

## MYSTERY MAN CLAIMS HAVE LIVED THIS CITY VICTIMS OF SUBMARINE TRAGEDY BROUGHT TO LIGHT

### Unknown Stranger Cause Of Baffling Mystery To The Police Of Asheville

**Well Dressed Young Man First Declares That His Name Is Wilson—Later He Asserts That He Was the Son of the Late J. P. Johnson, of This City—Is Now Under Observation By Physicians**

Asheville, July 9.—Asheville has a man of mystery. Intelligent, well dressed and apparently normal in every way, he is unable to tell or why he is here.

The young man first caught the attention of local physicians when he wandered into one of the hospitals here a few weeks ago and seated himself. When questioned he was unable to give his name or explain his presence. He was kept that night and while efforts were being made the following day to identify him he wandered off as quietly as he had appeared. Nearly three weeks later he was found on the streets by a man who conducted him to a local institution where an examination was made.

He gave his name first as W. H. Wilson but could not remember where his home had been. He finally stated that he had a brother and sister living at Dunn, N. C., and declared they had placed him in the state hospital in Raleigh. Investigation showed that the hospital authorities had no record of such a case. He has told interested people that he is a member of the W. O. W. lodge and of the Calby Springs Baptist church. He says that his wife is dead and that before her marriage she was Miss Mary Huffman, of Newberry, S. C. He says that his little girl is with her aunt, Mrs. T. W. Newborn, of Raleigh. Subsequently he has given his name as William Thomas Johnson, son of the late J. P. Johnson, of Goldsboro, and that he has a brother, Wallace Johnson, at Wallace, N. C.

### SONNER TO FACE MURDER CHARGE KILLED A WOMAN

**Authorities Have Every Reason to Believe He is Slayer**

Tryon, N. C., July 9.—(AP)—Q. C. Sonner, Jr., after lingering at the point of death in a local hospital since early yesterday, today was recovering from two bullet wounds above and below the heart. In opinion of doctors he will live to face charges that he shot and killed Miss Jean Braswell, 16, of Charlotte and Tryon, and then attempted to commit suicide shortly after midnight Thursday at a secluded spot on the Green River cove road, two miles from Saluda.

**Fears Violence**  
Fearing against young Sonner, who is the son of a wealthy and influential resident of Saluda, ran high here today. Sheriff McFarlane reported he might be forced to prepare against mob violence should word spread that young Sonner had recovered.

**Doctor Knows Story**  
The authorities were making a strenuous effort today to learn from Dr. E. M. Sally, who attended the wounded boy yesterday, the statement which Dr. Sally said young Sonner made to him regarding the tragedy. The physician, however, refused to make public the statement, saying he was not ready to divulge what the boy told him.

**Knew Her For Month**  
Sonner, friends said, had known Miss Braswell for slightly more than a month, during which time they had driven to numerous points around Saluda and Tryon during evening hours. The girl was said to have been popular among younger set.

Wednesday afternoon both were members of a swimming party and an automobile ride had been planned for the night, in which friends were to accompany them in a sedan. Calling at a hotel at Saluda, where the Braswells were stopping, Sonner is said to have arrived before the appointed hour and left with Miss Braswell. No intimation was given by either as to their destination.

**Jealous Motive**  
Following a thorough investigation of the shooting, officers declared that the shooting was done by Sonner and not by another man, as the injured girl had been told.

Clarence Bradley, who lives near the scene of the tragedy. Jealousy was ascribed by officers as the motive for the killing of the young girl and the shooting of Sonner.

Dr. E. M. Sally, of Saluda, and other physicians who attended Sonner, expressed the opinion that Sonner's wounds were self-inflicted, as powder burns were found on his clothing and the bullets ranged in such directions to lead them to believe that they were fired from a pistol held in the right hand.

### MAKES PLEA FOR DELINQ'ENT GIRL

**Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson Pleads For Better Sex Publicity**

Juniata, N. C., July 9.—(AP)—Speaking here tonight before the Social Service Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on "The Delinquent Girl," Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Commissioner of Public Welfare for North Carolina, made a plea for a more honest, fearless and searching attitude toward the whole problem of sex, since the most difficult cases of delinquency among girls, she said, are those which have to do with sex problems.

"We need more thorough and scientific sex instructions; a more intelligent conception of morality and standards of morality; more adequate facilities in the way of trained social workers who realize that every offender, because of physical and psychological make-up, presents a different problem; good correctional institutions and a more Christian attitude toward those who would reconstruct a broken life," Mrs. Johnson declared in outlining what might be done to help solve existing conditions.

The speaker dealt largely with the problem of the unmarried mother, and gave the histories of several girls who had come to her notice through the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

"Who shall fare best before the final Judge of all," Mrs. Johnson continued, "the girl who is the victim of ignorance, lack of training, biological instinct, mental incapacity or instability, or the persons who refuse to give her a chance? Lack of morality is nearly always a condition of the mental defective psychopathic person or of the individual who is mentally normal, but hypersexual, immorality is not 'original sin,' but psychological sickness."

"On of the greatest virtues in this world, one of the marks of the highest culture and intelligence," asserted the speaker, "is the ability to face facts. One of the most tragic things about our social life in the untold misery and the warped and ruined lives which have resulted from lack of this ability on the part of parents to impart simple and scientific knowledge on sex."

Mrs. Johnson put only a part of the blame on the World War for the fact that a time of license and revolt exists.

"It is largely the result of our abnormal repressive attitude which throws obstacles of pretense ignorance and hypocrisy around the matter."

The modern frankness is more conducive to morality than the feeling that sex is a kind of shameful mystery, the speaker declared, adding that decent reticence are commendable for they are the characteristics of the refined and cultured.

### High Waters Cause Much Suffering In Germany; Thousands Of Acres Of City and Suburban Property Been Inundated



Flood waters in the Elbe and other rivers of Germany have inundated hundreds of thousands of acres of city and farm land and have caused great damage. The waters are beginning to recede now, however, and President Von Hindenburg has started a relief fund designed to aid those who were hit by the flood. A photo shows burghers of a town on the Elbe boating about "Main Street" during the flood.

### PUT MORE VALUE ON DOG'S LIFE THAN MAN

**Fire House Bull Dog Attacks and Injures Local Resident, Subjecting Him to Possible Case of Hydrophobia and Owners of Canine Spirit Him Away Without Even Giving Veterinarian Opportunity to Observe If for Few Days—Mayor Fails to Act**

Mr. A. L. Pate, who holds a position with the Wayne Shoe Store, is probably one of the most perturbed men in Goldsboro this morning and without a doubt he has a right to be in such a state of mind as he is feeling a possible attack of hydrophobia unless the Pasteur treatment, which he will start today, has the desired effect.

Last Tuesday evening Mr. Pate was bitten by a bull dog which is said to be the property of members of the Goldsboro Fire Department, the dog being at the station at the time and Mr. Pate having stopped there to greet one or more of the men whom he knew.

As soon as possible Mr. Pate had his wound cauterized by Dr. T. K. Hizzel, who advised him to have the dog confined for observation. Mr. Pate says that he called on Dr. W. Corbett, county physician, who told him that he would see it that the canine was confined and closely watched.

Later, says Mr. Pate, he learned that the dog had not been confined and he conferred with Mayor Hollowell and Chief of Police Tew in regard to the matter. He says that Mayor Hollowell assured him that the dog would be placed in charge of Dr. Monk, veterinarian, for observation.

This was not and yesterday Mr. Pate learned that the dog had been taken away from the fire station and was either secreted in or near the city and that no effort had been made to have the animal observed to determine whether it was afflicted with rabies. The only course left open for the young man was to telegraph for the Pasteur serum as quickly as possible and this morning he will take the

### NO TRACE FOUND SPEEDING DRIVER

**Officers Fail to Locate Driver of Car Which Figured in Near-Fatal Crash**

A report from Spicer sanatorium last night was to the effect that the condition of Messrs. Cary Jervis, of Mars Hill, and William Owen, of this city, who were injured Wednesday night while coming to Goldsboro from Crescent Lake on a motorcycle which was struck by a big touring car driven by negroes, was somewhat improved.

Mr. Jervis suffered a broken thigh and the report from the sanatorium last night was to the effect that it would be necessary to perform an operation in order that the bone could be put into place and held there securely. This will take place this morning.

Mr. Owen, while not so badly injured as Mr. Jervis, suffered from various cuts and bruises and will probably be able to leave the sanatorium within a day or two.

While officers have made every effort to locate the drivers of the car which sped on its way following the accident, they have thus far been unable to do so.

### NEW CO-OP. DEPARTMENT

to carry out the co-operative marketing law signed by President Coolidge just before adjournment of congress, Secretary Jardine has created a division of co-operative marketing in the Agriculture Department and has placed at its head Chris L. Christensen, who has been in charge of the department's co-operative marketing work for two years.

### INHERITS \$5,000,000

West Palm Beach, Fla., July 9.—John Duff Fraser, prominent man of Palm Beach and New York, will receive the bulk of his mother's \$5,000,000 estate under her will filed for probate in the county court here today.

### After Nine Months At the Bottom of the Sea, Submarine S-51 Is Taken From the Wa- ter and Docked At the Brooklyn Navy Yard Where Bodies of Crew Are Taken Out—Their Deaths Believed Have Been Quick

New York, July 9.—After nine months at the bottom of the sea in their steel coffin, the bodies of eighteen sailors on the submarine S-51 were reclaimed today.

The submarine, torn asunder and sunk last September by the steamer City of Rome, was drained of water for the first time today and relieved of its grim cargo at the Brooklyn navy yard.

Sailors in black uniforms bore from the shattered hull the bodies of their comrades and from finger prints, clothing and other marks identification of one after another was made.

When the six-month body was lifted to the light navy officers in charge of the removal expressed the belief that no more remained. Continued investigation was ordered, however, to make sure that none had been overlooked.

Most of the bodies were clad only in under clothing indicating that those so drowned were off duty when they met death. A picture believed to be that of the radio man's mother, blurred by sea-water was found near his instruments and other articles testified to the many lies which bound the men to the life from which they were so suddenly torn.

One of the bodies recovered was that of a sailor who investigators believe had fought his life to the last second. The body was wedged in some pipes at the top of a compartment and the belief was expressed that as the water rose the sailor had climbed higher and higher only to be drowned when he could climb no more.

As to the manner of the death of the sailors as a whole, neither Rear Admiral Plunkett nor Secretary Wilbur would express an opinion beyond remarking that the time must have been very short and that death probably came upon most of the men almost instantly, catching them wherever they happened to be.

The naval board of inquiry re-opened today and spent the day in an effort to place the blame for the grounding of the S-51 in East River as it was being towed to the navy yard, from the place where it was sunk last September, with a loss of thirty-three lives. This question will occupy the board again tomorrow and after that the main question of blame for the sinking off Block Island will

### POLISH NATIONALIST INJURED

Warsaw, July 9.—Deputy Wojciech Forbany, Silesian nationalist leader, was injured with seventeen others and two persons were killed in a collision between two express trains today near Rogaw. Mr. Forbany was taken to a hospital where it was found that his injuries were not serious.

### BOXER DIES AFTER FIGHT

Whisper, Calif., July 9.—Clarence Johnson, 19 welterweight boxer, of this city, known to the ring as Rosy Johnson, died here last night following a prize fight in which he was knocked out in the fourth round. His opponent was Pat Patrick.

### Mother Greets Her Son and Falls Dead

Wilmington, July 9.—Funeral service for Mrs. Katherine Elizabeth Wood Butler, widow of a prominent citizen of the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Cowan, 212 North Ninth street, will be held this afternoon at 4:30 p. m. Rev. E. E. Petrea, pastor of Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church, of which the deceased was a member, will officiate. The body will be carried to Burgaw for burial. Mrs. Butler was in her 67th year of age and at the time of her death, the family had been gathering for a reunion. The aged lady had just greeted her son, Rev. George S. Bowden, of Strasburg, Va., the last one to arrive when she fell dead. According to members of the family their mother had been in apparent good health and in a lively mood throughout the day.

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