

THE ENTERPRISE

Published Every Tuesday and Friday by the ENTERPRISE PUBLISHING CO. WILLIAMSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

W. C. Manning Editor

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

IN MARTIN COUNTY One year \$1.50 Six months .75 OUTSIDE MARTIN COUNTY One year \$2.00 Six months 1.00 No Subscription Received for Less Than 6 Months

Advertising Rate Card Furnished Upon Request

Entered at the post office in Williamston, N. C., as second-class matter under the act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Address all communications to The Enterprise and not individual members of the firm.

Friday, August 6, 1937

Where Are They?

Now that President Roosevelt's court reform plan has been knifed by the liberty-loving few, what have they to say about taking the question to the people, who are supposedly the source of power in this democracy? They who so willingly expressed the desire to abide by the will of the people and who were so anxious to let the people reform the court by constitutional amendment, apparently have forgotten all about the court, and in their muddled minds they entertain a great feeling of satisfaction that the constitution is safe. The voices of the millions have not reached the ears of those lovers of an out-moded constitution. If the leaders of this nation, or those occupying the seats, would only wake up, turn off the big main streets and recognize the fact that the wishes and wants of millions are not represented in the syndicated columns of high-salaried theorists, there would be a new reckoning for them.

Sensing the wishes of the people months ago, President Roosevelt advanced the program for a needed reform of the judiciary. Almost everyone agreed that reform was needed, but those who valued liberty for the classes and apparently not for the masses wanted to have the reform effected by the amendment process handled by the people. Those who favored the plan apparently have forgotten all about it, and one has reason to believe that they used the argument to defeat the court plan and that they never had any idea of releasing their hold on government that the common masses might express themselves.

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Wheeler, the two men who have yelled loudest about dictatorship, should release their hold on the throats of the people and lead the fight to place the supreme court question before the people. And when Mr. Bailey does that, he will have done about the first decent and democratic act since he has been in the United States Senate.

Mr. Bailey's record will not support such a democratic step. It is certain that he would even attack such a movement, probably not only, but in a sneaking and underhanded way.

Placing Responsibility

Not so many weeks ago certain leaders of industry refused to sign labor contracts because the C. I. O., they maintained, was not responsible for the violent acts of labor. Briefly stated, those business leaders held the C. I. O. responsible for every act of the individual, whether that individual was associated with the Committee for Industrial Organization or a stray wolf outside all labor ranks.

Many of those same business leaders have bitterly attacked the administration, our form of government giving them freedom to give vent to their expressions. More recently, others have directed attacks that are libelous, unfounded and uncalled for. Even Tom Girdler, the strong anti-administration man that he is, would not think of accepting the responsibility for the defamatory remarks and attacks. It is just as reasonable for him to accept the blame for those attacks as it is to expect John L. Lewis, C. I. O. head, to accept the blame for every violent act created in the ranks of labor.

It would have been just as logical for Lewis to have refused to sign a contract with Girdler until Girdler got his own house in order and checked the spread of stories and reports that were unfounded and unfair to labor.

Tom Girdler and others of his ilk glory in the defamatory remarks and attacks directed against the administration and members of Mr. Roosevelt's family, forgetting that they are just as much responsible for them as John L. Lewis is for the cowardly act of any individual.

Red Tape

Under the direction of a state liquor board, the handling of legal liquor sales in North Carolina's oasis is apparently headed for one big muddle. The political feature is not considered, but an endless system of red tape is causing concern among those who took the business in its infancy and did a good job of handling it.

Reports, totaling a round dozen in number, are to be prepared for the state board ever so often, and it is believed that the employment of special bookkeepers will be necessary to handle the data wanted by the state liquor authorities. The reports, complicated and detailed almost to a disgusting point, are quite expensive, some costing as much as \$260 per 1,000. It is almost apparent that a man in Raleigh can review the reports and tell with minute accuracy how many times a clerk in a Pasquotank store turns around during the day and why.

Board chairmen—in some counties are said to be planning an appeal to the state authorities for fewer and more simplified forms.

Haphazard methods employed in keeping records in the past exacted heavy losses and held the business operators in the dark, so to speak, but the modern system of keeping records that make up an unbroken line of red tape is, we dare say, costing quite a sum. And many business operators are still in the dark with it.

Need Farm Legislation

Rocky Mount Herald

It has been clearly demonstrated by this Democratic Administration that the Government can protect the farmer in seeing that he receives a fair return for his crops. From the beginning of this Government, the manufacturers of the north and almost the entire country have received Government aid through high tariff schedules which were put on directly as a subsidy for business; yet these same manufacturers, many in our own state, take the position that the government should absolutely keep its hands off of any aid to the farmers. When President Roosevelt was inaugurated the country was in a practical state of revolution, and if there had not been a change in the administration, it is thought that there would have been a break-down in the orderly processes of business and government. The people were starving. In our town half of our population was undernourished and underfed. There is now pending before the Congress of the United States agricultural legislation and the great farmer organizations of the country are insisting that some form of legislation which would protect the farmer be enacted at this session. From the feeling that exists throughout the country, we believe that it would be unwise for Congress to adjourn without making some effort to protect the farmer in this year's crops.

Senator Bailey has taken the position in this Congress, as he has in every other Congress that he has been a member of, that nothing should be done for the farmer and that labor be allowed to exist in the same manner. He has a perfect record, in fact it has been 100 per cent plus against the farmer and against labor. Yet it is very consistent from the beginning until now. When his term is out, he can say that he did in the second term just as he did in the first. The President of the Farm Bureau of North Carolina has the sympathetic ear of the agricultural interests of North Carolina when he states that unless the farmers receive a fair price for their tobacco that they will insist that the warehouses be closed until a proper solution can be worked out.

The Line Forms on the Right

Raleigh News and Observer

Nothing has been stranger in all this anti-Roosevelt business than the repeated attempts to discredit the administration by finding fault with the President's family.

As for Mrs. Roosevelt, she has won the country's admiration by the serene way she has taken these attacks on herself and her charitable concerns. She has rarely turned on the feists who have barked at her heels or paid undue attention when the dirt-clods and decayed eggs of partisanship have been thrown at her smiling head. She has stood in the open while her assailants have done their sniping from ambush. Her good sportsmanship has made her critics look like small potatoes, and her own poise has revealed that they themselves have none.

A more ungallant crew of politicians never tried to scuttle a ship or tried to besmirch a man through his wife.

The abortive flurry, inaugurated by Representative Hamilton Fish, has had a wholesome effect. Mrs. Roosevelt donated her services to certain charitable enterprises. She neither received nor even saw any of the \$30,000 which these charities received in payment for these services.

Thanks to the ruling of the Treasury Department and its vindication under Congressional investigation, it is now clear that the benevolent minded are free to contribute their services to charity without paying a Federal tax for the privilege. Doubtless there will be no grand rush of the wealthy or the able to avail themselves of this clearly defined loophole, but first place in the line of scrimmaging tax avoiders ought to be reserved for Representative Fish, chief defender of tax dodging in general.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Go To Church Sunday

PRESBYTERIAN

Williamston church school at 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.

Bear Grass Church School at 10 a. m. Young people at 7 p. m. Worship service and sermon at 8 p. m. Roberson's Chapel Worship Service and Sermon at 4 p. m.

Poplar Point Worship service and sermon at 2 p. m. Harrison's Church School at 2 p. m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at each of the worship services. The subject of the meditation will be "What does it mean to take up the Cross and follow Jesus Today?"

BAPTIST

Piney Grove Services Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct the regular services in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and the following morning at the same hour, the minister announced yesterday from Swan Quarter.

CHRISTIAN

Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, will preach in the Christian church here Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

The Sunday school will convene at the usual hour, 9:45.

THE LETTER-BOX

EXCEPT DURING AUGUST

By H. Ross Greer

"The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him except on the Sundays in August." If the vestry were willing for him to read the opening sentence thus on the Sundays in July, a fellow rector was willing to follow the suggestion of the vestry that the Church be closed during August. Needless to say the vestry was not willing and the Church was not closed. After all there are 168 hours in the week and it is hardly decent to consider giving up even the one hour a week that is set apart for the public and corporate worship of God. Surely, even in August, we should assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Perhaps particularly during August do we need to offer unto the Lord "our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice."

CARLOAD — 13,200 CANS — NEW Texaco Motor Oil just arrived. A high quality motor oil for 25 cents a quart. Harrison Oil Co.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County: Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Helen Slade Rhodes, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present same to the undersigned, or his attorney, within 12 months of the date hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 6th day of July, 1937. JAMES S. RHODES, Administrator.

Elbert S. Peel, Attorney.

DR. V. H. MEWBORN

OP-TOM-E-TRIST Williamston office Peele Jly Co., every Fri, 9:30 a. m. to 12 m. Plymouth office Liverman Drug Co., every Fri, 2 to 5 p. m. Robersonville office Robersonville Drug Co., Tuesday, August 17. Eyes Examined - Glasses Fitted At Tarboro Every Saturday

Up in the Morning Feeling Fine!

The refreshing relief so many folks say they get by taking Black-Draught for constipation makes them enthusiastic about this famous, purely vegetable laxative. Black-Draught puts the digestive tract in better condition to act regularly, every day, without your continually having to take medicine to move the bowels. Best time, be sure to try.

BLACK-DRAUGHT A GOOD LAXATIVE

Tired, Aching, Swollen Feet

This wonderful preparation now known all over America as Moore's Emerald Oil is so effective in the treatment of common everyday foot troubles that the unbearable aches and pains often steps with one application. Moore's Emerald Oil is safe and pleasant to use. It doesn't stain or leave a greasy residue. It is so perfectly conditioned that unpleasant odors resulting from perspiration and perspiration are instantly killed. One bottle will relieve you of all foot ailments. Ask your druggist for a bottle of Moore's Emerald Oil. Any druggist in the country will be glad to supply you.

At Clark's Drug Store

CHARGED WITH MURDER

"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?"

A solemn hush fell over the crowded courtroom, and every person waited in almost breathless expectation for the answer to the judge's question. The judge waited with a dignified silence.

Not a whisper was heard anywhere, and the situation had become painfully oppressive, when the prisoner was seen to move, his head raised, his hand clenched, and the blood rushed into his dull, careworn face.

"I have! Your Honor, you have asked me a question, and now I ask, as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through."

"I stand here, before this bar, convicted of the wilful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard, a wretch, that I returned from one of my prolonged debauches and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife that I had sworn to love, cherish and protect."

"While I have no remembrance of committing the fatal deed, I have no right to condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jury in this case, for the verdict is in accordance with the evidence."

"But, may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife."

The startling statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers wheeled around and faced the prisoner, while the spectators could hardly suppress their intense excitement.

The prisoner paused a few seconds and then continued in the same firm, distinct voice:

"I repeat, your honor, that I am not the only one guilty of the murder of my wife."

The judge on this bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers within the bar, and most of the witnesses, including the pastor of the old church, are also guilty before Almighty God and will have to stand with me before His Judgment Throne, where we shall be justly judged.

"If it had not been for the saloons of my town, I never would have become a drunkard, my wife would not have been murdered, I would not be here now, ready to be hurled into eternity! Had it not been for the inhuman traps, I would have been a sober man and an industrious workman, a tender father and a loving

Sunday School, Too!

husband. But today my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my little children—God bless and care for them—cast out upon the mercy of the world!—whilst I am to be hung by the strong arm of the state!

"God knows I tried to reform, but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway, my weak, diseased, willpower was no match against the fearful, consuming, agonizing appetite for liquor. For one year our town was without a saloon. For one year my wife and children were happy and our little home was a paradise."

"I was one of those who signed remonstrances against the reopening of the saloons of our town. One-half of this jury, the prosecuting attorney who sits on this bench, all voted for the saloons! By their votes and influence the saloons were reopened, and they made me what I am!"

The impassioned words of the prisoner fell like coals of fire upon the hearts of those present, and many of the spectators and some of the lawyers were moved to tears.

The judge made a motion as if to stop further speech, when the prisoner hastily said:

"No! No! your honor, do not close my lips. I am nearly through."

"I began my downward career at a saloon bar—legalized and protected by the voters of this town. After the saloons you allowed have made me a drunkard and a murderer, I am taken before another bar—the bar of justice, and now the law power will conduct me to the place of execution, and hasten my soul to Eternity. I shall appear before another bar—the Judgment Bar of

God—and there you, who have legalized the traffic, will have to appear with me! Think you that the Great Judge will hold me, the poor, weak, helpless victim of your traffic, alone responsible for the murder of my wife?

"Nay!" "In my drunken frenzied irresponsible condition I have murdered one, but you have deliberately voted for the saloons which have murdered thousands, and they are in full operation today with your consent."

"All of you know in your hearts that these words of mine are not the ravings of an unsound mind, but God Almighty's truth."

"You legalized the saloons and made me a drunkard and a murderer, and you are guilty with me before God for the murder of my wife."

"Your honor, I am done. I am now ready to receive my sentence and be led forth to the place of execution. You will close by asking the Lord to have mercy on my soul, I will close by solemnly asking God to open your blind eyes to your own individual responsibility, so that you will cease to give your support to this dreadful traffic."

100 CASES — 2,400 CANS — HAVOLINE and New Texaco Motor Oils unloaded this week. Two great motor oils keeping pace with our great nation. "Chick" Manning, Central Service Station.



A BETTER MOTOR OIL HARRISON OIL CO.

Williamston Plumbing and Heating Supply Company

W. E. DUNN, Manager

Plumbing and Heating Supplies

GET OUR PRICES ON INSTALLATIONS

Visit Our Showrooms and Select Your Plumbing Fixtures

PROVED EARNING POWER Safeguards Shareholders

IN THE

Martin County Building and Loan Association

The earning power of the Martin County Building and Loan Association has been tried and tested over a period of 23 years.

Through booms and depressions—good times and bad—the Association has conclusively demonstrated its ability to continue to maintain attractive earnings for its shareholders.

That the people of Williamston realize the full significance of this well-sustained earning power is evidenced by the substantial growth of the Association.

Full Paid Income Shares

A popular savings plan, paying 4 per cent per annum. Shares purchased by payment of the full par value of \$100.00. Dividends mailed semi-annually, July 1st and January 1st.

Individual Deposits Now Accepted From \$100.00 To \$5,000.00

We solicit your savings, based on our twenty-three-year record of continuous service, safety and attractive earnings.

Martin County Building and Loan Association

ASSETS OVER \$250,000

WHEELER MARTIN Secretary

PHONE 27 Williamston, N. C.

PROGRAM FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 9

Turnage Theatre — Washington, N. C.

Monday and Tuesday August 9-10 "CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS" Freddie Bartholomew and Spencer Tracy

Wednesday DOUBLE FEATURE August 11 "Women of Glamour," Virginia Bruce "Riders of the Whistling Skull" with BOB LIVINGSTON

Thursday-Friday August 12-13 "A STAR IS BORN" with JANEY GAYNOR, FREDERIC MARCH

Saturday August 14 "Winds of Wasteland" John Wayne OWL SHOW "The Go-Getter" George Brent

ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS