

# THE ENTERPRISE

VOLUME XXV—NUMBER 50

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, August 5, 1924.

ESTABLISHED 1898

## ROANOKE FAIR TO BE BEST EVER

Mr. H. M. Poe, Manager of the Roanoke Fair makes an announcement to the effect that all amusement features for the Roanoke Fair to be held here in October are rapidly taking form and every department will be in readiness for the big event.

The fire works and free attractions have already been booked and every arrangement is being made to have all the drawing cards necessary for a great fair. There will be exhibitions of various kinds, including the elaborate display of fire works and the usual grand stand attractions. Mr. Poe has secured the services of the Madison Square Garden Band of New York and wished to state that this feature alone will cost more than all the free acts combined of last year. Without question the free attractions will be much better than those of the past season.

The Ziedman and Pollie shows that are now located in Punxsutawney, Pa. have been booked by the management. These shows make up the greatest midway in the states today and exceed that of any other show that has been here preceding years. It is a thirty car carnival with every thing in the show line. These shows carry positively nothing but the best and makes every effort to have nothing but clean amusement and does not allow gambling on the midway.

The program will be one of the most elaborate ever presented in this section of the state, with a change of program every day and night.

Mr. Poe says, "Without a doubt in the world, the fair this year at the Roanoke Fair Grounds will be the biggest and best ever held in this section."

## MRS. Z. H. ROSE ENTERTAINS PHILATEA CLASS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Philatea Class of the Memorial Baptist Church was delightfully entertained Friday night by Mrs. Z. H. Rose at the Atlantic Hotel.

The dining room and table were decorated tastefully with marigolds in blue bowls. The menu consisted of frozen fruit salad, pickles, fried chicken (country style), corn on the cob, English peas, fresh fried potatoes, tomatoes and lettuce salad, hot rolls, ice tea, home made cake and vanilla ice cream.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin Jr. acted as toast mistress and there were three toasts given, one to our state president, Mrs. Z. H. Rose by Miss Carrie Delle White, another to our teacher, Mrs. R. L. Shirley by Mrs. Hugh G. Horton, and a third to our class by Mrs. R. L. Shirley.

The regular business was attended to at the conclusion of the dinner.

Those present were, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Mrs. Sam Getzinger, Mrs. Joe Cowan, Mrs. Dick Taylor, Mrs. Kader Rogerson, Mrs. Z. H. Rose, Mrs. Lee Brewer, Mrs. H. B. Holloman, Mrs. Harry Meador, Mrs. Roger Critche, Mrs. Warren Biggs, Mrs. R. L. Shirley, Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. Hugh Horton, Mrs. P. B. Cone, Miss Carrie Delle White and Miss Margaret Everett.

MARGARET EVERETT, See.

## MARRIAGE OF INTEREST

In the presence of relatives and intimate friends, a quiet home wedding was solemnized this morning at ten thirty o'clock when Mrs. Eva Hassell Hackney became the bride of Mr. Herbert Covington Bonner.

The bride's only attendant was her daughter Miss Eva Hassell Hackney and the groom was attended by Mr. Lindsay C. Warren, who acted as best man.

The ceremony which was performed by Rev. L. D. Hayman, took place at the home of the bride which was prettily decorated with a profusion of spring flowers.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Bonner left for an extended automobile trip.—Washington Daily News.

The above account of the Bonner-Hackney wedding will be of interest to the friends of Mrs. Hackney, who is a former Martin county girl and also of Mr. Bonner who has many friends in Williamston.

## RADCLIFF CHAUTAUQUA HAS REPRESENTATIVE HERE

Miss Emma Jane Ligion, representative for the Radcliff Chautauqua is in town in the interest of a chautauqua for Williamston.

Miss Ligion has booked several of the towns in Eastern North Carolina and wishes very much to see Williamston come out and sign before it is too late.

## BAND OF SUGAR THIEVES CAUGHT SATURDAY NIGHT

### One Arrest Leads to Others; All Admit Their Guilt

For several months the warehouse at the Williamston wharf has been broken into now and then and quantities of sugar stolen. The police force was baffled for a time in that they were not able to get any clue as to where the sugar was going. Recently, however, a little information leaked from the robbers' combination which revealed the whole scheme and a trap was set.

Saturday night, Luther Peel the Deputy Sheriff and two extra deputies went to the warehouse for the purpose of waylaying the robbers. They found that the warehouse had already been broken open, but no sugar was found by the robbers, so the drayman was told not to go down as it would be useless.

The officers thinking they had sufficient evidence to trap the rogues, started to the home of Ben Biggs, a negro. At the home of Biggs they received a thread that led them to the home of John I. Hyman, a negro thief with a reputation. The officers rolled Hyman out of bed and began to question him and for two hours he evaded their questions, but finally things became too hot for him and he came across with the whole story, telling how he had gone into the warehouse and stolen the sugar. This he did on several occasions and delivered it to Jessie Rogers a colored man on the Skewarkey road. Hyman was then placed in jail and the officers went for Rogers who also came across and said that he was not alone, but had the goods with the car of Will Mills and that Mills was along, driving the car and acting as a co-partner in the game.

Rogers and Hyman reported that the stolen goods were delivered to Ben Biggs and Tom Mills and that they received four dollars a bag for same.

Upon this evidence Mills was arrested and he too came across with further evidence to convict all involved. Mills was placed in jail with Hyman and Rogers.

Then the posse went after Ben Biggs who, at the time, was not at home, but they pursued him until they found him several miles down the Washington road, apparently peddling whisky; for he had a jug in his car which contained half a gallon and which Biggs declared to be the property of one Woolard, a drunken negro who was riding with him. The last statement was disputed by Woolard.

This combination of thieves has been stealing for a long time, running sugar out to Ben Biggs and several other men who manufacture the sugar into liquor. The gang has had the fair swing, stealing, making and selling liquor and running rough shod over the country.

The trial of the four men is before the court this afternoon and while it is not yet settled, it is thought they will be bound over to the next term of the Martin County Superior Court.

## MRS. ANDERSON AND MRS. HEYDENREICH ENTERTAIN

Robersonville, August 4.—The most enjoyable social event of the summer was a bridge party given at the home of Mrs. Ethanor Anderson Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 6 by Mrs. R. F. Heydenreich and Mrs. Anderson.

Four tables of bridge were arranged on the porch which was decorated with lovely pink and white flowers. After several progressions had been made it was found that Miss Fannie E. Pope had high score, her sister, Miss Elizabeth Pope had low score. First prize was a beautiful lining bridge cover. For consolation Miss E. Pope won a lovely set of three flowers.

The hostesses assisted by Misses Alice Norman and Emily Roberson served two delicious courses. The first consisted of chocolate fudge, salted peanuts, chicken salad in temblakes, saltines, sandwiches, pickles and iced tea. This was followed by delicious peach ice cream, chocolate and coconut cake.

Those enjoying the delightful affair were, Misses Marjorie and Mac Bell Barnhill, Geneva James, Elizabeth Pope, Josephine Robertson, Katherine McDonald, Fannie B. Pope, Lillian Everett, Hazel Everett, Mrs. R. L. Heggie, Mrs. D. R. Everett, Mrs. J. A. Everett, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. L. M. Little, and Mrs. H. C. Norman.

Misses Mary Hardy and Nannie Merrill, Pattie Harris, Evelyn Harrison and Margaret Manning are spending the afternoon in Windsor.

## EASTERN CO-OPS PLAN BIG RALLY

### National Leaders From West to Speak Here Next Saturday

Thousands of tobacco farmers in Eastern North Carolina will have the best opportunity yet offered to the farmers of this state to learn the progress of cooperative marketing throughout the entire nation, when Walton Petet, Secretary of the National Council of Farmers Cooperative Marketing Associations, and Samuel R. Guard, of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, address the mass meetings of Eastern Carolina tobacco and cotton growers, which are scheduled for August 8th, 9th, 10th and 12th.

The schedule of meetings in Eastern North Carolina which is as follows will begin with the annual basket picnic at the State Test Farm in Edgecombe county, between Rocky Mount and Pinetops, on Friday August 8th. Walton Petet, Secretary National Council of Farmers Cooperative Marketing Associations, of Chicago, Ill., will speak at the following places:

Smithfield, N. C. August 8, 2 p. m.  
Kinston, N. C. August 9, 11 a. m.  
Greenville, N. C. August 11, 10 a. m.  
Wakeman School, August 12 10 a. m.  
Samuel R. Guard, Director Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, of Chicago, Ill., will speak at the following places:

Rocky Mount, August 8, 10 a. m.  
Williamson, August 9, 10 a. m.  
Fair Grounds.

Beaufort, August 11, 8 p. m.

In addition to the above speakers, Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Dean of North Carolina Agricultural College, and Miss Elizabeth Kelly, President of North Carolina Teachers Association with special messages of interest to farmers and farm women will be present at several of the picnic celebrations.

At a second basket picnic on August 9th, in Williamson, Mr. Guard will explain to Eastern Carolina farmers the progress made by a million organized farmers in Cooperative Marketing Associations, handling many different products from the Western to the Eastern Coast. On August 11th Walton Petet, Secretary National Council of Farmers Cooperative Marketing Associations, will be the principal speaker. Farmers and their wives should be particularly anxious to hear the messages that will be brought by Mr. Guard and Mr. Petet, both of whom are recognized authorities on the subject of Cooperative Marketing. Farmers and their wives are urged to bring their baskets, thus doing their part to help make these all day celebrations a complete success.

S. D. FRISSELL.

## Hardware Store to Open by 15th of This Month

Preparations are being made and work is being pushed for the opening of the Culpepper Hardware Company store here on or about the 15th of this month.

Mr. W. T. Culpepper of Elizabeth City, part owner, will arrive tomorrow to assist Mr. Brown in arranging the stock.

The stock to be opened up will be one of the most complete to be found anywhere in this section and will sell at wholesale and retail and will sell their goods at prices in the reach of all.

Mr. Brown has been supervising the remodeling of the store, the Hassell Building, for the past week and has greatly improved the looks of the structure both inside and out.

The opening day is not known definitely, but the large stock to be placed will require several days and just as soon as it can be arranged, the store will be opened to trade.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edmonson moved to Williamson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Everett spent Sunday in Hertford.

Messrs. D. G. Matthews, J. A. Davenport and P. L. Gladstone spent yesterday in Williamson attending to business.

Mr. T. B. Slade, Jr. spent Monday in Williamson attending to business.

Mr. W. J. Starr of Sunbury spent the week end here with friends.

Mrs. Parks of Tarboro spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. E. B. Innes continues to be on the sick list.

Dr. R. L. Long spent yesterday afternoon in Williamson.

## COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY IN REGULAR SESSION

### Tax Levy Postponed; A Proviso Jury Was Drawn

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session yesterday in their room at the courthouse. The following members were present: H. C. Green, Chairman; J. G. Barnhill, T. B. Slade, Jr., W. B. Harrington and C. A. Askew.

There was little business to come before the Board during the day and all matters were given careful consideration. The business as disposed of follows:

Ordered by the Board that the gas lamps, now in the office of the Register of Deeds, be given to Reddick's Grove Church.

That Joseph T. Lee and wife be allowed the sum of \$5.00 per month.

That the property of W. C. Whitley in Griffin's township be reduced \$500.

That Dr. Thigpen's land in Peppert Point be reduced from \$5500 to \$500 valuation.

That the lands of H. C. Norman in Hamilton township be reduced as follows: Stalls land from \$3,500 to \$2,500 Coburn land from \$6,500 to \$6,000; Harrison land from \$2,000 to \$1,500.

It was ordered that the Williamson Telephone Company be paid the sum of \$300. for damages done by road forces on Hamilton, Robersonville and Washington roads.

That Windsor Alexander, colored man of Jamesville be allowed \$2.50 per month.

That W. B. Watts be released from payment of taxes 1923.

Ordered that James A. Everett be paid the sum of \$400 for damages to Everett or Mobley Mill by State Highway.

A proviso jury was drawn to serve in case the September term of the Martin County Superior Court can be restored. This term of court slipped away from us during the last session of the Legislature and its restoration is not yet certain.

The Board of County Commissioners deferred the tax levy until the first Monday in September. This was done by reason of the heavy demand by the school board which asked for an increase of \$40,000 over last year. This increase was such a shock to the board that deferred to think later a date.

The school taxes being \$104,451.09 in 1921, \$87,437.71 in 1922 and \$105,593.92 in 1923 while the school board is now asking for \$145,000 in 1924.

This increase will call for an increase of 28 cents on the \$100 valuation over 1923, which was 60 cents and a raise of 41 1/2 over 1922 which was only 46 1/2 for that year.

The increase would seem to be 89 and one third per cent over 1922 and 46 and two-thirds per cent over 1923.

## HAMILTON NEWS ITEMS

Miss Ruth Matthews who has been visiting Misses Helen and Ethel Daven port left yesterday for her home in Winston.

Miss Blanche Bellamy of Franklin is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. L. Ellamy here this week.

Mr. W. T. Salisbury is spending several days at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Richards and Miss Margaret Ewell spent Sunday in Williamson.

Miss Della Purvis has returned to her home here after an extended visit to New York.

Miss Irene Bellamy returned home Saturday night from Raleigh where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. P. Upchurch, Jr.

Mr. G. E. Hines of Ahoskie spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edmonson moved to Williamson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Everett spent Sunday in Hertford.

Messrs. D. G. Matthews, J. A. Davenport and P. L. Gladstone spent yesterday in Williamson attending to business.

Mr. T. B. Slade, Jr. spent Monday in Williamson attending to business.

Mr. W. J. Starr of Sunbury spent the week end here with friends.

Mrs. Parks of Tarboro spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. E. B. Innes continues to be on the sick list.

Dr. R. L. Long spent yesterday afternoon in Williamson.

## METHODIST AID SOCIETY TO HAVE A SILVER TEA

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will have a silver tea at the home of Mrs. L. B. Harrison on Haughton street Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6.

## JOINT PICNIC TO BE HELD FRIDAY

### Baptist, Episcopal and Christian S. S. To Picnic at Riverside

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A joint picnic of the Baptist, Episcopal and Christian Sunday Schools will be held Friday at Riverside Park. Although the Methodists have recently held their picnic, it is hoped that a large number of their people will go.

All the pupils of the various schools are urged to meet at their respective churches promptly at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning. Transportation will be provided for everybody who has no way. It is urged that everybody go at their respective churches and provide ways for as many as possible. Everybody will take dinner. Games and various dry land sports as well as water sports for all. An abundance of ice cold lemonade will be provided.

Plenty of fun and frolic for both old and young.

Do not miss this big day. Come join the party for a happy holiday.

## MRS. JULIA GRAY IN SONG RECITAL

### COSTUME SONG RECITAL GIVEN AT COLLEGE WAS GREATLY ENJOYED

#### (Greenville Reflector)