

JOHN JOHNSON DIES OF INJURY

Auto Accident Term'd
Unavoidable; Rites
Held Saturday

Funeral services for John A. Johnson, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident last Thursday afternoon, were held at St. Agnes Episcopal church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, and the body was taken to Rock Hill, S. C., his boyhood home, for interment Sunday.

Mr. Johnson, 48-year old veteran of World War I, died at the Angel clinic at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night, four hours after the accident. Suffering from a fracture of the right side of the skull, as well as a fracture of the right leg, he never regained consciousness.

The accident occurred at the intersection of the Hayesville highway and the Wayah road. Ralph Cunningham, taxi driver, said that he was hailed by Mr. Johnson as he was driving toward Franklin, and that he pulled his automobile off the highway and into the Wayah road. He said Mr. Johnson went around the car to get in, but suddenly started across the highway and into the path of an automobile driven by John S. Trotter, of Asheville, formerly of Franklin. Mr. Trotter's car, headed toward Franklin, struck Mr. Johnson with the left fender and bumper, threw him upon the hood of the car, and carried him about 21 yards.

Pritchard Smith, state highway patrolman, who investigated, said the accident was unavoidable, and pointed out that Mr. Trotter's car was driven off the highway in an effort to avoid hitting Mr. Johnson.

The son of the late Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, and of the late Mrs. Johnson, a former editor of The Press, Mr. Johnson was born at Rock Hill, attended Woodbury Forest school at Lynchburg, Va., and took a special two-year course at Virginia Polytechnic institute at Blacksburg, Va.

He served in the medical corps in France during World War I, and worked with the C.A.A. on airfield construction during the last war. He was a member of the local post of the American Legion, and was active here in a number of community endeavors, particularly the recent drive to raise funds for the fight on cancer.

Survivors include his widow and son, John Carroll, of Corpus Christi, Texas, and five brothers, Blackburn W., of Raleigh, W. Carley, of Madison, Francis B., of Burbank, Calif., William B., of Charlotte, and Richard R. of Charleston, S. C.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector, conducted the funeral service here. Pallbearers were Allan Brooks, R. B. Jones, Frank Leach, W. T. Moore, R. S. O'Mohundro, and Weimar Jones. The Rev. Alfred Champliss officiated at the graveside rites at Rock Hill Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Funeral arrangements were directed by Bryant Funeral home.