

## GREAT PROGRESS SHOWN BY NEGRO

Authority On Colored Race Praises Work Of Leaders During Last Decade.

The negro is on the march. Such is the declaration made by Will W. Alexander, director of the commission on interracial cooperation, made in a current issue of Christian Herald, non-denominational Protestant weekly magazine. Emancipation has gone forward in every field of endeavor, Mr. Alexander points out. From 1918 to 1928, eight southern states spent more than \$30,000,000 upon new construction for negro common schools. In the ten years the school terms in Tennessee have almost doubled. Dr. N. C. Newbold, of the North Carolina State department of education, is responsible for the statement that "greater sums are now being spent from public taxes on common schools for negroes than was spent on all common schools in the south two decades ago."

To quote Mr. Alexander: "In education, medicine, journalism, the ministry, science, and engineering, there are increasing numbers of negroes who have demonstrated their ability to meet the standards and do work creditable to any other men."

Credit is given to such white leaders as Dr. James H. Dillard, Julius Rosenwald, and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. But "the finest personal contributions are by negroes. For the progress made they themselves deserve more credit than the white philanthropists or friends who have helped."

"Emancipation is not finished. There are still many negro children without adequate schools. There are still white people who do not believe, and there are negroes not yet awakened. There are difficult adjustments to be made in the future. But emancipation goes on. Progress has been made—determined men and women are still giving their lives in this effort to emancipate colored people and white people from the slavery of ignorance, poverty, fear, and hatred."

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have this day qualified as executor of the will of Mrs. M. A. Grigg, late of Cleveland county, N. C. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me properly proven for payment on or before February 9, 1929, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. This February 9, 1929. DAVID A. BEAM, Executor of the will of Mrs. M. A. Grigg, deceased. Ryburn & Hoey, Attys.

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## Did The Watch Cause Ghosts To Haunt The Albemarle Man?

(Charles McSwain in Stanly News-Herald.)

While in an Albemarle man's office on a matter of business a few days ago I noticed that my watch had stopped. Desiring to know the time, I asked him if he would look at his watch and tell me.

The words were scarcely out of my mouth, before I noticed that the expression on his face had changed. He had turned a sickly pallor, and his eyes glared fiercely. Thinking that he had probably suffered an attack of heart trouble, I was somewhat alarmed and, springing to my feet, said:

"What's the matter?"  
"You know what's the matter," he gasped, piercingly. "Who told you?"

Getting a hold on myself, I replied:

"You talk like a crazy man to me; I don't know what's the matter, and nobody has told me anything. What do you mean?"

He motioned me back to my seat and said something about that he imagined someone had been blabbing to me when I asked him to look at his watch and tell me the time. Said he had never carried a watch since he was twenty-three years old and never expected to carry one any more.

Continuing, the man said that he didn't mind telling me about it, providing I would never mention his name in connection with the affair. I promised, and he began talking. In substance, his story was as follows:

When this Albemarle man was twenty-three years of age, he was courting a girl who lived with her father in a certain section of the country. The girl was accomplished and exceptionally handsome and the man loved her. And that's where the trouble started.

Her father, a middle aged man, was exceedingly eccentric, being something of a philosopher and student of the occult. From the first, he didn't like the Albemarle man, and contrived several schemes to break up the courtship, all of which were failures. However, he did succeed in persuading his daughter to wait on the theory that he was too old for her to marry and leave him.

Then without warning the old fellow seemed to grow reconciled to the state of affairs and told the man to visit his daughter as often as he wished. Christmas came and the old man presented the Albemarle man with a watch, one that he had used for years. A relative had sent it to him from India, years ago.

"I accepted the watch, naturally," said the Albemarle man, "thinking that the old fellow had taken a real liking to me."

A few weeks later, the old man was taken seriously ill and died shortly thereafter. The girl lived on at the home place with an old negro servant who had been in the family for years. The Albemarle man continued his visits. He and the girl were planning to be married in May.

Automobiles and buggies were not so plentiful in those days, so the Albemarle man walked when he went to see his sweetheart. It happened that the trail split an old cemetery wide open, that he had to go through in order to reach the girl's home. Well, one dark, dark night when he was returning home after spending a pleasant evening with his sweetheart, something occurred at the cemetery.

Just as the Albemarle man approached the old cemetery, he saw an object that appeared to be an old man, sitting atop one of the grave markers. It looked at him out of two great fiery eyes while

little shafts of blue flames shot forth from all parts of its body.

Straightway, the Albemarle citizen dashed off on a run, leaving the cemetery behind. As he ran, he looked back over his shoulder, and the Thing was following him. From time to time it would reach forth two blazing shafts of fire that resembled arms, trying to catch him.

The Albemarle man ran until he was almost dead, but he remembered that there was a small stream only a short distance on ahead, and so got his second wind, and didn't die. The Thing made another grab for him just as he was getting ready to jump the brook, scorching his clothes. But the minute the Albemarle man was on the other side of the water the Thing changed from a bright, burning fire to a dim, bluish color, and then disappeared completely.

Further on down the trail, it began raining. Rained as though a second deluge was in progress. The Albemarle man was wet to the skin, and the weather being cold, he was chilled to the bone.

Looking ahead, he suddenly observed a woman walking down the trail, carrying an umbrella.

"I suppose I was somewhat dazed anyway," he said, "and the first thought that entered my mind was to overtake the woman and walk under that umbrella." He stepped under, saying, "Madam, may I carry your umbrella?"

The Albemarle man declares the moment he looked at the woman after taking hold of the umbrella, he was greatly nauseated, because she had no head, and her neck was dripping blood.

Hence, another race ensued. The man was successful again, however, due to the fact that there was another brook to cross. A ghost cannot cross a stream of water. Just why this is so, I don't know, but all authorities are in agreement that it is true. The man who related this story said it was a fact.

Well, according to the Albemarle man, he had several other similar experiences at the old cemetery and with the headless woman. But he never mentioned it to his sweetheart.

It so happened, however, that on one occasion when he went to see his girl that she didn't have a fire in the parlor. Neither was she dressed for receiving company. So while he was waiting the old negro came in and started to kindle a fire. And as luck would have it, the Albemarle man took the old ducky into his confidence and told her all about the Things he had been seeing.

"Didn't de ole boss gib you his watch dat he got from Indy 'fore he died?" asked the old negro, after the man had finished.

"Why yes," answered the Albemarle man "but what's that got to do with all these ghosts I've been seeing?"

"Jes dis," replied the old negro, rolling the white of his eyes, "you got rid of dat watch and you ain't gwine be pestered wid no mo' ghosts."

The Albemarle man declares that he dropped the watch in the well at his sweetheart's home that night, just as he was leaving the house. He was never bothered with any more ghosts. To the contrary, Cupid was with him, for he and his sweetheart were married shortly thereafter. They are still married, but he never carries a watch.

In fact, you had better never mention watch to this man.

Star Advertising Pays

## Out of Coma



Photo shows Nell Fincher, 17, of Derita, N. C., who was unconscious for 230 hours, after being injured in a basketball game. Doctors say that she has a good chance for recovery.—Photo by International Newsreel.

## TOLUCA AND KNOB CREEK GLEANINGS

B. G. Yarboro To Remodel Home. Phillip Carpenter Buys Land And Home, Personals.

(Special to The Star.

Toluca, Feb. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wilkerson and family, some of the road overseers, have moved into the house just vacated by Mr. Dennis Sain on Dr. F. D. Edward's place. Mr. B. G. Yarboro has let the contract to Houser and Beam to remodel and build more to his house.

Mr. Phillip Carpenter has purchased several acres of land and a house on it from Mr. D. C. Carpenter's part of the John Cline place where Mr. John Swink lived for many years. Mr. Carpenter is now living at Fallston but is expected to move soon.

Mr. Flay Carpenter attended a party last Saturday night of friends in Shelby.

Mrs. T. J. Vickers and little son Jacob of Shelby spent a few days the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carpenter.

Mr. Elford Bingham has been real sick for the past several days but is a little better at this writing. Also Mrs. Textie Boyles is sick with tonsillitis. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. S. A. Sain was a dinner guest of Mrs. T. J. Vickers of Shel-

by on last Wednesday.

Messrs. S. T. Carpenter, Ambrose, and Jake Hoyle, Charlie Burns and others have been on a big fox hunt in the eastern part of the state the past week.

Mr. L. M. Williams of Catawba county spent a few days the past week visiting in Toluca and Knob creek.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Boyles visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Sain last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Self spent last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young and family visited at the home of Mr. Young's brother, Mr. George E. Young of Lowell. Also visiting at the home of Mrs. Young's brother, Mr. J. H. Hicks of Belmont on last Sunday.

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of J. J. Kistler, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven before me at Shelby, N. C., on or before the 15th day of February, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any right to recover thereon. All persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of February, 1929.

ZIMRI KISTLER, Executor of J. J. Kistler's will. B. T. Falls, Attorney.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of P. P. Ivester, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Shelby, N. C., on or before the 14th day of January, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of January, 1929. FRANK L. HOYLE, Administrator of P. P. Ivester, Deceased.

### SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

As administratrix of the estate of J. E. Champion, deceased, I will offer for sale all the personal property belonging to said estate, consisting of one tractor, two mules, farming implements of all kinds, two wagons, etc., about 50 bushels of corn, and other things of value to the highest bidder for cash at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, March 9, 1929, at the home place of the late J. E. Champion, just west of Cleveland Mills (the Peeler place) in Cleveland county, N. C.

MRS. J. E. CHAMPION, Administratrix. 3t

### TRUSTEE'S NOTICE

As trustee in deed of assignment made by Paul Wellmon, for the benefit of his creditors, this is to hereby notify all persons having claims against said Paul Wellmon, to file same properly itemized and verified with me within sixty days from date; and this is to further notify all persons indebted to said Paul Wellmon to make immediate payment to me of such indebtedness.

CHAS. A. HOEY, Trustee.

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the will of Eliza Hord, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Shelby, N. C., properly itemized and verified, on or before the 25th day of January, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 25th day of January, 1929.

MAYNARD WASHBURN, Executor. Newton & Newton, Attys.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND. Under and by virtue of the authority conferred by deed of trust by Mrs. Ola Smith, (widow) to the

First National Bank of Durham, N. C., trustee, dated May 1, 1928, and recorded in book 150, page 229, Cleveland county registry, the First National Bank of Durham, N. C., trustee, will on

March 21, 1929, at 12 o'clock M. at the court house door in Cleveland county, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following described property:

Beginning at a stake on the south edge of Elm street, the north east corner of lot No. 13 and runs thence with the south edge of Elm street south 55 east 70 feet to a

stake in said street; corner of the Gidney property; thence with the Gidney property south 2.51 west 170 feet to an iron stake; thence north 65.47 west 63.5 feet to an iron stake; thence north 65.47 west 3.5 feet to an iron stake in the line of lot No. 13; thence with the line of lot No. 13, north 3.15 east 188 feet to the place of beginning. Same being lot No. 14 of the B. F. Curtis development known as Sunrise Terrace, a plat of which development is of record in the office of the register of deeds of Cleveland county, N. C. in book of plats

No. 1 at page 57, and being that deeded to Mrs. Ola Smith by deed recorded in book 3-W at page 4 in the office of the register of deeds of Cleveland county, North Carolina reference to which deed and plat is hereby made for further identification and description.

This sale is made on account default in the payment of indebtedness secured by the said deed of trust.

This 14th day of February, 1929. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DURHAM, Trustee. W. S. Lockhart, Atty., Durham, N. C.

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