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SENATOR BAILEY STICKS TO HIS POST

The mud-slinging type of politician does not seem to The Pilot to be the sort we want in the United States Senate.

Listen to this:
The reason Senator J. W. Bailey is waging a letter instead of a vigorous speaking campaign for re-election is because he has not the courage to face North Carolina Democrats with his great anti-Roosevelt and anti-administration record in the Senate.

Thus reads a statement from the campaign headquarters of Senator Bailey's opponent, Richard T. Fountain.

Were Senator Bailey making a vigorous speaking campaign for re-election, the statement from the Fountain headquarters would read something like this: "Senator Bailey, supposedly representing the people of North Carolina in the United States Senate, has quit on his job with that legislative body still in session, with much of the important legislation of the Congress yet to be enacted, and is using the time for which he is paid by the people of this state to tour the state on his own behalf for re-election" or something like that.

More power to the Senator for sticking to his post. And for shame for such unfair tactics, Mr. Fountain.

IN DEFENSE OF THE PAROLE SYSTEM

There has been a great deal of loose talk lately about the parole system. It happens that several of our more spectacular criminals have been paroled prisoners, and because of this fact the whole system has been under a bitter attack. Whenever one of these men is caught it is the signal for a special outburst, and, though some of it is perhaps reasonable, most of the outcry is inaccurate, unjust; a sensation appeal to the baser instincts of a public always easy to stampede. The clamor raised when the Titterton case was solved is an example. Fiorenza had served several short terms of imprisonment and he was out on probation under a suspended sentence when he killed Mrs. Titterton. Immediately there was a great hue and cry: the Hearst papers came out with a melodramatic indictment of the whole system of probation and parole, and the complaint was heard on every side that our prison system is a joke; the prisoners are pampered, paroled on the slightest excuse; and the parole system itself climaxes the imbecile reforms of soft-headed sociologists.

This type of criticism is what one expects from the Hearst papers and the general run of reactionaries, but unfortunately a great many public-spirited sensible people join in the outcry. That they do so can only be explained on the grounds that they do not understand the situation.

There is undoubtedly grounds for finding fault with the parole system, but they are not the ones chosen by these critics. These will hardly bear analysis. Taking the example they have themselves cited, that of Fiorenza, the murderer of Mrs. Titterton, we find that he was indeed out under suspended sentence. However, the sentence which, under the law, he could have been given for his previous crime was so short that he would have been out of prison anyway long before the date when he killed Mrs. Titterton. When Fiorenza came up for sentence the only alternative open for the judge were to put him in jail for a short term and turn him loose at the end of it or to put him on probation under supervision for several years. It seems clear that criticism in this case should be directed not at the probation and parole system but at the law which makes it impossible to

shut up forever a man with the mental history of Fiorenza. Perhaps, too, the law is hardly responsible. There must be thousands of potential Fiorenzas roaming about the country, individuals who, while they cannot be classed as insane, have such mental and emotional instability that they are a menace to society. It would be impossible to shut them all up, yet to give them a short prison term is obviously not accomplishing much.

A slightly different case is that of Dillinger. When he started on his rampage he was on parole. Would the critics of the parole system contend in this case that a few more years in prison would have made a moral character of Dillinger? Their argument would probably be that Dillinger had not reformed and that no prisoner should be paroled who had not reformed. That is a legitimate argument but surely it is even more true to say that no man should be let out of prison till he has reformed. That takes the argument away from the parole system and directs it at the laws which determine sentences.

The truth of the matter is that few people visualize clearly the prison problems or understand the parole system. Ordinarily the convict serves his full term. He then leaves prison completely free. He is given a railroad ticket, a suit of clothes, a small sum of money and with that, the governments responsibility towards him ceases. Some men are lucky enough to have jobs, legitimate jobs, waiting for them, but the great majority have none. They are out of touch with life, people are reluctant to employ them, they feel lonely, outcast. Possibly the only friends they have are men who left prison ahead of them. They get in touch with them and before long a job, one kind of a job, is theirs.

When a man is paroled on the other hand, he starts with a feeling of self-respect because he has a job waiting for him—he must have one before he can be paroled. And for a certain number of years after that he is under supervision. He is given advice; his friends and habits are observed; he is helped as far as possible on the way to good citizenship. How much more chance has he of going straight than the other man, despite—if not because of—the latter's longer stay in prison?

A show-down on the pros and cons of the question would demand a comparison of the number of crimes committed by men on parole with those committed by the same number of ex-convicts who had served their full sentences. Only so could a correct estimate be made of this angle of the parole system. Not having those figures it is perhaps illuminating at least to see one side of the record, that of paroled prisoners in one state, California. During two years 2,414 prisoners were paroled. During these two years 141 of these men committed new felonies. These were 1932 and '33 years of great economic hardship; it seems, at least to this observer, likely that the same number of ex-convicts freed without jobs and supervision, would have piled up a far higher record of new crime. Incidentally, it cost the State of California \$47,797.00 for the supervision of these 2,414 men. If they had stayed in prison during those two years


the State would have had to spend nearly half a million dollars to support them.

Most people who criticize the parole system talk as if the choice were between paroling a man and keeping him in prison the rest of his days. They completely overlook the fact that all these paroled men were bound to come out anyway a few months or a few years later. How much better to have them come out with a job waiting for them, to have them under supervision for several years. Critics of the system should bear in mind the unfortunate fact that the news value of the prisoner who breaks his parole eclipses by a million times that of the one who remains faithful. We only hear about the spectacular criminals, the thousands who make good go unrecognized. It is this observer's strong conviction that those who commit fresh crimes would have done so anyway and that for each of those who break their parole, there are hundreds who are, through the parole system, helped back to a responsible, trustworthy position in society.


MRS. EVEREST RETURNS

Mrs. Charles P. Everest has returned from Windsor, Conn., after attending the funeral of her father-in-law, Arthur C. Everest.


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DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?
NORTH CAROLINA ATTEMPTED PROHIBITION AS EARLY AS 1862, BUT IT DID NOT TAKE

THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

The Week in Carthage

Mrs. N. J. Muse is in the Memorial Hospital in High Point recuperating from an operation.

Mrs. Bill Buffalo of Lumberton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neill Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pemberton of Fayetteville are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Blue.

Hoover Carter of Oak Ridge spent the week-end at his home in Carthage.

Willie Myrick of Sumter, S. C., spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Huggins of Chapel Hill spent Monday in Carthage.

Lee Campbell is receiving treatment in the Veterans Hospital in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Watty Bridgers of Florence, S. C., are visiting in Carthage.

Miss Margaret Clegg has returned from a visit in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hart of Snow Hill spent the week-end with Mrs. Harts' father, the Rev. I. N. Clegg.

Mrs. Atwood Smith has returned from a trip to Asheville.

Mrs. Ed Simpson and Mrs. C. C. Kennedy left Monday for New York. Miss Simpson expects to be away for the summer.

Mrs. Hilliard and son Armestead of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end with relatives here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Thomas, on Monday, May 19th, a son, James Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Lindholm of Washington, D. C., announce the birth of a son, Frederick W. Lindholm, Jr., on May 6th. Mrs. Lindholm is the former Miss Helen Miles of Carthage.

The Carthage Book Reviewers met on Tuesday with Miss Mary Currie. The study for the evening was on the author, Zona Gale. "Zona Gale, author and playwright," was read by Mrs. L. C. Wallace. A three-act play, "Miss Lulu Beth," was read by Miss Mildred Sinclair.

Miss Frances McKeithen entertained the out-of-town teachers and a few Carthage guests at bridge on Saturday afternoon. Contract was played at three tables. Miss Julia Thompson won high score prize, and gifts were also given Mrs. Claude Stutts of Roanoke, Va., and Miss Thompson of Norwood, guests of Miss Julia Thompson.

The Auxillary of the Presbyterian Church celebrated its 27th birthday on Monday, May 10th. A pageant, "At the end of the Rainbow," was given, directed by Mrs. J. K. Roberts.

COOKING SCHOOL AT VASS

The Vass Woman's Club will sponsor a cooking school to be conducted by the Carolina Power and Light Company's representative, Miss Sadie Winstead, in the Vass-Lakeview School building on Thursday afternoon, May 28th, at 2:30 o'clock.

Grains of Sand

Eight states are represented among the members of the graduating class of Southern Pines High School, apportioned as follows: North Carolina, 10; Massachusetts, 4; New York, 2; Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Iowa and Illinois, one each.

Southern Pines is known for the class of movies it gets. The writer, in an advertising agency in New York last week, mentioned where he was from.

"Say, how do you get such good movies in Southern Pines? You get a lot of the best ones before they even come to New York," said the advertising man.

Sheriff McDonald may not have opposition in the primary to worry him, but he has a new daughter to keep him awake nights. Congrats.

That Pine Needles building boom sounds good. The section will have three new houses by next winter.

If you aren't on the list already, don't fail to register tomorrow, Saturday, your last chance to qualify for voting in the June primary.

When the registration books close, a Democrat will be a Democrat and

For Digestion's sake—smoke Camels

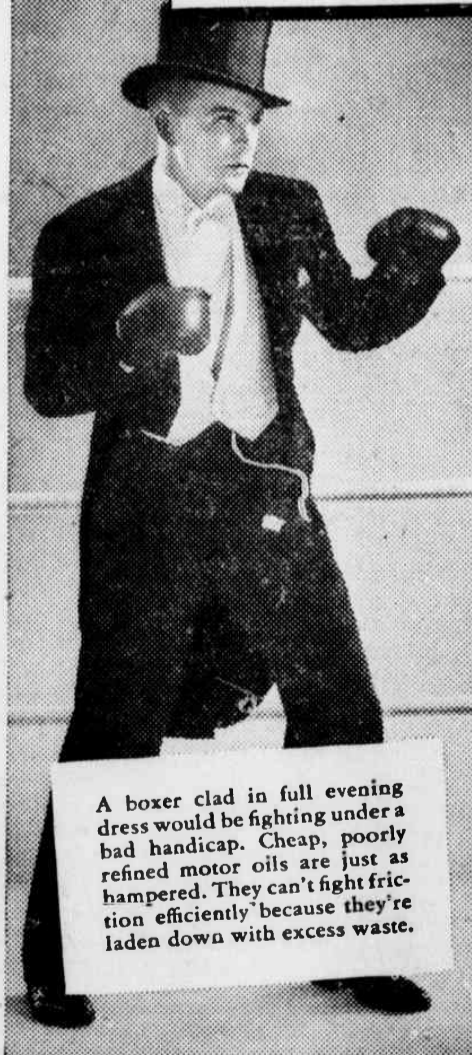


TRACK CHAMPION, Johnny Follows, says: "Camels help to stimulate my digestion, bring a feeling of well-being."

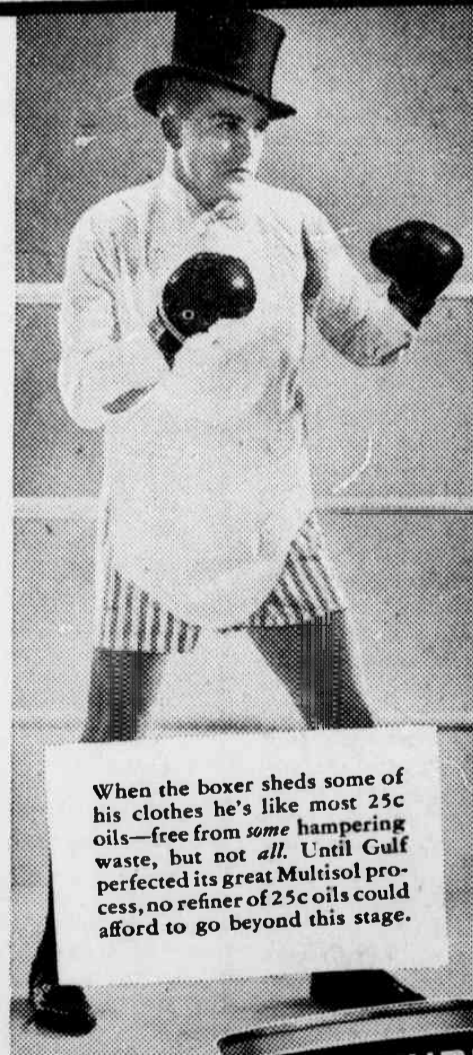
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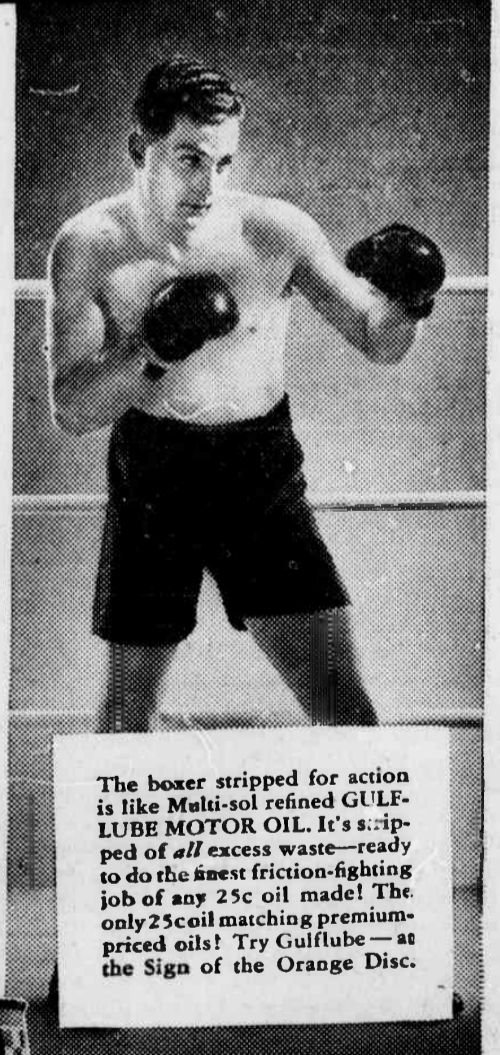
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