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## REV. E. N. JOHNSON PREACHES SERMON ON THE GOSSIPER

First Baptist Pastor Discusses  
The Evil To A Large  
Congregation

Wholesome Publicity  
Suggested As Cure

Referred To The "Disease"  
As The Verbal Overflow Of  
An Empty Heart—Says It Is  
Rampant In Dunn, States  
The Cause And Suggests A  
Cure.

Wholesome publicity, was one of the things recommended as a cure for the disease of gossip by Rev. E. N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church, in a sermon on "Gossip—Its Cause and Cure" Sunday evening. Gossip is rampant in Dunn, said the preacher, who undertook to define it, give reasons for the cause and suggest a cure.

**Gossip Defined**  
In defining gossip, Mr. Johnson referred to the "disease" as "the verbal overflow of an empty heart." "Cheap talk," he said, "is calculated to injure the subject, the bearer and the one addressed," while the words of the tale-bearer were described as wounds and seeds of discord. Honest threats are cut by whippers.

**The Cause of Gossip**  
In naming some of the causes of gossip, the tongue was referred to as an ambassador of the heart. "Gossip is interesting," said the preacher. "Some people sit and think, while others sit and talk. Gossip does not require thinking. Gossip is prompted by a perverse heart." As an illustration Mr. Johnson related the story of a missionary who asked a swearing man if one could tell the stuff a mill was grinding without looking into the hopper. The other way named was "By the kind of stuff that comes out of the spout."

**Cure for Gossip**  
As one of the best methods of cure for gossip, continuing he said in part:

"People often talk too much because the newspapers tell too little. Newspapers, as well as police courts, should be just. It is not just for the newspapers to print the names of negro 'trap shooters' and to omit the names of white men who gamble and are equally guilty before the law. Where the negro adulteress is published, her accomplice in the crime, white or black, should be published also. We can never have the right spirit between the races until we give the negro justice in the courts and the papers. Honesty and purity should be applied to gossip. Rumors are the big starters of lies. The bearer is just as guilty as the originator. Half-truths are often lies. Before repeating gossip one should apply the law of love, the Golden Rule. These questions should be asked: 'Is it kind?' 'Is my motive selfish?' 'Does the Golden Rule Apply?' 'Does it help the one involved?' 'Does it help me, or does it help the hearer?' The helpful heart carries sympathy, not censure. The best bit for the bridge of the tongue is a little bit of love. We are saved from gossip by opening our hearts to Jesus, to His spirit of purity, holiness, love and helpfulness."

## Wilmington Struck By A 60-Mile Gale

Steamer A. P. Hurt Is Sunk At Her  
Mooring—Suburbs Are Slightly  
Damaged

Wilmington, March 7.—A 60-mile gale with gusts of chilling rain swept over Wilmington last night. The steamer A. P. Hurt, of the New York, Wilmington and Fayetteville Steamboat company, was sunk at her mooring, when huge waves washed over her stern and waterlogged the entire engine room. No one was injured.

At Sunset park, a suburb, a garage was blown down, while a residence at Audubon, another suburb, was unroofed. Trees were uprooted in various parts of the city and telephone lines considerably damaged.

The A. P. Hurt was the first steel hull ship ever built in North Carolina. She was renovated and equipped with modern appliances some years ago, and has since been in service between Wilmington and Fayetteville, carrying freight and passengers.

She was the last of the historic fleet of sidewheelers navigating the Cape Fear river since the days prior to the civil war.

## SHOWS UP AFTER 30-YEAR ABSENCE

John Huff, Wanted For Killing  
Wife, Dies At Home Of  
His Sister

Elyria, Ohio, March 5.—With advice to "take care of him; he's got just one week to live," a man appeared at the old Huff homestead on Broad Street nine days ago with a sick helpless cripple, whom he deposited inside the door and left. Coroner Perry was notified of his death yesterday.

It was from this home that John Huff, a college graduate, disappeared in December 1893 on the day after the murder of his wife in Cleveland. Of late years the old homestead has been occupied by his sister, Miss Julia Huff, who lives there alone.

The stranger who brought the man to the door rang the door bell and asked Miss Huff if she had a brother. "I had," she said. "He's been away for years."

"Well, here he is. Take care of him—the doctor says he's just got one week to live," said the stranger.

His sister helped him to bed. To all pleas that he send for a physician, the man protested, and the sister acceded to his wishes.

During the week Huff preserved silence concerning himself. He died Saturday night.

Huff and his wife separated in 1893. A few days later his wife's body was found stabbed to death in Cleveland.

Huff's description was sent broadcast, but despite his easily recognizable appearance—part of his left arm was missing and his left eye was gone—he never was located.

## YOUNG MAN SLAIN IN KNIFE BATTLE

Protested Efforts of Brother to  
Drive Sister From  
House

Greenville, March 6.—At a result of a knife scrape that occurred at the home of Thad Harris, Sunday afternoon, who resides in the vicinity of Galloway's Cross Roads, Troy Harris, a young white man about twenty-five years of age, was killed and Thad Harris, Morton Mills and Roy Stokes were wounded by a knife which was wielded by Frank Wilson, who is also a white man and about the age of his victim. From information received the scrape was the outcome of a row occasioned by the return of Wilson's sister to the neighborhood in which the tragedy occurred. Wilson made his escape and was not found until this morning when he surrendered himself to the sheriff in Greenville. He was released under bond of \$1,000 for his appearance next Saturday morning when the preliminary hearing will be held.

From information received it appears that Wilson's sister had left the neighborhood sometime ago with instruction from him not to return to it again. Saturday night she returned and was staying at the home of Thad Harris Wilson, upon learning of this, went to the home of Harris with the intention of driving her away from the neighborhood again. When he reached the house he was met by Harris who, after being told by Wilson that he intended driving her away or killing her, pleaded with him not to go into the house.

Regardless of these intercessions Wilson entered the house and went into the room in which he found his sister. Here according to his sister's statement, he caught hold of her and had drawn a knife with which to kill her when Troy Harris entered and attempted to interfere. It was then that the assailant gashed him just below the neck with the knife. He rushed from the room out into the yard, where he fell. It was then that the other victims, Thad Harris, Mills and Stokes entered into the room to overpower Wilson and end the row, which they did, but only after receiving several slight cuts about the hands. After falling in the yard Troy Harris was carried into the house, where he died about thirty minutes later.

After the affair Thad Harris ordered Wilson to leave the place and accompanied him down the road for a short distance. When left alone Wilson disappeared into the woods and was seen no more until this morning, when he surrendered himself to the sheriff.

Baltimore Sun—America may appear drowsy and indifferent, but just show her a persecuted people or an oil district!

## Mrs. Mary C. Daniels Dies At Age Of 87

Mother of Former Secretary Of The  
Navy Passes At Home of  
Judge Daniels

Goldboro, March 7.—Mrs. Mary Cleaves Daniels, mother of Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy and editor of The Raleigh News and Observer, died this morning at 1:15 o'clock after a critical illness following a stroke of paralysis. Although she had shown periods of improvement during the past few days, attending physicians and members of the family had held out little hope for recovery.

Mrs. Daniels' death occurred at the home of Judge Frank A. Daniels, she was in her 87th year. C. C. Daniels, of New York, the other of the three sons who survive her, was also at the bedside when she died.

The funeral of Mrs. Daniels will be held in Wilson and the arrangements will be announced later.

## EXPECT THROG AT GREAT SHOW

Only Few Days Before Eastern  
Carolina Exposition  
Opens Doors

Goldboro, March 2.—Only two weeks remain before the biggest event of its kind ever held in the Southeast will open its doors to the public of Eastern Carolina and in fact the entire section, in the form of the Eastern Carolina Exposition and Automobile Show that will open in Wilson, Monday, March 19th, at 1:30 o'clock with a monster parade. This big undertaking is being fostered and actively put on by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, whose headquarters are at Goldboro. It is conservatively estimated that this week will draw more people to Wilson, than any other attraction has drawn to any town in this state, even the larger towns not equipped with such facilities.

Judges of crowds, if 50,000 people pass through the turnstiles during these days of this big show.

**Advertising in Florida**  
More than 2,000 winter tourists in Florida have had advertising matter mailed direct to them, inviting them to stop over at Wilson on their return home from the Sunny South. Many visitors will be attracted in this way, that would never have an opportunity to see Eastern North Carolina.

**In New England**  
A selected list of manufacturers and bankers in the New England states has been made out and they too, are being apprised of Eastern Carolina's wonderful opportunity. The slogan that has been adopted by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is very appropriate for this section: Eastern Carolina, where prosperity is perennial. This slogan carries with it the idea that there are no real lean years in Eastern Carolina. They are all plentiful and that's true.

5,000 handsome booklets, filled full of interesting facts about Eastern Carolina, are being mailed out to every section of the country. These booklets are so attractive that each one that falls into the hands of a business man will find a place in his business library for future reference, and will prove interesting reading matter in the future. These booklets are sure to get favorable results in years to come.

**Anna Case Big Attraction**  
Anna Case, who opens the program Monday afternoon, March 19th, is already a regular house word with all the children as well as the grown-ups in this section. For they are all interested in seeing and hearing this wonderful soprano. The prospects now are that every seat for her two performances will be sold before the doors open, for the first recital. Orders for tickets have been steadily coming in for three weeks, although the actual allotment of tickets does not begin until Monday March 5th. Miss Case is booked as the most beautiful and most popular soprano in America today. No doubt she will have her best and most enthusiastic audience at Wilson to greet her.

**Every Day Full Day**  
The program committee has packed more real entertainment, enlightenment and culture in this one week than has ever been assembled for an occasion like this before, and it goes without saying that the public will show their appreciation of this effort by turning out in large numbers. Eastern Carolina has a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate what she can do. It is predicted from every source that she will make good.

## NEW BILLS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE FOR THIS COUNTY

Townsend Give Outlines Of  
New Laws Affecting  
Harnett

Authorized To Vote  
\$300,000 Bond Issue

This Is Left To County Commissioners Who May Also Create The Highway Commission of Harnett County. Dunn May Also Vote Bonds To Build A Hotel And Hospital.

Among the bills pertaining to Harnett county introduced in the recent session of the Legislature by Representative Nat A. Townsend of Dunn and passed by that august body were a bill pertaining to creating, one which limits the open season for hunting birds to 45 days, one which closes the season for deer hunting for 8 years to non-residents, one authorizing the county commissioners to appoint rural policemen to patrol the highways of the county and another changing the auditor's office from an elective to an appointive one.

**New Fish Law**  
Following is the latest copy of the new fish law:

"It shall be lawful for any person to fish with hook and line only in any of the streams of Cumberland and Harnett counties, and in Black river in Sampson county above Maxwell's bridge, at any time, except that between April 1 and June 1 of each year, it shall be unlawful for any person to take any fish, crabs, trout, jack or pike from any of said waters."

Section 2 of the bill repeals all other laws and clauses which might conflict with this bill while section 3 states that the act shall be in force from and after its passage.

**Change in Game Laws**  
The bill pertaining to bird-hunting shall be in force from and after its passage.

The new deer bill closes the season for hunting deer for five years, except that a man is allowed to hunt on his own lands only between November 15 and December 1 of any year. This law shuts out non-resident hunters entirely.

The bill which changes the auditor's office from an elective one to an appointive one goes into effect at the expiration of the present auditor's term.

**Bills Applying To Dunn**  
Two bills applying to Dunn—one authorizing the calling of an election to vote on a \$100,000 bond issue for the erection of a hotel and another authorizing the calling of an election to vote on a \$20,000 bond issue for the erection of a hospital—were introduced by Mr. Townsend and passed.

Among the numerous State-wide bills introduced by Representative Townsend were 3 educational bills all of which were passed by both houses.

**New Road Law**  
A bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Baggett, which was passed with several amendments, provides that the board of county commissioners may call an election to vote on a bond issue not exceeding \$800,000 for road and bridge purposes. This bill also authorizes the organization of a body to be known as the "Highway Commission of Harnett County." This commission is to be composed of five members to be appointed by the county commissioners. The bill provides further that the members of this commission meet in the court house in Lillington the first Monday in each month, with permission to meet more often if necessary. The members are to receive while actively engaged in the performance of their duties the sum of \$10 per diem and mileage; but no per diem shall be paid for more than one day in each month. The secretary shall receive such salary or per diem as the commission may provide and shall turn over such bond as the commission may determine.

Under the bill the commission must elect a competent superintendent of highways and also a skilled and experienced civil engineer, providing the commission deems it necessary to secure the services of the engineer. The salary of the superintendent elected and the engineer, if elected, shall be fixed by the commission, said salaries to be paid out of the taxes to be levied and collected under this act. The superintendent must make bond in the sum of \$5,000, conditioned upon faithful performance of his duties and the proper accounting for all

funds which may come into his hands. This "Highway Commission" shall, according to the bill, perform all the duties relative to roads which have heretofore been performed by the board of county commissioners or by road officials in the several townships.

The bill authorizing the bond election, provides that the money received from the sale of said bonds shall be used in taking up and repaying various township bond issues now outstanding.

The bill in its entirety is a lengthy document, containing fourteen typewritten pages.

## New Christian Church Contract Let Wednesday

Awarded to Byrd Bros. and Shaw For  
\$34,240—Will Be Modern  
Brick Structure

Contract for the erection of a new church building was let Wednesday by the Christian church of Dunn to Byrd Brothers & Shaw, contractors of Harnett and Lillington, the contract price for completion of the building being \$34,240. The contract calls for a main auditorium that will seat approximately 500 people and 12 Sunday school class rooms. The building will be a modern brick structure, steam-heated and electrified throughout, with modern fixtures and equipment. The contract provides that the new building be completed within eight months, and work on it will be begun at once.

As was stated in Tuesday's Dispatch, the new church will be erected on a lot, corner Cumberland street and Clinton Avenue, across Cumberland street from the old church building.

## TO SEND NEGROES INTO RUHR MINES

Hughes And French Embassy  
Deny Knowledge of Such  
A Plan However

New York, March 7.—Harry V. Daugherty, arriving on the steamship Majestic today, announced that he had perfected plans to transport between 2,500 and 5,000 American negro miners to the Ruhr to work coal mines seized by the French government.

"At least 500 non-union miners from the West Virginia coal fields will be sent on the Orduna, which sails March 15," Mr. Daugherty said. "They will be followed by other shipments as fast as the men can be collected."

Mr. Daugherty said Ambassador Jusserand of France had received assurance in Washington that no objection would be made.

The negroes will receive \$7 a day in addition to board and lodging, he said, and will receive compensation in event of injury.

## Three Dead And One Dying After A Snow

New York in Grip of Terrible Storm  
That Takes Lives And Causes  
Damage

New York, March 7.—Three persons dead, one dying and several injured is part of the toll exacted here by a snowstorm which lasted from yesterday forenoon until this morning.

Two of the victims were found dead in snow banks. The third slipped from an icy platform, and was killed by a train.

Six and a half inches of snow fell, and traffic was greatly impeded. A force of nearly 10,000 men worked all day to clear the main arteries, while no attempt was made to attack the drifts in side streets.

Elevated trains, running all night, kept tracks open. Subways in Manhattan were not affected, but in sections in Brooklyn, where underground lines traverse many open cuts, drifting snow hampered service.

Marine traffic was seriously disrupted, captains of incoming liners preferring to remain at quarantine until the storm abated.

## NO WONDER FARMERS ARE ALWAYS IN DEBT

Lynchburg, Va., March 7.—Mrs. W. J. Crowder, of this city while peeling a potato yesterday found a note in it reading:

"I got 34 cents per bushel. What did you give?"

It was signed "O. F. Beardale, Stanton, Mich." and was dated January 19.

Mrs. Crowder said she paid thirty cents a peck for the potatoes.

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## TO FILE SUIT FOR DEATH OF THREE

Counsel Would Secure \$75,000  
For Death Of Clinton  
Men At Goldsboro

Goldsboro, March 6.—Suit for \$75,000 will be filed this week against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad for alleged damages growing out of the death of three men killed here by a passenger train coming from Wilmington on Sunday night, February 18, it was stated yesterday by Faison Thompson, counsel for the defense. It will be alleged in the complaint that the train at the time of the accident was traveling at 45 miles per hour that it had entered the city limits, and that the crossing was blind to 125 feet of the track. It will be claimed, too, that all of the men left widows and children, that Elliot Pigford, a live stock dealer, was a man with an annual income of \$10,000. William Register leaves a widow and four children and Herbert Southard a widow and two children.

Other counsel who will appear in the case are former Congressman J. E. Fowler and Henry E. Faison, and B. H. Crumpler, all of Clinton. The suit is to be filed either in Wayne or in Sampson county.

## DIES SHORTLY AFTER MARRYING YOUNG WOMAN

Chicago, March 5.—Twenty minutes after he had married Miss Eleanor McCarthy, a girl of 24, Herman A. Swanson, aged 62, a retired capitalist, died of heart failure today. The coroner's office decided Swanson's death was due to heart trouble induced by the excitement attending the wedding.

## ORPHAN SHOOTS HIS BENEFACTOR

Youth Wounds Reidsville Woman Who Provided Him  
With Food And Shelter

Reidsville, March 6.—A 16-year-old orphan boy who was making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Purcell about seven miles south west of Reidsville. Mrs. Purcell was carried to a Greensboro hospital this afternoon.

Mrs. Purcell's husband was spending the day in Danville on business and young Seares taking advantage of Mr. Purcell's absence decided to rob the safe in the Purcell home. Entering the room he demanded of Mrs. Purcell to open the safe and upon her refusal the boy shot her with a revolver. The first bullet entered her right arm penetrating into her breast. Two other bullets entered the woman's back just left of the spine.

The Purcells are prominent and well known in this county. Last year Mr. Purcell operated an automobile business in Reidsville. The youthful desperado has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Purcell about a month. Seares was an inmate for a time at the Thomaston orphanage. Last year he was sent to the orphanage farm at Kennedy home near Kinston. Seares was dissatisfied with his surroundings there and ran away. A little later he was caught at Raleigh and turned over to the State Welfare Department.

About the first of December Welfare Superintendent J. H. Allen of Rockingham county was asked to take the boy in charge. Mr. Purcell asked Superintendent Allen to allow him to take charge of the boy. Seares seemed to be delighted with his new home and soon gained the full confidence of the Purcell family. He knew that Mr. Purcell kept money in the safe at home and the temptation to rob was too great for him to resist.

Seeing Mrs. Purcell seriously wounded the boy dropped the revolver, mounted one of Mr. Purcell's horses and left. A short distance down the road, an hour after the shooting occurred, the horse was found wandering in the woods without its rider.

Searching parties were formed and messages sent to nearby points notifying officers of the shooting.

**Tornado Strikes Georgia**  
Macon, Ga., March 6.—Tornadoes struck in Fort Gaines, Ga., at Loraine, near Macon, at Pike road, 23 miles from Montgomery and near Opelika, Ala., according to reports received here tonight. There has been much damage to property but no reports of loss of life.

## WEDNESDAY 14TH OPENING DAY THE EYE CLINIC

Will Be Held In The Local  
Chamber of Commerce  
Rooms

Schools Of District  
Urged To Participate

Harnett Is Second County In  
State In Which Eye Clinics  
Have Been Held. Much Interest  
Being Manifested By  
The Citizens. Miss Mame  
Camp Assisting In Work.

Wednesday of next week—March 14—is the date announced for the eye clinic to be conducted in Dunn. The clinic will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and will open at 8 a. m. The eyes of all school children from the following schools in Harnett county will be tested here without cost to the parents: Piney Grove, Mary Stuart, Coats, Turlington, Long Branch, Moore, Seaboard, Lee's Grove and Dunn.

A like clinic will be conducted at Duke Tuesday of next week. These clinics are conducted by the State Board of Health and under the auspices of the Harnett county boards of education and public welfare.

The first clinics were held at Lillington Tuesday Wednesday and yesterday. Tuesday a total of 69 children were examined and Wednesday 84 were examined. Out of the number examined Tuesday 45 were fitted with glasses and 52 of those examined Wednesday were fitted. This would indicate that many of the children now attending school in Harnett county have weak eyes. Besides testing the eyes of the school children, they are given a thorough examination to determine the condition of the teeth, adenoids and tonsils. A record of each examination is filed with the State Board of Health and the names of each child made.

Harnett is the second county in the State in which eye clinics have been held. If it were with success in this county, it is planned to conduct like clinics in other counties in the State.

Judging from the large number of children attending the opening clinics, there is much interest in them. Parents should take advantage of this opportunity to learn of the defects of their children. The party in direct charge of the clinic includes an eye specialist, an optician and a State nurse. These are assisted by Miss Camp, superintendent of public welfare work in the county.

## Man Works In Dunn But Lives Miles Away

No Available Residence Here Into  
Which He Could Move His  
Family

While the Home Building & Loan association has been responsible for the erection of around 20 new homes in Dunn during the last six months and a number of others have been erected, yet the supply of homes is far from sufficient to meet the demand. One man who came to Dunn and began work several weeks ago has been unable to get a residence nearer his work than in the Godwin vicinity.

Some might say this is a bad advertisement for the town, but not so. This shows that the town is not dead, but very much alive. It is the dead town that has plenty of vacant dwellings and business houses. Yet, this condition should appeal to citizens who live here and would like to see the town grow to take stock in the local Building and Loan association. That is one way, and a mighty good one, to relieve the housing situation in Dunn.

The Fourth series of the Home Building and Loan association opened Saturday of last week, but there is yet plenty of time to subscribe for stock in this series.

## PRESIDENT GOLFING AT FLORIDA RESORT

Ormond Beach, Fla., March 7.—Three foursomes were made up from the presidential party and teed off on the Ormond Beach links after luncheon Tuesday. President Harding played in the first foursome with Edward McLean, Charles G. Dawes, and A. D. Lasher. Some of his wood-shots were easily over 200 yards and he sank several long putts which were applauded by the gallery.