



SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1918

ROANOKE NEWS NOTES

ROANOKE, VA., March 18.—The Honorable Ex-Governor A. J. Montague, of Richmond, spoke to the people of Roanoke City, Sunday on the top of War. A large crowd gathered at the auditorium long before the hour until at the hour of his introduction, the building could scarcely afford standing room and yet while he addressed his audience every one present seemed to listen with patience to the wonderful manner in which he imparted the instruction of the war conditions to them. He really enlightened the minds of all who heard him. Those who failed to hear him missed a rare treat.

By order of Mrs. M. H. Burrell, the ladies of the various Courts of Calanthe are requested to meet in the lecture room of the First Baptist Church, at 2:15 o'clock, for the annual "Thanksgiving" services. All will kindly be present.

The Festivals of Roanoke are requested by the District Deputy, W. B. F. Crowell to assemble at their Castle Hall Sunday, at 1:30. This being the annual "Thanksgiving" Day, services will be held at the First Baptist Church. The Cadets will kindly participate and gather with the Uniform Rank company and attend the services. The Rev. Thomas E. White, of Clifton Forge, Va., will deliver the sermon. Remember the time and place—First Baptist Church, March 24, at three o'clock. Let us surpass previous years. Done by order of Little Willie and D. E. Board.

Mr. Isaac Stanfield, of 66 Chestnut avenue, is yet indisposed, but somewhat improved.

My old friend, Joe, of 207 Fifth avenue, N. W. is much improved. We hope he will soon be able to be at his post of duty and about the city.

Mrs. R. B. Bailey, of 210 First Street, N. W. who has been confined to her bed for the past three weeks, is up again. She takes this method of thanking her many friends for the kindness shown her during her illness, especially Miss Carmen Pichman and the members of the Helping Hand Society of the First Baptist Church for the beautiful flowers sent her.

We are sorry to hear of the severe illness of little Thelma B. Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bailey of 210 First Street, N. W. She is suffering with pneumonia.

Mr. Roberson, of 716 Norfolk avenue, S. W. is reported much improved at this writing.

Mrs. French, a very aged woman died here Monday. She had failed to make the necessary preparation by insuring in some company. But a band of Christian-hearted ladies, out of regard for womanhood and the Christian Church soon banded themselves together and by time the undertaker, C. C. Williams was ready for the interment. Mrs. Nannie Hewitt, Mrs. Rosa White, Mrs. Jane Bruce and Miss Palmer had soleted the amount necessary to pay all of the expenses.

Rev. George C. Taylor, D. D., of Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church delivered at eleven o'clock a very instructive discourse on, "The light of the sun and its effect upon earth and vegetation, man, beast and all created things. It was a splendid effort. The collection for the day was \$37.00.

Mrs. D. W. Henth, of Henry street is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Ada James, of Salem avenue, S. W. was much indisposed last week with throat trouble, but is much relieved at this writing.

Mrs. Roberts, of Eleventh street, who has been sick several weeks, is much improved at this writing.

WINCHESTER NEWS.

Winchester, Va., March 18.—Mrs. Emma Byrd, of Woodstock, Va. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stephenson, on North Market street.

The annual men's day was observed at St. Paul A. M. E. Church on Sunday with fitting exercises. Dr. Ross preached in the morning and afternoon. The John Mann Choir furnished the singing for the evening service.

Mrs. J. A. Reid has returned from attending the Conference which convened in Alexandria, Va. She also visited her sisters in Washington and Baltimore.

Capt. C. C. Triplett and Mr. Walter Montgomery motored to Hagerstown on Saturday visiting friends.

FINDS RARE DOCUMENT.

Old Paper Recorded Here Shows General Lee Set Slaves Free.

Judge Richardson, of the hustings court, has placed in the Confederate Museum a paper of great historical interest. It is the original of a document bearing the signature of General Robert E. Lee and setting free all the slaves on the Arlington and White House estates, which belonged to the estate of G. W. P. Custis, his father-in-law. The paper bore the date of December 29, 1862, and was acknowledged before Benjamin L. Cason, a justice of the peace of Spotsylvania county. Though it was filed in the hustings court of the city, it was not until recently that it was discovered by Judge Richardson. He found it among the archives of the chancery court, to which all such records had been moved from the hustings court. Judge Richardson obtained an order from Judge Moncure, of the chancery court, permitting its transfer to the Confederate Museum.

Just why the document should have been recorded was not clear unless perchance because Arlington and White House, which is New Kent county, were in the hands of the Yankees at the time. Historians down this time are said to have questioned the existence of such a paper. General Lee drew it up in accordance with a provision in the will of his father-in-law stipulating that all the slaves on both the estates should be set free five years after his death. The duty fell to General Lee, his executor, General Lee himself is said to have set free his slaves before the outbreak of the war.

Washington, March 12.—The Colored people of Indiana and many other states are showing a wonderful interest in working to help raise funds for the National Colored Soldiers Comfort Committee. Many cities and towns like Evansville, Shelbyville, Marion, South Bend, and Indianapolis have already sent in generous contributions. In Indianapolis the Colored Shriners have arranged for a big entertainment in April to raise funds for the committee. Especially are the Colored women active in many states in adding to help raise funds by organizing local auxiliaries and making an active campaign.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES A. M. E. DELEGATION

Made Strong Protest Against Lynching and Jim Crowism.

Washington, D. C., March 14, 1918.—"Words urging Patriotic Duties up on the Negroes while they are lynched and Jim-crowed has the appearance of insincerity" was a sentiment expressed to President Woodrow Wilson by a Commission appointed by the Bishops' Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to make representation against the Negroes of this country. The appointment with the President was arranged by Prof. John R. Hawkins, Financial Secretary of the A. M. E. Church.

The Commission was headed by Bishop W. D. Chappelle of South Carolina. The other members of the committee were Prof. John R. Hawkins, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. W. T. Vernon of Tenn.; Dr. W. H. H. Butler of Pennsylvania; Dr. J. G. Robinson of Tenn.; Dr. A. H. Hill of Ark.; and Dr. A. L. Gaines of Baltimore.

Bishop Chappelle made the representation to the President and left with him a written document setting forth the views of the commission. The response of the President, though guarded, was very gratifying. The sentiment of the commission follows:

Washington, D. C. March 14, 1918. Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, Sir—We the undersigned citizens of the U. S. and representatives of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, appointed by the Bishops' Council of said church, which met at Louisville, Ky., February 14, 1918 beg to submit to you the following memorial or prayer.

With a due sense of appreciation of the great struggle in which we are now engaged and the arduous task laid upon you as Chief Magistrate of our country, we pledge to you our fidelity as loyal citizens or our Republic.

These are trying times and we are passing through ordeals that try men's souls and now more than ever before your people need hope and encouragement. We believe you have read with deep regret of the inhuman and unlawful treatment of our people in many sections of the country, and we come praying you for relief from mob violence and other discriminations which are so prevalent.

We do not condone crime committed by any people; nor are we asking that you wink at crime committed by any people; that each and every individual be given a fair impartial trial by a jury of twelve men of their fellow citizens.

Since congress has given you, as President, power to conscript citizens from and within all the states of the Union, to fight for the common cause of human liberty, and for protection of this country; we believe that it is equally within the power of Congress to authorize you to enter any state in this Union with said power, to protect the life and liberty of the citizens therein. We believe that lynching is made a federal offense; second, we ask that in all cases of lynching and mob violence where citizens are guilty of participating in the same they shall be punished by law and declared ineligible to hold office in our government either federal or state; third, we ask that any Sheriff allowing his prisoner to be lynched or maimed while in his official office be declared unfit for that high office and at once removed by the Government.

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FARMVILLE NEWS. FARMVILLE, VA., March 18.—At the ending of last week's meeting, March 17, there were fifty-one persons added to the First Baptist Church. These meetings, conducted by Rev. S. W. Smith, pastor of Messiah Baptist Church, Yonkers, N. Y., have proved to be a great blessing and the Lord has wonderfully blessed all by pouring out His Holy Spirit in the town of Farmville. There has been an awakening in all concerned. Sunday, the Church was largely attended and Rev. S. W. Smith preached two excellent sermons. In the morning his text was, "God's Love for the World," John 3:16. In the afternoon there was a union meeting of the A. M. E. and Baptist Churches. The theme of Rev. Smith's discourse was, "A Living Christ." After each discourse a collection was taken, which was very gratifying.

At three o'clock Sunday the A. M. E. Church of which Rev. J. R. Augustus is pastor, celebrated its forty-sixth anniversary. Rev. J. H. Wey delivered a wonderful message to an overflowed audience, who most attentively listened to the fine discourse rendered. Mr. Tazwell Branch gave the entire history of the Church, which was remarkable. Miss Gertrude Blue is home after finishing a successful school term. War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds. Save and serve for your country. Back the boys who are going to the front and who are in the training camps.

MORRIS' NEW CAFETERIA.

Mr. William Morris will move his cafeteria from 527 N. Second St., where he has been reading first class service to the public to 626 N. Second St. This large spacious dwelling has been thoroughly renovated and repaired. Even the front has been changed and extensive improvements made in the foundation of the structure. The dining hall where patrons will serve themselves as heretofore will be a place of personal accommodation with prices within the reach of every one, who can appreciate first class cooking. On the first floor will be a gent's lobby, a private dining room with all of the modern accommodations at a most reasonable cost. The building of steam-heated, having been erected by the late Rev. William L. Taylor. It was formerly known as the "Taylor" home, but no one would recognize it now as being the same place. Many thousands of dollars have been spent in improving the same. Proprietor Morris has demonstrated his ability to please the public and his rare service has brought to him a steady stream of customers. The laboratory, bath and other modern conveniences that go to make up a first class cafeteria may be found in this place. In addition to this Mr. Morris has arranged for letting out furnished rooms to the traveling public or to the local trade upon a strictly first class basis. Visitors to the city will find here ample accommodations for themselves. This arrangement will be in the nature of a hotel, but with the hotel feature eliminated so that people prefer a place of privacy, when it can be secured.

COLORED SOLDIERS' COMFORT COMMITTEE IS ACTIVE.

Washington, February 25.—Not only has the National Colored Soldiers Comfort Committee become the recognized race medium for furnish relief to needy dependents of colored soldiers in the army, but judging from the large number of letters received by it daily from colored men throughout the country for advice, it has become a sort of race clearing house, filling a peculiarly needed want. Among the many letters making inquiries are many from colored women, wives and mothers of colored soldiers inquiring about delayed allotments of such portion of their soldier kinsmen's allotment made to them, and with which the National Colored Soldiers Comfort Committee has nothing to do. Some mothers have written to the Committee asking for advice as to where their sons are now, they having received no letter from them in months some write asking if the Committee cannot have their incorrigible, improvident, and "worthless" son drafted into the army; some wives tell of worthless husbands who do not provide for them and their children when they want the committee to have drafted, and so on, on various subjects, about which they desire to be enlightened. Colored people are writing to the Committee. One South western colored farmer wrote the Committee urging it to take up with Congress, and have passed a bill reducing the rental of farm land, saying that with the present high rental of farm land colored farmers cannot even subsist to exist on. To all these queries the Committee responds promptly and cheerfully giving the writers the benefit of what ever knowledge it may have on the matter inquired about. The greater number of letters, however, contain remittances of money from men and women who are interested in doing their bit, by the needy dependents of colored soldiers. The preparandous of these remittances, however, come from our Colored women, clearly showing that women are the ones most touched by sorrow's call and the ones who respond more quickly to need city's appeal. The fact that a big, county wide organization to succor the needy of the race has been established that is non-denominational, non-political, and not in opposition to the many splendid race organizations and ritual organizations, but which is to merely "collect the pennies and distribute them in dollar aggregates to the worthy needy" of the race has appealed to all and so the National Colored Soldiers Comfort Committee unwittingly, has become the race's national clearing house however, its one aim is to collect funds from the race and disburse same to the urgent need.

When one stops to reflect that this new big inter-state organization has been built with a secondhand desk, a borrowed secondhand typewriter, occupying about a square foot in an office room, plus the uncompensated energy of the man who has directed it, it only proves that with co-operation what wonderful opportunities there are for the race. The ultimate object of this national body is to become an incorporation which shall be a big strong colored Foundation Society, to dispense charity to the needy, and to colored worthy charitable institutions, and to aid colored business enterprises. It has been figured out that the \$2,000,000 which raised can become a fund out of which meritorious colored business enterprise can be loaned money at 4 percent, the interest money thus coming in being sufficient to take care of urgent and necessities charitable aid. Thus the money coming from the race in small contributions would be returned to it, and making colored business enterprises strong, provide employment for young colored men and women. The plan is not simply utopian—it is practicable, and it is needed. Colored business enterprises, and colored farmers might achieve much, and especially the latter, if they could secure moderate loans at a rate of interest that is not practically confiscatory.

Mr. William Morris was born in Portsmouth, Va., October 28, 1881 at 1303 County St. He attended Chester St. Academy in Portsmouth. He lives in three years in New London, Conn. He was employed in the True Reformers' grocery store in Portsmouth. He later went on the railroad, using in charge of the private car of President G. W. Stevens of the Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. being in this service for sixteen years. He severed his connection with the C. and O. on the 23rd of April 1917 and opened Morris Cafeteria July 2, 1917. The business was a success from the start and with a growing trade and a fine offer, he decided to extend his business and he secured the spacious Taylor Mansion, having it improved at a cost in excess of \$6,000.00.

VIRGINIA—In the Hustings Court Part II City of Richmond, the 12th day of March 1918.

DABNEY ELLETT Plaintiff, against SUSIE ELLETT Defendant.

The object of this suit is for the Plaintiff to obtain a divorce A vinculo Maritoni from the defendant on the grounds of wilful desertion and abandonment. An affidavit having been made and filed that Susie Ellett the defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia at that her last known place of abode was Philadelphia, Penn. It is ordered that she appear here with in fifteen days after the due publication of this order and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit.

A Copy.—ALBERT V. NORRELL, JR., Cashier. JOHN T. TAYLOR, THOMAS M. CRUMP, R. W. WHITING, Directors.

State of Virginia, City of Richmond, Sworn to and subscribed before me by Albert V. Norrell, Jr., Cashier, this 20th day of March, 1918: GRATTAN E. GRAVES, Notary Public. My commission expires Jan. 30, 1922.

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PROTEST TO LOUISIANA GOVERNOR OR ABOUT LYNCHING.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to day sent to Governor R. G. Pleasant of Louisiana the following telegram of protest against the lynching of three Negroes by white farmers near Delhi, La., on Tuesday, February 23 the affair growing out of an accusation of hog-stealing. The Association's Secretary, John R. Shillady, characterized the lynching as an in defensible attack upon the morale of the nation and as affecting national prestige abroad. We protest not only in the name of our ninety branches and ten thousand members for whom we speak directly but in the name of the law abiding citizens of the whole country who feel chagrined, humiliated and outraged that in the states of our nation mobs are allowed to take the law into their own hands and wreak vengeance upon men because they happened to be black.

These outrages, we would remind you, are not a matter of state concern alone but affect the whole nation. Such acts as this mob lynching because of alleged hog-stealing put the President and the United States in a most embarrassing and difficult position when the executive of the country seeks to protest, however rightfully, against such outrages committed in Belgium or Armenia.

This is the second Louisiana lynching reported within thirty days by the press of the country. No reply has as yet been made by you to our inquiry of February 6 for information as to any action you might deem fitting to take in the circumstances of a Negro lynched on January 26. For the information of the news papers of the country which receive our regular press service we inquire what action you as Governor propose to take to uphold the laws of Louisiana.

Signed, John R. Shillady, Secretary National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF Mechanics Savings Bank

OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. Located at Richmond, in the County of Henrico, State of Virginia, at the close of business, March 4th, 1918, made to the State Corporation Commission.

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS.....	\$137,545.47
Overdrafts, unsecured.....	2,999.93
Bonds, securities, etc., owned including premium on same.....	11,229.00
Banking house and lot.....	41,052.99
Other real estate owned.....	83,699.75
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,722.34
Exchanges and checks for next day's clearings.....	1,967.61
Other cash items.....	86.78
Due from National Banks.....	7,806.70
Paper Currency.....	4,260.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	54.40
Gold coin.....	5,698.50
Silver coin.....	372.25
All other items of resources.....	17,340.07
Total.....	\$318,836.82

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 34,300.00
Dividends unpaid.....	426.95
Individual deposits, including savings deposits.....	240,041.14
Demand certificates of deposit.....	40.00
Certified checks.....	630.03
Customers' checks outstanding.....	125.98
Bills payable.....	\$ 33,000.00
Reserved for accrued interest on deposits.....	1,486.98
Reserved for accrued taxes.....	196.74
Unearned discount.....	2,499.00
Total.....	\$318,836.82

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FULTON NOTES.

Soldiers at Camp Lee Entertained.

On last Sunday, the soldiers at Camp Lee were well entertained by the Teacher's Training Class of Rising Mt. Zion Sunday School with a well arranged program of songs, recitations, etc., under the direct management of Mrs. Olivia Orange. The program was very inspiring and enjoyed by soldiers and friends alike. Those who took part on the program were: Miss Alberta White, Miss Helen Brown, Miss Viola Johnson, Mrs. Hattie Broadhurst, Mrs. Glenn Lewis, Mrs. Ethel Lewis, Mrs. Laura Trammell, Mr. Meredith Foster and Dr. J. O. Dawson. Mrs. Frances Waddell Johnson, her husband and mother; Miss Bertha Johnson, of V. N. I. Petersburg and Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Jeffress were among the visiting friends. Closing remarks were made by Rev. F. W. Jacobs, former teacher of the class. Secretary George E. Hall of the Army Y. M. C. A. No. 83, was master of ceremonies.

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