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NEWS OF SATARTIA FROM SWEET SIXTEEN

KINDLY GREETINGS TO ALL
MANKIND.

HUNTING PARTY HAS GOOD RECORD

A Remarkable Old Couple—Sweet Sixteen Soon to Be Seventy Years Young.

Satartia, Miss., Dec. 10, 1915.—Editor Sentinel: Not many more letters to be written for the Sentinel this year, but my mama! when I think of the fifty-two weeks in next year with so little material from which to write an interesting or even a passable letter, it makes me sick at the pencil tip. To think, if I fail to come to the scratch my name will be eliminated from the pay roll.

At this season, when everybody is busily engaged preparing for the coming holidays, let us hope that they are revolving in their minds some plan that will give cheer and happiness, not only to their own families, but to those who are dependent upon charity; those whose hearts can be made glad by so little; who have no ties, no home except such as is given to them by the public. The only real true happiness consists in making others happy. One who lives for himself alone, and has no regard for the feelings of others, is beyond doubt the most miserable creature on earth. His punishment is meted out to him daily, his conscience condemns him, and there is no peace for him on earth. If we can give no more than a kind word of pleasant greeting, it is much better than nothing.

When we look back at the condition of things twelve months ago and the present, is there not much for which to be thankful? Our country is in a prosperous condition, and the outlook for the future is brighter because the people believe better times are coming. They have grasped the situation and see the bright rays on the horizon rising higher and higher, until eventually they will realize that for which they have so long sought. Thoughts of this kind are natural at any time, more especially at this season, when everyone, from the palace to the hovel, is looking forward for something to cheer and gladden their hearts.

News items are so scarce that even a fine tooth comb won't bring them to light. Everybody knows about the weather; that is was a cold, dreary, miserable day yesterday, when it should have been a fine day, so all the folks could have attended services at the Baptist church, where Rev. D. R. Grantham interested his congregations, morning and night, by expounding gospel truths which made a lasting impression on his hearers. As you know, Mr. Grantham is principal of the consolidated school at Phoenix. In conversation with him, he informed me that there were enrolled 103 boys and 99 girls, with 196 in attendance. He is very highly elated over the success of the school, and feels thankful to those who assisted him in this work of progress.

In a former letter, I wrote about a party of hunters from Tinsley going over into the Lake George country to have a good time. They returned last Tuesday well pleased with their trip and success. As promised, on their way over, they reported having killed one buck, having eight points, and two with spikes; that is, they didn't kill them with spikes, but the deer had two spikes; forty squirrels and ten ducks, gave them the sport they went after.

On last Thursday I was pleased to meet Mr. Thos. A. Fletcher and wife, from Indianapolis, Ind. They came up from Hazworth, in the lower end of this county, where Mr. Fletcher has large land interests. Last summer I had an interview with Mr. Brown, who is manager of this tract of land, consisting of over ten thousand acres to which Mr. Fletcher has added quite a large portion of the Lake Dick plantation belonging to Mr. Gilruth. Mr. Fletcher does not expect to remain on the place, but will spend the winter in New Orleans, after which he will, with his wife, return North. There is no wild cat business about Mr. Fletcher's purchases. He is bringing the spot

cash with him, paying for all the land he buys. He believes in the future of this country, or would not be making such heavy investments. It is but natural for a person to be surprised when informed that Mr. Fletcher is seventy-nine years young, has no children, and is still making this investment so far away from his home. They are a fine old couple, she being ten years his junior. She informed me they will celebrate their golden wedding next year. Beyond doubt, these investments will bring others besides labor from that section.

For the past fifteen years I have been writing for the Sentinel. No doubt I have pleased some, while others may be disgusted. While I am still Sweet Sixteen (sometimes not so still) I wish to state to your many readers that on the 8th of January I will celebrate the 70th anniversary of my birth. Hope I am not asking too much, but am desirous for those who have enjoyed my letters in the past to mail to me a postal card for my birthday. To those who feel like I do, that there is nothing in my letters worth reading, I desire them to send to me a fifty-cent U. S. stamp book, of course to contain the proper amount of stamps.

Here's wishing for one and all a very merry and happy Christmas, with good health and prosperity for the Sentinel.

Your Humble Come-Tumble,
S. S.

DEATH OF N. E. WARREN EARLY TUESDAY MORNING

One of Yazoo City's Most Highly Esteemed Citizens Passes Peacefully Away.

Mr. N. E. Warren, one of Yazoo City's best known and most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home in this city at 1 o'clock Monday morning. He had been in failing health for several months, but was able to go about, his daily duties, until within the last two weeks. He went to New Orleans to consult a specialist, where he learned that his malady was incurable, and he returned home last week conscious that the end was near.

He was formerly in the mercantile business, a member of the firm of Warren & Montgomery Bros., but retired from active business several years ago, except to look after some planting interests and investments.

Few men stood higher in the esteem and confidence of the public than N. E. Warren. A man of splendid business ability, he applied this diligently, and accumulated a competence. His word was his bond, and he builded for himself in his everyday affairs of life a character that will stand as an example for the emulation of those of the younger generation. He was a gentleman of unflinching courtesy, kindness of heart and gentleness of spirit, and he will be missed by the people of Yazoo City who have been accustomed to hear his cheery greeting, and who knew him for his real worth.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and was largely attended by friends who came to pay the last and tribute to his memory.

Mr. Warren leaves, of his immediate family, his widow, Mrs. Nannie Moore Warren, and two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery of Hartown, and Mrs. W. F. Woods, of near town. To these and other relatives, the Sentinel extends sincere sympathy.

To the Public.

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation, first to the voters of Yazoo City, for their hearty and enthusiastic support which culminated in my election at the polls last Wednesday; second, I wish to express my hearty appreciation to those of my friends both in the city and out, who while not having a vote themselves, exerted their influence in my behalf. I wish to say that I have no ill will towards any one growing out of this election, and it shall be my endeavor to serve the city with my best efforts so as not to betray the support and confidence shown in me by nominating me last Wednesday.

Sincerely,
T. H. CAMPBELL, JR.

ANOTHER BIG LAND DEAL IN YAZOO COUNTY

TENNESSEANS BUY BIG PLANTATION.

DEAL IS NEARLY THIRTY THOUSAND

Hatcher Bros. Buy "Rose Hill" and Will Devote It to Live Stock, Grain, Etc.

Another plantation deal of considerable magnitude was closed last Thursday here by which Hatcher Bros., of Fayetteville, Tenn., become the owners of "Rose Hill," one of the finest plantations in Yazoo County, formerly owned by Mr. T. K. Gilruth, and located about a mile from Benton, on the Y. & M. V. railroad, eighteen miles south of Yazoo City.

The deal was handled by Hon. Peter Stubblefield. Primarily, however, the credit of the deal is due to the Yazoo Commercial Club, whose Secretary, Mr. R. H. Douthat, induced the Messrs. Hatcher to come to Yazoo to look over some of the splendid farm lands on the market here. The Messrs. Hatcher and Mr. Pitts came here last fall, and all were highly pleased with what they saw, and expressed their determination to invest here, and this deal is the result of the careful investigation of shrewd capitalists of good judgment, and shows what men of this calibre think of Yazoo County, not only as a field for investment, but as a place of residence, as members of their family will come here to live and improve the property.

The deal is said to represent an amount between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The plantation is what is known as a table land, and is ideal for a stock farm. Mr. Gilruth had succeeded in building up quite a reputation as a stock farmer, and had a splendid herd of Hereford cattle and Berkshire hogs. He has leased the place for the coming year, and will continue to operate it until Jan. 1, 1917, when it is understood he will purchase a smaller place where he can better concentrate his efforts.

The Messrs. Hatcher are men of large means and splendid ability. One of them is a bachelor, while the other has three young sons now completing their education in a leading agricultural college, and it is the purpose of the purchasers to put the young men in active charge of the place when they finish school. In the meantime, a brother-in-law of the purchasers, a college professor, will move here and take charge of the place as soon as Mr. Gilruth's lease expires. The character and standing of these people may be understood when it is stated that this gentleman's wife, who is a sister of the Messrs. Hatcher, graduated at Randolph-Macon College, and was the valedictorian of her class.

This is the class of citizens that Yazoo will welcome with open arms, and it is believed that the Messrs. Hatcher will induce others of their Tennessee friends to locate here.

The "Rose Hill" plantation consists of 1,400 acres, 1,300 of which is in cultivation. It has a silo, a fine \$2,000 barn, a splendid residence with water-works, and is an ideal place for live stock, and for all-purpose farming. It is understood that the new owners will go into live stock pretty extensively, and will grow corn, oats, hay, grains, etc., making cotton a side-line. They have ample means to make any needed improvements, and will no doubt make a big success of their enterprise.

Now is the time to have your old, unsightly electric lights repaired before Christmas. Call J. S. Brunson, the electrical man. Cumb. phone 464.

Christmas Sermon at Trinity Church.

On Christmas eve, children's Christmas tree at 5 o'clock.

Christmas day, Early Celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a. m.

Morning Prayer and Late Celebration at 10:30 a. m.

Good Christmas music.

WANTED—Two or more plainly furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Address Rooms, care Sentinel.

12-23-15

GEORGIA MILLIONAIRE LEAVES YAZOO HEIRS

WEALTHY BACHELOR DIES WITHOUT WILL.

OWNED ENTIRE GEORGIA COUNTY

Poor, But Ambitious Girl Will Now Get the Education That She Earnestly Sought.

Reared in humble circumstances, by respectable parents, but with a laudable ambition to rise in the world and secure an education that she recognizes is essential to life's success, Nannie Chisholm, a fifteen-year-old school girl of Free Run, in this county, is about to have her dream come true through the death of a near relative in Georgia who has just died, leaving millions to a few near relatives, one of whom is the young lady mentioned.

The story reads like a work of fiction, and seems almost too good to be true, but from the information now at hand, there seems to be no doubt of the facts that have thus far been brought to public notice.

James Smith was a wealthy bachelor of Smithonia, Ga. He died on Dec. 10, of this year, leaving an estate valued at several million dollars. In fact, it is said that he owned every foot of ground in his home county, including the courthouse and the entire town, except one farm, and besides his broad acres, he owned railroad stocks, government bonds, and other valuable securities, besides cash and other property. When his personal effects were examined after his death, no will could be found, and in the absence of the will, his next of kin will of course inherit his vast estate.

The nearest known relatives reside in Yazoo and Holmes Counties, and the Holmes county heirs have employed ex-Gov. Noel and Hon. George A. Wilson, both of Lexington, to look after their interests in the matter. The heirs in this county are Mrs. John Chisholm, of Free Run, and Mrs. J. T. Day, of the same postoffice. Gov. Noel came to the homes of these two ladies late last Saturday, to see about the matter and they went to Lexington Monday, and made arrangements with Gov. Noel to represent them, and he is now in Georgia looking after the matter. Among other heirs are some citizens of Lexington.

There is a human interest story running through the case that at once arouses the sympathy of all who read it. Mrs. Chisholm is a grand-niece of the dead Georgia millionaire. She and her husband with a large family of children, resides on a small place near Free Run. Both the parents are in poor health, and unable to provide a bounteous support for the growing family. Among the children is a girl of 15 fired with the ambition to succeed in life, as evidenced by a letter which she recently wrote to one of the professors of the Agricultural High School at Benton, in this county, in which she offers to work to pay her expenses through school. She writes to him:

"Kind Sir: I am a poor girl and want to enter your school for another year. I haven't any money but want an education, if I can possibly get it."

"I thought maybe I could get into your school. I am 15 years old and in the seventh or eighth grade; will be in the full eighth this term. I will be willing to come and work all I can to apply on my schooling next year."

"I have a sister working her way through school at Moorhead. I guess you know her, Carrie Mae Chisholm. My father and mother's health is bad, and we have six others to go to school, and Professor, if a girl hasn't an education in this day and time, she is in a bad fix. So if you can possibly take me, it will be more than I can thank you, and I will appreciate your kindness. I will start in with the intention of getting an education. I will do my work perfect, and please you in any way about the work that you give me to do. I went to school to Mr. Hugh Hull for two years in Silver City, but he is Superintendent of Education now."

"If I can enter your school, please

let me know so I can prepare for the work."

This letter breathes the proper spirit, and a girl with this ambition and determination will be sure to get the education she longs for. Her case is now under consideration by the Commercial Club and Farm Demonstrator Ritch, and plans are under way to see that she has an opportunity to go to school.

But now the information that comes from Georgia seems to open the way for the realization of her cherished dream, and if the fortune which is waiting the claimants is distributed among the Yazoo heirs, it will no doubt furnish ample means to give her the best education obtainable.

A Card.

The vote in the election for Mayor, held Dec. 16th, was 258 to 233, a majority of 25 against me.

I desire to publicly thank those who voted for me, for I feel sure that they were prompted solely by their friendship for me, and their firm conviction that I would make Yazoo City a good executive officer. I don't think anything else entered into their giving me their votes and influence, and this makes me appreciate their confidence and loyalty all the more.

Respectfully,

W. W. LOCKARD.

Yazoo City, Miss., Dec. 20, 1915.

GETTING READY FOR DOLLAR DAY EARLY IN FEBRUARY

WORK TO BE PUSHED AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

List of Those Who Have Subscribed, and Others Urged to Come in Early.

Following the instructions given him at the last meeting of the directors of the Commercial Club, in conjunction with the merchants of the town, Secretary Douthat has been busy this week signing up on the subscription list for the necessary funds for the second Dollar Day to be held in Yazoo City on Saturday, Feb. 8. While many of the merchants have been too busy to be seen, several have already signed the subscription list for their pro rata part of the expense, and those who have been too busy to do so are urged to see Mr. Douthat as soon as possible, in order to get their names in the list that will be published in the Sentinel from week to week. This is free advertising that costs the merchant nothing, and is given freely by the Sentinel in a spirit of co-operation with the movement to make it a big success.

Following is a list of those merchants who have so far signed the list:

- Crane-Hamel Hardware Co.
- A. H. Courts.
- J. B. Ellis.
- Hoffman's 5 and 10c Store.
- R. E. Kennington.
- Miller & Sallis.
- R. P. Miller.
- J. J. North.
- N. Ostrov.
- P. B. Powell.
- S. Summerfield.
- Yazoo Hardware Co.
- Yazoo Furniture Co.
- Yazoo Grocery Co.
- Citizens' Bank & Trust Co.
- Dr. John Darrington.
- C. A. Price.
- A. L. Bradley.
- Barnwell & Barbour.
- M. C. Brickell Furniture Store.
- Brown's Drug Store.
- R. M. Quikemeyer.
- W. B. Johnston.
- Latham & Williams.
- Exchange Drug Store.
- J. M. Weber.
- Miss Mary Swayze.
- B. Goldstein & Co.
- Bank of Yazoo City.
- J. J. Beard.

"Disease is not the punishment for sin; it is the evidence of it."

Strayed.

Big horse mule, about 8 years old, weighs about 1,100 pounds, strayed from Duck Pond plantation about Dec. 17. Reward for return to R. J. COOPER, Yazoo City, or M. C. BRISTER, Valley, Miss.

WHITE CAPPERS' HEADS REARED IN YAZOO CO.

TREATS OF DEATH TO NEGRO FARM HANDS.

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ARE NOTIFIED

And Nothing Will Be Left Undone to Apprehend the Authors of Threatening Letters.

When the Federal Government gets the machinery of its perfect organization to work, it is certain that the ugly form of anarchy which has reared its head in Yazoo County in the shape of attempted whitecaperism will be bound in legal fetters which will subdue it for all time.

The bold attempt to frighten reliable labor away from their peaceful pursuits, even under threats of death, was brought to public attention yesterday by Mr. J. T. Day, a prominent planter of Free Run, and Mr. I. S. Reed, a prominent cotton man of Yazoo County, and President of the Public Service Commission of this city, who also owns a plantation adjoining that of Mr. Day. Mr. Day came to the city yesterday morning with a letter which had been received by a negro tenant on Mr. Reed's place, and which had been turned over by the negro to Mr. W. J. Spell, manager of Mr. Reed's place. The letter is very threatening in character, and has been sent by Messrs. Reed to Hon. J. W. George, U. S. District Attorney, of Jackson, and the sleuths of the Government will be put on the trail in the hope of ferreting out the authors of the letter, as it was placed in the box on the rural route near the scene, which make it a Federal offense.

The letter was addressed to "Tom Homes, Eden, Miss., R. No. 1," and was written with an indelible pencil and enclosed in a plain envelope. On the inside the letter was printed, rather than written, in an evident purpose of disguising the handwriting. Following is a copy of the letter, showing many errors, and is given as written. Certain facts surrounding the case make it almost certain that the authors are known, and this clue will be followed up by the authorities. On the back of one of the pages was drawn the picture of a coffin, in which a corpse was lying. Here is the letter:

"To Tom Homes: We the white people have decided that you negroes on the Reed place leave at once from both sides of the creek. "Now old negro get up at once. Dont let you boss fool you in trouble Christmas is here and we will have some fun. Be shore and be gone by the first of Jan or your house will be shot full of buckshot. Be shore and give this to John Jefferson, we mean the same for him. (Jefferson is the head negro on Mr. Day's place—Ed.) And also no negroes must not work on the roads, so warn your people to stay off after the first of Jan. "We por people cant get homes if they would work some whites and some blacks we could stand it. We go and ask for homes and are turned away. We have the poor people and the one-horse farmer with us, so you had better move. It will be better for you Not to show this to your Boss—Be shore to warn all that is on the place and all that is fixin to move on the place."

No name is signed to the letter, but on the back of one of the three sheets of small note paper upon which it is written, is drawn a picture of two coffins, one of which shows the form of a corpse lying inside.

This is the first time this spirit has manifested itself in Yazoo County, and a determined effort will be made by Messrs. Reed and Day to apprehend the authors of the letters. This spirit of anarchy manifested itself in South Mississippi during Gov. Vardaman's administration and spread so silently and extensively as to involve the leading officers of many counties.

No better citizens live in Yazoo County, or the State, for that matter, than Messrs. Reed and Day, and public sentiment will support them in their efforts to break up this effort to injure and disorganize peaceable labor on their places.