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Pioneer Steelman, City's First Mayor, Had Been Long-Time Civic Leader

Archibald Johnston, Bethlehem's first mayor and pioneer steelman whose genius helped in the development of an infant company to the largest independent steel producer in the world—the Bethlehem Steel Corporation—died yesterday. Ill health for several years, death came to him Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at his home, Camel's Hump Farm. He was in his 83rd year.

Intricated advancing years made upon his rugged constitution did not detract from his energy or in the community and the great corporation he helped build. In his retirement, Mr. Johnston kept close touch with his many friends and former business associates in the steel industry throughout the world, which were familiar to him as vice president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which he headed for a short time before the late Charles M. Schwab took over the presidency.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at his Camel's Hump home. Interment will be private in Nisky Hill Cemetery.

FATHERS BRIDGE PROJECTS

Mr. Johnston was the one of several wooden bridges across the Lehigh that was condemned by the commissioners of both counties, as being unsafe for heavy traffic. The citizens' committee looked around for an individual leader, they prevailed upon Mr. Johnston, and although very busy with his duties at the Bethlehem Steel Company, he accepted the campaign and started the drive. As he made his rounds of the city, he found that the consolidation movement was started, he was once more placed in command. His ringing speeches long be remembered by those who listened to them in those early days of the century.

The union of boroughs of Bethlehem and Northampton Heights following later was another dream realization.

When consolidation was legally consummated and the late Governor of Pennsylvania, Charles A. whopping, signed the charter for the third city of Bethlehem in 1917, a survey was made for a citizen of irreproachable character to direct the affairs of the new bridge. The citizens of Bethlehem selected Mr. Johnston for the position. The bridge was completed and opened to the public in 1918. Mr. Johnston was re-elected to the position for several more years, and the bridge became a symbol of the city's growth and progress.

The Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania realized the need for a bridge and invited bids for the "Hill-to-Hill" bridge, a modern $3,000,000 structure, which, due to the World War, did not become a reality until 1924. The late Charles W. Hudon, of New York City, was the consulting engineer.

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Archibald Johnston: Symbol Of A Growing City

In the death of Archibald Johnston, Bethlehem loses a man whose life was woven deep into the industrial and civic fabric of the community. For Archibald Johnston helped build the city's greatest industry, helped build the corporate city itself, and helped give the community a blueprint for the expanding future.

Archibald Johnston, in many ways, was a symbol of growing Bethlehem, just as he was a symbol of the best in the American free enterprise system.

He worked his way to the top in a tough, demanding industry, in a day when hours were long and mechanical and electrical aids few. Muscle and sweat were the main ingredients in reining steel from ores and other materials when Archibald Johnston made iron and steel his life's work. He saw the old Bethlehem Iron Company become the giant Bethlehem Steel Company and help win two modern wars.

With it all, he was a warm, interested friend, a friend of rich and poor, high and low, throughout the wide sweep of his acquaintanceship. In his latter years, he liked few things more than a visit from old friends. He was partial to those men of an earlier generation who worked with him and for him in building an industry.

An impression of him will linger long. It was the warm gleam which lighted his eyes as a gnarled, bent workman of an earlier day passed him on Main Street several years ago. "Hi, Tom," said Mr. Johnston. "Hi, Arch," came the response. Then a hearty handclasp and five minutes of eager conversation.

It was on the same occasion that Mr. Johnston had a short obituary item from the newspaper pinned to one of his vest pockets. Pinned there, we are sure, so that he wouldn't forget to send flowers or other expression of his loss at the passing of an acquaintance or friend.

As the first mayor of the newly incorporated city just 30 years ago, Archibald Johnston made a great contribution. Until that time, he had been primarily concerned with production and jobs for the people who lived here. Now he became concerned with living conditions and services for the people—through their infant municipality.

He envisioned a beautiful, safe, healthful and happy community. He wanted Bethlehem to be a better city to which to live and work.

In his inaugural address in January, 1918—after his election had been prompted by petition of the people—he set forth his dreams: a system of parks, a good water supply, a sewage disposal plant, improved streets, health measures, and others. He wanted efficiency in government, too, and good men in office. And he served four years as mayor—without salary.

Mr. Johnston was energetic, hard-working, a man of action. He lived to see some of his dreams for Bethlehem come true. He lived to see the old Bethlehem Iron Company become the hub of America's second largest steel producer. He lived to see the city become a better place in which to live and work. He was a warm friend; a generous benefactor in a quiet, unostentatious way; a keenly interested citizen of the city and the world; and a symbol of his times.

Bethlehem will miss Arch Johnston.

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