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Dr. Livingstone Johnson Dies At His Home In Raleigh Sunday A. M.

Called North Carolina's Most Prominent Baptist—Born At Springhill — Served Church In Many Capacities.

PROMINENT EDITOR AND PREACHER

Dr. Livingstone Johnson, one of the most prominent Baptist ministers in the South, died at his home in Raleigh, N. C., at four o'clock Sunday morning. Dr. Johnson had been afflicted with heart disease for several years. His sickness returned to him on Tuesday morning of last week but the indomitable spirit which has characterized his work for many years held out for several days against a severe attack. Although sick in bed, he continued to discharge his duties for several days, dictating on Saturday afternoon an editorial which showed the characteristic strength and clarity of thought.

Through Saturday however his condition grew constantly more serious and his death came early Sunday morning. Heart disease had attacked Dr. Johnson on several other occasions at which his life was despaired of.

Dr. Johnson was born in Spring Hill, N. C., on November the 7th, 1857. He was the son of Duncan and Catherine Livingstone Johnson and a brother of Archibald Johnson, now editor of "Charity and Children," the official organ of the Thomasville Orphanage. He attended Wake Forest College and studied for the Baptist ministry. In 1882 he married Mary Frances Memory of Whiteville. In 1882 he married Whiteville. In 1888 he was ordained to the Baptist ministry and held his first pastorate at Rockingham, N. C. Later he was pastor of churches at Lumberton and Greensboro. In the period between 1900 and 1915 he was corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention. In 1916-17 he held a pastorate in Rocky Mount and late in 1917 became editor of the Biblical Recorder. This position he was filling with grace and power up until the time of his death. Ten hours before his death he dictated an editorial thought and diction that has always

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Local Firemen Fooled By Ambulance

One installment of the old Aesop thriller was enacted in Raeford Monday morning, when Chapter one of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" was presented on Main Street. The chief actor in the drama, noted local purveyor of pills and pop, seems reluctant about presenting the rest of the play, due to local indifference and harsh criticism of local theatrical critics but the initial installment was well done and caused considerable interest in town.

As a matter of fact there were no woolly lambs and ewes on Main Street on Monday nor were any gaunt, grey wolves seen prowling on Edinborough avenue. Confidential scouts report that the wolves never leave their accustomed places near the doors of the homes hereabouts. However there was an ambulance which came careening down the streets of Raeford in mid-morning, splitting the air with its unearthly heart chilling scream, which, as a very important adjunct to this theory, is almost indistinguishable from the siren which calls the local fire-fighters to their red wagon. It was then that the loyal pharmacist, hearing the call to duty, dropped the tools of his trade and rushed forth bareheaded to do his duty. Even on his way up the street he noticed the indifference of the others who stood by but attributed it to the fact that Raeford has become a bit jaded with fires and does not develop the instant clamor which it used to when the signal was given. His progress had hardly carried him beyond a local cafe however before suspicion began to enter his mind and investigation showed that the source of the siren had now moved out on the Aberdeen highway.

The incident has been the subject of some unseemly mirth but the story has a greater virtue in telling of the spirit of our firemen, who prove that they are ready to go at a moment's notice.

CROP INNOVATIONS STARTED IN COUNTY

Mr. J. S. Johnson Has Acreage of Broccoli—Requires Careful Handling—Is Spring Vegetable in Large Demand.

In the planting of forty acres of the new vegetable sensation, Broccoli, Mr. Julian Johnson, local farmer, is making a worthwhile experiment, not only for his own farming interests, but for those of the entire section, should the new crop turn out to be a success. Broccoli is the new vegetable which swept over the country last year, gaining attention not only through novelty but through its taste and healthfulness.

Last year there were a few scattered patches of Broccoli throughout this section but there was little gained by the experiment, due to the newness of the growers to the experiment. In view of the fact that the vegetable is grown on a large scale in the trucking districts of the northern states, nearby New Jersey and Delaware, Mr. Johnson in conference with Mr. Ralph Hastings, of Laurel, Delaware, member of the firm of Hastings and Riggins, a large fruit and vegetable firm, decided to plant the Broccoli this year. At first he was discouraged by Mr. Hastings but later the report was made that the crop in the northern states was harmed by winter weather and so Mr. Johnson was encouraged to plant.

Broccoli seed are exceptionally expensive selling in some cases as high as seven to eight dollars per pound. Mr. Johnson however was able to get sufficient amounts to plant his forty acres at a much lower price. The crop was fertilized with two hundred pounds of fertilizer and three hundred pounds of nitrate of soda per acre. Seed were planted in twenty-eight inch rows, and a small seed planter was used. The harvesting however is the greatest proposition of all since the utmost care must be exercised in cutting the vegetable in bunches and it must be shipped in crates packed with ice, and in a refrigerator car. When harvest is begun it must be done quickly and consequently it requires a large amount of labor to do it properly. Returns from a crop however are said to be exceedingly profitable.

The farmers of the county will be interested in the experiment and if it proves successful, they will have Mr. Johnson to thank for a notable boost to Hoke County agriculture.

Dr. Fairley Speaks In Wilmington

Dr. W. M. Fairley left Raeford Monday morning on a two day trip to Wilmington where he was to fill an engagement to speak at a meeting of ministers and laymen of Wilmington Presbytery.

The meeting at which Dr. Fairley was to speak was similar in nature to the one held in Raeford last week when ministers and laymen of Fayetteville Presbytery met in Raeford to consider church problems which have been aggravated by the financial condition. The meeting at Wilmington was expected to draw a large attendance from the presbytery for prayer and conference.

DR. AND MRS. MCCONNELL GASTONIA, VISITORS HERE

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McConnell, of Gastonia, were visitors in Raeford Monday night. They were accompanied by their daughter Margaret McConnell. Dr. McConnell is known to some Raeford people, especially members of the National guard rifle team, as an excellent rifleman, and, in addition is an efficient gunsmith, although working with guns is only a hobby.

3 MILES PER MINUTE.

New York—Capt. Frank Hawks goes three miles a minute, or he is slow. His personal log shows 92 trips in six months covering a total of 25,000 miles at speeds ranging from 145 to 270 miles per hour.



JOHN COLE IS BADLY HURT IN ACCIDENT

Car With Five Passengers Overturns Near Rocky Mount—All Badly Hurt—In Hospital at Rocky Mt.—Cole Former Raeford Boy.

John Cole, formerly of Raeford, was severely injured last Friday night when the car he was driving turned over on the highway five miles from Rocky Mount. In the car with him were four other men, all of whom were badly hurt and two of them seriously.

All of the injured men were taken to a hospital in Rocky Mount immediately after the wreck and given treatment. Cole received what were at first considered seriously internal injuries. Grave fears for his life were held by the hospital staff during the first of this week but on Wednesday his improvement was such that he was considered out of danger.

John Cole is well-known and liked in Raeford and Hoke County. He was in business here for a good many years and his friends will be glad to hear that his condition is no longer considered serious. He is the brother of Neill, Harvey and Alfred Cole, of Raeford.

Quail Season Will Close Tomorrow

Tomorrow (Saturday) is the last day for hunting quail in this state, the closed season beginning then. It is expected a goodly number of local hunters will avail themselves of the opportunity of hunting at least one afternoon, the weather permitting.

Another Poultry Car Coming February 17

Another poultry car, the second of the season, will be loaded here next Tuesday, according to County Agent, W. D. Burton. Prices have not been announced as yet, but Mr. Burton will receive prices within the next day or so.

The first car which was shipped in January, carried off a nice load of poultry and netted the sellers something over one thousand dollars.

Al Smith To Make Pinehurst Visit

New York, Feb. 11.—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith left tonight for a ten-day stay at Pinehurst, N. C., where he will attempt to cure a slight rheumatic trouble. He was accompanied by Wm. H. Todd and William F. Kenny, close friends.

RECORDER'S COURT

In Recorder's Court Tuesday B. H. Wood and N. N. McLean, of Moore County entered a plea of guilty to a charge of fishing in Hoke County without a license and were required to pay the costs and purchase fishing licenses. While the commissioners of Hoke County require no license for fishing, the state law requires that a resident of one county who fishes in another county must have a license. (Clmer Forbes, white man, of Robeson County, was convicted of hunting in Hoke County without a license and required to pay the costs.)

In the case of Mrs. Kate Willard who was tried last week on a charge of slander and judgment reserved for a week, the court ordered a verdict of not guilty be entered.

BONUS PROBLEM NOT YET SOLVED

Compromise Suggestions Mixed With Further Demands for full payment—Immediate Cash Payments Is Urged by Representative Almon of Alabama.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Compromise suggestions mingled today with attacks by full cash payment advocates as Congress prepared for the next big hurdle in the race to avoid an extra session—veterans relief.

Speaker Longworth and Chairman Smead of the House rules committee, said they favored additional loans costing about \$500,000,000 as Senate administration leaders searched for a compromise.

Full payment supporters in both the House and Senate voiced objections to the present situation.

Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, author of one of the bills proposing to pay full face value of the adjusted compensation certificates served notice he would move to discharge the committee if it has not voted on the legislation by Tuesday of next week.

Senator Couzens of Michigan, Republican member of the committee (Continued on Page Five)

Maxton Men Open Bowling Alley Here

A new source of amusement and recreation will be available for Raeford people this week according to John Sempster McIte, Jr., and A. J. Cottingham, both of Maxton, constructors and managers of a new bowling alley here. These two men, who have until recently conducted a bowling alley in Maxton with marked success, are busy in town this week doing the necessary carpenter and janitor work in converting the old stand of the Ideal Market into a long room with shining hardwood alleys and inviting score cards all ready to record strikes and spares.

Bowling is rivaling this winter the popularity which grew for Tom Thumb golf last spring and summer. Few towns in North Carolina are without alleys now and in the larger cities the places that contain them are rivaling theatres in the beauty and luxury of their appointments. Managers McRae and Cottingham promise smooth alleys and an atmosphere conducive to pleasant sport. Bowling is splendid amusement and exercise and the new alley should prove an asset to the community.

Co. Game Warden Gets More Territory

County Fish and Game Warden, H. R. McLean, has had a good part of Robeson County added to his territory, effective on February first. His new territory embraces all of that part of Robeson which lies West of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, running from Parkton to the South Carolina line near Rowland.

MELON GROWERS' MEETING TO BE HERE SATURDAY A. M.

There will be a meeting of the Hoke County Melon Growers Association Saturday morning, February 14th, at 10:00 o'clock in the Court House. Mr. D. K. Young is to speak.

MORE DESIRABLE.

Palmitist: I see a tall, handsome man prostrate before you. Mr. Perkins (interrupting): I wish you could see my lodger, a little bow-legged man, paying his bill. —The Breeze

Consolidation Of Twelve Counties Is Recommended; Hoke With Cumberland

LEGISLATURE TRIES TO PLEASE PEOPLE

Farmers Need Lobbyists—Governor Gardner Using Wrong Tactics And Should Know Better—Wealthy Interests Admit Their Poverty.

By CARL GOERCH.

The legislature is composed of a lot of mighty fine fellows. They're chaps who are kind-hearted, sympathetic, generous and considerate. They are anxious to please the people of the State and want to do the right thing. Somebody makes the suggestion that the power interests ought to be taxed. What happens? A regular army of lobbyists descends upon Raleigh and proves convincingly and conclusively that the power companies are just about on the verge of starvation. The legislators listen to the presentation of facts, wipe the tears out of their eyes and decide that in view of circumstances probably it would be best not to impose any additional tax on the power people.

Somebody else makes the suggestion that we ought to have a sales tax. Thirty-eight thousand merchants immediately have a stroke of apoplexy, seventeen thousand die of shortness of breath and several thousand others develop serious cases of the rabies.

Then comes the proposal to tax moving pictures, and every theatre operator goes to Raleigh and displays figures which prove that not a penny has been made in the theatre business since 1786.

When bills are suggested for taxing barbers, bottlers, fish-dealers, chiropractors and bootleggers, representatives of these professions immediately run to Raleigh and succeed in blocking any such move.

Then somebody introduces a bill to put another tax on the farmer. It is given publicity through the newspapers. Members of the legislature hold their breaths. They gaze at visitors in the hotels but fail to discern a single farmer among them. They spot all kinds of lobbyists, but nary a farmer-lobbyist. A huge sigh of relief is released. "Maybe its best to put on that kind of a tax after all," says Mr. Legislator. And the bill is passed with very little opposition. Along with learning how to live-at-home, the farmer ought to learn how to do a little lobbying.

The Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina visited the legislature in Raleigh last week and made a talk to the senators and representatives. He advised the legislators to visit other States and get new ideas. Judging from some of the bills that have been introduced in Raleigh thus far, they've already got too many ideas up there. If they get any more, the chances are that the whole State will go broke.

One hundred and fifty representatives of county government and county road boards met in Raleigh last week to declare open war on Governor Gardner's highway program. If the Governor were to make a speech saying that he hoped for fair weather on the Fourth of July, there'd be a delegation in Raleigh before the week was out to declare open war on any such a proposition. A good many of the counties want to see the extra tax placed on gasoline, but they want to handle the expenditure of funds. Whenever it comes to paying out money, they're willing for the State to do it, they want to do it themselves. Besides, if the State were to control maintenance of county roads, members of the boards of commissioners, road boards and other county officials wouldn't be absolutely guaranteed that the highways in front of their respective places of abode would be given attention first.

It looks as though the proposal to cut the salaries of public workers 10 per cent is going to meet with considerable opposition. The same is true of some of the other recommendations that the Governor made in his message.

Max may be a good Governor, but he's a sorry diplomat. He ought to know our folks well enough by this time to realize that there is a right and wrong way to handle them. What he ought to have done—at the time he delivered his message—was to advocate an increase of public workers, turning over

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Brookings institution Also Suggests Six Other Consolidations In Its Report.

WOULD INCREASE POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(News & Observer)

Definite recommendations for 11 consolidations of North Carolina counties, which would reduce the number from 100 to 88 with suggestions for six other changes, which would further reduce the number to 82 are contained in the "Report on a Survey of the Organization and Administration of County Government in North Carolina" by the Brookings Institution, which was placed in the hands of members of the General Assembly Monday night.

The recommendations for changes in county government are fully as sweeping as those made by the Brookings Institution in its report on State Government, which was released in December. One recommendation is that all county administrative officials be appointed by the county commissioners.

Governor Gardner included "mandatory consolidation of counties" in the 19 specific recommendations he made in his message to the General Assembly on January 9, but did not list any counties. The data on which the Governor based his recommendations is contained in the report made public last night.

Exactly 20 years ago the 1911 General Assembly increased the number of counties to 100 by establishing Hoke and Avery and the sentimental appeal of that number helped to block all subsequent proposals for increasing the number. The pendulum has now definitely swung in the other direction, but the present recommendation is the first to be made in concrete form.

The recommendations in regard to consolidation of counties follow.

"It is our recommendation, therefore, that a careful study be made of this question of county consolidation, and to this end we are listing below certain specific instances in which, as a result of our study of the situation, it is believed that such a consolidation could be made with advantage. It is more than likely, however, that there are other cases in respect to which conditions would warrant a similar action

"1. Consolidate Cherokee and Clay counties, with Murphy as county seat.

"2. Consolidate Graham and Swain counties with Bryson City as county seat.

"3. Consolidate Mitchell and Avery counties, with Spruce Pine as county seat.

"4. Consolidate Henderson and Polk counties, with Hendersonville as county seat.

"5. Consolidate Alexander and Iredell counties, with Statesville as county seat.

"6. Consolidate Caswell and Person counties, with Roxboro as the county seat.

"8. Consolidate Hoke and Cumberland counties, with Fayetteville as the county seat.

"9. Consolidate Wilson and Greene counties, with Wilson as the county seat.

"10. Consolidate Chowan and Perquimans counties, with Edenton as the county seat.

"11. Consolidate Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties with Elizabeth City as the county seat.

"In addition to the consolidations here recommended, we suggest that the State give consideration to the feasibility of combining Washington and Tyrrell counties, Craven and Pamlico, Beaufort and Hyde counties, Lincoln with Catawba or Gaston, and Brunswick with New Hanover and the partitioning of Orange county to Alamance and Durham counties."

Speaking of the recommendations as a whole the report says:

"It is recognized that the people of North Carolina are not now prepared for action so drastic as is involved in putting into effect the suggestions set forth, but it is none the less desirable that the matter should at least be brought to their attention so that they may be giving it their consideration with a view to possible action in the future."

Although the only specific suggestions in that direction which are made look merely to the consolidation of some counties and the com-

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