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"They say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!" —Isaiah 58:23.

Must Charlotte March 'Merrily On To Hell'

Shall Charlotte Negroes continue to go "Merrily On To Hell"? The Charlotte CAROLINA TIMES, answers in the negative and feels that something should be done about the sad condition as it exists here in the matter of Negroes killing Negroes.

And something is being done if what we read in the newspapers this week about the situation means anything, and that something is being done by Solicitor John G. Carpenter, one of the officials of the courts in authority who can do more to break up the practice than anyone else in Mecklenburg County.

Charlotte Negro citizens, the public spirited ones, and those who would like to feel proud of their city when discussions are held and releases sent out about crime situations and murders should feel heartened and encouraged in the statement made by Solicitor Carpenter the other day regarding two Negro men who are on trial at this writing on first degree murder indictments before the Superior Court of this county.

The Solicitor said: "I'm asking for first degree verdicts in both these cases." "This killing of Negroes by Negroes in Charlotte is getting to be scandalous, and until we really get something done about it I'm afraid it's going to continue. It's a shame. A few more first degree verdicts ought to help put an end to some of this killing around here."

And my friends we agree that a few first degree verdicts will do much to cut down the killing of Negroes by Negroes in this city which should be one of the nation's most progressive, law-abiding and upright in the nation. This newspaper is not preaching capital punishment, but it is advocating the punishment of killers in the highest degree, especially in cases where there is premeditation, and of those who kill on the least provocation on the belief that their fellowmen's lives are no more valuable than those of cats and dogs and other dumb animals.

Solicitor Carpenter has sounded the alarm, but he will need the help, the support and the encouragement of the better thinking citizens of this community as he goes about his duties of ridding Charlotte of KILLERS.

If Negro ministers, teachers, professors, professional men and women, civic and welfare leaders and others who classify themselves as leaders do not lend a hand in the CRUSADE to make Charlotte a less murderous or a non-murderous city, then all that the courts may do, and the Solicitor as well, will be done in vain. A concerted, well organized campaign against crime and vice, will do much in building this city into the city it should be.

Will you register your support, will you help in the drive to rid Charlotte of crime, vice and permissive killings, or will you continue to sit idly by, only commenting and lamenting, while your young people, your middle aged people, and all other classes of your people go "MERRILY ON TO HELL"?

They Kill And Go Free

One day recently the Solicitor of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County in two murder cases stated that he would ask the jury to send two Negroes to the gas chamber for killing two Negroes in Charlotte.

In the first case the next day after the jury had the evidence in the first case the defendant plead guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to serve from 10 to 12 years in the State Prison at Raleigh.

Just why the first degree murder charge was not obtained by the Solicitor we do not know. But we do know that in accepting the second degree murder submission, the Solicitor did it with much reluctance. Something beyond his power must have forced him to do so as he is anxious to "break up the practice of Negroes in Charlotte killing each other so freely and then going free or getting short sentences."

And this practice my friends of turning killers loose, or giving them short terms, has encouraged killing here. And a small child can tell you that Negroes do not kill white citizens in the same quick and thoughtless manner because they know full well that their end will be in the gas chamber at Raleigh.

And that same child will tell you that they kill each other because the courts are lenient with them, plating no vaule whatever on the lives of members of your race.

There are some who kill because their boss man will say a good word for him and get him free. There are others who kill and get away with it because his daddy or grand daddy was old and respected citizen of Charlotte, and there are others who go free because the courts have not taken time enough to build up good and strong cases against them. And there are numerous other reasons they kill and get away with it.

They will continue to kill and kill, if Negro leaders of this community do not take a hand in insisting that the gas be given those who kill as a result of equables over women, over cigarettes but, over nickel debt, a drink of moonshine liquor and other small and insignificant happenings.

The gas chamber for a few killers will "really break it up," speaking in language of the boys in the streets.

The Editor's Mail Bag

Mr. Editor:

Permit me to assert my opinion in behalf of the defense and maintenance of the United States of America.

Mr. Roosevelt was elected president of the United States at a time when cheer and prosperity had taken its flight from the shub of industry and want and dependency grew gigantically at nearly every man's door. The President is naturally a born leader and a humanitarian of no mean ability. He is a man of divine vision, which makes him eminently befitting to sit as a leader and give his wise counsel to the nation, so as to enable it to meet the obligation which it confronts.

The navy which ploughs the oceans and seas in the interest of the United States, the airships, and military land forces, were judged by the president as being inadequate to meet the emergencies of the hour. With great rapidity he is rushing the foundries and other establishments for the purpose of defending this country against any intruder.

I believe in peace and in a neighborly brotherhood. A young lawyer one day asked Jesus Christ, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said unto him, "What is written in the law?" And he answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and wish all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

And he said unto him, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." Luke 10:25-28. Every man, woman and child living, is your neighbor. No sane man will destroy himself. He or she who destroys himself, or attempts to do so, his neighbor and leave him bleeding and half dead.

The signs of the times indicate that some rulers at the head of nations have no sense of right and care nothing for the lives of human beings. They delight in plunder and slaughter regardless to the rights of the people. They boast about the number of human beings they have killed and the number they have under subjugation. Seemingly, their minds delight and glory in the slaughter and bloodshed of their neighbors. Regardless of our desires and inclinations to have peace, the pendulum swings towards an irresistible war. It is time to see up as one man and prepare to meet the lions in their lairs. A lion can be killed as easily as a bird if you make the shots with the proper caliber and power.

The die is cast! Compulsory training, I think, is a step in the right direction. The nation ought to be trained to protect itself against those who are engaged in the works of satanism. The nation ought to be trained as one man, regardless of color or previous condition. I am sure, if the counsel of the president is obeyed, all will be trained the same way. This is but one nation, and each one should have the same training on ships in the air, and upon land. In my opinion a double standard of training will be a serious mistake.

Who knows which one will drive the nail in a sure place, or what color will be the man who shall strike the fatal blow in Belgium?

P. O. SEHALLERT

Catholics Urge Democrats On Anti-Lynch Law

NEW YORK — A resolution urging the Democratic National Convention, in session in Chicago beginning July 15, to speed the passage of the federal anti-lynching law in the present session of Congress was adopted by the Catholic Interracial Council Conference here July 11.

The resolution reads as follows: "Whereas, the present anti-lynching bill has been passed by the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, on June 22 Elbert

half of this country? This is a way for wise action. He who acts wisely does what he thinks is the very best thing for himself and those by whom he is surrounded. An intelligent man is he who knows what he ought not to do from what he ought to be ought not to do.

Dear Editor

Since Greenland and Iceland have both come into the headlines lately, it should encourage us to study and learn something about these two Islands. Iceland is unique in that it is the oldest republic or democracy in the world, having established and continued a pure democracy for over 1000 years. Greenland too is unique in that it is by far the largest island in the world, if we except Australia.

One of the best object lessons of capitalism vs socialism is to be found in the cases of Labrador which belongs to British Empire and that of Greenland which came under the jurisdiction of Denmark. The population of Greenland is made up of about 17,000 people, of which about 1000 are Indians, 15,000 are Eskimos, and only 500 are Caucasians, mostly of Danish descent. Labrador's population consists of about 15,000, of whom 2000 are Eskimos, 4000 Indians, and about 9000 are whites, chiefly fishing folk from Newfoundland and the British Isles. Up to about 1925 both Greenland and Labrador were in a most deplorable condition of disease, financial depression, exploitation, and racial degeneracies. About up to that time, England, U. S., Norway and Sweden, all claimed parts of Greenland, along with Denmark who claimed the largest portion. Denmark appealed to the League of Nations at Geneva for full control and supervision of Greenland. This was granted to her on the condition that she would not exploit nor let any other nation exploit nor let any other nation exploit the inhabitants of Greenland.

During the past 15 years Denmark has faithfully kept her pledge, proving this by making complete reports to the Geneva Commission. Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen who was U. S. minister to Denmark also visited Greenland. It is from the above reliable source that I am giving this report. The Danish authorities allow no gambling, liquor, vices, immoralities, or exploitation; they compell all ships that wish to enter Greenland waters and harbors to get licenses which are only granted after very careful inspections. 87 per cent of the surface of Greenland is perpetually covered with ice and snow; there are no trees or forests; the ice free soil is very rocky, and only a small part can grow vegetables; but it will grow very luxuriant grasses.

The natives have been organized into cooperatives which raise chickens, goats, rabbits, milk cows, musk oxen, reindeer, foxes, grouse, ptarmigan, yaks, and other small live stock. Others also raise various vegetables and fruits with the help of greenhouses and hot beds. Most of the inhabitants engage in fishing and hunting seals, bears, walrus, whales, etc. They have large mineral deposits, as brown coal, soap stone granite, and cryolite. All the inhabitants are church members by the Lutheran Church.

P. O. SEHALLERT

BETWEEN THE LINES

BY GORDON B. HANCOCK

DIVIDED THEY FALL

IRRESPECTIVE OF THE part she played in the betrayal of Ethiopia, the friends of France are grieved to see her prostrate in the dust of defeat. For a century France stood alone as the most decent of the major civilized nations on the color question. France deserved a better fate, but France was betrayed by her plutocrats and politicians, their tools. It is generally agreed that the plight of France can be charged to those stupid and designing politicians who put their selfish ambitions above the common weal; and so they are the real destroyers of France and not merely the Germans.

But if politicians betrayed France and England, who has betrayed the United States of America, for our nations stand today almost utterly undefended? If Hitler is not our of breath chasing and running down the nations of Europe, he can easily "wipe up" this undefended domain. When looking about for the betrayers of France, we must not forget England. When Germany was prostrate in 1918 France contended that the peace of Europe depended upon the continued subjugation of the war like Germans and under no circumstances should Germany be allowed to rearm. Great Britain said let Germany rearm! France contended further that a rearmament of Germany should not be allowed in the Rhineland, but Great Britain let the Germans enter and fortify their side of the Rhine and the weaker French bartered away their fatherland to appease the arrogant British who are always long on diplomacy and international bargaining and short on soldiers to hole the battle lines.

France knew she was defeated by the tactics of England; so she turned to Russia as an ally to threaten the German rear, and England had France to sacrifice Russia at Munich when England refused to invite Russia to the Czechoslovakia "sell out." Thus step by step England sacrificed France, her gallant ally, and left her exposed to the German onslaught that was inevitable. When the war storms broke, as usual France was called upon to fight it out with the Germans while the English went their way drinking tea and looking to France to defend England against the Germans.

"England will fight to the last

French soldier" was not a mere quip; for it has more truth than fiction. The French knew they had been betrayed by England and they resented being called upon the second time in 20 years to defend an ally that had betrayed them, and so the war found France divided. Very shortly it became evident that relations between France and England were strained and Hitler that master mind of the century, took full advantage of the disaffection of the two nations. The capitulation of France leaves Britain once in a long time to fight her own battles and it looks like curtains for the British. The nation of diplomats must turn at last to their guns and if they are the great people they claim to be the world will soon find it out; for with Germany it must be said with guns and not portfolios. "Dividing and ruling" has long been the British way in the world and so Hitler modernized the policy by "dividing and conquering."

One by one he takes the nations of Europe in tow, and just whether he will stop when Germany is finished remains to be seen. If he is the genius we believe him to be, he might just as easily conquer the western hemisphere as to hang up his knapsack when Europe is "mopped" up in its entirety. France was divided, England and France were divided, Scandinavia was divided, Holland and Belgium were divided, Russia and Italy were divided, the western hemisphere is divided, our own nation is divided! The only thing that is saving our nation temporarily is not the far sightedness and sagacity of our statesmen but sheer circumstances.

The nation saved by circumstances has a spacious salvation for circumstances may fight on our side one day and fight against us the next. The stupidity if not indeed the cupidity of the democracies has been colossal. While we sat here watching Japan the little brown race across the Pacific, Germany was taking charge of the continent if not indeed a world. Divided they fall. Divided we fall, we the Negro race. Booker T. Washington proclaimed industrial education as a means of deliverance, DuBois proclaimed classical education and so the race was divided. The white man claims that mulatto is superior to the pure African and so we are divided. DIVIDED WE FALL.

Five Returned To Federal Jobs After Dismissal

NEW YORK — Report was made today that five Negro employees of the Federal Government were returned to their posts in the Stewards Department of the United States Engineering Department at Memphis, following a ruling in their case by the Chief of Army Engineers.

The five employees—Johnny Webster, Louis H. Aldridge, Robert Sutton, Willie Metcalf and Leslie Artis—were summarily dismissed last February by order of the District Engineer because these workers had made complaint of being forced to work over time and under onerous conditions in violation of the official rules regulating the hours and conditions of their employment.

Immediately upon their dismissal, these men carried their case to the National Maritime Union of America, of which they were members. The Union appealed to the National Urban League for assistance in bringing pressure upon Federal departments for an investigation of these arbitrary and unfair dismissals. Eugene Knickle Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, communicated with the Civil Liberties Unit of the Department of Justice and the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee. At the same time, many local affiliates of the National Urban League all

over the country used their influence with Congressmen and Senators to see that the case of the Negro employees in Memphis is thoroughly and honestly reviewed.

A communication from William R. Henderson, Jr., Memphis Agent of the Inland Boatmen's Division of the National Maritime Union, to Mr. Jones, stated:

"With reference to our exchange of correspondence concerning the discharge of a number of employees of the U. S. Engineering Department, Memphis District, some months ago, you will be pleased to learn that the Chief of Army Engineers, after making a study of the record of a hearing held here recently, has decided that there was no basis for discharging these men, and has therefore ordered their reinstatement."

"These five men, and our entire membership are grateful to you for the substantial efforts you put forth in their behalf, and feel that this decision was due in large measure to your efforts."

"Therefore we wish to thank you, and assure you that if at any time we can be of assistance to your organization or its affiliated branches, we shall be glad to render whatever help we can."

Down On The Farm

OLD HENS NEED MOIST MASH AT NOON EACH DAY

Do you want to know how to keep your old hens in egg production during the hot summer months?

Well, C. F. Parrish, Extension poultry specialist of N. C. State College, says the feeding of a moist mash at noon each day will help to increase summer egg production. He recommends that three pounds of dry mash be moistened with milk of water and fed to each 100 birds. "As soon as the birds finish eating, turn the mash troughs over so that flies will not congregate in the laying house," he says.

The poultry specialist also advises the supplying of 4 to 5 gallons of cool, fresh water each day for each 100 birds, and a sufficient number of fountains so that there will not be any crowding around the drinking fountains. "Remember," he says, "two thirds of each egg is water and hens can't produce eggs if the drinking fountain is dry. Then too, you can get 13 cents for water when selling eggs at 20 cents per dozen. Therefore, provide plenty of fresh, clean water at all times."

Parrish also recommends that poultry risers check carefully at this season of the year for lice and mites. If mites are found, old burnt cylinder oil or kerosene should be spread over the roosting poles. Sodium flouride, either as a dust or a dip, is suggested for the control of lice. However, lice can be controlled by painting the roosts with nicotine sulphate or some commercial preparation.

"Just keep this in mind," the specialist asserted, "that the person who makes a summer profit from poultry is the person who keeps the flock as comfortable as possible."

TOBACCO REFERENDUM TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Flue cured tobacco growers will go to the polls Saturday and decide whether they want three year marketing quotas, one year quotas, or no quotas at all. They also will be deciding to a large extent the price they will receive for their 1940 crop of tobacco, it is pointed out by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College.

If quotas are approved for a three year period, 1941 through 1943, the Federal Government has promised to protect prices of the 1940 crop "at or slightly above last year's 14.9 cents per pound level." The Triple A officials also have announced that if three year quotas are voted, the allotments in 1941 will be the same as in 1940. Recent amendments to the Crop Control Law provide that no quota can be reduced more than 10 per cent from the 1940 allotment during the next three years.

If one year quotas are voted, Floyd said, the Federal Government will not be able to protect prices at the 14.9 cent level the 1939 crop brought, and allotments for 1941 will be reduced 10 percent pound. Floyd said that any person who will share in the proceeds of the 1940 crop of flue cured tobacco is eligible to vote in the referendum Saturday. Commission polling places will be set up, to be opened not later than 9 a. m. and close not earlier than 5 p. m.

It will be require a vote of two thirds of those casting ballots to put three year quotas in effect. If two thirds or more of those voting do not favor three year quotas, but the total of the three year and one year votes is two thirds or more of the total vote cast, the one year quotas will be in effect.

DUSTING OF PEANUTS PROVES PROFITABLE

Dusting of peanuts to control the leafspot disease should begin at once, says Howard R. Garris, Extension plant pathologist. This practice has netted growers as much as \$15.80 per acre in experimental demonstration, he said.

Garris reported that early applications, made at two week intervals, have proven the most profitable. In previous years growers have applied the first of three treatments on or about July 26. "However, this year we are recommending four treat-

ments, the first to be made as early in July as possible," he stated.

Last year tests of the four applications per season method resulted in yields of 609 pounds more nuts per acre than yields from untreated plots, and increases from the three applications per season demonstrations were 459 pounds more nuts per acre.

"Control of peanut leafspot by sulphur dusting also substantially increases the yield and quality of peanut hay," Garris declared. "The material used for sulphur dusting of peanuts is a specially prepared dusting sulphur which is conditioned for sticking to the plant. Any good grade of sulphur dust is satisfactory if the particles will pass through a 925 mesh.

"The rate of application should be from 16 to 30 pounds of sulphur per acre, the exact Continued On Page Three

Questions And Answers

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

Question:—How much grain should be fed to a dairy cow where good pasture is available?

Answer:—The average cow consumes in a day only enough grass to maintain her body and produce two gallons of milk. Where more than this is produced the pasture should be supplemented with grain. Cows grazing on good pasture and producing more than 17 pounds of milk a day should be fed a day should be fed a grain mixture containing from thirteen to sixteen percent digestible protein at the rate of one pound of grain to each four to six pounds of milk produced. This amount will maintain the body and also permit of the maximum milk production.

Question:—When should lespedeza be cut for hay?

Answer:—Lespedeza should be cut when it attains a height of 15 inches or when the plant is in full bloom, say Extension agronomy specialists at State College. For the Korean variety, this is usually from August 1 to 15 and about 15 days later for the other varieties. Cutting later than this will reduce the quality of the hay and cause the loss of the leaves. Early cutting will also permit of enough second growth to reseed the land.

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Makes Plea For Rights

WASHINGTON, (A. N. P.) —

Following the appeals of the agricultural groups in this city against discrimination Negroes in the military establishments of the country, Arthur Capper of Kansas read into the Congressional Record the following speech, in which he makes a plea for the colored citizens deploring the discriminations which have been practiced them. He said:

"During the almost entire history of the United States its colored citizens have fought bravely and well when called for military service. Nearly all of them are native born citizens and are loyal to the core. I suggest that the policy of our military and navy establishments could well be modified to enable these men to serve their country, as so many of them desire to do."

Addresses

Youth Confab

MEMPHIS, (A. N. P.) — In a series of addresses on "Christian Youth and World Crisis," Bishop W. Y. Bell, a doctor of philosophy from Yale university challenged the delegates of the National Youth conference of the O. M. E. church, to lead lives Continued On Page Five