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Beloved Woman Dies At Age 75

Mrs. C. L. Johnson Passes At Her Home in Benson After Several Weeks Illness; Funeral Held Sunday

Saturday evening, just four days after reaching her seventy-fifth milestone, Mrs. Cassandra Johnson, one of the oldest citizens of Benson, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Royal. For six or seven weeks the deceased had been ill and during recent days it was known that her hours were numbered. Shortly after ten o'clock Saturday evening she fell on sleep as peaceful and quiet as the slumber of a little child.

Mrs. Johnson, who was the second oldest child of Charles and Cassandra Bingham, was born March 5, 1854 in Elevation township. In 1880 she was married to C. L. Johnson, and for forty-nine years they traveled life's pathway together. Forty-one of those years were spent in Benson where the deceased was known and loved by the whole community. When about eleven years of age she united with the Methodist church at Elevation where she kept her membership until she became one of the charter members of the Benson Methodist church. She was also the oldest member of the Benson church in point of years.

The deceased is survived by her husband, two daughters: Mrs. W. H. Royal and Mrs. E. R. Canaday; and three grandchildren: Messrs. Earl Canaday and Hampton Royal and Miss Chellie Mae Royal, all of Benson.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the Methodist church in Benson in the presence of a large gathering of neighbors and friends. Rev. B. H. Houston, her pastor, read the simple ritual of the church she loved, and the choir sang a number of her favorite hymns, after which the body was laid to rest in the Benson cemetery. The deceased was a great lover of flowers, and it was fitting that a profusion of fragrant, colorful blooms should cover the last resting place of her remains. The flower bearers were a group of young women as follows: Misses Mabel Johnson, Gormarie Lee, Margaret Benton, Mary Frances Cagle, Neta Tuckington, Clara Woodall, Alene Stewart, Alpha Dickinson, Ina Britt, Kate Johnson and Mrs. Charles Wallace. Those acting as pallbearers were: Messrs. J. E. Wall, A. B. Hudson, W. J. Tophenson, Elijah Holmes, Pierpont Morgan and J. B. Benton.

Those from a distance attending the funeral included: W. A. Bingham, a nephew of the deceased, of Sanford; Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, a niece, Mrs. J. C. Bingham, Miss Alice Grantham, W. M. Gaskin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lemmie Johnson, Mrs. Clarence Johnson, and W. S. Ragsdale, of Smithfield; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hooks, of Kenly; Mrs. Penny Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Oliver, of Snow Hill; Mrs. Mary Bahour, of Clinton; Mrs. Tom Johnson, of Pleasant Grove township; Mr. and Mrs. L. Hinson, of Dunn; Mrs. W. E. Nichols and Mrs. Clyde Grimes, of Coats; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Allen, of Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Canaday, Mrs. Alton Massengill, and Mrs. Barham Creech, of Four Oaks.

You're only young once—"Why Be Good?"
Sanders Theatre.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Miss Susan Williams Bryan deciphered her name.
TODAY'S TANTALIZER
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Succeeds Booth



Edward J. Higgins has been elected Commanding General of the Salvation Army, succeeding General Bramwell Booth, following action by the High Council meeting in England.

Another Car Load Poultry March 16

Last Saturday's Shipment Brought Total Number of Pounds This Year to 50,592 Which Netted Farmers \$11,620.28

SELMA, Mar. 11.—The poultry shipment in Selma last Saturday brought the total number of pounds loaded at that point since January 6 of this year to 50,592 pounds. This amount has released to Johnston county farmers a total of \$11,620.28. The shipment last Saturday amounted to 12,044 pounds which netted the farmers close to \$3,000.

The next poultry car this season will be loaded at the Southern Railway freight station next Saturday, March 15.

This means of disposing of poultry is made possible through the efforts of J. B. Slack, tri-county agent, the local Kiwanis club, and the State Bureau of Markets at Raleigh. Bissler & Robinson, one of the largest poultry firms in the country, buys the poultry and ships most of it to the northern markets. The poultry is weighed on local scales by Mr. Slack who is very much interested in seeing that the farmer gets a square deal.

The following cash prices, the same that prevailed here last Saturday and which seem to meet with the approval of everyone who sold poultry, will be paid at the car door next Saturday, March 16:

Heavy hens and chicks, 25 cents per pound; Leghorn hens and chicks, 23 cents per pound; geese, 13 cents per pound; capons, 28 cents per pound; old toms, 20 cents per pound; roosters, 14 cents per pound; ducks, 18 cents per pound; broilers, 28 cents per pound; turkeys, 28 cents per pound; slips, 23 cents per pound; guineas, 35 cents each.

WILL BRING FUNNY MEMORIES OF YOUR OWN COURTSHIP

"Why Be Good?" May Recall How Pa or Ma Broke Up Your Necking Party.

Anyone who has ever left his girl-friend hastily at three a. m. after strong parental hints from the top of the stair case will appreciate the amusing situation in which Colleen Maize and her leading man, Neil Hamilton, appear in "Why Be Good?" at the Sanders theatre next week.

"Why Be Good?", a story of a flirtatious modern girl, revives memories of such occasions, which serve to make this comedy-drama one in which the principal characters are unusually understandable and human.

Miss Moore, as a dazze-mad peppy girl of the 1920 model, and Hamilton are seen in a romance that is both humorous and serious. The players are seen in jazzy night clubs, in a bungalow on top of a skyscraper, and in the cheap but homey house of a stellar character. William A. Selzer directed "Why Be Good?" at the First National Studio, the story having been written by Carey Wilson.

This age isn't more wicked than the age of our fathers—it just fails to pull down the shades.—Washington Post.

Legislature Now Working Hard

Faces Calendar of Important Matters This Week; Appropriation and Revenue Bills In Committee

By M. L. SHIPMAN

RALEIGH, Mar. 11.—Running into the first week of the period during which it will have to work without pay, the general assembly today faced a calendar of important matters with half a dozen major measures yet to be considered. The sixty day limit expired last week and legislators do not get any more pay, but the work must not yet come from committee, the educational and equalization fund bill is still under consideration, the highway patrol issue has not been definitely settled, the Australian ballot has been passed by both houses but a free conference must decide on the difference in the house and senate measures on this subject, the permanent improvements bond issue for state institutions have not yet been approved after being called back for reconsideration after being killed and many other important matters must be decided.

The chief, and it appears, most serious matters up this week are the permanent improvements bill and the school equalization fund and school measure, for these matters have been linked together in what amounts to a display of political trading that threatens both. The senate does not want to approve the house recommendations as to size of the equalization fund for schools so the house is purposely delaying consideration on the permanent improvements bill with the privately expressed determination of many house members to slaughter it if the senate will not come to terms on the school bill. The house appears oblivious of the dangerous policy it is following, and evidently does not sense the fact that it will handicap the institutions of the state seriously if it carries out its play of politics. The senate is likewise accused by the friends of the educational forces for unwillingness to provide the large equalization bill provided in the house bill.

While this debate continues of course the revenue and appropriations bills cannot be completed, for the law requires that revenue bills be provided by the session of the legislature making the appropriation, and no one knows what will be given to schools, nor for that matter, does anyone know whether a highway patrol bill will be passed that will need an appropriation for its support. It is by and large the biggest middle any legislature has been in in recent years.

During the week the state highway commission and state agricultural departments were brought under the authority of the state budget bureau, a plan which was very much desired by Governor Gardner. The governor also got favorable consideration of his proposal to make the heads of the revenue, printing and labor, insurance and agricultural departments, appointive instead of elective, though final consideration of this bill will not be had until later this week.

During the week the legislature approved the workmen's compensation act in final form, and favorable to both sides. The bill had the approval of both labor and capital, so its passage, with a few amendments, was a foregone conclusion. The bill is an excellent one, and allows indemnities to working men which are greater than those allowed in a majority of the states of the union. North Carolina acted very tardily in passing this type of law but when she did act she did it with full enthusiasm and as if determined to make up for the past.

The permanent improvements bond issue bill, as was stated in this correspondence last week, came back for reconsideration after having been killed, but it

EXPLANATION IS MADE

A paragraph in our last issue stated that Bud Muns and a fellow Nordan had been convicted in Louisiana upon a charge of stealing and that the sheriff of Johnston had gone for them to make sure their appearance in the Johnston county court this week upon another charge. Muns requests that it be made clear that they were charged upon which they were convicted in Louisiana was not for stealing an automobile but for stealing automobile tires. Some substance which had got on the linotype metal caused the word "tires" to fail to print, leaving a blank space in the paper.

Baptists Launch New Church Drive

Building Committee Recommends Beginning of New Sunday School Plant Sept. 1, and Main Auditorium Later

Last Sunday morning at the Baptist church a movement for a new church building was definitely launched. Judge F. H. Brooks read the report of the building committee appointed some weeks ago, and the church by unanimous vote approved the recommendation of the committee, which was to begin by September of the present year the erection on the present site of a Sunday school plant to cost approximately \$15,000, and after the completion of this to build the main auditorium. The entire plant is expected to cost approximately \$30,000. Rev. J. M. Page, known as the building evangelist of the Baptist State Convention, was present and explained a plan of the proposed building. This plan was tentatively adopted, subject to changes after the committee have fully considered the matter. The committee was continued with instructions to visit other churches if they saw fit and come with definite recommendations at some future meeting of the church.

SHOWS OLD MONEY AND GARMENTS

Mrs. J. H. Parnell, of Smithfield, route 2, was in the city Saturday afternoon and showed some interesting pieces of money. One was a silver half dime dated 1852. She had five coppers that were as large as fifty cent pieces. The date on only one could be deciphered and that was 1850. The others had the appearance of being very old. Mrs. Parnell stated that she found the half dime about twenty years ago, and that the other money was found at different times as she worked in the field. She keeps the money in a kid skin wallet that belonged to her grandfather. It is more than a hundred years old.

The most interesting thing Mrs. Parnell showed were two tiny garments she wore when a small child. She exhibited the first cap she wore as a baby fifty-two years ago, and a bonnet she wore when just a little girl. She stated that she still has the doll she had when three years old.

Capture Still in Boon Hill

Chief Braswell, of Princeton, and Deputies J. O. Hinton and Milton Oliver captured a whiskey still about three miles south of Princeton in Boon Hill township Saturday afternoon. One negro, James Mitchell, was captured and another escaped the officers. Five barrels of beer and eleven and a half gallons of whiskey were captured and poured out. Mitchell will be tried in Federal court at Raleigh.

Two Large Turnips

Mrs. J. P. Smith, of near Four Oaks, was in town last Thursday and presented the Herald with two large turnips. Both together weighed eleven pounds and fourteen ounces, the largest weighing six pounds and six ounces. They were of the Purple Top variety and appeared solid and firm.

Judge Sinclair Is Holding Court

In Charge To Grand Jury Laments Fact That Johnston Has No Permanent Grand Jury; W. H. Call Foreman

The Superior court of Johnston county met here yesterday morning at ten o'clock for the regular March term of one week for the trial of criminal cases. Hon. N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, was present and presided, and Clawson L. Williams, of Sanford, was present to prosecute the docket.

W. H. Call, of Selma, was made foreman of the grand jury to which Judge Sinclair delivered a very strong and clear charge. In his charge Judge Sinclair deplored the fact that Johnston county was without a permanent grand jury, declaring that practically all of the progressive counties of the state are now so provided. He further lamented that it was too late now for Johnston county to get through the necessary legislation for a permanent grand jury. The judge pointed out in his charge that those on the grand jury could do but little of the sum total of their duties in so short a time as one week, but in this week he assured the body great results could be brought about by their proper investigations. He emphasized the fact that the grand jury is subordinate in power to no unit of government in the state, not even the court, the governor, or the Supreme court. He charged them that their duties were commensurate with their powers.

The judge also charged the foreman and his associates that he wanted more than the usual report of the average grand jury, which has had too lax a manner of merely stating that things are all right. He desires that the body shall visit the jail, prison camps, the county home, and to report to him the conditions found, whether they be good or bad. The grand jury under his charge is to ascertain if persons committed to prison are examined before being assigned to compartments where other prisoners are detained.

Judge Sinclair commented upon health conditions in North Carolina, stating that the last five or six years have brought more improvement in sanitation than the last quarter century prior to that time. And he stated that much more yet remains to be done before North Carolina is a clean state. He wants the grand jury to examine the public schools and the railway stations to see if sanitation prevails around those places. He stated that their report was of public interest and that it ought to be published in the papers so that the people can read for themselves what the grand jury has found at this term.

Closing his strong charge to the grand jury, Judge Sinclair lamented the fact that the governor and the legislature were making such a wholesale business of appointing justices of the peace. By this method he stated that a large number of wholly inefficient men are receiving judicial authority in a small way which they pervert into the most vicious kind of clap-net collecting agencies. He wants the grand jury to investigate the reports of magistrates of this county and if injustices are being inflicted on the poor and ignorant and defenceless class of the county citizenship, he wants such justices of the peace duly indicted.

No case was called for trial before the noon recess yesterday. The calendar on which more than twenty-five cases are set was called and several of the cases for one cause or another were continued. The trial of cases was begun upon the opening of court at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The afternoon session of court was taken up in the trial and disposition of the State vs. Z. D. Oliver, Clarence Oliver, and Herman Pendergraph, in which the defendants were charged with the larceny of two bales of cotton from a cotton gin in Clayton.

A Column With Our Advertisers

They Each Have a Message For the Buying Public in Johnston County

Skinner and Stancil, local wholesale dealers, are sponsoring an auction with the Nosoca Flour Mills of Statesville, and the Women's club of Smithfield, that bids fair to place a goodly sum in the club treasury. The name Nosoca is interesting in itself to say nothing of the flour that bears the name. The first two letters of North, the first two of South, and the first two of Carolina have been put together to form the name Nosoca, and the mills at Statesville, in order to introduce their product in these states are offering \$1.00 per barrel to the clubs for all the flour they sell. In addition, a certain per cent on all flour sold in Smithfield for the next three months will be given to the club. Tarnage & Talton, Poedin & Peterson, and Fleming & Talton, are now handling this brand of flour. When the plan was presented to the Women's club recently, the offer was accepted enthusiastically, and the president of the club, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, has appointed the following ladies to have charge of the campaign: Mrs. S. T. Houghton, Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst, Mrs. E. J. Wellons and Mrs. F. Smith. Others may be added to the committee when more order books are in hand. Skinner & Stancil are cooperating in the campaign by running a series of ads in this paper, the first of which appeared last Friday. They also distributed samples of the flour last week.

The Easter season is approaching when spring apparel occupies the thought not only of women but of men. In anticipation of this increased interest in clothes, Nassif Bros., one of Smithfield's new firms, is beginning a special sale on Friday, March 15, in order that the men and women of Johnston county may have opportunity "to dress up" at moderate prices. This firm tells about some of the splendid offers which are being made to the buying public in a page ad to be found elsewhere in this issue. Even a page ad is not sufficient, says Mr. Nassif, to tell about all of the attractive prices. He invites a visit to his store located in the building formerly occupied by J. D. Spiers.

The buyer for Rabil's Department Store has returned from the northern markets and many attractive bargains will be offered at that store at an Easter sale beginning Friday morning, March 15. Specials will be offered Friday and Saturday mornings. A page advertisement in this issue tells of some of the bargains in ladies' and men's ready-to-wear, dry goods, shoes, millinery, and notions.

Last week the Smithfield Motor company cooperated with the Hudson-Essex manufacturers in observing Challenger Week. Essex cars were tested by the local dealer for speed, reliability, acceleration, and economy. The cars driven started from the Smithfield Motor company and they were driven over Johnston county roads and hills. The test was very gratifying to N. T. Bailey, manager of the Smithfield Motor company. The new Essex car has been well received by the public and there are several satisfied owners in Johnston county. Read the advertisement on another page in this issue to see what some of them say about the new Essex.

Miss Vara L. Smith, of the Vara L. and Alma C. Smith company, returned home Thursday from New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, where she purchased a line of spring ladies dresses, coats, and hats. She invites the ladies of Johnston county to see her models before buying their Easter costumes.

This is the season of the year when fertilizers are being dis-



This twenty-five year old girl, Bobby Trout, went about at Los Angeles and remained in the air over 24 hours, beating the record of Miss Inor Smith by about four hours.

Oak Chain Store Opened Friday

Special Sales Featured Friday and Saturday, Opening Days; Personnel of Management

The opening here of the fifth North Carolina store of the Oak Chain Stores last Friday and Saturday was marked by large crowds visiting the store during the two days.

This store is located in the new building just completed on Market street following a fire of some months ago. The appointments of the store are particularly attractive, a color scheme of apple green and white being used throughout. The bevy of clerks, attired in sports dresses of the same shade of apple green, emphasize the color motif. All packages are wrapped in apple green wrapping paper. The morning hours of both Friday and Saturday were featured by special sale of unbleached domestic

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In this issue, W. M. Sanders & Son tell about the Red Star brand, which is manufactured by Swift & company. This guano is triple-tested and is a fertilizer of high quality. W. M. Sanders believes in newspaper space, which is evidenced by other advertisements run in this paper from time to time.

To look at the windows of the A&P Store on Market street, one would think that it was July and that local gardens were in full fruitage. Snaps, squash, beets, tomatoes, lettuce, to say nothing of winter vegetables like carrots and cauliflower combine to make a colorful display. A glance at A&P's ad in this issue of the Herald will give you some idea of the attractive prices being offered for other groceries.

The Dorothy Beauty Shoppe, of which Mrs. L. H. Haus is the efficient proprietor, is moving to new quarters this week. She may be found after Friday, next door to the express office on Johnston street.

Hudson-Belk was among the first chain stores to discover the strategic location of Smithfield. For several years, this one-price store has pleased a large circle of customers in Johnston county, and they know newspaper space, when the newspaper was the Herald, has helped them to reach the buying public. Their double store, with upper and lower floors, is filled with attractive merchandise. Read what they are offering in their ad to be found elsewhere in this issue, and in issues to follow.

It does not take a radio to broadcast the advantages of the Ford automobile, but the Young Motor company wants every home to have either an Edison or a Crosey anyway. When the family does not wish to be out in the Ford, a radio can furnish a musical program or any address for an evening's profitable entertainment. A car for business or a car for pleasure, a radio for instruction or a radio for entertainment is what the ads of the Young Motor company will tell you. See which they are pushing in this issue.

Miss Arab Hooks "Miss Smithfield"

Civic Organizations of Town Choose Miss Hooks Unanimously To Represent This City At Eastern Carolina Exposition

Yesterday representatives of the Kiwanis club, the Woman's club, the Business and Professional Woman's club of this city met in the commissioners room of the courthouse and chose a queen to represent Smithfield in the senior queens' contest at the Eastern Carolina Exposition to be held in Farmville the week of April 8. The selection was unanimous and the entire committee expects its enthusiasm to spread throughout the town until Miss Hooks shall have so many supporters at Farmville, from her home town that she will capture the \$150 in cash, which is offered to the winner in the contest.

The nomination for the junior queen, who must be under twelve years of age, will be made through the school, probably today. The names of both candidates must be in the hands of N. G. Bartlett, secretary to the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce by March 15.

Play at Cleveland School

The Vance school in Wake county will present a play entitled "Mammy's Little Wild Rose," at the Cleveland school on Thursday evening, March 14 at 8 o'clock. An admission fee will be charged.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION TO BE IN GOLDSBORO

The old fiddlers of Eastern Carolina will again meet at the Memorial Community building in Goldsboro Friday night, March 15, to decide who shall be supreme. This will be the building's third convention in the series of four contests planned for the current season.

As before, in addition to such well known fiddle and bow artists as Lon Sullivan of Mount Olive, Thornton and Dupree of Smithfield, Bryan of Newton Grove, and Zeb Wade of Snow Hill, there will be new talent on hand to compete for the prizes offered the winners. Among these will probably be E. P. Weeks of Scotland Neck, Pittman of Selma, Renfrew of Kenly, and a new member of the Rouse family of Kingston. A special effort will be made to get Paschall, Grant and Hinnant of Goldsboro, Butler and Jackson of Dunn, and other well known musicians.

As before, Lloyd Gurley will be in charge of the program which will begin at eight p. m. Friday evening, March 15.

Local People Hear Miss White.

Misses Cora Belle Ives, Hattie Hanks and Gertrude Taylor spent the week end in Washington, D. C., where they heard on Saturday evening the Westminster Choir, of which Miss Frances White, a former teacher of the local school, is a member. This musical organization is touring this country after which it will spend several months abroad.

Women don't like talking pictures—too much competition.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Me—



"Ef dey gwinter make taxes higher dey sho' beter make mo' room to de sylum house for hix gwinter be needed."