

A and T College

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North Carolina. They will study the great educators and wise men of the present and past, and fashion for themselves happy and successful lives."

The pageant makes much of the fact that only 37 students were registered during the first year. Their dress would have amused the "Esquiritish" dressed collegian of the present day. The script calls for students with high collars, padded shoulders, and peg-legged pants.

Most of the students were from Guilford county, North Carolina. However, a few were from the rural areas of nearby counties. All were fired with the single ambition to get an education in this, the first land grant college for Negroes in North Carolina. It was the first school in the state where they could obtain instruction in practical agriculture and the mechanic arts not excluding academic subjects.

Instruction in these early years was by four teachers, the number later increased to eight. There were but two buildings on 14 acres of land valued at \$50,000. There were no roads and the land was covered with trees and high grass. A well served as the source of water, but knowledge was being obtained and the students craved a high degree of proficiency in a number of trades. Blacksmithing, brick-making, and basket-weaving were the principal trades taught.

The scene shifts to the year 1899. In that year the ambition of three students were realized as they were informed that they had completed the course of study, becoming the first graduates of A. and T. college. One of the three was Austin W. Curtis, Sr., at present dean of the school of agriculture at West Virginia State college.

A conversation carried on in the pageant between the president and the graduates is as follows: President Dudley: "I congratulate all of you and hope that you will be very successful in your life's work. Your graduation will serve as an incentive for those students who are here and those yet to come. Good work."

President Dudley to Curtis: "What are you going to do Curtis?"

Curtis: "I am going to try to find a job somewhere, and if I can, go to school again. One can't learn too much, you know."

President Dudley: "And study more about flowers?"

Curtis: "Yes, that is right, study more about flowers."

Since his day of graduation, Curtis has studied more about flowers until he is now one of the recognized authorities in this country in the field of floriculture. As dean of the agricultural school at West Virginia State College, he has accomplished the even more important service of being a source of inspiration and guidance to hundreds of farm boys to follow in his footsteps thereby begetting a more beautiful rural community in all sections of the country.

Dr. Crosby did not long remain as president of A. and T. college. In 1896, Dr. James B. Dudley, pioneer educator of Wilmington was chosen as his successor. Details of the manner in which the trustee board settled upon the fortunate choice of Mr. Dudley as A. and T.'s second president are told in the pageant.

The trustee board had been in session two days awaiting an answer relative to the filling of the vacant post from a nationally prominent educator. One of the members of the board said:

"Gentlemen, we have already

been in session two days and I for one, am unwilling to hold over another day to await the decision of the candidate whom we have asked to be president."

At this point, Colonel Keogh, prominent Carolina business man and leader, addressed the chair and said:

"Gentlemen, I don't know what you may think about it, but I see no reason why we should wait longer to discharge our duty. I believe we have right here among our associates good presidential timber in the person of our secretary, Professor Dudley, the principal of the Peabody school in Wilmington. What do you say?"

After this suggestion, Trustee Lane moved that the board elect from its own midst Professor James B. Dudley as president of the Agricultural and Mechanical college, at Greensboro. (The name was later changed to Agricultural and Technical College).

For 29 years, President Dudley guided and aided the development of A. and T. college. He found it with a valuation of \$50,000 and with only two buildings. He left it with 18 buildings and a plant valued at over \$1,000,000. He also made many wise changes in the curriculum with the result that the school became one of the best of its type in the country.

The work of the immortal Richard B. Harrison as dramatic arts instructor at the local college is also portrayed in the pageant continuity. For years, the silver-haired and ebullient-tongued patriarch who later achieved universal acclaim as "De Lawd" in Marc Connelly's "Green Pastures", worked here with only the service motive in mind, none of his students and associates ever dreaming that in their midst walked and taught, a genius.

The pageant scene shifts to 1917, on occasion of America's entrance into World War No. 1. Upon immediate initiation of

hostilities, A. and T. was transformed into a military camp. Student girls were sent home and only men students remained. To the number remaining, were added conscripts from all parts of the country. A. and T. trained more soldiers during this period than any other Negro land-grant college.

Dr. Dudley died in 1925 and as his successor, Dean F. D. Bluford was selected to carry on his great work.

No better selection could have been made, for President Bluford was instrumental in securing for the college an accredited rating from the standard accrediting agencies. Still under his guidance, the college ranks as the third largest Negro land-grant college in the nation, the largest institution for Negroes in the state, and easily one of the best.

The pageant is concluded with continuity relating to present day activities at the college.

N. C. Mutual

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One of the main assets of a life insurance company is a well trained and thoroughly seasoned working personnel. In this respect, of the 792 full time representatives of the company, 192 have continuous service records of from ten to forty one years—a total of over 3,522 service years. The loyalty and efficiency of these individuals are highly commendable assets, and, in recognition thereof, they have been accorded the distinction of wearing the company's service pins.

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Billy Mitchell, popular Negro artist, as he appears with Dennis O'Keefe in Republic's new mystery thriller, "Mr. District Attorney." The picture, suggested by the popular radio serial of the same name, features such outstanding performers as Florence Rice, Peter Lorre and Stanley Ridges.

Plan 'Taxpayers'

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In addition to the rank discrimination against Negroes in the defense program, we are continuing the fight for employment in defense industries."

One of the most important aspects of the defense program is the vocational training being provided by local boards of education by the WPA, the NYA, and the plants themselves. The government has appropriated millions of dollars for this defense training and we intend to see that our boys and girls receive instructions which will fit them to be skilled workers.

"It is much easier to fight for employment if it possible to produce trained workers for the jobs than it is if only unskilled workers are available."

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MRS. AMEYS

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Commission, Mrs. Ames left Texas and made her headquarters in Atlanta.

In 1930, when she first took up her work, there were 20 lynchings in the Southern States. In 1940, there were five, only three in 1939. Mrs. Ames said this week: "If I could go three years without a single lynching in the South, I would be ready to quit and go home to Texas."

She has often said: "If lynching is necessary for the protection of Southern women, we should support it. If it is not, we should do everything in our power to destroy that belief."

Mrs. Ames said she discovered that some lynchings for assault and attempt to assault were on trumped up charges by which white men who had fleeced Negroes in money transactions disposed of the Negroes if they sought to complain.

In genuine cases, she said it is more important than ever that the Negro not be lynched, but tried "because they can't be sure he is the right man" without a trial.

The association she heads covers the entire 13 Southern States. When a lynching threatens Mrs. Ames usually is notified by a member of her organization by long distance telephone. The Association then tries quickly to enlist several of the town's chief citizens, hurry them to the sheriff, let him know they want no

lynching and that they expect him to prevent it.

That is in emergency cases. The natural effort of the organization is one of education, she said with emphasis on why the law should be allowed to take its course in all cases.

It's funny but some people have so few ideas that when one lights in their heads they insist upon shouting from the housetops about it.

It might be a good idea to prove to Japan that all U. S. warships are not like the Pan-ay.

If the English-speaking people ever fall for the disarmament phobia again, they will deserve to have some other people take over the control of the oceans of the world.

If the United State wants to lose its "place in the sun," all that it has to do is to be afraid of its responsibility in the modern world.

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ASSETS

Cash	\$ 240,984.62
Bonds and Stock	1,382,672.87
Loans on Policies to our Policyholders	821,784.28
Mortgage Loans	2,392,545.82
Collateral Loans	21,108.86
Real Estate	1,212,224.07
Interest and Rents Due and Accrued	52,817.84
New Due & Deferred Premiums	180,729.81
Cash Value Corporation Life Policies on Officers	110,917.60
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,415,785.77

LIABILITIES

Statutory Policy Reserves	\$5,615,192.32
Other Policy Reserves	19,864.26
Reserve for Claims Unreported and Outstanding	89,000.77
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	52,384.82
Employees Retirement Fund	77,236.57
Reserved for Taxes and all other Liabilities	97,308.84
Reserve for Contingencies	89,404.06
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