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## Wayne County Man Is Fatally Burned

Brother of Our Townsman. Mr. George Langston Succumbs To Fatal Accident in Florida City.

### BODY ARRIVED SUN. NIGHT

A telegram received here Saturday by Mrs. George Langston announced the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Charles Langston, which occurred Friday night at Miami Beach, Florida. No particulars were given, and it was not known until the arrival of the body here Sunday night the circumstances of the sad event.

Two weeks ago yesterday, Mr. Langston, whose home was near Pikeville, Wayne County, left this city in company with his brother, Mr. George Langston, and Mr. Worth Boyett, both of this city, headed for Florida by automobile. They were out to see the country and incidentally to work their way on the trip. They reached Miami in due time, and Mr. Charles Langston had secured a position in a garage where he was one of the mechanics. On Friday morning between nine and ten o'clock he went into the garage and lighted a cigarette. Another man was with him and it is not known who lighted the match for they were both smoking, but almost immediately Mr. Langston stumbled over a can of gasoline, which ignited and burned him so badly that he died that night about twelve o'clock.

The body was brought here by his brother, Mr. George Langston, it reaching here about midnight Sunday night. He was met in Savannah by Mr. Jack Cook, a close friend of the family. Yesterday the remains were taken to his old home in Wayne county where funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at Nahunta Quaker church and interment made in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends.

Rev. H. R. Raircloth, pastor of Hopewell Free Will Baptist church, near here conducted the funeral.

The deceased was thirty-three years old and was unmarried.

Mr. Worth Boyett is returning home through the country bringing the automobile on which the trip to Florida was made.

## MAD DOG VICTIM DIES AT HOSPITAL

Little W. H. Wynne, Jr., Dies in Raleigh As Result of Case of Rabies.

W. H. Wynne, Jr., 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wynne, of 608 West Morgan street, died early Sunday morning at Rex Hospital as a result of a case of rabies which developed from the bite of a puppy about two months ago.

The sickness and death of little "Billy" Wynne has moved the city authorities to plan drastic action against stray dogs running loose over the city.

The injuries of the little boy were declared to be trivial when he was bitten, but on Tuesday he was found to be suffering from the disease which, once developed, is always fatal. He was given every attention at Rex Hospital to relieve his sufferings but no course of treatment is known for the disease after its development. He died Monday morning at 6:45 o'clock. The parents of the child state that doctors who examined the wound immediately after the bite declared that the Pasteur treatment was not necessary. This preventative treatment is practically perfectly effective in preventing the development of the disease.

The City Commissioners are considering an ordinance to require all dogs to be kept on the premises of the owner except when accompanied by some person. The requirement of preventive vaccination for all dogs in the city is also being contemplated.—News and Observer (Raleigh), Monday, July 20.

### Would Rule Chicago



Mrs. Johanna Gregg, member of Chicago School Board, thinks the second city needs a municipal housekeeper to "clean-up." She has the party support and is out for the Republican nomination as mayor. A rapid fire campaign is planned.

## CHINESE BOYCOTT BRIGHT TOBACCO

Congressman Pou Writes State Department at Washington In Regard to the Matter.

Tobaccoists in the tobacco belt of the country have become somewhat alarmed over a boycott of bright tobacco by the Chinese. Protests have been pouring into Congressman E. W. Pou, who is spending the summer at his home here, and Mr. Pou has written the Department of State in Washington in regard to the matter.

Tobacco growers and others connected with the tobacco industry will read with interest the following letter of July 18 just received by Mr. Pou from the State Department:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 10, 1925, in regard to the boycott of bright tobacco by the Chinese. This situation was brought to the attention of the Department last month by Senator Claude A. Swanson and on June 23 the Department addressed a telegraphic instruction to the American Legation at Peking, stating that all the bright tobacco imported into China came from the United States, that the boycott was having serious consequences among tobacco raisers here, that it was creating a distinctly unfavorable impression and that growers and others were hoping that the situation would soon be clarified."

Considerable bright tobacco is raised in this section, and the graders are naturally interested in anything that tends to affect the price of this commodity.

## MR. JOHN ELDRIDGE CLAIMED BY DEATH

Former Johnstonian Dies at His Home in Fair Haven, Mass., After a Lingered Illness.

A message over the wires Thursday announced to relatives in the county the death of Mr. John L. Eldridge, of Fair Haven, Mass., which occurred on Thursday morning about 9:20 o'clock following a lingering illness. His body was brought to this city reaching here yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock, and the funeral service was held at five yesterday afternoon in the Methodist church and interment made in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. Eldridge, who was the son of the late Lovett Eldridge of this city, was here in January having accompanied the body of his brother, Mr. Jim Eldridge, who died at his home in Massachusetts. Almost immediately after his return to Fair Haven he was kicked by a horse, and one of his legs was broken. He was never entirely well again. A few weeks ago his condition was not so favorable.

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## THE FORD PARADE QUITE A SUCCESS

Charlie Hodge and His Hack of 25 Years Ago Furnished Contrast in Transportation Today.

### EVERY TYPE OF A FORD

A very effective advertising stunt and fete was the Ford parade and reception put on here Saturday afternoon by the Young Motor Company, the affair being in keeping with a program for Ford agencies all over the country.

About two o'clock Saturday afternoon, music by a band announced that something besides the usual Saturday afternoon crowds was on the streets and attention was directed toward the Young Motor Company plant from whence came the strains of music. A tractor painted white and operated by Mr. Roy Keen, manager, headed the parade. Next came a huge truck demonstrating the march of progress as to transportation. On this truck was a two-seated hack of the type used twenty five years ago, to which was hitched a horse, "old Doc" the second, the entire rig being the property of Charlie Hodge, who has hauled the drummer who got off at the station here or at Selma for the last half a century. This rig of twenty five years ago would not have been complete without the driver, so "Charley" enjoyed riding in state as this contrast of transportation in 1900 and 1925 passed along.

Next in line came the local band, the Riverside Serenaders, who furnished the music throughout the afternoon.

Following was every type of car made by the Ford people, including trucks, tractors, touring cars, sedans and coupes.

A prize of \$5.00 had been offered for the Ford vehicle coming the longest distance to be in the parade, and this was won by Mr. Ed. Parrish who lives in the Live Oak section about fifteen miles from here.

Another prize of \$5.00 had been offered for the truck bringing the heaviest load. This was awarded to Mr. Clyde Jones of this city whose truck was loaded with 1500 feet of lumber weighing 6000 pounds.

The Ford parade passed down Market street and on to Selma and thence to Pine Level and back again. Features that attracted the attention of the spectators were the placards on the backs of Mr. "Shy" Young, son of Mr. T. C. Young, proprietor of the Young Motor Co. and little Miss Annie Laurie Keen, daughter of Mr. Roy Keen, the salesman which read as follows: "Buy a Ford from my daddy." These youngsters gave out advertising matter concerning Fords.

It is interesting to note that 48 and 42 per cent of all tractors in use for farm work are Ford products. Some one who took the trouble to work it out states that in 1914 it required 5200 pounds of cotton to purchase a Ford touring car whereas in 1925, it requires only 1467 pounds. In 1914 it took an average of 4900 pounds of tobacco, while now 1300 pounds will provide the purchase price.

A very enjoyable finale to the occasion was the serving of refreshments at the Young Motor Company plant. Cantaloupes, watermelons, bottled drinks and ice cream were enjoyed by quite a large number.

## Mr. J. W. Stephenson Writes of a Visit Over Boll Weevil Area

I spent three days last week down in South Carolina among the boll-weevil infested cotton, and perhaps the readers of The Herald would like to know what I saw and earned. Mr. R. U. Barbour, his boy Wilbur, Jephtha Benson and I left Benson last Thursday morning, July 9th, and our first stop was at Pembroke, near the South Carolina line. We interviewed Mr. McCormack, a large farmer and the merchant. He told us he had plenty of boll weevils and took us out to his farm to show us. He is quite a successful farmer, and has five or six years and is still fighting. We found his cotton somewhat farther advanced than ours, and he had poisoned it five times, twice with the molasses and calcium arsenate mixture and three times with dust. He was using the two-row Perfection duster which he said would take care of one hundred acres of cotton. We went from Pembroke to Maxton and on to Bennettsville, S. C. At both places we talked with many of the leading farmers who told us that the proper use of poison the boll-weevil could be held down to a minimum. From Bennettsville, we went to Hartsville, S. C., the home of D.

### In First Line Trenches at Dayton



Here are the headliners in Tennessee's court trial against the teaching of the theory of evolution in public schools. Left to right:—Wm. J. Bryan for the State; Judge Ralston, presiding; and Clarence Darrow for the Defense. Insert is of John T. Scopes, the young Dayton teacher who is charged with teaching the theory. The battle between Bryan and Darrow is of national interest and it is a shirt sleeved affair as the picture shows.

## DARROW CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Defense in Scopes Case Has Given Up As Far As This Court Is Concerned.

Judge Thomas Raulston Monday cited Clarence Darrow defense attorney in the Scopes evolution case being tried in Dayton Tennessee, for contempt of court and directed that the Chicago attorney appear today (Tuesday) to show cause why contempt proceedings should not be instituted. Grounds for citation were based by the judge on the remarks of Darrow to the court Friday when the court excluded the testimony of scientific experts from the jury. Then the judge directed that Clarence Darrow make a bail bond of \$5,000, and directed that he appear in court Tuesday morning to answer to a charge of contempt.

The Scopes case has attracted nationwide attention because of the connection with evolution and the prominence of the council on both sides. Scopes, a teacher in the public schools of Dayton, Tenn., was indicted for teaching things in his science class contrary to the Tennessee law which prohibits teachings not in accord with the Bible.

The defense in this case has given up as far as the present court is concerned. Clarence Darrow, chief lawyer for the defense, stated yesterday that John Scopes was condemned from the start of the evolution case.

"We are now interested in two things:

"That a higher court shall pass upon this case, and that in other states those who wish to pursue the truth shall be left free to think and investigate and teach and learn.

"We know that the great majority of the intelligent Christians do not accept the literal interpretation for the whole Bible. We have learned here, both from laymen and clergymen that a large part of the literalists, and we are perfectly satisfied that the majority of the Christian churches have long since passed beyond that."

## TABLES ARE TURNED ON LOCAL OFFICERS

Prohibition Officer Batten and Deputy Sheriff Stephenson Are Locked Up.

Prohibition officers looking for whiskey at the place of Rae Smith near the Walter Myatt farm Saturday, received the surprise of their lives when they found themselves led into a room during the search the door slammed and locked leaving them prisoners for a time, of the owner of the house.

News had reached officers here of Smith and Messrs. J. J. Batten, Federal prohibition officer, C. Q. Stephenson, deputy sheriff and Dal Thompson went to the scene to investigate. Batten and Stephenson went into the house, and Smith pretending to help in the search, played the trick of locking them up until he could hide the booze which was really in the house. He overlooked, however, the presence of the third party, Mr. Thompson, who was on guard in the yard, and Smith failed in his attempt to smuggle his drinks from their regular hiding place to the fire place. Messrs. Batten and Stephenson succeeding in battering the door down and together with Mr. Thompson confiscated a gallon and a pint of whiskey, ten gallons of blackberry juice funnels and drinking glasses.

Smith was arrested and given a hearing before a Federal officer in Selma. He was placed under a bond for his appearance in the next term of Federal court.

## STATES FIRE LOSS TAKES BIG JUMP

Fire Loss in First Half of 1925 Far Ahead of Loss in Same Period of 1924.

Fire loss in North Carolina during the past six months was \$3,453,146 or an increase of more than \$600,000 over the loss during the first six months of 1924 which was \$2,804,285, according to a report made public yesterday by State Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade. At the same time the number of fires decreased from 1,247 in 1924 to 995 in 1925.

There were 629 dwelling house fires during the first six months of 1925 with a loss of \$600,895 while in the same period in 1924 there were 697 such fires with a loss of \$821,981. Total fire damage in North Carolina in June was \$202,174 with property at risk valued at \$1,563,100, according to the monthly report made public at the same time. There were 114 fires reported during the month with insurance of \$1,030,898 involved. Considerably more than half the loss of the entire state during June.

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## RALEIGH LETTER GIVES STATE NEWS

Ice Fight Keeps Warm; Former Governor Morrison Issues Statement on the Deficit.

### MEREDITH TO BE HOTEL

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, July 20.—The ice fight with an average temperature of 90 to 95 degrees, the Wyatt murder case, the financial situation at the State Prison, former Governor Morrison's "deficit" statement and the sale of Meredith College which is to be converted into a hotel were some of the topics that absorbed interest during the week in the capital city of the State.

The fight against the ice companies here, charged with exacting excessive prices for this necessity, was taken into court twice. The first time resulted in a "no true bill," the second being he reverse which portends a hard fought legal battle in superior court later in the year after the need for "ice coolers" has passed for a season. The bill of indictment charges Powell and Powell, Inc., the Johnson Coal and Ice Company, the Raleigh Ice and Storage Company and the Wyatt-Burruss Company with forming a combine in restraint of trade. The minimum penalty under the State Anti-Trust Law is \$1,000 for each offense. Patrons of these concerns complain that last summer when competition existed ice was available at 40 cents a hundred, whereas it is now selling at 80 cents the hundred as a result of the merger effective the past few months.

Former Governor Morrison took his first open crack at the McLean administration in a lengthy statement issued to the press from Charlotte on Sunday. Mr. Morrison objects to the more than nine million deficit reported during the week by Governor McLean and travels over the same ground he did last year in trying to explain it away. He contends that the system of financing used by the present administration caused a great portion of the deficit and that when every item of revenue is considered it should be reduced by several millions. It is the same old argument involving chiefly the difference between the "accrual" and the "cash basis of financing, Mr. Morrison being for the former and Governor McLean for the latter.

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## COTTON ADVANCES TO HIGHER GROUND

Close of Week Shows Gains of 93 Points and 161 Points Since July 2.

New Orleans, La., July 19.—The cotton market advanced early in the past week and made new highs for the present movement on Tuesday when the October position reached 23.91, or 93 points above the close of the preceding Saturday and 161 points above the low point after the publication of the government report July 2.

The advance was due almost entirely to the continued drought in the West, particularly in Texas, which induced many operators to believe that the next government report due July 23 and based on conditions existing on July 16, would show a deterioration in the condition average and some falling off in the indicated crop.

### What's the Use?

The neighbor of a man noted for his extreme thrift saw him going down the road on a week day dressed up in his Sunday clothes. "What's up, Jim?" he called out. "Why the glad rags?" "Haven't you heard the news?" "Triplets!" "Oh, so that accounts for—" began the neighbor, when the first one interrupted him: "Yes, that accounts for my wearing these clothes. What in thunder's the use of trying to be economical?" Watch the date on your label and don't let your subscription expire.