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We Are For Chas. M. Johnson For Governor

AN EDITORIAL

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"Therefore I summon age to grant youth's heritage, life's struggle having so far reached its turn."
"These immortal words of Robert Browning were never truer than today when Charles M. Johnson is running for governor.
As I write, I am reminded of the story of President Abraham Lincoln who was walking with a friend about Washington and turned back for some distance to assist a beetle that had gotten on its back and lay struggling on the walk, legs sprawling in air, vainly trying to turn itself over.

The friend expressed surprise that the president, burdened with the cares of a warring nation, should find time to spare in assisting a helpless bug. "Well," said Lincoln, with that homely sincerity that has touched the hearts of millions of our countrymen and placed him foremost in our affection, "Do you know if I had left that bug struggling there on its back, I would not have felt just right? I wanted to put him on his feet and give him an equal chance with all the other bugs of his class." — And so that is Charles M. Johnson.

Having known him since I was a child and knowing his character, the above story certainly applies to him.

Chas. M. Johnson was born and reared on a farm in Perdue County. He knows the hardships of the farmer. He never went to college, but he educated himself. He served as assistant clerk of court in Perdue County for many years when quite a young man. State Auditor Baxter Durham recognized his ability and took him into his office in Raleigh. Mr. Johnson, revealing his ability in county and city government, was named as head of the county government commission which was set up by the 1927 Legislature, later known as the Local Government Commission. He headed that body, and brought many towns and counties out of debt, until he was named State Treasurer succeeding John P. Stedman.

Mr. Johnson, the leading candidate for governor, is very definitely in favor of increased appropriations for schools, including funds for construction and repairs in rural schools from a state-wide standpoint.

Mr. Johnson, as expressed by one of the best County Auditors in the South, is the best qualified man in the South or maybe in the nation for Governor in North Carolina.

Mr. Johnson also has expressed himself as favoring a state-wide bond issue for construction of farm to market roads. He says these roads should take preference over main tourists' arteries.

Recently Mr. Johnson wrote the following letter to the editor of the Henderson Dispatch. This letter sets forth pretty generally his stand on government matters in North Carolina.

THE LETTER

February 7, 1948

Mr. Henry A. Dennis, Henderson, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Dennis:

I thank you very much for your letter of February 6 and I want you to know that I appreciate it very much. As stated in your letter, you are one of the original Johnson men, and I won't forget that.

Here is the way this campaign is going to develop: There will be a lot of talk and a lot of red herrings drawn across the trail. The candidates will say they are in favor of this or that.

I have for years, even when it was not popular to do so, been advocating more money for our public school system so that we could pay the teachers better salaries and reduce the teacher load. I am sure that all the candidates will be in favor of this.

A year and a half ago, in speaking before the State Association of County Commissioners at Wrightsville, I stated that I was strongly in favor of spending more money on our rural roads, and, as desirable as it might be, we just could not spend any money on so-called super-highways until we had all-weather roads to every community in the State. I am sure that all the candidates will be in favor of this.

I was born and raised on a farm and all the things that I have stated in this letter are things that I have lived and know.

Report Of Grand Jury At Jan. Term Superior Court

Grand Jury Report January Term, 1948

To Honorable Henry L. Stevens, Jr., Judge Presiding At January Term, 1948, Superior Court.

We the Grand Jury serving at the above term of Court make the following report:

We acted on twelve bills and found nine true bills and one not true bill, two not acted upon on account of no state witnesses.

We visited the Prison Camp and found it in very good condition; and we, the Grand Jury, would like to commend Mr. Boone for his efficient services at the camp.

We visited the Register of Deed's office and found it to be in A-1 shape and we want to commend Mr. Outlaw for the neatness and efficient service that he is rendering the people as a whole, and we are very proud to have a man of his ability with this responsible office in his care.

We also visited the Clerk's office and found it in fine condition, although the room is crowded. We want to commend him and his very efficient office force for the good job that they are performing.

We visited the Tax Collector's office and found it in good condition. We are very fortunate to have a man of Mr. Alphin's capacity holding this responsible position.

We also visited the Sheriff's office and found it in good condition, but very congested for the lack of ample space, and that we would like to make this recommendation to the County Commissioners that they immediately make a thorough

investigation of the room which the Sheriff has at his disposal and see if there can't be an addition made in the immediate future, which will give him ample room to file his records and to have a room of privacy where he may consult with those who come into his office to give him information and will not be over-heard by those who might be visiting in the office at the time.

We visited the jail and found it in very satisfactory condition, except we found no pillows for the inmates. We feel this is a service that should be given the prisoners, and we suggest that a sufficient number of pillows be bought and placed at the disposal of the jailer, that each prisoner or inmate shall have one pillow while confined in our jail. It is further recommended that the door to the Grand Jury room be put in such condition that it will open and shut properly and fasten.

It is also further suggested to the County Commissioners that they take under consideration a stairway to be built from the gallery on the east side of the building down to the lower floor so that negro witnesses can be called to the stand and returned back to their seats without such delay as is now necessary.

To The Honorable Henry L. Stevens, Jr., We, the Grand Jurors of this term of court, want to express to you our deep appreciation for the charge given us before we began our duty. It has been a privilege and a joy to be associated with him in this judicial capacity.

H. B. Kornegay, Foreman
H. Mosley Phillips, Clerk

Allen Re-Elected Bank Cashier

M. F. Allen, Jr. was re-elected cashier of the local unit of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company at the directors meeting following the 23rd Annual Stockholders meeting held in Whiteville January 10. Miss Erma Williams of Kenansville was re-elected assistant cashier of the local bank. Miss Williams is at present away from her duties on a leave of absence due to illness.

R. S. Troy was also re-elected cashier of the Rose Hill office of the bank with Miss Estelle Fussell as assistant cashier.

In his annual report, J. N. Coburn, executive vice president, reported a successful year's operation. Net earnings after taxes and reserves amounted \$5.10 per share of which \$1.50 was distributed to stockholders in dividends during the year. At the end of the year, capital accounts for the bank stood at \$1,009,927.21, or \$50.41 per share.

In commenting on the wide diversity of loans made by the bank in meeting the credit requirements of its customers, Mr. Coburn stated, "At various times our note case has held loans secured by chickens, turkeys, flower bulbs, honey bees, as well as air planes and buggies". Loan volume reached an all-time high of \$5,227,704.16 during the summer of 1947.

The board of directors elected at the meeting at which more than 90% of the 200 stockholders were represented included K. Clyde Council of Waranch, a tool manufacturer, farmer, and timber operator; J. N. Coburn and Dr. R. C. Sadler of Whiteville; Glenn F. Strole, farmer and dairyman, and C. L. Tate of Chadbourne; J. S. Bowers, construction contractor of Raleigh and Whiteville; W. B. Lennon of Fairmont, and B. L. Nesmith of Tabor City.

Other officers of the bank, which operates nine units in Southeastern North Carolina, include Mr. Council, president; Mr. Coburn, executive vice president, Mr. Tate, Mr. Strole, Mr. Lennon, Mr. Nesmith and Dr. Sadler, vice presidents.

Rat Campaign Is Postponed

Due to weather conditions it has been necessary to postpone the war on rats which was scheduled to cover Duplin during the week of Feb. 9. As soon as weather permits we will go ahead with the campaign as originally planned. Each person who has placed an order for rat bait will receive a letter giving the date and place that their rat poison will be delivered.

Duplin Schools Are Expected Be Closed First Of Next Week

Supt. O. P. Johnson stated last night that probably 10 schools in Duplin except Wallace will open Monday. Weather conditions warrant no predictions, however, Principal Edgerton at Wallace says they will open Monday, regardless.

DISASTER BIG NEWS IN 1947

America's disaster story - the most destructive series of major catastrophes in a single year of the nation's history - was one of the top national news stories in 1947. The Red Cross in that grim serial was significant. In most instances, it was well-told.

Much remains to be told however. The two most extensive Red Cross disaster relief operations of the past year - The Florida-Gulf States hurricane - floods and the New England forest fires - will not be completed until the spring of 1948. Publicity-wise, that means that an unusual opportunity exists to tell the most vital and least known story of Red Cross disaster relief - rehabilitation - at a time when extent and reasons for high rehabilitation costs should be known - the 1948 Fund campaign period.

Wintry Blasts Hit Duplin Again; Fireside Coddling Has Been Enjoyed

Whew! It's not blowing over. Have you ever seen such fog in Duplin County as was here yesterday?

The real winter wonderland set in on us over the week end. Snow and sleet measured 8 inches on the

level in a number of places in Kenansville. The thermometer dropped to a low of 26, and probably lower, if you were up in time to see it.

Traffic was quiet. Most of our folks kept off the roads.

Thursday morning a drizzly rain set in but the ground is so wet water just can't get off fast enough. The streets here are a slush. However the highway force, as usual, have been on the job and the roads are fairly clean. Telephone and power lines seem to be in pretty well intact and we're all enjoying sitting and reading by the fireside.



JOSEPH PINYATELLO, 25, (right) is being held in Duplin county jail without privilege of bond. He is charged with the murder of Harry Anderson in Bowden on Monday February 2. He and his brother Tony, 32, (left) probably will be tried in superior court in April. Tony is charged with aiding and abetting in murder. (Official Duplin sheriff's department photos).

Bad Check Flashers Returned To Duplin From Newport News, Va.

Deputies Sheriff Murray Byrd of Faison and Perry Smith of Kenansville went to Newport News, Va. Tuesday, via train, and brought back Duffy Taylor and Blackman Gaudier, two white men who were wanted on bad check charges.

Taylor is under 4 indictments and Gaudier under 7 charges in Duplin County. They are also wanted for similar charges in Sampson and Pasquotank counties. They were arrested in a board-

ing house in the Virginia city Sunday morning about 5 o'clock. In the room with them were Miss Pauline Pate, in bed with Taylor and her nine-year old girl in bed with Gaudier, officers said. The woman and child, natives of Duplin, according to officers, are still in Virginia.

According to Sheriff Jones Newport News officers said the men could be charged with White Slave

Warsaw Methodist Church Notice

The pastor, Rev. A. M. Williams, announces that at the regular service on Sunday night, February 15, the first part of the mission study course will be presented. This is a joint study with the Turkey Methodist Church and is a part of the centennial celebration of Methodist missions in China. The second meeting will be in the Turkey church on Feb. 17, at 7:30 p. m.

Everyone is cordially invited. Also the revival series of services will begin on the fifth Sunday morning of February. The Rev. R. L. Crossno of Moyock, N. C. will hold the services and continue through the following week. Many people will remember with pleasure Mr. Crossno, who preached at the Warsaw Methodist Church in revival services of two years ago.

Board Of Education Wants To Know How Many Babies Being Born

The following letter has been sent to parents of Duplin children in school. The letter speaks for itself:

Dear School Patron:
Over the nation as a whole, our population has increased greatly in the past few years. It is estimated that we now have as many people as we should normally expect to have in 1955. The cause of this increase is the tremendous birth-rate among our people during and since the war.

The Florida-Gulf States and New England disaster relief operations entail the greatest expenditure of Red Cross funds of all the costly major catastrophes in 1947.

The County Board of Education needs to know how this increase in the birth-rate affects the various school districts of Duplin County. If we must build additional rooms for your school within the next five years, we should know how many children will enter each year for the next five years. It is absolutely necessary that we spend the money where it is most urgently needed. Please give us the information for your immediate community. Do not hesitate to give names of children whom you think others

Weil's In Goldsboro Suffer Two Tragic Losses; Store Gutted By Fire

Tragedy struck the Weil family in Goldsboro this week in full force. Most devastating was the death of Lionel Weil, Sr., in the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore a 71-25 Wednesday morning. Mr. Weil was 71 years old.

On Monday the famous Weil's Department Store was gutted by fire; an estimated loss of a million dollars.

What will the women around here do now? Well — you can remember Neil Joseph.

BOB GRADY SAYS

Lionel Weil is dead. I have known him for some time. He was the father of Weil's Fertilizer Works in Goldsboro, in fathering the fertilizer plant his primary interest was not in making money but making contribution to the agricultural interests of this section. He theorized that hormones were the basic values in fertilizers. He spent thousands of dollars experimenting with his theory on the Weil's farms around Goldsboro.

Not only was he an agricultural scientist but a leading citizen of Goldsboro; a member of the University of North Carolina Board of Trustees and a friend to everyone who knew him. North Carolina will miss him.

No Courting Next Week

Judge Robert L. West announced yesterday that County Court next week has been canceled due to weather conditions and bad roads. All defendants, prosecutors and lawyers may stay home.

New Mercury Hits Bull - No More Merc

A 1947 Mercury Coupe operated by Emmett Rogers and occupied by four other people, struck a 1500 pound steer about a mile east of Beulaville Wednesday night. The car was practically demolished and all occupants were injured.

O. H. Estes Dies In Wallace

O. H. Estes, 49, of Wallace died at his home Friday morning after a lingering illness. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club and Woodmen of the World. Funeral services were conducted from the church at 3 p. m. Sunday by Rev. W. B. Hood, assisted by Rev. D. A. Wood, pastor of Bethel Wesleyan Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife; one son, O. H. Jr. of the home; his father, J. H. Estes of Charlotte; one sister, Mrs. W. M. Knox of Charlotte; six brothers, M. C., H. L., and A. L. Estes of Charlotte, G. C. Estes of York, S. C., and M. F. Estes of Rock Hill, S. C., and M. F. Estes of West Palm Beach, Fla.

should report. Duplications will not matter as we expect to check them off.

It is necessary that we have the name of the child, the age of the child, and the parents names and address. Do not give the name of a child who lives out of your school district.

Thanking you, I am
Cordially yours,
O. P. Johnson, Supt.
Duplin County Schools

Magnolia Minister Dies From Heart Attack; Popular In Duplin County

Funeral services for the Rev. J. B. Sessions, 50, who had been pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church for the past nine years, were held from the church Monday at 2 p. m. conducted by the Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist Church, and the Rev. J. V.

Case, pastor of the Rose Hill Baptist Church, assisted by the ministers of the Eastern Baptist Association. The Rev. Mr. Sessions died after suffering a heart attack on Friday morning. Interment was in the Antioch Baptist Church cemetery in Warsaw.