

# Lincoln News

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## BETHLEHEM LOCALS

The different branches of the North Brook consolidated schools have opened up with a large attendance. We hope the pupils will keep up their attendance regularly.

Mrs. Claude Biggerstaff spent Sunday at the home of her brother, Mr. Dorus Parker.

Mrs. Alice Bever, wife of Frank Bever departed this life November 19, 1921 at the age of 63 years. Her remains were laid to rest in the Bethlehem cemetery Sunday afternoon, funeral services were conducted by Rev. Moser.

Hats off to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Howell, they have a bouncing boy.

Elene, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beam has been very sick with grip but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Howell spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Howell.

Miss Sallie Howell and Mr. Jackson White took their friends quite by surprise Sunday afternoon by quietly getting married. We hope for them a bright and happy future.

Mr. John Black and family of Mary's Grove spent Sunday at the home of Thomas Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Stowe Beam of Fallston spent Friday with Mrs. Beam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beam.

## DEPENDS ON SENTIMENT

Statesville Landmark

The race problem cannot be solved by legislation but must be worked out by public sentiment, was the contention of Dr. Claxton, former United States commissioner of education, and ex-Gov. Brough of Arkansas, speaking before a meeting of the Southern co-operative league at Chattanooga. It is this paper's opinion that the sooner that fact is fully realized, the surer and the more rapid the progress toward ideal race relationship. It has been demonstrated—amply demonstrated to all who will see—that it is an utter impossibility to maintain race relations by law which public sentiment does not and will not support. Anything having the appearance of compulsion, of force, in that direction simply creates race irritation and hurts the people it is intended to benefit.

The appeal must be to a just public sentiment, to that sense of justice which will eventually, if not disturbed, be as generous as it is just. But the upbuilding of that sentiment, its promotion, largely depends on the attitude of the minority race. A small minority of negroes with insolent and arrogant demands, can do more hurt to the whole negro race in a day than the sensible members of the race and their real friends among the whites can overcome in years.

## BLANK PISTOL CAUSES THE DEATH OF A CHILD

Morganton News-Herald:

On Halloween night little Harold Berry, 8 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Berry, was playing with a blank pistol which accidentally discharged in his hand. The wound was not considered at all serious and for several days afterwards the child played around as usual. In a day or two he complained of his jaws hurting and it was found that lockjaw had developed. The little fellow made a brave fight but succumbed on Friday, November 11th.

## NORTH CAROLINA APPLE CROP IS QUITE SHORT

Asheville, Nov. 17.—Western North Carolina's apple crop for commercial markets this year is 63,000 barrels, C. D. Matthews, chief state horticulturist, announced tonight, as compared with 305,000 in 1920. The section produces more than 90 per cent of the apples raised in the state.

## PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL MAKES RECORD TIME ON SOUTHERN

The Southern railway has just issued a special pamphlet describing the movement of the special train carrying President Harding from Washington to Birmingham and return some time ago.

The special left Atlanta at 7:20 p. m., October 27, and arrived at the terminal station, Washington, at 10:58 a. m. next morning, 15 hours and 38 minutes, the quickest time any train ever made the trip. The Southern double track trunk line of the Southern system between Atlanta and Washington made this practicable.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Alleged inhuman treatment and poor or bad food at hospitals where United States ex-service men are being treated has aroused the authorities here and investigations are being made. Many wild and reckless charges have been made without foundation, but Senator Overman thinks that these should be inquired into.

## DURHAM MAYOR HELD UNDER \$10,000 BOND

Durham, Nov. 19.—Dr. John M. Manning, mayor of this city, and brother of Attorney General J. S. Manning, of Raleigh, was arrested here today by department of justice agents on a charge of violating the Harrison narcotic law. The mayor waived a preliminary hearing and was released in \$10,000 bond for his presence at a federal court in Raleigh, which convenes Tuesday.

Department of justice agents have been working on the case for the past eight months. Dr. Manning was elected mayor last May. He has been prominently identified with the affairs of the city for many years.

## WANT YEAR'S SALARY IF THEY LOSE JOBS

New York, Nov. 20.—Workers in the New York navy yard passed resolutions at a meeting today asking Congress to give a year's salary to all employees who have been in the yard more than a year should they lose their jobs through suspension of work upon agreement of the arms conference. The gathering was held under the auspices of the navy yard retirement association.

## DRIVE LAUNCHED ON SCORES OF NEGRO FRATERNAL ORDERS

Negro fraternal lodges, burial clubs and the like, long the favored theme of Octavius Roy Cohen and allied writers of short stories for the Saturday Evening Post and like journals, are in the grand jury in two score counties where they have flourished without the sanction of the State Department of Insurance.

Likely some of their Grand Senior Worshipfuls will go to jail, in the opinion of Deputy Commissioner A. L. Fletcher. The law says that these orders doing insurance business and giving death benefits must have license from the State, and only about one in seven has observed that formality. The department has been investigating quietly for weeks, and yesterday it moved.

Though knowing little of actual detail about these lodges, any white man or woman having a negro man or woman in employment, cannot but have observed the tremendous growth of interest in lodges in these latter years. They have spread among the negroes until, according to the reports of investigators, in some localities, a negro is in poor standing unless he belongs to seven or eight lodges.

The toll is tremendous. The weekly dues of one negro investigated amount to two-thirds of her weekly income, and every night of the week she must attend a meeting of one of her seven lodges. She is promised a grand burial from each of them when she shuffles off this mortal coil, and a little something for her heirs to squabble over. It is likewise the center of all social activity.

The investigation started some weeks ago when a negro man in Wilmington, bereaved of his wife, found her lodge unwilling to pay him the forty dollars that had been promised him when she died. An inspector went down to inquire into the matter for the widower, and found that she belonged to seven lodges, neither of which had any license to collect dues, and neither of which had any money in the treasury with which to pay claims.

It had all been spent for spears and swords and trumpets and uniforms and gold lace, with a little something for salaries to the proprietors of the order. More investigation developed more lodges in that city, more than a score in all. Branching out from there the investigation spread over the eastern part of the State, where the same conditions prevailed. The department has not yet completed its inquiry, but it is estimated that there are several hundred of them in the State, being the unwary.

Some of them have been in existence for 35 years, and the officers have grown rich and the members poor. Most of them have charters from the Secretary of State, cunningly worded with many technical pitfalls to be pleaded against claimants for the recovery of death claims. Few of them have ever gone to the length of taking out license, and submitting to department supervision, and it is these that are to be prosecuted in the court.

The steps is taken for the protection of the gullible members, and for the protection of fraternal insurance orders among negroes that are obeying the law and conducting a legitimate business. Numbers of lodges are in good standing with the department but many more, until recently unknown, are just now in exceeding ill repute, and headed toward the grand jury rooms in many counties.

Yes employment is the best cure for unemployment, just as going to sleep is the best cure for insomnia.—Boston Globe.

## ROADS ARE ORDERED TO REDUCE HAY AND GRAIN BY DEC 27

Interstate Commerce Commission Issues Positive Orders To Put Into Effect 16 Per Cent Cut.

Washington, Nov. 21.—A positive order was issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission today requiring railroads to put the approximately 16 per cent decrease in hay and grain rates into effect on or before December 27.

The order follows up the decision given October 20 by the commission which declared grain and hay rates from the Mississippi valley to the Pacific coast unreasonably high but did not carry compulsory orders. The October decision instructed the railroads to make the reduction by November 20, which was not done because the railroads opened negotiations with the commission suggesting that a 10 per cent decrease in freight rates on all agricultural products be substituted for the larger decrease on grain products and hay alone.

The commission, however, by the order issued today, disregarded the compromise proposed by the railroads and makes the larger decreases on hay and grain mandatory upon the roads.

The order issued today made specific and definite the hay and grain reductions. The original order said railroads should reduce the rates on the products concerned by one-half of the increases given in 1920. The commission today ordered hay and grain rates between points in mountain-Pacific territory at not more than 12.5 per cent above the rates in effect before the 1920 increases. Between points in western group as defined in its decision, where 40 per cent increases were allowed in 1920, the commission today ordered them made effective as 20 per cent. Between other western group points the commission held rates shall not exceed 17.5 per cent above the old schedules and between points in the mountain-Pacific group and points in the western group the increase above the old 1920 schedules shall be held to 16.2-3 per cent. The effect of the order thus is to make specific the percentage. The effect of the order thus is to make specific the percentage of reduction in the territory concerned.

The commission also reiterated its decision requiring the roads to fix rates for coarse grain such as corn at 10 per cent less than the rates on wheat.

## CAROLINA-VIRGINIA GAME CALLED OFF

Chapel Hill, Nov. 22.—The annual Virginia-Carolina football game scheduled to be played at Chapel Hill, Thanksgiving Day, was called off tonight when officials representing the athletic associations of the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina were unable to reach a satisfactory settlement regarding the eligibility of Wilfred Johnson, half-back for Carolina.

The Virginia committee on athletics announced tonight that it would cancel the game because North Carolina refused to disqualify Johnson.

## GOVERNOR GIVES PAROLES TO 16

Raleigh, Nov. 21.—Clearing up a batch of pardon application papers, many of them which have been on file for several months, Governor Morrison today announced the parole of 16 prisoners, the commutation of one sentence and the granting of a 30 day respite. He refused 12 requests for paroles, contained in the batch of papers which he considered.

The paroles granted included one to E. D. Thomas of Lincoln county who was serving 6 months for transporting.

## CLUB MEMBERS CALL FOR CANNED PRODUCTS

All canning club members who find their name in the following list, will please call at the office of Home Demonstration Agent, in the Rinehardt Building, and get their canned products:

Mrs. J. F. Goins, Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Miss Elizabeth Coon, Mrs. Jacob Hammar, Miss Prue Leonard, Miss Edith Dellinger, Miss Beulah Haus, Mrs. R. C. Carpenter, Miss Janie and Sulye Brown, Mrs. W. G. Rinck, Miss Cora Dellinger, Miss Lettie Goodson, Miss Kate Mosteller, Miss Luelle Childers, Miss Ethel Self.

## MRS. SALLIE GUINN SHOTS SELF

Cherryville Eagle: Mrs. Sallie Quinn, a highly respected aged lady living about a half mile north of Cherryville has been suffering from a self inflicted wound by a bullet from a .38 automatic pistol. Luckily for her the bullet didn't enter a vital spot. Dr. A. W. Howell was immediately called and extracted the bullet and she is now getting along nicely.

## DEATH FOR 55TH VICTIM OF CHAIR

Raleigh News and Observer.

Silent, indifferent to the point of seeming detachment, with never a syllable of prayer or protest from his lips, W. Y. Westmoreland went to his death in the electric chair yesterday morning at the State Prison for the murder of J. H. Nantz in Iredell county thirteen months and nine hours from the time the crime was committed. None of the fifty-four who have set out upon the great adventure in that little room have equaled him in indifference.

Technically speaking, the execution was perfect. Westmoreland came in very quietly unassisted by guards, sat down and arranged his limbs to conform with the requirements of the occasion. He seemed to know just what was expected of him. He was harnessed to the transmitter, the attendants stepped back and Warden Busbee shot home the switch, released it, shot it home again, and once more. The man had paid the price of murder.

Brother Looks on Among those who watched the man pay the law's price for murder was C. D. Nantz, brother of the man who was shot to death thirteen months ago. He stood within five feet of Westmoreland, and for a brief moment while the attendants strapped the man's legs to the chair, the eyes of the two men met. Westmoreland gave no indication of recognition. Nantz's back was to the crowd. He was standing in the very forefront, as near as he could get to the man who was presently to die.

Westmoreland turned away from staring at the brother of the man whom he had killed, leaned his head back against the chair and waited. His face was white from thirteen months of confinement. A thin, weak face, flat and almost V-shaped. The chin was sharp and thin. The face widened toward the broad, low forehead. His eyes were blue. His body was thin and emaciated.

No Minister With Him. For days he had been under the ministrations of Rev. Dr. W. McC. White, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and to him he declared his readiness to go. He made no confession of blood upon his hands. He has never discussed the crime for which he paid the death penalty, more than to say that he left what he had to say in the courtroom in Statesville. At the trial there he denied his guilt, and charged the crime upon Ivey Simms, who was his companion on the night of the murder. Simms was acquitted of any part in the crime.

Nantz was killed shortly after midnight on October 21, 1920, near Troutman, several miles south of Statesville. Westmoreland and Simms had gone to Statesville from Landis on a late train that night and employed Nantz to take them to Westmoreland's home near Troutman. Nantz was the owner of a public automobile. He was shot to death, his body thrown into an unused well, his automobile and his personal effects taken.

Was Brutal Crime. Next morning Simms reached Statesville and told his story to the officers. Westmoreland, he said, killed Nantz, took the automobile, and they together had gone toward Hickory. The gasoline gave out, the tires burst and the car was abandoned. Westmoreland was arrested the following day in Catawba county, taken to Statesville, and at the January term of court tried, convicted and sentenced to death. The Supreme Court declined to interfere, and clemency was denied by the Governor.

Motive for the crime was not established in the trial. Simms testified that Westmoreland declared after the killing that he had been intending to do the deed for some time. Other than that there is no mention of motive. It was the word of one man against another, each declaring the other guilty. Simms hunted up officers and told the story, and the dead man's money, watch and keys were found in the possession of Westmoreland. The jury found against him.

Iredell county furnished another man for the electric chair a few hours before Westmoreland was executed yesterday when Bob Benson, sentenced last week for the murder of a prominent Iredell white man, was brought to the prison to be electrocuted January 27, 1922. Benson is the fourth sentenced, and will be the third man executed from Iredell within the space of a year.

The recent beer ruling of the Secretary of the Treasury indicates that he is no watermelon.

## COTTON GINNED TO NOV. 14, AMOUNTS TO 7,270,575 BALES

Washington, Nov. 21.—Cotton ginned prior to November 14 amounted to 7,270,575 running bales, including 117,956 round bales, 16,047 bales of American-Egyptian, and 2,653 bales of Sea Island, the Census Bureau announced today. To that date last year 8,914,642 running bales were ginned, including 175,284 round bales, 315,514 bales of American-Egyptian and 848 bales of sea island.

Ginnings by States were: Alabama 552,639; Arizona 18,710; California 11,007; Florida 11,154; Louisiana 260,973; Georgia 781,166; Mississippi 732,122; Missouri 64,213; Oklahoma 461,912; North Carolina 670,33,283; all other states 5,964.

## CHARGE OF MURDER AGAINST COUPLE

York County Grand Jury Finds True Bill

York, S. C., Nov. 21.—A true bill was returned by the York County grand jury just before the adjournment of court this evening in the case against Albert Zimmerman and Mrs. Effie Huggins charged with the murder of the latter's husband, J. Pink Huggins, on the night of November 6.

Among those who appeared to give evidence before the grand jury was Arthur Huggins, 11-year-old son of the dead man. The case will likely be tried this week, but the day has not been fixed.

Widespread interest has been manifested in this case, the indications being that only a small proportion of those who wish to hear the trial will be able to gain admittance to the courtroom.

Huggins, who was the proprietor of a small store on the outskirts of York, was found dead on the roadside near his home on the morning of November 7 with a bullet through his heart and a pistol by his side. The coroner's jury charged Zimmerman, a textile worker, with the crime and Mrs. Huggins was held as an accessory. Evidence brought out at the inquest showed that domestic troubles lay behind the tragedy.

It is declared to be the first time in 30 years a woman has been indicted for murder in York county.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 21.—In the Superior court the past week a jury rendered a verdict allowing E. A. Griffith \$13,500 for his home place on Chestnut street, under condemnation proceedings instituted by the city which desired the property for school purposes. The plaintiff demanded \$20,000 for the property, but the city's offer made through appraisers, was \$12,500. Judge Long set the verdict aside, contending that Winston-Salem condemned the property under the general law, whereas, according to his opinion, the city must first have an ordinance making provision for such action before it could take a man's home at figures not acceptable to the owner. The city appealed to the Supreme court.

Chester, S. C., Nov. 21.—The wide publicity given the Chester county turkeys has certainly stimulated the demand for them. No end of messages by mail, telephone and wire were received here wanting turkeys. The demand has served to elevate the prices to 25 cents a pound, and some cases to even more, and, for some cause or another, it has been difficult today to buy the turkeys at any price. Many raisers appear indignant about selling them. One man telephoned from Charlotte that he would pay \$5 cents a pound for a carload if he could get some one to go out into the country and get them for him.

Mr. Bailey is the greatest logician of the age, for he proves that North Carolina, growing aggregately the most of all state save five, individually more than all save one, and by acreage more than all others, is starving in a country that feeds the whole world.—Greensboro News.

## BOND SALES EXCHANGE TO GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO A LARGE NUMBER OF MEN

Washington, Nov. 8.—Recent sales of municipal bonds in 13 States have totalled over \$60,000,000 and in addition \$34,000,000 of the securities have been offered for sale, according to statistics made public today by the National Unemployment Conference. In addition, \$10,000,000 in State bonds have been sold and a like amount offered for sale.

These figures, it was explained in a statement, were compiled in connection with studies made of the possibility of hastening public works as a measure of relieving the unemployment situation.

## GREAT LIQUOR AND GAMBLING RESORT 45 MILES FROM FLA.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The purchase of an island in the Bahama group 45 miles off the Florida coast by a group of American capitalists who propose to transform it into a great liquor and gambling resort is reported here.

The island is known as Grand Bahama. It is the largest and most northern island in the group, being seventy miles long and four miles in average width. It has been a British colonial possession.

Upon this newly acquired territory, far removed from the prohibition laws of any country, the purchasers plan to erect establishments for the manufacture and sale of intoxicants of all kinds, to create a gambling resort rivaling Monte Carlo itself, and to build race tracks where unrestricted racing may be held, a stadium for prize fighters, together with sumptuous hotels and all other conveniences for the comfort and entertainment of their patrons.

Four large steamships, each accommodating 1,500 passenger, are to ply between Palm Beach and the island, according to the plan of the promoters, and especially built aeroplanes also are to be provided to convey passengers from the mainland. The steamers are to leave daily—two at midnight and two at 7 a. m.—making the trip to the island in one and a half hours. The journey to the island will be made enjoyable by dancing for which the decks of the steamers are to be especially fitted, and once the three-mile limit from the Florida coast has been passed the bars will be thrown open and the passengers given "liberty".

Other plans in prospect by the promoters include the establishment of moving picture studios on the island, their prospectus holding out the glittering invitation that in addition to the drinking and gambling opportunities afforded the island is blessed with tropical verdure and clear atmosphere specially adapted to the taking of films.

## CONTRACT FOR RAILROAD TO MOUNTAIN ISLAND LET

Work has already started in putting in supplies for the building of three and a half miles of track from the site of the big power dam development of the Southern Power Company at Mountain Island, on the Catawba river, to Mt. Holly, where the Piedmont & Northern connection will be made, for the purpose of handling the material to be used in the construction of the monstrous dam for hydro-electric power.

Estimates are that it will take two years for the completion of the huge dam and power plant at that site, between Mecklenburg and Gaston counties. The plant at Great Falls, S. C., is expected to be completed in a year, as power will be secured from a dam already built.

Washington, Nov. 21.—In third plenary session of the conference held and declares that Germany could immediately raise an army of six or seven million, 300,000 Germans are daily receiving military instruction; a part of Germany wishes peace, another part preaches the old Prussian doctrine. What would become of France if the bolsheviks of Russia should join the Germans? The present German government might fall at any moment. France proposes further reduction, to bring its army to half its former strength. Balfour practically pledges support of Great Britain to France "in the face of the dust of domination." Schanzer declares plans are being made for further reduction of the Italian army. Kato declares Japan intends to maintain no army strength greater than that necessary for purely military purposes. France is in no sense in moral isolation and the United States fully realizes her position, says Hughes. The question of land armament is referred to the committee of five.

## N. Y. VOTED AGAINST.

The New York World in commenting on the election says that New York never votes for anybody but always votes against somebody. The World thus enumerates some of the men and things the big city voted against:

This year it voted against the Governor. It voted against the Legislature. It voted against the Meyer committee. It voted against the Transit Commission. It voted against the authors of the State Prohibition Law. It voted against the traction companies, which have no friends and deserve none. With nearly 400,000 unemployed, it voted against the Republicans because they promised prosperity a year ago and have left the country in an almost complete state of economic depression.

## SHORT ITEMS

New Orleans, Nov. 20.—Tyrus Cobb, manager of the Detroit-American league baseball club and manager of the San Francisco team of the California winter league, was fined \$150 as the result of an altercation between himself and Umpire Phye during yesterday's game between the San Francisco and Vernon clubs here, it was announced tonight. Cobb was fined \$50 for using abusive language and \$100 for delaying the game.

Asheville, Nov. 20.—With brazen effrontery a negro burglar entered the residence of Mrs. Olivette Martin, of 42 Magnolia avenue Thursday night, barred the bedroom door, looted and ransacked the room while Mrs. Martin was making an effort to break open the door, and as he leisurely walked into the darkness turned and laughed in the frightened woman's face.

Harold Essis, with both legs broken, and Reid Poovey, with both bones in the right leg fractured, are getting along as well as could be expected at Hickory hospital following their accident when they and another Hickory young man, Richard Hamilton, were injured when a motorcycle on which all three were riding collided with a Ford automobile.

Raleigh, Nov. 20.—North Carolina's approaching special session of the general assembly is setting free the treasured gossip of the year and when that body takes its leave of Raleigh, observing people will know what will be the line-up three years hence. For the special sessions make the state's politics when there is such a session. It is the season of trimming.

New Bedford, Mass., Nov. 20.—The Packet schooner Romane was escorted into the harbor here today by the coast guard cutter Acushnet and boarded by customs officials from Boston who seized 350 cases of whiskey. The officials refused to permit any passengers to land.

Chapel Hill, Nov. 20.—Miss Beall Woodward, of Washington, D. C., a first year student in the university, was struck by an automobile and killed on the street here shortly after six o'clock tonight. She was walking on the paved roadway in the middle of the street because she wanted to avoid the rougher and wetter footing of the unpaved sidewalk.

New York, Nov. 20.—Marshal Pugh will visit Charlotte, N. C. and Spartanburg, S. C., December 9, during the swing about the continent which began tonight, not to end until December 13, when he returns to this city, to sail the next day for France. He will also make a few minutes stop in Gastonia on Dec. 9th.

Wilson, Nov. 20.—Lester White, a young white man of Johnston county, was arrested here today by police officers on a charge of attempted criminal assault on a 15-year-old girl. He is also wanted for alleged grand larceny and for bootlegging. He was taken to the Smithfield jail this afternoon by Police Chief Griffin, of Selma.

Salisbury, Nov. 20.—G. G. Basinger, aged 23, of the Grace church neighborhood, died in a local hospital early this morning, as a result of burns received Saturday evening when he attempted to replenish his gasoline supply in his car from another can. While the gas was being moved some one struck a match and the resultant fire so burned the young man that his death resulted in a few hours.

Asheville, Nov. 20.—Verdict that the deceased came to his death "at the hands of a party or parties unknown" was returned today by the coroner's jury holding inquest into the fatal shooting on Friday night of Richard W. Hare, 69 ranger on the Vanderbilt estate, R. H. Burnett, son-in-law of the dead man and the only known eye witness to the shooting is being held as a material witness. The shooting occurred while Hare, with Burnett also a guard, were patrolling one of the outer boundaries of the estate.

It is perfectly plain that taxes are to be lower as a result of the Disarmament Conference. But to accomplish that is only one of the minor possibilities of the conference. What will be done to make the nations less greedy of a place in the sun?—News and Observer.

The battleship West Virginia was launched Saturday. In connection with the ceremonies, Governor Morgan, referring to the armament limitation program, declared that his state would bend every effort to insure the scrapping of some other vessel and the completion of this vessel.

Gastonia, Nov. 21.—Outweighed 20 pounds to the man, the Gastonia high, lost to Simr All Stars here Friday afternoon at the fair grounds, 14 to 12.