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Crime and Ignorance

The lack of attention given the large number of Negro children of school age who are permitted to remain out of school, and roam the streets of this city is becoming alarming.

It is not our purpose to criticize the law enforcement agency of Durham, nor those whose duty it is to compel parents to send children under 14 years of age to school. Our purpose is merely to call attention of our readers to an evil that is gaining momentum, and to suggest that something be done to halt it before it is too late. We do not believe that something can be done by the one Negro trustee officer unless he has the full cooperation of the parents or guardians of these children, the law enforcement agency, and every other influence for law and order in this city.

Durham has already obtained too great a reputation for crime, for its citizens to ignore a practice that is destined to create more criminals, as the practice of permitting children to grow up ignorant into manhood and womanhood will do.

The records of our penal institutions show that most of its Negro inmates are those who are without sufficient school training to give them an interest in anything that is elevating. Indeed the percentage of those in our penal institutions who have as much as a high school education is almost negligible.

The argument for a stricter enforcement of our compulsory school laws is one which should have the support of all thinking people. The expense of crime is too much to be borne by an already overburdened and over-taxed citizenry that can eliminate the most of it by eliminating ignorance. It is far cheaper to enforce compulsory school laws than it is to pay the price of crime.

A Chinese Goes To School

Oh God! Out of the depths of our souls have we cried. The Durham Sun in its issue of Nov. 22 publishes an account of the arrival at the University of N. C. of a Chinese young woman, Miss Elizabeth Wang, who will study English literature in the graduate school of that institution.

If we remember correctly it was the doors of the graduate school of pharmacy of the University of North Carolina on which Raymond Hocutt, an American born Negro, knocked several years ago but was refused ad-

mittance because he was a Negro. If we remember correctly consternation broke loose in North Carolina on that memorable day, and Hocutt's attempt to enter the school of pharmacy at the university was a signal for wailing and gnashing of teeth among the maneuverers of the great white race.

Far be it from us to criticize the officials of the University of North Carolina for admitting Miss Wang, a native Chinese, and refusing to admit Mr. Hocutt, a native American Negro.

Do You Know?



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WHAT if it isn't just the man-on-the-street who has to watch his hat in a high wind. Christopher Columbus standing upon his pedestal in Nassau, Bahamas, only a few miles from San Salvador where he set foot on new world soil, lost half of his hat in one of the gales that swept the Bahamas recently. And it was built of solid stone too. The photograph shows Columbus looking rather rakish with half his hat. P. S.—Christopher now has a new hat.

Criticism of a people born and steeped in the traditions of hatred for Negroes is useless. Sympathy is far more useful and constructive. On the other hand we congratulate Miss Wang on selecting a school to study in where she may see, in the raw, American democracy which she has doubtless read and heard so much about.

Miss Wang will have an opportunity to actually see Negroes cook and serve food which they may eat as much of as they need, provided they do not do so as a student or faculty member. Negroes may enter any class room, handle or read any book on the campus of the school which she has selected provided they do not do so in the capacity of a student.

Lastly, Negro tax money, for the support of the university, will be accepted with relish, but Negroes dare not attempt to secure benefits of an education from the tax money they pay. Miss Wang will see and learn many things. She has selected the right place and the right people for that purpose. She is now living in a democratic country.

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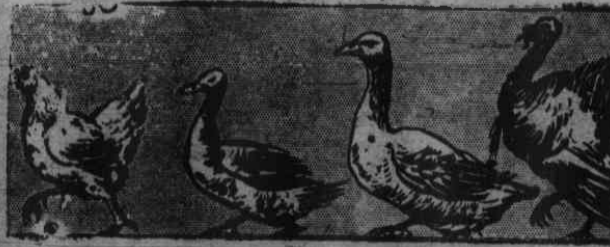
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Through an error the management failed to change the number of the coupon in this week's paper. Candidates may use the coupon same as they did last week, since last week's coupon was printed on the green part of our paper and this week's is printed on white they will be easily distinguishable.

a country of the people, for the people and by the people. God help her to see Americans not through a glass dimly, but as we have seen them. Then out of the depths of her soul will the cry. Oh democracy how many crimes are committed in thy name.

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REV. VALENTINE GOES TO AME CONFERENCE

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speaker. Aside from his many local church duties, Dr. Valentine finds time to speak at churches and colleges throughout the State. He teaches two classes in Kittrell College every week where he is Dean of School of Religion. He also directs the Boy Scouts, troops and patrol of the A.M.E. Church.

Dr. Valentine will leave the city, Tuesday evening for the annual conference with the full amount of his conference dues in hand. As a means of showing the high regard the membership of the church has for its pastor the membership laid \$900 on the table Monday night the amount necessary to meet all conference claims of the church. An additional \$85 was also given the pastor for pocket change and per-

MOXHALA CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. BANE

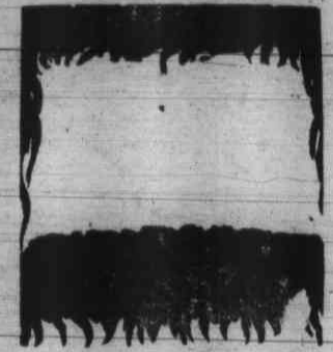
The Moxhala Class met Tuesday night with Mrs. Minnie Bane at her home on Glenn St. The home was beautifully decorated with Fall flowers.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Laura Southmet the Thanksgiving spirit. The table was a scene of beauty. The centerpiece was a large pumpkin basket filled with delicious fruits. Each lady found her place by little "turkey favors." A delicious turkey dinner was served by the hostess. The guests were Mrs. Dora Green, Mrs. Matilda Townsend, Mrs. Jessie Moore, and Mrs. Lillian Buchanan.

The people of Durham as well as the membership of the church are anxious for the return of their popular and progressive pastor.

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