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A. M. E. PASTORS ARRIVE FOR 108TH CONFERENCE

CUPID WINS 45 MILE RACE

N. C. MUTUAL OUT FOR $2,250,000.00 INCOME

ASKS 2 MILLION INCOME FOR YEAR 1925

$2,250,000 Actual Premium Figures Set For North Carolina Mutual

IS BIGGEST ENTERPRISE

Tar Heel Business Men, Conservative, Honest, Lead Entire Country

By Carl Murphy

Durham, N. C.--The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company expects to take in premiums amounting to two million and a quarter dollars this year.

This is the word sent down the line from President C. C. Spaulding to 1200 state superintendents, district managers and agents in the 12 states of the black belt, all of them south of the Mason Dixon Line.

Twenty-seven years ago when the company was started by John Merrick, Dr. A. M. Moore and C. C. Spaulding, the premium income for this first year was just $840. There was not enough to pay the salary of the officers, let alone the three and the records show that the triumvirate served six years without salary.

These six years however were just to start a healthy infant in 1919 for the first time into the million dollar class. Since then its increase in business has averaged quite $200,000 a year until last year when it reached the two million dollar mark—the largest race enterprise in the United States and perhaps in the world.

Not A One Man Business

Visitors to the North Carolina Mutual building, a six story elevator office building in the heart of the business section, find that the company is not a one-man concern. The room of President Spaulding's office stands open whether he is there or not. When he is there, anyone can see him from the humblest worker up without unnecessary delay or red tape. He is the boss but he is not a czar.

In his office, the directors, J. M. Avery, vice president and secretary; J. R. Merrick, treasurer; Clyde Donald, Medical director, W. J. Kennedy, L. McDougald, J. L. Wheeler, and Clement advise with him daily

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20 College Heads At Greensboro

Greensboro, N. C.—Twenty leaders of the land grant colleges and 100 delegates met here Thursday and Friday in their annual session. Speakers included: L. H. Foster, of Virginia Normal and Industrial School; Dr. J. G. Osborne, of State Normal and Industrial, of Texas; Dr. J. S. Clark, of Southern Agricultura and Mechanical, Louisiana; and R. H. Malone, Agricultural and Mechanical, Arkansas.

Sheriff Defeats Mob In Auto Race

Nashville, Tenn. (P. N. S.)—Sheriff Turner, of Marshall County, bringing John Henry Wallace, arrested as a suspect in connection with an attempted burglary and murder of a white man at Cornersville, Tenn., won an auto race from a pursuing mob of white persons Friday morning when he arrived in Nashville shortly before noon with his prisoner.

Man Falls Five Stories Lights On Head, Lives

Richmond, Va.—Davis Jones, aged 21 years, fell from the fifth floor of a hotel under construction here Thursday afternoon and landed on his head in a small pile of sand on the side walk below. Davis suffered a fractured skull, but physicians say that he will live. He did not lose consciousness.

New Trial For Woman Sentenced To Die

Atlanta, Ga. (P.N.S.)—Mrs. Pearle Allcock, under sentence to be electrocuted for the murder of J. L. Arendale, night watchman at the Patterson Lumber Co., on November 8th, 1924, was granted a new trial by the Georgia Supreme Court Wednesday.

The new trial was granted on the grounds that testimony concerning her crimes having nothing to do with the murder charge, was admitted as evidence in the case, and was irrelevant and inadmissable under the Georgia law.

Bolt Imminent Among Leaders Of New York Republicans

New York.—Failure of white Republicans to share the plums with their colored brethren has resulted in the threat of the latter to bolt the organization.

The matter came to a head the first of this month when a delegation of Republicans waited on Samuel S. Kearney, white, chairman of the Republican County Committee, and handed him a petition demanding that it be given serious consideration at the next executive committee meeting.

The petition recounted the fact that the majority of Republican voters in the 21st Assembly District are colored and submitted a proposition calling for the selection of one white and one colored district colored leader.

To the petition was attached one thousand signatures including the Rev. Wm. P. Hayes, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church; the Rev. H. C. Bishop, rector of St. Philips P. E. Church; the Rev. W. W. Brown, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church; the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church; the Rev. M. W. Thornton, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church and the Rev. F. A. Cullen, pastor of Salem M. E. Church.

Angry colored Republicans pointed out that Robt. S. Conklin, white, district leader, was appointed to a $6,000 job as Assistant Attorney General while nothing has been done for the colored leaders in the entire district.

VOODOO DOCTOR IS OFFERED A STAGE CO'TRACT

Camden, N. J. Wizard Out On Bail, Police Would Halt His Vaudeville

COP HAS QUEER ILLNESS

Officer Who Arrested "Voodoo" Says He Is Under A "Spell"

Camden, N. J.--"Dr." H. H. Hyghcock, the "voodoo" man, was released under $2500 bail by Police Judge Clearly Saturday, after Detective Captain Schregler had announced there was nothing further on which to hold him.

By Leonard Massenburge

Firemen and policement, who were detailed to dig up the cellars of the two houses rented by Hyghcock, found nothing of value. Although they unearthed several bones, they were announced as those of animals.

Murder Charge Dismissed

The charge of suspicion of murder against the "doctor" has been

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Candidate For Executioner Helped Lynch 25

Budapest.—Claiming that he had taken part in 25 lynchings in the United States, an American citizen was applicant for public executioner here. Three women also applied.

Zion Bishop In Princely Robe

Secondi, Gold Coast, W. Africa.—Bishop C. C. Alleyne, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, preached here recently in princely robes, says the Gold Coast Leader.

"His lordship wore a cassock and beautifully embroidered muslin surplice with purple stoles hanging from his shoulders and a brilliant crucifix of gold suspended from his collar by a dark cord."

Farmhand Killed By His Tractor

(By Leonard Massenburg)

Swedesboro, N. J.—Harry Durham, a farmhand, was instantly killed on Wednesday afternoon, when a tractor he was operating turned over backwards, pinning him to the ground with the steering wheel pressing on his chest.

Durham had been ploughing and the tractor mired in the ground and could not be moved. He went to the house and secured another tractor. Returning to the fields he tried to pull the stalled tractor out. In some unknown manner the tractor reared up and fell back on him.

Durham came here from Delaware. He was married and is survived by two children and a wife.

Electrical Coffin Is South's Novelty

New Orleans, La.—Mrs. Downy Stimps was buried here last week in an electrical coffin, the second ever known to be used here.

The coffin was lined with lavender quilted satin and in the lid, laid canopy fashion, was an electrical battery which kept a clock ticking while it continued to make the hour of death and kept illuminated the pictures of Christ. A gold-lettered inscription read, "Sad Feelings to Everybody."

The body lay in state for four days with remarks and continuous preaching on the part of five parsons, elders and a consumption of an enormous quantity of sandwiches prepared by a committee of women in the rear of the house.

Auto Somersaults

Roanoke, Va.—J. T. Hughes, proprietor of Hampton Hotel, Roanoke, Va., while enroute to his country home at Rock Mount, Va., had his steering wheel to lock, causing the car to turn over twice.

The car was damaged beyond repair. Dr. C. S. Medley of Roanoke found bruises but no bones broken.

Hampton President Is Asked Some Pertinent Questions

New York.—Newport News Daily Press is pushing the Rev. J. A. Gregg, of Hampton, into a corner with some nonsensical questions on social equality according to the current issue of the Crisis.

Trouble started the Crisis declares, when the Denishawn players came to Hampton Institute and danced. The colored folk flocked to see them and the white people wanted to come also. They were welcomed. But there were no special seats for them apart and in front of the "niggers." If this had been at the Fisk University they would have been furnished separate seats, separate windows to buy their tickets and separate air to breathe. Hampton has not fallen quite so far and so a group of haughty "Anglo-Saxons" stood during the performance and glared at the comfortable Negroes and the empty benches beside them.

The blow fell next day. In a leading editorial the Daily Press thundered.

"Here in this old Virginia community, rich in history and tradition, here where the first permanent white man's settlement was made, there is an institution which teaches and practices social equality between the white and Negro races.

Entertainments are freely patronized by white men and women who sit side by side with the Negro men and women of the institution and other Negroes residing in Hampton and vicinity. There is no pretense of separating the races in the auditorium. To the contrary, the whites are informed that if they attend the entertainments they must come on the same terms as the Negroes."

James E. Gregg, principal of Hampton, was terribly alarmed at this attack. He heaped into the lists with a letter eight inches long, one-half of which was devoted to protesting that Hampton does not believe in "amalgamation". Naturally the Daily Press presses him into a corner and yells:

Do not white and colored folk at Hampton meet as social equals?

Do they not sometimes eat together?

Are not Hampton students taught the equality of races?

Was not Booker Washington entertained socially by Hampton trustees in the North and are not black Moton and White Gregg often thus entertained together?

What shall Principal Gregg answer?

Next month the Crisis will tell him what to answer.

VIRGINIA MOB OF 1,000 SEEKS FAKE RAPIST

Crowd All Set For Lynching When Girl Confesses Hoax

INNOCENT MEN FREED

"Didn't Know I'd Cause All This Excitement," Wails Girl

Briston, Va.--A mob of 1,000 persons aided by the entire police force and accompanied by bloodhounds gave up a search of a colored man supposed to have committed rape upon an 11 year old white girl last week after they found out it was a joke.

In the meantime nearly ever foot of nearby counties was searched over, homes of colored persons entered and persons on the street held up in the effort to find traces of the alleged assailant.

The girl was 11 year-old Thelma McCacy. She came to the Sixth Street filling station about 1:15 Monday afternoon and told several men that a colored man had attacked her on the road a few hundred yards away in broad day light. The child seemed to be in a nervous state and her clothing was torn.

In the next half hour the entire white citizenry turned out and formed a mob.

According to the child's story, she was on her way back home from school to get a geography when a colored man who stopped her suddenly stepped from behind a large rock by the roadside, confronted her and told her that someone on the knobs wanted to see her. This was not more than 20 feet from the roadway of the Sixth street extension. The child, badly frightened tried to back away but the Negro seized her and placed a large revolver against her chest and warned her not to scream. In his struggle to subdue her he choked her and ripped her clothes from her shoulders. When she finally pulled from his grasp, the child ran, fearing to look back. She crossed the foot bridge across Beaver Creek and kept going until she met a man on the railway. He accompanied her to the Sixth Street filling station where a call was put in for the officers.

News Spread Quickly

News of the occurence spread like wild-fire over Bristol and in less than an hour after the attack more than 100 men were assisting police in effort to locate and arrest the Negro. Two Negroes were arrested as a result of telephone calls made to nearby places by local police. One of these was at Blue City and another at Bluntville. The little girl was taken to both places by Officers W. J. Rogers and Paul Baker but was unable to identify either of the two Negroes who were subsequently released.

Assailant Minutely Described

The child described her assailant as follows: light complexion, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, dressed in gray suit, gray flat-top hat, white shirt with blue stripes, tan shoes and a bow tie. He is said to have a mole on the right cheek near the nose.

When the grim-faced body of men heard the pathetic story from the lips of the little child it brought tears to the eyes of a number of the crowd. Owners of twenty-five automobiles offered themselves at once and the search began.

Confession Is Made

Then in the midst of all this turmoil came Thelma's confession. She said no one attacked her, that she spread the alarm because she was late for school and was afraid her father would whip her for it.

"I tore my dress to help make the men believe me."

"I am sorry I told anything about such an occurence for I did not know it would cause all this trouble or I would never have told the tale."

Won Restaurant On Wedding Bet

Metuchen, N. J. (A. N. P.)—Patrick Kreps has a taxicab business. William A. Eichbaum is the owner of a restaurant. Because Kreps had no women friends, Eichbaum staked his restaurant against the taxicab business that Kreps could not marry in 36 hours.

The taxicab man met Miss Agatha Hollis, wooed her and won her in less than 36 hours, and is now richer by a bride and a restaurant.

METHODISTS IN 108TH ANNUAL SESSION HERE

Baltimore Conference Opens At Bethel A. M. E. Church Wednesday

APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY

Interest Centers In Effort To Return Pastor To Bethel

The 108th Annual session of the Baltimore Annual Conference representing 102 charges in Maryland Virginia, North Carolina, the District of Columbia, got under way at Bethel A. M. E. Church Wednesday morning.

Following the opening by the bishops and presiding elders, the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Fitchett, Bishop J. Albert Johnson, then delivered his annual address after which the Conference went into the roll call of delegates and organization.

New Presiding Elder

Indications that a new presiding elder would be appointed and that a new district would be created was voiced by Bishop J. Albert Johnson in his annual address before the body Wednesday morning.

This district, it is stated, will be the result of dividing the Easton District along geographical lines. A committee headed by the Rev. M. H. Davis and comprising the Rev. C. H. Stepteau, John S. Collins and W. H. Monokee, was appointed to work out the details.

Officers Elected

Officers elected for the conference session were the Revs. Charles H. Wesley, Washington, Chief Secretary; John Hammond, Chestertown, Recording Secretary; William Chew, Havre de Grace, Statistician; and C. E. Stewart, Washington, Treasurer.

Other Visitors

Other prominent visitors included Bishop W. Heard, Philadelphia; the Rev. L. L. Berry, leader of the Virginia Conference, D. A. Harrishaw and Aaron Malone, of Quincy, Ill.; Dean Ballyntine, Kittrell College; Dean Woodson, Wilberforce; George Robinson, D. C. and D. A. Waters, Stevensonville, Md.

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VA. GOVERNOR ASKED TO PUNISH LYNCHERS

Petersburg, Va. — Resolutions signed by 100 prominent citizens have been forwarded to the governor urging punishment to the mob which lynched James Jordan at Waverly, on the charge of rape. Jordan according to the petition was innocent.

DYNAMITED FATHER TO GET INSURANCE

Keystone, W. Va.—Orlando Bane, 22, is under arrest here, charged with dynamiting his father in the effort to collect $1,500 insurance. An extra thick mattress saved the father's life. The home was demolished.

K. K. K. At Two Churches

Ashville, N. C.—A suit of money, a Bible, and a new American flag were presented to Bethel Baptist Church and Second Hill Baptist Church by masked Ku Klux Klansmen at the Sunday service. Speakers declared that the Klan was the colored man's friend.

500 Klansmen Turn Out

Hyattsville, Md.—Some 500 Ku klux of Washington and Virginia, tied up traffic on the Baltimore Blvd. Sunday night when they gathered at the local Presbyterian church to hear a sermon.

Left Hampton 100 Suits

New York City.—J. Trowton left Hampton and Tuskegee $200,000 recently. He also left 100 suits for needy Hampton students.

VISITOR DIES SUDDENLY

James Ray, 821 Argyle avenue, reported the death of Mrs. Holly Anne Melvin, who died in his home at the above address while paying a visit Sunday.

The woman who was 46 years of age, is a native of Hampton, Virginia. She died suddenly before medical aid could be obtained. The coroner is investigating the cause of her death.

WINS BEAUTY CONTEST

Mrs. Helen Rich, 1823 McCulloh street was the winner of the Beauty Contest that has been conducted by the Regent Theatre for the past several weeks. Mrs. Rich led all entrants at the final count with 4,330 votes. More than 200 young ladies were nominated by friends.

Miss Zelma Proctor, the runner up polled a total of 2,730. Miss Helen Sewell, was third with 2,670. The awarding of prizes will take place aat the theatre at 8:30 Friday Evening.

The promoters and the manager Mr. C. Majors, seem elated at the response that the public gave to the contest, and state there may be others in the future.

WOMAN CONVERT BAPTIZED GETS "VOICE" BACK

Laurel, Del.—Seldom if ever, has religious fervor reached the heights attained here last Sunday afternoon when, in the presence of a deeply impressed multitude gathered upon the banks of Laurel River, a woman convert who had been bereft of her voice for six months came up out of the water shouting glory and praise.

The immersion of nine converts came as the climax of several weeks' evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. E. P. Corbin, of Wilmington, and there were as many white people as colored in the great assemblage gathered to witness the impressive ceremony.

There were five men and four women robed for the ceremony in the rather chilly water and several of them had been immersed when the Rev. Corbin announced: "This sister has been unable to speak for six months, suffering from an illness which the doctors have been unable to cure."

He dropped her gently into the stream with the usual invocation and next instant the convert arose crying aloud: "Glory to God. I can speak. I can speak and praise Him." The assemblage was visibly moved by the unusual incident.

Filed For Judgeship

Minneapolis, Minn.—Gale P. Hillyer, an attorney, filed papers this week for judgeship in the Municipal Court.

LIGHTNING KILLS FISHERMAN

Gallatin, Tenn. (A. N. P.)—Lucian Lawrence was struck by lightning and killed Tuesday, while fishing at Johnson's mill pond. He had taken refuge under a tree during a thunder shower.

TORNADO VICTIM DIES

Chicago, Ill. (A. N. P.)—When the recent tornado which struck Illinois, hit Murphysboro, it tore 2-year-old Troy Haney from his mother's arms and lacerated his face.

He was brought to this city to have new parts grafted on, but died from the effect.

REPUBLICANS LOCKED OUT

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Republican workers who arrived at Allen Chapel Church where a G. O. P. mass meeting was being staged this week found the Democrats in complete control and James House, a race policeman, presiding.

500 TEACHERS IN SESSION

Nashville, Tenn.—Over 500 teachers from every section of this state attended the State Teachers' Association here this week.

TO SELL LODGE RITUALS FOR $150,000

Little Rock, Ark.—Heirs of the late John E. Bush have asked Pulaski County Court for an order to sell copyrighted rituals to the Mosaic Templars for $150,000.

The order numbers 100,000 members in twenty-three states. It was founded in 1883 by John E. Bush and Chester W. Keats. In 1905, the order contracted to pay them perpetually for the use of the rituals or else turn over the money secured from the sales of rituals which had been copyrighted by Bush.

Since the death of Bush, under the contract, the order has been paying Bush heirs $20,000 annually.

Of the total sale price $50,000 in cash will be paid the heirs out of the mortuary fund of the organization and the remainder in ten yearly notes of $10,000 each with interest at 6 per cent.

Division of the notes will give Cora E. Bush and Aldridge E. Bush each $30,000. Ursaline J. Bush would receive $10,000 in notes; Ursaline J. Bush and the England Loan Company, as trustees of the Chester E. Bush estate, $20,000, and Stella Bush-Brown would receive $10,000.

BISHOP FAILS TO HALT KLAN GIFT

Freeport, L. I.—Appeals to Bishop W. H. Heard, head of this Episcopal District, failed to halt the Ku Klux Klan, local branch, which presented two silk flags and $400 in gold to Bethel A. M. E. Church.

Rev. Joseph Stiles is pastor. The Klansmen some 500 strong attended the presentation in full regalia. Some members protested to the bishop thru letter.

Dining Car Waiters Fight

Philadelphia, Pa.—Clarence Rice and Roy Smith, of Cincinnatti, Ohio, dining car waiters on a B. & O. train were arrested here after fighting over tips. Rice's nose was broken and Smith was stabbed with an ice pick.

Klan Terrorizes Foreigners

Havre de Grace, Md.—Two score masked members of the Ku Klux Klan invaded the Italian section Saturday night saying they were looking for bootleggers.

CUPID WINS 45 MI. RACE FROM WASHINGTON

Local Couple Weds While Jilted Girl Races To Halt Ceremony

NEAR TRAGEDY RESULTS

Blissful Groom Is Shot Down As He Leaves The Altar

Taking the next train following the receipt of a telgram from a friend which informed her that her lover, Columbus Wills, 507 N. Bethel street, was about to marry another girl, Miss Lizzie Butler, Washington, reached the scene of the wedding a short while after the ceremony and shot him down as he was leaving the house.

Cupid won the race, but Wills who is 22 years of age, lies in John Hopkins Hospital with a pistol ball in his head and may not recover.

In Mad Race

The shooting occured Sunday afternoon at the home of a sister of the groom, 1620 Jefferson street, where the wedding is alleged to have taken place. Miss Butler admitted that she received the news of the proposed wedding only a few minutes before she boarded a train and rushed to prevent the ceremony.

When she found that she was too late and that another woman was the wife of the man she loved, she became enraged and the shooting occured. According to her story, she once lived in Baltimore and she and Wills were lovers. She went to Washington and it was while there that she was appriased of the fact that she had been jilted for a more favored rival.

At first, it was said, Miss Butler, on learning that she had lost her race and that the wedding had taken place, started away, but seized with jealousy waited. When Woods came out she fired.

The young bride, formerly Miss Lena Woods, was said to have been prostrated by the abrupt ending which may make her a widow at the very beginning of her honeymoon.

Police Hold Girl

Following the shooting, officers arrested Miss Butler and she was taken to the Northwestern Police Station to be held to await the outcome of the shooting. Wills is said to be in a serious condition and if he dies, she will be charged with the killing. The license for the wedding was obtained Saturday, and friends of the Washington girl are believed to have learned of the proposed marriage Sunday.

JAPS HIT U. S.

Topio, Japan.—Hitting back at the United States for its discriminatory laws, Americans here are prohibited from citizenship or ownership of land.

BURNS TO DEATH

Dunn, N. C.—(P. N. S.)—Joe Monk, 75 years old, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed 3 large wooden buildings, together with several small business enterprises, including two stables, two barber shops, a meat market and a news stand, last Monday night.

TEXAS SCHOOL IN CLASS A

Waco, Texas.—Paul Quinn A. M. E. College has been placed on the list of Class A Colleges by the State Superintendent of Education.

"Murder will out, That see we Day by Day"

Yes, times haven't changed much since Chaucer wrote this. Nor can the reading public help feeling out that the AFRO carries more "news" than any other weekly. Order yours today for next week.