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"BIG APPLE"

No. Reference is not being made to that delicious fruit of which, it is said, one eaten a day will keep the doctor away. The reference is to the latest dance which is taking the South by storm. It originated in Columbia in a night club named "The Big Apple", operated by a colored man for colored people—just the ordinary run of the mill folks; not the upper crust. And maybe too that is the reason of the "Big Apple". The name was given by University of South Carolina students who from time to time visited the club as spectators. The dance is described as a hodge podge of the "Charleston", straggles, swing steps and Harlem's "Truckin'" with now and then a touch of the Virginia reel. Originated by the colored folks, but taken up by the whites and popularized. No color line in "Big Apple".

INTERESTING SCHOOL STATISTICS

The Richland county superintendent of Education has made his annual report of the public schools of the county, the same being as of July 1st. A few items gleaned therefrom are quite interesting and challenging. According to the report there are 36 school districts including the Columbia City schools as one unit. In these districts there are 29 white schools and 68 Negro schools. The fact that there are more colored schools than white is due to the fact that most of the white schools are consolidated of a number of one and two teacher schools, while the colored schools still stand as one and two teacher schools. For some illogical reasons, the powers that be do not and will not give the Negro pupils consolidated schools. As to length of school session, the longest term any white school ran was 8 1/2 months—only 5 being under 9 months. Just a few colored schools ran 7 months, most of them being opened for from 3 to 5 months. Expenditures per pupil are as follows: City of Columbia, white \$62.44; colored \$19.82, or for whites more than 3 to 1. In the rural districts the disparity was worse. For whites \$57.43; Negroes \$7.98 are the figures or more than 7 to 1. Now wouldn't it be fine—certainly it would be fair and equitable—if when the colored brother walks up to the county treasurer or tax collector to pay his taxes, he could pay in that proportion? Instead, he pays at a higher rate as the Assessment Board, as a rule, places a higher valuation on his holdings in comparison to the valuable property of the whites.

There seems to be no consistency at all in the whole layout. Why for an instance should the difference in expenditures be approximately 3 to 1 in the City of Columbia and more than 7 to 1 in the rural districts? No wonder Negroes flock to the city; they want schools for their children.

MOUNTAIN CITY ECHOES

By "CAP JIM"

The Greenville District Conference of the M. E. Church held its 46th session at "96" S. C., opening Wednesday night, the 28th. This conference was great. It seemed to have opened with the "Peace on earth, good will towards men" spirit prevailing and down thru the sessions which ended Friday

night. All seemed to be led thus. The members of the conference to the man—seemed not to forget, at any time that they were here in God's name and cause. The reports were encouraging—only two pastors were absent. The services were very inspiring. The high spots were Friend Miller's sermon at noon Friday. He was not programmed to preach, but the good brother who was graciously gave way, to put it mildly we simply say, that boy "preached". He held the congregation spell bound and as he closed, the fire was burning in the good old fashioned way, and all were happy after such a refreshing message. Sumter is fortunate in having such a man. Dr. Austin from the New Orleans Area, who is traveling in interest of the South-western Christian Advocate drive, and one of the outstanding pastors of the church graced the conference by his presence Thursday and Friday. 11 o'clock Friday morning was set a part for the drive. 90 cash subscriptions was the goal for Greenville District—the smallest District in the Conference. But tho' small, it was stated that Greenville District was the only District in the State or out that raised its quota and over—without a word from anyone save the District Supt., who was presiding. Dr. Austin only had to sit back and smile, as the boys and their leader turned the trick. When he spoke he only had to say "Thank you" and sit down. Peace, Peace, O, it's wonderful and it's more wonderful the way the Mountaineers do the thing; so says the good Doctor. In fact the thing knocked the good Doctor speechless. Nearly so; and talking about happy souls, Don Curry, the Supt. was one of them. Well might he be. Mrs. Austin and Miller were welcome guests along with their husbands. But let me close. About \$4000 was raised in the public collections. Every cent of this went to the pastor and church that entertained. There is more to say, but we close, remembering a mighty fine session of the District Convention from every point

Kampbellgrams

Stephen C. Campbell

When all the conventions are over, I shall give you a detailed account of the reactions to the new training program, the changes in program content, and the fine responses on the part of the people.

The Pee Dee schools and unions have my heartiest endorsement in their plans to separate from the associations under a different set of officers at a different time, with a different program. Make your convention a school of methods, and an assembly of young people.

The Anderson County Convention launched a new experiment. They will meet Thursday and Friday from now on. Friday will be devoted to methods. This convention gives three per cent of all they raise for Promotions.

The great A. M. E. Church is waking up to this new program. I have noted with joy the progress they are making in the various districts with their Institutes. Rev. J.S. Benn, Jr., lives with us here and I am hoping he will have a great state school at Allen. While a few Baptists are trying to get away from their school, Morris College, with their state-wide School of Methods, other denominations are trying to get theirs started. Morris College is the logical place for this great program we have for Leadership Training.

Come on leaders, let's fill a solid car to Los Angeles. Give your self a trip west and visit the National Convention. Why work hard all your days and never go anywhere but to sleep? Come on and join us for California. I plan to motor and have a real trip. I have two seats free for anybody who want to go and keep me company.

August Reading.
Read The True Function of the S. S., Looking and Learning, and When Do Teachers Teach. I am reading Making America Christian. It is a very good book. All of these can be secured from the office here.
Have you tried planning your work by the month? Try announcing each Sunday in the month as a day for some definite thing.
St. Paul is doing this. Sunday past was given to careless people. The morning message was on, Set Your House in Order, and I was So Busy Doing Other things I forgot to do what you told me. Three were baptized, and one more joined. St. Paul is a very good church, with very fine officers, and excellent members. They plan to give the pastor the trip to California.
Anderson County Fair Directors met today and laid plans for a greater fair this year. They reported money on hand from last year.
The 1938 School of Methods. Plans are taking shape to make the 1938 School of Methods the greatest yet. We reached our goal for 1000 in attendance, and \$17,000.00 in money, now we must set new goals.
Our goal this year, is Every Superintendent present with his teachers and a donation. Many changes will be made in the

courses and the personnel. A new type of groups is being planned. Many ideas have been advanced. All will be sifted and the best possible program planned.
Rev. A.J. Wright sent me a fine suggestion from New York. Any

"National Jamboree The Most Interesting and Colorful Experience of my Life"

Says Conrad Gandy

Greenville, S. C.—On Saturday afternoon, June 26th, around 3:00 o'clock I left by automobile for Greenwood, S. C. On the way we ran into a hailstorm near the town of Ware Shoals. We had to travel so slow that I feared we would not get to Greenwood on time. We ran out of the storm on the other side of Greenwood. To my disappointment upon arriving at Greenwood I found out that I was to be the only Negro Scout from South Carolina to attend the Jamboree.

We left Greenwood on a special train on the Seaboard line for Washington. I rode in a coach with white Scouts, but nevertheless, I was given the finest of treatment. We arrived in Washington at the Union Station Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock. We ate breakfast in the dining hall of the Station and then went by bus out to our company grounds on Hains Point in East Potomac Park. I joined up with a troop of Negro Scouts from North Carolina with Mr. J. A. Adams of Gastonia, N. C. as our scoutmaster. We spent the rest of Sunday and all day Monday erecting and setting in order our tents and camp.

Over 26,200 Scouts and Scouters attended the Jamboree. They were divided into three groups. First they were divided into ten large groups called Regions. Then each of the ten groups were divided into twenty-one groups called sections and each section was divided into thirty-four groups called troops. Each section had its own showers, administrative office, hospital, post office, exhibition tent, quarter-master's tent, kitchen and trading post. The water was medicated to prevent the spread of disease. No fires were allowed to be built any place in the camp and each troop went to the kitchen and quartermaster.

On Monday evening we were joined by a group of scouts from Atlanta, Georgia and one from Florida. Mr. A. J. Lewis of Atlanta was appointed to be our scoutmaster and his assistants were: Mr. J. A. Adams of Gastonia, N. C.; Mr. R. P. Williams of High Point, N. C.; Mr. C. M. Ashmore of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. J. C. Carrington of Durham, N. C.

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St. Philip A. M. E. Sunday school met at the usual hour. At 1:30 Rev. C. E. Wisdom preached a splendid sermon. 8:00 o'clock sermon by Rev. L. D. Gamble.

Mr. J. T. Teller of Sumter spent a short time with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith.
Miss Mae Ola Hunt of Holly Hill spent last week with Misses Ruth and Hazel Smith.
Mrs. R. B. Brown of Holly Hill spent last week with relatives.
Miss Evelyn Smith of Trio left last week for Marion to attend summer school.
Mr. Freeman Smith is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. Pride Crowned "Miss Piedmont" at Piedmont Summer School



MRS. LILLIAN PRIDE AND HER ATTENDANTS, WITH ARCH BISHOP HILLIARD. Mrs. Pride was selected as the most popular student-teacher in attendance at the Piedmont Summer school, Rock Hill, S. C., and was crowned "Miss Piedmont". Mrs. Ola Mae Agurs ranked second.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. J. M. Jackson, Pastor Darlington, S. C.—Miss Louise M. Rogers is back from Philadelphia. She reports that Mrs. Margaret Holmes is improving. Miss Ethel Goodson James is doing nicely in Philadelphia. She has a lovely home and a very attentive husband. Mrs. Eloise Smyrl Jones of Bennettsville was in the city last Friday afternoon. Mr. S. T. Couzer district S. S. Supt. visited our Sunday school Sunday morning and worshiped with us also.

Rev. Jackson gave a silver tea at the parsonage Sunday afternoon. We were delightfully served. Miss Estelle Janquette, sister of Elder I. W. Janerette is in the city spending a while. She and her brother, Elder Janerette worshiped with us Sunday night. Rev. Jackson preached a wonderful sermon Sunday. His text was taken from St. Matt. 26:39, subject "Go A Little Further". Rev. F. B. Patterson preached for Rev. Alfonso Miller Sunday morning at Lynchburg and Sunday afternoon at St. Peter. Mrs. Viola Stacks niece from Washington is here visiting.

On Friday night, July 30 at 8 o'clock there was a Twin Light banquet given at the home of Mrs. Anna Landrum by the Community club. There was about forty-five guests that enjoyed the evening and also about sixteen club women. There were ten tables that was decorated with twin candles. The banquet consisted of twin rose buds and lace ferns and was pinned on by Mrs. Lizzie McCray. Punch was served at the door by Mrs. Amelia Martin. Refreshments were served by Misses Marie Warsaw, Nora L. Sparks, Helen Sparks, Jaunita Samuel, Elizabeth Harlee and Annie R. Parrot, each was dressed in a blue uniform. Fruit salad on lettuce, baked chicken and saltines was served first course; ice cream and cake was second course and last salted pecans and mints was served in twin balls. The Good Will package was won by Mrs. C. McIver and remarks were made by Rev. Jackson and Rev. Greig.

LANFORD GROVE HOLINESS CHURCH

Bishop U. D. Rookard, Pastor Sunday was a pleasant day for all church goers. Sunday school with Supt. Rev. E. W. Rice in charge. At the evening worship Missionary L. E. Gary of Greenville. He delivered a wonderful sermon. Text St. Luke 18:1. Theme Prayer Will Change Things. Remarks by Bishop Rookard. Sunday night after devotional Bishop Rookard delivered a wonderful sermon. Theme Jesus and His Pay Day. Remarks by Rev. J. H. Jones.

Our Sunday School convention will convene at Mt. Helley, N. C. the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Our Assembly meeting is yet to be announced. Rev. E. W. Rice was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Robinson Monday. He was the guest of Missionary L. M. Stevens. Mrs. Annie Jones was guest of Mrs. Sallie Rice and Mrs. Nollie Rice and family Wednesday. Missionary L. M. Stevens and Mrs. Sarah Downs were the Wednesday night guests of Rev. E. W. Rice and family.

Rev. E. W. Rice and little Samuel Rice, Jr., were the Friday guests of Mr. Son and Mrs. Bobo. Rev. Rice was the night guest of Rev. Jones and family.
Rev. Grover Henderson was the Sunday night guest of Rev. Rice. Mrs. Jane Henderson and three grand daughters of Cincinnati, O. were the Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Sallie Rice and family.
Mrs. Susie Bozer and Mrs. Mcrea Westmoreland of Dowington, Ga., arrived here Saturday for a few weeks stay. Mr. Bozzer was the guest of Mrs. Sallie Rick and family Saturday night.
Those on sick list are Mr. L. Stevens Mrs. Minyon Norris and little Gasberry Allen who got burned. We hope for them an early recovery.
Much success to The Palmetto Leader.

GREAT REVIVAL MEETING AT ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH HAS CLOSED.

The annual revival meeting is over at St. James Baptist church. The meeting began the 4th Sunday night in July, closing the first Sunday in August. Many souls were added to the church. Rev.

W. L. Wilson did the preaching. He is a wonderful preacher. The singing is hard to be passed. We feel that the entire community is better. Rev. B.L. Hall the pastor has been at this church 4 years; and he said this was the best revival meeting since he has been pastor. Rev. Hall loves his members and is loved by them.

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