie Young, who was the leader, had chosen as the subject for the evening, "Our Missionaries and Their Work." After singing the hymn, "The Kingdom is Coming," with Miss Lucile Johnson at the piano, the Scripture lesson from the fifteenth chapter of Mark was read. Miss Young gave special emphasis to the Great Commission. An appropriate poem was read by Miss Pauline Bradhurst, and Miss Young told a missionary story. A Japanese story was impressive ly told by Miss Lorene Leonard, and Mrs. Clifton Beasley made an interesting talk on numberless duties of a missionary. Capsules containing the names of the League missionaries were then passed and each one present was asked to pray daily for the one whose name he received.

The young people are urged to attend the League meetings every Monday evening and invite others to go.

### Baptist Church Sunday

Sunday school 9:30—note the change to fifteen minutes earlier. The pastor, Rev. S. L. Morgan, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Miss White will sing. Everybody invited.

### State Federation of Womens Clubs to Meet

The Sixth District of the State Federation of Women's clubs will meet at the court house on Friday, April 11. There will be both morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. Palmer Jerman president of the State Federated clubs, will speak in the afternoon. There are eighteen clubs in this district and a large crowd is expected to attend. Lunch will be served at the Woman's Club room.

All the club members of Smithfield are especially asked to be present.