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Saturday, November 14, 1925.

In Mississippi the need for cotton pickers was so great that the planters made up a fund of \$2,000 to buy round trip tickets for cotton pickers who are now in Chicago and who would return to that State where the burning of human beings is practised with impunity.

Clarence Darrow, the eminent criminal lawyer, may be an agnostic but at that he is way ahead of half of those who profess to know God and follow His commandments. In practice, America or to be particular the United States, would be a much better and more pleasant place were there more Clarence Darrows.

Although the Chicago Defender can't stop the bombing of colored homes in that city, yet, according to its own columns, it was able to decide the municipal elections in New York and Detroit and the State election in New Jersey. That paper is entirely too modest in calling itself the "World's Greatest Weekly." It should style itself the "World's Greatest Newspaper." Such a feat certainly is great, wonderful, extraordinary, magnificent.

The charred body of a woman thought at first to be that of a colored person found in the swamps of Louisiana, turned out to be that of a white person. As soon as that became certain, the authorities got real busy. Perhaps, that's the reason why fiends dared burn a white woman—the indifference of the authorities. This country will perhaps learn one of these days that lawlessness and cruelty can never be confined to just a certain group.

John W. Underhill was the only colored person who lived in the little New Jersey town of Mays Landing. He attended strictly to his own business and amassed a fortune of \$100,000. No one paid any particular attention to him while living. A few days ago he died. By his will he left his entire fortune to the little town for playgrounds and a gymnasium. As soon as this was found out the dead was honored by the white town as one of its most valuable citizens. Money talks.

We think the Asheville, N. C. colored people go a little too far

in trying to attribute all of the devilment in and around that city to colored people from South Carolina. Just what is the difference anyway between a North Carolina person of color and a Negro from South Carolina? Both States have too many ignorant and criminal Negroes. And if more are found in this State it is only because there are many more colored people here.

ARMISTICE DAY.

Wednesday, the 11th of November, was celebrated as Armistice day. That date is observed in thankfulness because on that date seven years ago, the great World War came to an end, a war which had for its basis, intolerance, race hatred and conceitedness. Of course, a different cause for that war is given, yet a careful analysis of conditions leading up to the outbreak, will show that the things named really caused that war.

Seven years have passed, but have the various countries gotten very far from the things that really led to that war? America certainly has not. In fact, this country seems to have begun where Europe left off.

There is more intolerance, race hatred and conceitedness in this country to day than at any other time of its existence. Its white citizens are more greatly divided on all kinds of lines today than perhaps any country of Europe. And as for one-tenth of its citizens—the blacks—they must fight from morning till night just to have the ordinary human rights of an American citizen. The United States is the only country which at this moment presents the spectacle of one-tenth of its population fighting in its courts for decent treatment as a race. Even now in Detroit the court is trying a case in which is involved the right of colored people to live where they are able to purchase homes and defend those homes and life too when attacked. The U. S. Supreme Court has on its docket for decision whether or not color shall bar an American citizen purchasing property freely and where he can. Before the Inter-State Commerce Commission is the question of whether or not the railroads are to furnish to all of their inter-state passengers the same accommodations for the same money. All in all, democracy is not showing up very well, certainly not the kind that is found in America. There is need of another kind of Armistice.

ASHEVILLE SHOWS THE WAY.

Last week two young colored men were tried in Asheville, N. C., charged with crimes than which no other causes greater excitement and feeling. However, the authorities were determined that civilization should be served by going at the matter in an orderly manner. Every precaution was taken against possible mob action—for every sensible person realizes that civilization cannot be preserved or carried forward via the mob route.

The trials were orderly and everything was done to give the accused a fair and impartial trial by a jury of white men. One of the accused was convicted and sentenced to the electric chair; the other was declared not guilty by the jury. Both of these men when first arrested had to be spirited away to escape a mob. The result of the trials show just how dangerous is the judgment of mobs. Had the mob had its way both of the men would have been hurried into eternity. But one was innocent. Does anyone doubt

it? The crime charged is one of the easiest to make and the hardest to disprove. When a jury of white men say that one accused of criminal assault on a woman of their race, that one certainly is innocent.

It ought to be noticed too that this occurred in the South where it is popularly supposed that to accuse a colored person of a crime is to convict him. That kind of bunk ought to begin to pass. The chances of fairness may be less in some particular sections but it certainly is not a Southern condition today. There was neither any necessity to spend a week or more in the selection of a jury because of prejudice against the Negro as is the case in the Sweet trial in Detroit, Mich. The determination of the white Southerner to see that justice in the courts is not tinged with the color line is greater today than ever. In fact, we doubt if there can be found in any section a greater and more conscientious effort to attain that end.

A. and T. NOTES.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 12.—The varsity foot ball team tasted its first defeat on home ground in five years. Dope was spilled Saturday when the fighting St. Paul team forced A. & T. to swallow a bitter pill. In the first quarter, the elusive A. & T. back, "Bus" Coleman, on a fake play dashed twenty-five yards for a touch-down. Coleman failed in try for extra point. In the third quarter, this same "Bus" Coleman ran through the entire St. Paul team for sixty yards, resulting in a touch-down. Lane rushed the ball for the extra point. In the fourth quarter, Coach Byarm sent in some second string men. With ten minutes to play, St. Paul took advantage of the situation and scored fourteen points, thus humbling proud old A. & T. The team plays Bennett November 11th and Hampton November 14th.

Supervisor Simmons Holds District Conference. Federal Agent, State and County Officials Present. 100 Per Cent Attendance.

Supervisor S. B. Simmons called together the Smith-Hughes Teachers of Vocational Agriculture in a district conference. This is the first attempt to hold a district conference of the agricultural instructors and the initial attempt was met with overwhelming success. Supervisor Simmons is doing a most splendid work directing all of the agricultural education among the Negroes of the State of North Carolina. Mr. Simmons, a native of North Carolina, a son of A. & T. College, is eminently fit to carry on the work. After completing the prescribed course of study at the North Carolina institution, he studied at the University of Illinois, Kansas Agricultural College and University of California. Mr. Simmons has taught at Tuskegee Institute and for several years was Supervisor of Agriculture for the State of Alabama. When one views the experience and training of this young man, it is readily seen why it is that he has made an enviable record and the conference was such a success. There were twelve teachers present, six of whom were graduates of A. & T. College. The meeting was held at the Eastman School, of which Prof. J. L. Setzer is the principal; with him is Mr. Hayes, both of whom are fellow alumni and loyal sons of A. & T. Federal Agent, H. O. Sargent, Superintendent Akers, Prof. F. Marcellus Staley, Director Agriculture, A. & T. College, at various

times during the session, gave interesting talks.

Teachers Attending Conference.

J. L. Setzer, Eastman school, Ringwood; Harry J. Hayes, Eastman school, Ringwood; Harrison Jacobs, Elizabeth State Normal, Elizabeth City; R. E. Fitzgerald, Nash County Training school, Nashville; I. C. Leece, Perquimans County Tr. school, Winfall; H. H. Hamilton, Halifax County Tr. school, Weldon; C. S. Wynn, Hertford County Tr. school, Winton; K. E. Broadhurst, Martin County Tr. school, Parmele; E. C. Setzer, Pitt Co., Tr. school, Grimesland; J. T. Loeke, Spring Hope; J. L. Bolden, Warren County Tr. school, Wise; and T. Jeffers, Bertie Co. Tr. school, Powellsville.

Director Staley Speaks at Father and Son Banquet.

In connection with the District Conference, Prof. Setzer, Principal of the Eastman school in order to create an interest in Vocational Agriculture, instituted the idea of a Father and Son Banquet. In keeping with this idea, Thursday night, November 5th, the far-sighted Principal's plans met with most heartening responses on the part of both the fathers and sons. In the spacious Home Economic room, a large assemblage of old farmers and prospective farmers gathered around the festive board, banquetted and listened to several addresses made by Supervisor Simmons, Professor Fitzgerald and the principal speaker, Director F. Marcellus Staley, A. & T. College. The training, personality, experience and native ability of Director Staley most admirably fitted him for the task.

Dean Grimes and Croxton Williams Attended Conference At Duke University. Williams Receives Much Distinction.

Dean Grimes and Mr. Croxton Williams represented the College at an inter-racial conference that was held at Duke University. The object of the meeting was to develop student fellowship and impress upon the students the necessity of getting a grip on the World's Court. "Study war no more" was the slogan of the conference. Croxton Williams was honored as no other of the thirty-five colored students. Several times, he was called upon to lead devotion. Williams was also made a leader of a group, composed of white and colored. This distinction was given no other member of our race represented. A. & T. is proud of Williams. There were one hundred and twenty-five representatives present, 35 of whom were colored.

President Bluford Gives Echoes From International Y. M. C. A. Conference.

At the regular religious services, Sunday, November 8th, President Bluford made a very interesting report of the International Y. M. C. A., conference which he attended. This conference, composed of representatives from Canada and U. S. A., was held in the Willard Hotel Washington, D. C. The challenge of the day for the young men of to-day; the unoccupied fields in Y. M. C. A. work in America and foreign missions were the outstanding topics that filled the minds of the speakers who participated on the elaborate program. President Bluford, in his sincere and sympathetic manner, by his culture, made it quite evident that the man and the opportunity had met a high hour. The College is justly proud of its head. Outlook for the future which is most bright will give A. & T.

an opportunity to render the finest service possible under the leadership of President Bluford.

Newberry News.

Newberry, S. C., Nov. 10th.—

The Colored school fair will be held at the Drayton High school Nov. 20 and 21st. Every school in the County, are expecting to be represented in this fair. The Agriculture School Ma. Bethel Garmany will hold up that side under Mr. E. F. Floyd, as the Agriculture teacher. All the booths are expecting to be arranged on the 19th. We are asking everybody throughout county to attend this fair. Newberry Domestic Science teacher, Miss Mary B. Pearson and Miss Georgia Metts of Prosperity graded school will hold up that side.

Mr. Floyd was very busy on last Saturday delivering fruit trees. He had a bunch of trees to deliver. This is the first order of fruit trees to come in the city this fall, so sad the express man. All of his trees are nice and fresh. If you want to start an orchard, see Mr. Floyd; he will save you money, because he knows what kind of trees are suited to Newberry soil.

The P. E., Rev. Geo. C. Johnson held his last business meeting at Miller Chapel, with Rev. E. P. Ellis pastor on last Monday evening. All reports were read and received. It was a very good meeting; paid him out for the year. If all of his charges have done as Miller, he can sleep well at night. Ready, yes Miller is ready for the annual conference.

Mrs. Addie Sims received a special delivery letter on last Saturday stating that her brother Arthur Fry had left his boarding place on the 31st of October and had not been seen nor heard of since. He walked that he would be back in a few out and told his board mistress minutes; but has been gone one week. He was stopping at 976 Percy street, Philadelphia, Pa.

He has been living in that city for four years. She is much worried about him.

Mrs. Mary Gary was the guest of Mrs. Addie Sims on last Saturday.

Mr. Sumbley Lark, quite an old man was funeralized on last

Sunday. He was one of the oldest colored men of Newberry county. Age 110 years. T. A. Williams was the undertaker.

MEMORIAM.

Sacred to the memory of a loving husband and a devoted father, Mr. J. S. Collins, who died Nov. 5th, 1924.

One year ago today, dear father you left us, Your seat will be forever vacant, It seems as if it was only yesterday Our hearts are bowed down in sorrow.

One morn, we missed him on the accustomed hill, At his post of duty and near his favorite tree;

Another came, nor yet besides the rill, Nor up the lane nor at the wood was he.

When next with dirges due in sad array,

Slow through the church yard path we saw him borne, Approached and read the mournful lay, Gone! Gone! forever gone.

His soul to-day Is far way.

And how we miss him, We cannot say.

Our lives, must be a monument We consecrate in your behalf.

Our charity to others must carve your name, As yours did in days that are passed.

He made home happy without a test

But the dear Lord took him to be blest; So sleep thou on, and take thy rest We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best.

Gone a dear husband, From a dear wife, A dear father

From dear daughters, and a dear son.

Farewell, sleep on and take thy rest, Lean thou thy head on Jesus' breast A loving wife and devoted children: MRS. R. H. COLLINS.

MRS. K. E. SCOTT, DR. A. J. COLLINS, MRS. G. COLLINS WOODARD.

It required 41,000 gallons of paint to cover the interior of the steamer Leviathan.

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