

# THE ENTERPRISE

ADVERTISERS WILL FIND OUR COLUMNS A LATCH-KEY TO 1500 MARTIN COUNTY HOMES.

THE ENTERPRISE COVERS MARTIN COUNTY AND VICINITY LIKE A MANTLE.

VOLUME 23—NUMBER 83. WILLIAMSTON, MAR. IN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1922. ESTABLISHED 1898

## ADJ. GEN. METTS MAKING SURVEY DESTROYED AREA

One Thousand Residences and Buildings Covering 40 Blocks Were Destroyed by Fire Friday

New Bern, Dec. 4.—The number of homeless as a result of Friday's fire is estimated by city officials after a careful check at three thousand. One thousand residences and buildings covering forty blocks were destroyed, a financial loss of two million dollars.

Adjutant General Metts, on the orders of Governor Morris, arrived today to make a survey and cooperate with the city authorities in patrolling the devastated area. Thousands of blankets and mattresses and hundreds of sweaters have been received from the Norfolk naval base and the local Red Cross are aiding the sanitary and relief work.

Thousands of dollars worth of property of all kinds are piled up in various places and officials, fearing that it would be stolen, requested the troops be sent to guard it.

Two more fires broke out yesterday one believed to have been of incendiary origin, and for a time it was feared that the city was to be visited again with another devastating fire. Both fires occurred early in the morning. The first one in Kennedy's that many was soon out. The other, which firemen said appeared to have been deliberately started, was confined to a storage warehouse on Griffith street and was finally put out after a desperate fight for over an hour.

Acting upon instructions from General Metts, Capt. Albert Willis, commanding officer of the local battery of field artillery, last night summoned members of the unit to report to any emergency that might arise.

Approximately a thousand tents have been sent from Camp Bragg and are being used to shelter the homeless. The tents are being used to shelter the homeless, the ruins and for obtaining portable houses to meet the requirements of citizens who suffered, most of whom are negroes, who generally are without insurance.

## AIDED OUTLAW TO ESCAPE; IS JAILED

Sam Hobbs, Said To Have Changed Clothes With Slayer of Patrolman Sykes

Wilson, Dec. 1.—Sam Hobbs, the negro who changed clothes with Oscar Melvin, after he had shot Patrolman Jack W. Sykes to death in the city on the morning of November 20, was taken from the city lock up yesterday and placed behind the bars of the county jail. The charges that will be preferred against Hobbs in superior court will be aiding and abetting a fugitive to elude officers of the law in making an arrest.

There are more than thirty prisoners in the county jail and only three of the number are native Williamstonians. It is the flouters who are causing much trouble. Wilson colored citizens, as a general rule, are law abiding, own their homes, and are a credit to the community.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grist Station, attended the Elks Memorial services in Washington Sunday afternoon, Mr. Station being a life member of the order.

## MRS. PENNY ROGERSON OF EVERETT DEAD

Mrs. Penny Rogerson of Everett, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Ben Reddick, Saturday afternoon. She had been in feeble health for a week, but had been confined to her bed only one day before her death, which was caused by a bronchia attack.

Mrs. Rogerson was 75 years old, the widow of the late Nathan Rogerson of Bear Grass and she leaves only one child, Mrs. C. Ben Reddick, her other child, Mrs. McKeel, having died a few years ago.

She was buried at the home of Elder John N. Rogerson and the funeral was preached by Elder B. S. Cowing. She had for many years been a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cotrain and daughter, Miss Mittie, were in town today shopping.

The State college short course begins on January 9th and lasts through the 19th. It offers an opportunity for the progressive farmer to gain many new ideas during the ten days.

## BEGIN WORK SOON ON NEW TEXTILE MILL

Will Make Seventeenth Mill in Caldwell County; Fifth in Lenior

Lenior, Dec. 2.—Construction work on the seventeenth textile mill in the county and the fifth within two miles of Lenior will be commenced within the next few days. Wood work is started on the second mill at Whitnel. The name of the corporation will be the Nelson Cotton Mill company.

The new mill will be located on a tract of land adjoining the White Cotton mill, just west of it and a short extension of the Whitnel mill siding will accommodate the new mill. The mill will have six thousand spindles and will be organized on thirty single two and three ply carded yarn.

Application has been made for a charter, and as soon as the charter has been received the organization of the mill will be perfected.

## STATE TEACHERS SMASH RECORDS

Three Thousand Attended Annual Assembly in Raleigh Last Week

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Four thousand far-fleeced school teachers and proud parents packed the City auditorium at last night's session of the State Teachers' assembly to hear five hundred Raleigh grammar grade pupils sing and to hear Miss Elizabeth Farrel, superintendent of ungraded classes, plead for a chance at the proverbial square peg that the school system has for some centuries been trying to drive into a round hole.

It was a thrilling night, these children singing, to use the words with which, President Brewer described them and it was an equally eloquent appeal that Miss Farrel made for the ungraded class system that has just begun to work out in New York city, where she has charge of it. Altogether it was by far the biggest meeting the teachers have ever held here, and at that it promises to be eclipsed at the concluding session tonight, when Dr. Henry Van Dyke is to speak.

Thanksgiving was a full day for the three thousand teachers who are here for the assembly. Fourteen subsidiary organizations met in the morning in group meetings and at noon they gathered for the impressive annual Thanksgiving services in the auditorium, conducted, this year by Dr. Paul Bagby, pastor of the Baptist church at Wake Forest. The afternoon, most of them took off, and went to the football game.

Raleigh, Dec. 3.—Adjourning, after electing Miss Elizabeth Kelly president and confirming the election by the committee of Jules Warren as secretary, the State Teachers' assembly left a record behind that in spots has caused considerable criticism. Among the matters commented upon were and are, the Near East resolution which the assembly refused to adopt, and which it (at the instance of Dr. Wright of the Training School for teachers) "laid upon the table." Another live wire that was feared by all and guardedly disposed of in a way that put it to sleep for the time being, at least, was the resolution concerning the "study of the Bible in the public schools" of the state.

At the closing session of the assembly, after refusing to change the Thanksgiving week date for the annual meetings of the assembly, the following elections were announced: The direct primary, Miss Shotwell, for the committee reported, had resulted in 107 votes for Miss Elizabeth Kelly, and 24 for Fred Archer for the presidency, while 46 votes were scattered between 21 other persons.

Ladies, if you wish to get some attractive and pretty Christmas gifts come to the bazaar, Friday evening. There will be something for every member of the family.

W. W. Shay has begun a register of merit for high class pure bred sows in North Carolina. Here is offered another incentive for better hogs in the state. Only the best can enter this register.

Mr. B. D. Adelsberger of Front Royal, Va. is in town conducting an educational campaign for the Riverton Lime company which he represents. He will speak to the young people of the county through the public schools.

For the Lion Tamers' club we recommend General Daves and Lemine as well as Kemal Pasha.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS FORCING AHEAD AT A RAPID PACE

Citizens of Williamston Realizing the Good to Be Derived From the Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce drive for membership is on in full force. Remarkable success has been attained. There seems to be a general spirit of cooperation. Every one seems to realize that Williamston is a good town and they are willing to help make it a better town. The membership fee is small. "We need you," and "you need us."

Below is a list of the names who have already joined and if your name is not already on the list, see that it is added to it in Friday's edition of The Enterprise.

Don't wait for the committee to go to see you, you go to see the committee. If you have already joined and through error your name has been omitted from the list, please notify the secretary.

Anderson, Crawford & Co.  
Anderson, Oscar  
Anderson, J. C.  
Anderson, Hugh B.  
Anderson, Garland  
Andrews, J. W.  
B. R. Barnhill's Garage  
Brewer, Lee  
Browning, J. R.  
Bennett, Lewis  
Britt Hotel  
Britt, H. M.  
Boney and Hostetler  
Blount, Geo. W.  
Brown, Robert  
Brown, P. H.  
Barnes, F. U.  
Biggs, S. R., Drug Co.  
Biggs, Harry  
Biggs, S. R., Iron and Motor Co.  
Biggs and Stalls  
Criteher, Roger  
Criteher and Criteher  
Cunningham, E. P.  
Courtney, B. S.  
Clark, C. B.  
Castaphen, C. D.  
Carstaphen, C. D., Jr.  
Cone, P. B.  
Coltrin, J. K.  
Crawford, K. B.  
Crawford, A. T.  
Dunning, Moore and Horton  
Dunn Plumbing Co.  
Davis, M. J.  
Fowden Drug Co.  
Fowden and Hassell  
Farmers and Merchants Bank  
Flemming, C. R.  
Griffin, R. T.  
Griffin, W. O.  
Graves, F. W.  
Gurkin, Henry  
Green, N. C.  
Godwin, B. F.  
Gurganus, Eli and Son  
Gurganus, Frank  
Hassell, J. L.  
Hassell, A.  
Harrison Wholesale Co.  
Harrison, W. N.  
Harrison, R. G.  
Harrison, Norman  
Harrison, Henry  
Harrison Bros. and Co.  
Harrell, J. Ed.  
Hunter, W. J.  
Hitch, Frank  
Hadley, S. S.  
Hardison, G. W.  
Hodges, W. J.  
Hodges, B. W.  
Harris, R. H.  
Hoyt, F. W.  
Leggett, Bob  
Lilley, Simon  
Lamb, W. G.  
Leggett, J. A.  
Manning, J. O.  
Manning, A. J.  
Manning, S. W.  
Manning, Jno. A.  
Margolis, Bros. and Brooks  
Meadows, W. T.  
Martin County Savings and Trust Company  
Martin County Building and Loan  
Martin, Wheeler  
Meador, Harry  
Moore, Maurice  
Moore, C. O.  
Orleans, W. R.  
Peel, Noah  
Peel, John  
Peel, Elbert S.  
Peel, Julius  
Peel, Lawrence  
Peel, H. D.  
Peel, Colin  
Parfer, W. K.  
Price, J. T.  
Perry, Albert T.  
Page, C. F.  
Pope, John E.  
Rhodes, Dr. J. S.  
Rogerson, John L.  
Rogerson, Theo., and Co.  
Ray, S. C.  
Rosaque and Dixie Warehouse Co.  
Sauders, Dr. J. H.  
Smith, Richard  
Staton, J. G.  
Spano, J. G.

## DEATH OF MRS. MARY ANN HARDISON AT LIGHTFOOT

Mrs. Mary Ann Hardison died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Roberson at the Lightfoot mill, Saturday morning, and was buried on Sunday evening at the St. Loam grave yard.

Mrs. Hardison was sixty eight years old last April. She was the daughter of Perry Lilley. She married the late I. Wiggins Hardison, who died twenty two years ago. She leaves two children, Mrs. Luther Hardison and Mrs. W. W. Roberson of Jamesville, also two brothers, Mr. W. J. Lilley of Smithwick's Creek and Rev. J. W. Lilley of Savannah, Ga., and three sisters, Mrs. Dona Stallings of Jamesville and Mrs. R. B. Brown and Mrs. Alphonso Ward of Wendell.

Mrs. Hardison had been a member of the Methodist church for more than forty years and was devoted to the church of her faith.

## Actual Reduction In Freight Rates

New List of Rates Represents First Fruits of Rate Battle With Virginia

Greensboro, Dec. 2.—Officers and members of the North Carolina Traffic association are in receipt of a list of special or commodity rates, the result of the fight against the discriminations formerly in favor of the Virginia cities. The rates, which will go into effect on next January 1, are an indication of the end in a long chapter in the celebrated case, extending over a period of years during which every inch of ground was stubbornly fought.

They enable North Carolina jobbers and other shippers to do business without this terrible handicap under which they suffered when the railroads made Virginia a base for rate making purposes, adding to the cost of articles sold and shipped from North Carolina points. The new rates mean a tremendous saving.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting the railroads to publish the rates.

According to a statement issued by the Traffic association, of which Charles H. Ireland, of this city, is president, the new rates are actual reductions and mean the savings of thousands of dollars to the shipping public as well as the consuming public of North Carolina. They cover in many instances food products.

## LEADS EASTERN CAROLINA IN PURE BRED SWINE

The Hog Cholera Expert Compliments Craven

New Bern, Nov. 30.—Craven county leads Eastern North Carolina in the number of pure bred swine, according to Dr. C. C. Hunt, in charge of hog cholera control for this district, who complimented the county today on its great success in establishing pure bred stock by means of extensive pig club operations.

Messrs. I. F. Griffin and S. C. Griffin were in town today.

In the age of acorns antecedent to Ceres and the royal ploughman Tripolemus, a single barley corn had been of more value to mankind than all the diamonds that glowed in the mines of India.—H. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Roberson and Mr. Mrs. Johnson Corey were here to attend the farmers' meeting today.

Plans for winter work should include clearing up of rubbish in the cotton fields where the boll weevil was present this season, says extension workers of the State college and department of agriculture. This is a good preventive measure.

Bee keeping offers good returns for the money. Some owners are getting from \$600 to \$750 from 50 to 100 colonies in modern hives and only expend from 5 to 6 days each year caring for the bees.

Taylor, W. Joe  
Taylor, Raymond  
Watts, J. W.  
Watts, J. W., Jr.  
Watts Grocery  
Ward, J. Herbert  
Woolard, J. D.  
Warren, Dr. W. E.  
Williams, W. H.  
Williams, J. L.  
Wilson, Marshall  
White, Arthur  
Wynne, Earle  
Williamston Telephone Company  
York's Garage

## A VERY FAT TURKEY FOR OLD MAN JOHN D.

"Ship Bonus Bill Is the Standard Oil Company's Thanksgiving Turkey

Describing President Harding's ship bonus bill as "a Thanksgiving turkey for Standard oil," Representative Frear of Wisconsin, in the course of a speech against the measure in the house of representatives, pointed out that the principal beneficiaries of the loans, subsidies, and tax exemptions proposed would be the most powerful trusts in the country.

One of the concerns which would benefit from the bestowal of public funds on private interests, Mr. Frear alleged, was the Gulf, Tidewater and Sinclair Oil company, which he said was known as "the Mellon Oil company." He proposed to show by publication of correspondence he has with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Mr. Frear told the house, that "Mr. Mellon started the stock dividend melon cutting with the G. B. Bull Oil company for the Standard Oil and other companies, which later followed suit with over a billion and a half dollars in the aggregate."

Representative Frear then quoted testimony given before the house committee on merchant marine to the effect that the Standard Oil company, the United States Steel corporation, and the United States Fruit company are the principal owners of the 3,100,000 tons of cargo shipping now in foreign trade under the American flag.

The International Mercantile Marine is the largest owner of the 500,000 tons of passenger vessels now operating under the American flag according to this testimony.

This great Standard Oil company will get enormous benefits under this bill. Let me tell you what it will get. Standard Oil and Steel are to buy more ships under the bill at 2 per cent interest rates—or less than the government pays for the money they borrow to loan these great companies. The farmers of the country generally pay from 7 to 10 per cent interest on their loans, and the farmers of my state are selling potatoes at 23 cents and wheat around \$1 a bushel, while the average income of 10,000,000 farmers last year was far below \$500.

"Standard Oil under this bill can borrow from the government at 2 per cent for 15 years, while the government pays more than double that rate for the same money and the farmer often pays four times that rate.

"Under this bill Standard Oil gets many millions annually for its ships that carry its own oil, that it thereafter sold at 77-12 per cent net profit. Our farmers are paying higher freight rates than ever before and selling their products often below cost.

"President Harding vetoed the soldier's bonus bill because it did not have a sales tax, and we now face a \$670,000,000 treasury deficiency due to the repeal of the excess profits tax. This subsidy bill will take many millions more from the treasury in tax refunds that are already estimated to reach upward of \$500,000,000. How much more will be lost to the treasury under this bill nobody knows."

Representative Frear declared that in direct and indirect subsidies the bill will cost the taxpayers \$75,000,000 a year. None of the proponents of the bill or the republican leaders challenged Mr. Frear's statement of fact.

Following Mr. Frear's speech, Representative Tinker of Kansas attacked the measure and called on his republican colleague in charge of the bill to refute, if they could, the allegations that the Standard Oil company, the U. S. Steel corporation, and the United States Fruit company would be the chief beneficiaries of the subsidies.

"If that statement is true and cannot be successfully denied, then the democratic party will be the principal beneficiary by the enactment of any such legislation as this," declared Representative Tinker.

His statement was applauded by republicans as well as democrats in the chamber.

## CO-OPS HOLDING COUNTY MEETINGS

Tobacco and Cotton Growers Join Their Forces in Eastern North Carolina

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Mass meetings of tobacco growers in 22 counties of North Carolina started on Monday of this week, are being held to furnish members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative association with the latest information from headquarters.

Coming on the eve of a second payment to members in this territory, these meetings are expected to draw record crowds. In eastern Carolina counties, members of the Cotton Growers Cooperative association are going to these meetings.

Dr. Clarence Poe and B. W. Killebrew are to address meetings in six eastern counties, while growers at other meetings are to hear talks from W. J. Works of Kentucky and J. E. Rogers of Virginia. L. V. Morrill, Jr., is holding eight county meetings in the central belt, beginning at Roxboro and ending at Burlington, December 13.

Following on the second big legal victory of the association in the superior court at Raleigh last week, the legal department of the association is preparing for the first cases to be tried in Virginia at Halifax court house, and are appearing again at Nashville in the case of W. T. Jones, who is cited for contempt of court.

In South Carolina, Clemson college and the South Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association are cooperating with the tobacco growers in organizing county and community locals to work for a larger sign up.

Reports of high average first advances on single loads of tobacco continue to come in from many points. Markets reporting advances ranging from 18 to 23 cents include: Fuquay Springs, Stoneville, Walnut Cove, Roxboro, Smithfield, Wendell, Altaville, Chatham, Chase City and Brookneal.

Put in your winter evenings studying the farm business. Write the agricultural extension service at Raleigh for a list of available bulletins. They are free for the asking.

## BOX PARTY

The Sunday school and school of the Biggs school house will have a box party on Friday night, of this week at the Biggs school house for the benefit of a Christmas tree. Everybody is cordially invited.

## SADDER, POORER, WISER

Bill Webb, an industrious tenant residing on a farm of Mr. Lawrence Evans about three miles from Nashville, could not be induced to exercise better care of his hard-earned cash by depositing it in the bank where it would be subject to his call and constantly protected by the bank officials but chose rather to keep it secreted about his home, hiding it first one place and then another, gradually adding to it until the sum was more than \$630 and this amount he hid behind the old picture hanging over the fire place.

During his absence on last Saturday some one entered Bill's home and while admiring the pictures, and investigating trunks, drawers, etc., they came across Bill's roll, confiscated it and left for parts unknown, without leaving his calling card.

Of course Bill had no bank pass book or check book to refer to in an effort to find the visitor's former address, but is trying to console himself with the thought that in some manner the officers of the law will apprehend the culprit.—The Graphic.

## METHODIST LADIES TO HAVE BAZAAR FRIDAY

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will have a bazaar on next Friday evening beginning at 6:30 o'clock. There will be served a regular supper which will be a treat to those wanting to take a meal out for a change. There will also be many dainty hand made articles suitable for Christmas presents, so be sure and go to the bazaar early if you want to have first choice at these pretty and attractive displays of Christmas gifts.

## QUARANTINE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1922

Cases Reported Are: Small Pox 4, Diphtheria 20, and Scarlet Fever 6.

There was a great deal less number of these contagious diseases than in any other month, due, I think, to the hearty cooperation of the patients, teachers and physicians of the county for which, I feel very grateful.

Dr. J. H. Saunders reported 4  
Dr. A. V. Ward reported 10  
Dr. J. E. Ward reported 1  
Dr. R. J. Nelson reported 2  
Dr. E. E. Pittman reported 4  
Dr. E. M. Long reported 1  
Dr. J. S. Rhodes reported 1  
Dr. Wm. E. Warren reported 4  
Dr. C. Garrenton reported 7  
Dr. W. H. Ward reported 1

Total 30

Wm. E. WARREN,  
Quarantine Officer.

## COUNTY OFFICERS TOOK OATH OF OFFICE MONDAY

Other Matters of Interest Attended to by New Board of County Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday, December 4, 1922, at 10 o'clock. Those present were, John B. Harrison, chairman, Joshua A. Coltrin, Henry C. Green, Henry D. Lee, and Dr. J. H. Saunders, members of the retiring board. After comparing notes and matters which had been unfinished at the last meeting, the meeting adjourned.

The commissioners elect, namely: Henry C. Green, C. A. Rowan, W. D. Scarborough, J. A. Barrinton and V. B. Taylor, all being present, were sworn into office by H. J. Lee, clerk of the superior court, after which they organized by electing Henry C. Green chairman.

Then H. T. Roberson, sheriff elect, presented his official bond and was qualified by taking the oath of office. Next, S. S. Brown, register of deeds elect, presented his bond, which was accepted and took the oath of office, and K. J. Peel, clerk of the superior court elect, presented his official bond and was duly qualified by taking the oath of office.

C. D. Carstaphen, treasurer elect, presented his bond and took the oath of office.

It was ordered by the board that B. F. Godwin make a statement of the Williamston township bonds before considering his resignation as treasurer of said district.

S. J. Tetterton presented his bond as constable of Williamston township, which was accepted and he took the oath of office.

The board ordered that a public road be laid out connecting the old and new Washington road, the same to pass the residences of W. H. and W. D. Daniel.

Mrs. B. H. Ross of Robersonville was released from the payment of tax on \$133 in personal property improperly listed.

J. B. Knight was allowed \$5 for inquest of Henry Hopkins.

John D. Cherry was appointed the keeper of the county home for the coming year at a salary of \$50 per month.

Clayton Moore was elected county attorney for the coming year at a retainer's fee of \$100 for the year.

Charles Keel of Robersonville township was released from paying \$3 dog tax improperly listed.

J. E. Edmondson of Hamilton presented his official bond as constable which was accepted and he took the oath of office.

The board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, December 13th, at 10:00 a. m.

## WHAT ARE BIRDS WORTH?

A great deal of agitation has been put forward in the past few weeks in regard to conserving the birds. This matter has been advanced, not only by the Audubon Society but by agricultural experts and scientific institutions as well for the care and protection of the birds of our native land.

And well may this warning be heeded. The small boy with his air gun or sling shot may not do a great deal of harm in this way of reckoning; but every bird killed is adding to thousands of insects that would have been destroyed. It is also taking from the birds one mate for increasing the number that we should have.

Among the most interesting and beautiful of nature's gifts to man are the birds and the study of the bird's habits. The only native birds of the south are interesting and will soon with proper understanding become very tame and can be watched as they prepare their nests and feed their young. This is especially true of the mocking bird, brown thrush and many other of our beautiful feathered friends.

Scientists say that mankind's greatest war will be with insects, and we are fast approaching that stage now, as the birds are thinned out. Your father remembers when birds were common as sparrows around the city are now. Every clump of bushes and hedge had its many nests and raised its young almost at the doors of the houses. Now, cats and air guns and other harmless weapons—in a manner—have set about one of the greatest mistakes of mankind, and the time has come when a checking-up on the wanton, reckless waste of bird life must cease for the good of humanity and the future of the race.

Let the children learn the love of the birds and the sport of the gun and they will receive as much benefit from that as they do from their destruction.