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STILL DIVIDED

North Carolina's Senators, whose division of opinion has become traditional, again part company on the President's work relief bill. This time, however, Mr. Bailey is shown voting against the President while Mr. Reynolds is standing pat for the Administration. In joining the conservative bloc Bailey would have cut the President's \$4,980,000,000 public works request down to \$1,880,000,000.

A few days ago Bob Reynolds was roundly cussed through the newspapers for supporting a wage amendment which run counter to Administration proposals, and now we are wondering if Bailey will fall heir to the same criticism, when he struck deeper into the vitals of the white hope of recovery. While professing a personal fondness for both our Senators, it seems eminently fitting that the more dignified of the two should be held accountable for his votes same as Cap'n Bob, especially since Josiah William first strayed from Administration pastures way back, and made sort of a regular practice out of his insurgency.

THE PRISON PROBE

The loss of both feet by two negro convicts in a Mecklenburg prison camp, allegedly after the pedal extremities had frozen, "died" and all but rotted from the effects of "hanging up" in a dark cell, has precipitated a legislative investigation of the camps throughout the State, which may or may not get anywhere.

The revolting circumstance has given rise to a flood of evidence from different quarters tending to show that prisoners have been damaged, perhaps permanently, by the treatment which was substituted for the use of the lash several years ago. Much of the evidence submitted to the investigators is certainly untrue, but the average mind has at the same time recorded as a certainty that there has been in some instances grave abuse of prison authority and subsequent revolting toying with human misery. Some of the stories told carry the imagination back to the despotic practices of ancient history, when distorted minds of tyrannical rulers were used chiefly to conjure up new methods of torturing the flesh of enslaved subjects. While North Carolina has not drawn and quartered or broken any nigger on the wheel, neither has it resorted to the use of the thumbscrew—the thought of hanging convicts to the bars of a dark cell to be tortured, frozen and maimed for life, is scarcely less revolting. To say the least, it's a step backward toward the dark ages of social reform.

Most prison camps in North Carolina are operated by men of reputation and integrity, who carry out their duties to the State and to its felons in conscientious fashion, but the system has developed a beastly disposition on the part of a minority.

There ought to be some better way of dealing with convicts than through the agency of the antiquated chain-gang, but pending the day when society can more efficiently protect itself, it is to be hoped that the investigation now in progress will at least replace some of the rotted timber in the penal structure. No governing group should expect to strengthen its position by applying the well-known coating of political white-wash in this instance.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

By BRUCE BARTON

TRUE, TO THE END

The king of the country was Josiah, who meant well and tried to bring about a revival of religion. Apparently Jeremiah correctly estimated the ineffectiveness of Josiah's character and realized that the improvement was merely superficial. At any rate, he did not ally himself with the reform movement, which quickly died after the king's death.

From this time on, under the driving king Jehoiakim, Jeremiah was a stormy voice, denouncing wickedness in the nation and folly at court, and prophesying that Nebuchadnezzar would surely conquer Jerusalem. He was imprisoned. When he had written out his sermons and prophecies and was reading them at court, the king took the roll, snatched it with a pen knife and threw it into the open fire. Finally the prophet was compelled to flee with a little group of refugees into Egypt.

There the women of the company found a new fad in religion. When Jeremiah spoke to the men, saying, "Stop your wives from worshipping the moon," they bluntly refused.

Then all the men which knew that their wives had burnt incense unto other gods, answered Jeremiah, saying,

As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the Lord, we will not hearken unto thee.

But we will certainly do whatever thing goeth forth out of our mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

In other words, the Lord would look after us and the Moon does; why should we stick to the Lord? It was the question that Jeremiah himself had to face on almost every day of his lonely, persecuted life. His Gethsemane is in chapter twenty, verses seven to nine. "O, God! I did as you told me and you didn't stand by me!" He would have liked to abandon it, but the word of the Lord was "in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones." He could not escape his destiny, even though it led him over a pathway of thorns and caused him at last to be stoned to death.

The book is badly jumbled up, and only by following the lead of scholars can one know how to read it in order to get a clear picture. Yet even the most desultory reading reveals the majesty of the figure that stalks through its pages. No man ever spoke the truth at greater personal sacrifice. Jeremiah stood firm against the threat of the court and the anger of the crowd; noblest of all he stood firm when God himself seemed to have broken His promises and abandoned His messenger.

Next Week: Judas Maccabaeus

Record of Deaths

JOSEPH F. CALLOWAY Joseph F. Calloway, 78 years old, died at his home at Todd last Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, and interment was in the family cemetery. Rev. W. L. Stout of Elk Park, Rev. P. M. Hayes, Matthews Creek, N. C., and Rev. Connelly Greer of Mountain City, Tenn., took part in the obsequies.

Mr. Calloway was a son of Marshal Calloway of Ashe County and Sallie Cook Calloway, a native Wataugan. He was a farmer by occupation and a consistent member of the Christian Church for more than forty years. He was known as an upright and useful citizen.

Surviving is the widow and four children: Mrs. Beulah Eldredge, William, Gladys and Hazel, of Todd.

CHARLES MILLER

Charles Miller, for many years an engineer on the Linville River Railway, died at his home in Pineola on Sunday morning, March 10th, at 10 a. m. following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock from Pineola Baptist Church, with Rev. F. Camp of Newland in charge. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow; three sons, Edward, Earnest and Robert Miller; three sisters and two brothers, one of whom is Mr. James Miller of East Boone.

Mr. Miller had spent much time on this end of the "narrow-gauge" during his years of active work, and enjoyed a large circle of local friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Angel, son Bruce, and Mrs. Mack Luttrell attended the funeral services. Mr. Miller was a brother-in-law of Mr. Angel.

Extension Circular 122, "Farm and Home Garden Manual," is available free of charge to North Carolina citizens on application to the agricultural editor at State College.

BOYS AND GIRLS!

A chance for boys and girls to study aviation and become members of the Junior Birdmen of America, the largest organization of its kind in the country, is offered through the columns of the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. Get your copy of the Baltimore American from your favorite newsdealer or newsboy and find out about this club for air-minded youngsters.

Temperance Is Plea Of Dr. J. C. Owens

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tauga Citizens Association adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, all human history shows beyond doubt that strong drink is man's oldest and most deadly enemy, and

"Whereas, it has been acknowledged by the thoughtful observer in all ages as the arch destroyer and despoiler of the home, the school and the Church, and

"Whereas, through its insidious work by bribery and otherwise governments have been corrupted even to the point where strong drink has entered the halls of justice and has there left its slimy trail, and

"Whereas, the accumulated wisdom of the ages through which the human race has struggled onward and upward, brands strong drink as an outlaw that has refused to obey any law at any time and that the only way to best meet the challenge is by fighting it without compromise, and

"Whereas, the people of North Carolina made it an outlaw in 1905 by a large majority and in 1933, after a quarter of a century of the greatest progress the State has ever made in education, industry, agriculture and otherwise, they again voted by a majority of almost 185,000 that it is still an outlaw and should be treated as such, and

"Whereas, a few members of the present General Assembly of North Carolina for reasons best known to themselves, want our State to go into the liquor business, and thereby, they say, make the outlaw a respectable business through which to collect revenue for the State, and

"Whereas, in keeping with the expressed wishes of the people of N. C., there is another bill before the General Assembly of North Carolina which provided for the better enforcement of the present dry laws of the State, and

"Whereas, there is no case on record where the revenue derived from the sale of liquor has shown a net profit to the government although in every case an increased consumption of liquor has resulted, and

"Whereas, our splendid system of highways and the wide use of the automobile has increased the destructiveness of liquor to both life and property, now, therefore,

"Be It Resolved, that the Watauga County Citizens Association reaffirm its belief that the Turlington Act is the best means yet devised for the control of the liquor traffic in North Carolina, and that we favor enacting legislation to strengthen it; and be it further resolved that we urge our Representative, Hon. Dean Swift, and our Senator, Hon. Dalton Warren, to use their influence to defeat the so-called Hill Bill or any other legislation that has for its purpose the legalization of liquor in North Carolina."

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES AT BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL

The last game of boy's intra-mural basketball was played last week. A great deal of interest was shown to the very last in this feature of our athletic program. In the large boys' division the team of Buster Wilson lead. The names of the players and the points made in the last two weeks follow:

Euster Wilson 30, Bynum Lawrence 48, Dallas Bunton 2, Doughton Tester 3, Joe Wilson 25.

Narvic Rominger, as captain of one of the teams of smaller boys, led his players in a close hard race to a win in that division. He was ably assisted by Ivan Dishman, Dean Johnson, Lee Ward and T. C. May.

Attention is now being turned to crazy ball and volley ball. All pupils will be urged to take a part in these games as soon as the courts can be made ready. We are gratified already with the success of our "Share the Athletic Equipment—Every Pupil A Player" program—A. L. Eggers, Principal.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 24, 1935 Sunday School at 9:45, W. D. Farthing, superintendent; 11 o'clock worship and sermon, subject, "Paul's Desire and Prayer for Israel"; 6:30 Baptist Training Union, Miss Lelia Ayers, general director; 7:30, evening worship. This will be a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Porter, our choir director. It will be the story of the Prodigal Son in song.

The pastor and family dined last Sunday in the charming home of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Farthing.

The Young People's Department of our Sunday School is our most thriving department. Prof. H. R. Eggers is the superintendent of this department. His splendid corps of teachers and fine group of young people of the town and college made up the department.

R. F. Coffey and J. A. Williams are recovering from flu. Miss Fannie Dougherty is better. Brother Jim McGhee was carried to Duke Hospital Tuesday. Mrs. W. C. Greer has been shut in for a week.

—J. C. CANIPE, Pastor.

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ATTEND FUNERAL

Among the out-of-town people who attended funeral services for M. P. Critcher Sunday were the following: Hugh Cartwright and son and P. M. Elliott, Bristol, Tenn.; Rev. Eugene Olive, North Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coffey, Lenoir; T. S. Coffey and son, T. S. Coffey Jr., Statesville; Mrs. W. B. Council, Miss Elizabeth Council, Weston Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Blackburn, Hickory; Mrs. J. A. Sproles, Mountain City, Tenn.; John Matheson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Steele, Charlie Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ballew, Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Don Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Charlie Jenkins, J. C. Grayson and Miss Grace Dean Forester, North Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cole, Asheville; G. G. Page, Mrs. G. G. Page and Miss Frances Page, Greensboro; Harold Burke, Taylorsville; Miss Bebe Knight and L. E. Knight, Greensboro; Miss Margaret Washburn, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Haganan, Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Lunney, Lenoir; J. Roby Haganan, Mrs. Espie Moretz, Rudolph Moretz, and Mrs. J. R. Haganan of Patterson; Miss Mary Finley, Mrs. Boyd Finley and Charlie Finley, North Wilkesboro; Miss Sadie Lou Southernland, Banner Elk, and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Grayson, of Trade, Tenn.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Laws appear everywhere. We find them in the domain of beauty. They forbid the architect to put a small column under a mighty dome, and will not permit him to sacrifice power to beauty. They command the painter to care for Nature, and not to make wheat ripen in the snow and not to make the robins sing in the leafless trees of Christmas. They issue orders to literature, and tell it to exclude joking ideas and to admit the truths of most value and of the greatest application. They issue orders to religion, and tell it to create in humanity the most possible of virtue and hope. Appearing at all other points of thought and action, laws spring up in the nation and state to help the public to hold what justice and progress it may have found. These laws our marching citizens must respect. All damage done to property, all disregard of American rights must be instantly checked, because the law of the land is the progress that we have made up to this date. With that taken away, we fall back into the abyss of barbarism. We must hold what law has gained. It is the fear of punishment that restrains the lawless that is society's protection, and these laws must not be set at naught by hands of itinerants acting in their bad hours, for our laws in protection of our property and the rights of society have been passed by the millions acting in their best hours.

—EDW. N. HAHN.

Boone, N. C.

BOONE ROUTE 2 NEWS

Mrs. Ann Hayes, near 102 years old, has undergone a very serious attack of influenza. Her condition remains unimproved.

Mrs. Mary E. Norris is able to be up again after being confined to her room with influenza.

Mrs. R. L. Summit has returned to her home in Salisbury after a few days' visit with her son, Mr. Hoke Summit.

Misses Mary Cooke and Estelle Greene were visitors at the home of Mr. Grady Brown Sunday afternoon.

Rev. E. C. Hodges filled his regular appointment at Howards Creek on last Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Jack Norris, Max Norris and Judd Barnes returned home last Saturday night from an extended trip to the coal fields of Virginia.

Mr. Jack Norris visited his son, Wade Norris, of Clinchco, Va., while on the trip.

Mr. B. R. Brown, who has been right ill for some time, is able to be out again.

Misses Virginia Brown, Glee Norris and Jennie Brown were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartley in Boone.

BOONE METHODIST CHURCH

The Sunday School will meet at 9:45. Dr. J. D. Rankin is the superintendent. The morning worship will be at 11 o'clock. Dr. Ernest C. Widenhause, pastor, will preach on "The Divine at the Door." Epworth League will meet at 6:30; evening services will be at 7:30. Boys of the Wesley Club will have charge of the service and there will be special music by the young people's choir. The Wednesday evening service will be at seven o'clock. "Missions" will be the subject.

MEAT CAMP NEWS

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Proffit of Meat Camp surprised them with a golden wedding anniversary meeting on Sunday, March 17th, and spread a bountiful dinner on a table in the yard. Mr. and Mrs. Proffit were married March 19th, 1885, and reared six children, all of whom were present at the celebration. They have lived to see 47 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Mr. Proffit is 74 and Mrs. Proffit is 72. They have spent their lives in the Meat Camp section.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Andrew Sigmund of Newton were visitors of Herbert Moretz on Meat Camp Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Moretz of Newton was a week-end visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Roby Winebarger and other friends.

Rev. L. A. Wilson is reported to be a very sick man. There is quite a lot of French messes on Meat Camp at the present.

CIRCLES TO ENTERTAIN The three circles of the Methodist Missionary Society of the Boone church are preparing an evening's entertainment for April 4th.

Mrs. Charles Younce and children of Boone spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Wilkes County.

Advertisement for Keplar's White Shoes. Price \$2.98 to \$6.00. Features a high-heeled shoe and text: "They are right off the maker's bench... styled to the minute, and in the new kid leathers that insure their being smart and trim. You will like the soft white kids with patterned trims that begets a sport-shoe complex but with all its dressy beyond compare. All sizes, too. Widths AAAA to D. KEPLAR'S 'CORRECT STYLES'"

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