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"If It Concerns Harnett, It's in THE NEWS"

## TOWN SELECTS ITS OFFICIALS FOR TWO YEAR TERM

Only 245 Voters Took Enough Interest to Come Out and Cast Ballots. Same Officials With One Exception

Biennial election of Mayor and Town Councilmen, which took place in Lillington Monday, developed the fact that not all of the residents here are interested in politics even when it affects local affairs. It is estimated that approximately two-thirds, or perhaps three-fourths of the qualified voters went to the polls. A few of these, probably not more than twenty, had failed to register and were deprived of the right to vote.

Friendly rivalry prevailed throughout the short "campaign period" preceding the election. If there was any friction at all, it was remarkably under cover. All of those seen working, whether advocates of the "old" or the "new" ticket, wore a smile throughout the day of election; and when the result was made known the whole crowd broke out in a hearty laugh. This was the case, no doubt, because of the fact that no one who has established residence in Lillington believes that the old town is going to the bowwows; not yet, at least, no matter who is holding the municipal reins. This seemed to be the general feeling prevailing.

Another noticeable feature of the election was the complete absence of all cheap vaudeville such as threatened to break out at the time of the primary when one man who was offered a vote of confidence got insulted and furnished side-splitting comedy for the crowd. So far as can be learned, everybody is satisfied with the way the election went, which was as follows:

- For Mayor:
- J. C. Thomson—147.
  - Neil McK. Salmon—98.
- For Aldermen:
- J. A. Marsh—160.
  - W. M. Bryan—154.
  - H. T. Atkins—155.
  - G. D. Spear—123.
  - M. T. Monroe—126.
  - W. C. Baker—120.
  - C. H. Brown—113.
  - W. R. Cranford—106.
  - M. C. Upchurch—93.
  - I. C. McKinney—82.
  - W. P. Byrd—1.

Mayor J. C. Thomson retains that title for another two years, while the first five named men will constitute the Board of Aldermen. One vote was cast for M. Byrd, although his name did not appear on the official ballots and he was not a candidate.

## THE REGION OF CHEATED CHILDHOOD

Charlotte, May 5.—Recently a prominent North Carolinian returned from a visit to the Near East. He was especially interested in the pitiful condition of the children there and upon reaching his beautiful home here in our wonderful State, made the following statement: "The children of the Near East are sick and sad, fatherless and motherless, hungry and homeless. What could be more pathetic for little children? Can any one read these sad facts and not lend a helping hand to the little kiddies in Bible lands? Compare these little out-cast children with the kiddies of North Carolina; ours are happy, healthy, well fed, have a sweet clean bed to sleep on each night, a mother and father to care for them, while over there it is quite different—they haven't any of these. After making the comparison with your heart and purse, see if you are unwilling to send at least a small contribution to these unfortunate children in 'The region of cheated childhood'."

This statement was made by J. B. Ivey, State Chairman for Near East Relief in North Carolina. Mr. Ivey is a big business man with many duties, yet he finds time to assist in this great work. Mr. Ivey calls attention to the fact that this current campaign year has but two months to go before the fiscal year ends. North Carolina has never failed in this great work, stated Mr. Ivey, and it is not the time for us to start to falling now. Each person should take stock of himself, or herself and if each has not made a contribution—NOW is the time. Send same to your County Chairman or Treasurer, or to John M. Scott, 1200 Realty Building, Charlotte, N. C.

LAND POSSESSORS at The News office.

## GOVERNOR SETS APART MAY 10

Says State Leads in Motherhood and Should Lead in Observance of Day

In Motherhood, our State leads the Nation, so let our observance of this day be a fitting tribute to our mothers, living and dead, to whom all honor is due," declares Governor A. W. McLean in a proclamation issued Monday officially setting apart Sunday, May 10th, as Mother's Day and calling for a display of the national colors and the wearing of a flower by every citizen on that day.

The proclamation follows: A Proclamation by the Governor, Mother's Day, 1925.

"In accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 38, passed by the General Assembly of 1921, I hereby proclaim Sunday, May 19, 1925 'MOTHERS' DAY and call upon the people of North Carolina reverently to observe this day with fitting tribute to Motherhood, each observing it as his or her own, a heart and soul devoted, and celebrating the inward devotion each holds for the sacredness of Motherhood as the very foundation stone of our State and national life.

"In Motherhood, our State leads the nation, so let our observance of this day be a fitting tribute to our Mothers, living and dead, to whom all love and honor is due.

"In Motherhood lies the strength of our country; therefore, as public expression of this love and respect, and in recognition of the fact that Motherhood is closely related to love of home and country, let the National Colors, symbol of true patriotism, designed by a colonial mother, be displayed on this day.

"Each citizen of North Carolina is enjoined to wear a flower in honor of his or her mother, a red one if she is living, or a white one if she has passed on to the Great Beyond where the greatest reward for motherhood is bestowed, as a token of sacred regard for all the blessings which Motherhood has bestowed upon mankind.

"Done at our city of Raleigh, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the one hundred and forty-ninth year of our American Independence."

## NEW SPEED LAW WENT INTO EFFECT LAST FRIDAY

Will Be Possible For Motorists To Hit Them Up To 35 Miles an Hour—Rules of the Road

Raleigh, May 5.—Friday, May 1, the new automobile speed law permitting 35 miles per hour on the highways of North Carolina became effective. The new law, according to C. W. Roberts vice president of the Carolina Motor club, which organization sponsored the increased speed, raised the limit by five miles and defines the residential sections of cities and towns. The limit in business sections is raised from 20 to 12 per hour and retains the regulation of 20 miles per hour in built-up residential sections.

"No section of the state highway shall be constituted a built-up residential section, whether within or without the corporate limits of a city or town, if there are no more than eight houses on either side of the road continuously for 1000 feet," says Mr. Roberts. "Fifteen miles per hour is permitted while passing churches or schools—but this is only affective when people are leaving or entering the grounds. At all other times, 35 miles is permissible.

"When the driver's view is obstructed for 100 feet before he reaches intersections, and 200 feet on the intersecting road, he shall slow down to 15 miles. If he can view both roads as designated, he may travel the full 35 miles provided by law. Only 15 miles is permitted when the driver is traversing curves or corners of the road unless he can view the highway for 300 feet.

"Another interesting feature of the bill is the ruling against misuse of signal devices. Open muffler cutouts, exhaust whistles or horns are considered objectionable devices. The law is more explicit and makes possible a complete understanding by all motorists. It is uniform with many other states and will save many motorists the fine being imposed by operators of so-called speed traps."

## TWO BOARDS MEET MAY 26 TO FIX SCHOOL BUDGET

Commissioners and School Board to Hold Joint Session To Determine Amount Necessary to Run Schools Another Year

Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education will meet in joint session on Tuesday, May 26th, for the purpose of considering a school budget for the next term. The Board of Education, with Supt. Gentry, will prepare a tentative budget showing the requirements of the school system for the term of 1925-26 and this will be placed before the Board of Commissioners for approval. Blanks have been mailed out to all school trustees asking their estimate of the needs of their schools for another year. Return of these estimates will enable the Board of Education to determine as to how much the school system as a whole will need for operation.

It is not known, of course, whether it will be necessary to raise the levy this year for schools, but it is generally conceded that the allowance is not sufficient. Evidence of this was shown Monday when the Board of County Commissioners found it necessary to borrow \$35,000 to finish paying up the current indebtedness of the present term. The 1924 levy was not sufficient, according to the educational authorities. A sufficient levy would have been about \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation instead of 75c, the amount that was actually levied. The State equalization fund will give to this county some funds, but just how much it is impossible to determine as yet.

The educational department is due \$38,000 from last year's taxes. This does not mean that the schools have not received all of the 1924 taxes that were due them, but represents the difference between the amount allowed by the budget and the amount actually raised from the levy. In other words, the budget called for more than the levy of 75c raised. The amount of \$7,500 of funds allowed for the school budget was passed by the present board of commissioners, thus raising the budget that much over and above what was allowed by the old board.

It is generally conceded by those who are in position to know, that a levy of \$1.00 for school purposes will be necessary for the successful operation of the school system on its present basis. How an amount less than this can be made to run the schools is more than the wisest heads can figure out, unless by some method yet to be formulated a cheaper system can be devised. It is quite certain that there is no school district in the county, however, which will consent to any "trimming" process whereby its school will become less efficient. With the facts and figures before the people, made plainer by the recent illustration of the working and achievements of the system published in The News, it is felt that hearty approval will be granted in efforts made to carry on the work of the schools along the present enlarged and efficient lines.

## DUKE SCORES TRIUMPH IN FIRST GAME OF SEASON

Duke, May 5.—With only one new face in the line-up, Duke Saturday opened the current baseball season here with a win over the aggregation representing the 17th Field Artillery, of Fort Bragg. The score was 2 to 2. An estimated crowd of 350 was out to see the lid pried off, and to see the spacious, new park christened with a victory.

Malcolm Barbour, youthful but promising player of the High school team, covered the initial base for Duke in his first appearance on the local team. Although he made two errors, he covered the bag in a manner that would indicate that he has the makings of another Slesler. He failed to hit, but he was plainly nervous in his first start. He will get there yet in this column's opinion.

Duke garnered but seven hits, and these were apportioned between Zachary, Woodworth and McKay. Woodworth had two triples and a double, while McKay laced out a single, double and a triple. The others hit hard, but were unlucky. Waters pitched a nice game for the locals, holding the soldiers to very few bingles.

Tom Tarheel says he is going to leave his cotton twelve inches apart in the row this year and try out this thick spacing idea.

## TOTAL AMOUNT OF 1924 LEVY, COLLECTED AND UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

	October 5, 1924	April 30, 1925, Inclusive.	Uncollected
	Taxes levied.	Collected.	
Anderson's Creek	\$ 12,009.01	\$ 10,480.55	\$ 1,528.46
Averasboro	107,271.87	98,530.37	8,741.50
Barbecue	12,064.39	10,265.59	1,798.80
Buckhorn	10,037.36	9,301.09	736.27
Black River	27,125.52	25,630.21	1,495.31
Duke	56,436.52	55,620.88	815.64
Grove	34,118.71	31,767.34	2,351.37
Hector's Creek	14,487.56	13,984.86	502.70
Johnsonville	5,304.25	5,255.96	48.29
Lillington	25,855.24	25,493.81	3,065.43
Nell's Creek	15,925.12	14,456.19	1,471.93
Stewart's Creek	18,598.55	16,726.97	1,871.58
Upper Little River	26,315.82	24,989.14	1,326.68
Corporations	39,302.61	39,197.31	105.30
Totals	\$470,565.84	\$383,839.27	\$ 86,726.57

## MATTERS PASSED UPON BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Nothing out of the ordinary featured the regular monthly session of the Board of County Commissioners here Monday, although there was the heaviest inpouring of people for the "first Monday" than in some months. Numbers of the "visitors" came in to see and to hear as to what would be done at the afternoon meeting of the township road commissioners with the County Fathers and citizens. The meeting was largely attended, but the Fathers shied off to talk other matters, leaving the road meeting in the hands of Nat Townsend, who disseminated such information as he had, and with the assistance of two or three others managed to get across to the audience the importance of the proper inauguration of the new county road system.

The Commissioners didn't do much except talk, listen to petitioners and complaints, and pay bills. Makes no difference what occurs or whether anything else occurs at all, the bills are right there before the County Fathers at each and every session. As for the County Fathers, the bill collectors "don't skip 'em." Little bill, big bill, and sometimes hello bill. As for instance, when Miss Sexton, the very efficient Register of Deeds and clerk of the board, put in a bill for tablets at 24c per. Chairman George Grantham thought it was hello bill. The chairman said he had 'em or could get 'em for 16c. But it's all in a lifetime—or rather it's all in a day with the Commissioners, who come to find after they have served on the board for a while that there are too many matters of ultra importance to the county's well being for them to set and "chew the can" all day about a piddling eight-penny trade.

The new addition to the courthouse was not completed and in shape for the Commissioners to have plenty of room, and so they held their session in the little room occupied by the Register of Deeds. The usual jam of people crowded in to get a jeep and listen in on the talk. One of the most remarkable things about the sessions of the Commissioners is that they manage to transact an enormous amount of business every first Monday in such a small working space, with as many men crowded around as can wedge themselves in the room. The Commissioners manage somehow to get by speedily well, considering.

Sixty days postponement was granted against the collection of taxes for 1920-21-22-23 from the J. D. Barnes property, pending an investigation to determine whether the said taxes had already been paid.

The report of the road commission of Anderson Creek was received, accepted and filed.

Report of E. F. Young, who is collecting back taxes, was accepted. Check for \$687.41 was also accepted. A \$20 item was reported as being found in duplicate payment and it was charged off of the taxpayer's account and marked up against the former tax collector.

Tax collector Henry A. Tarlington filed a report of total collections to date \$383,839.27.

The Commissioners ordered that transportation of four Confederate Veterans be paid to Dallas, Texas, to attend the reunion. The allowance amounted to \$168, and was ordered payable to Adjutant J. H. McAllister. The Adjutant, Comrades N. A. Stewart, Stephens and McRae are the Veterans who will attend the session in Texas.

Premium of \$167.25 was ordered paid to Duan Insurance & Realty Co. for fire policies on courthouse and jail.

Clerk Chaffin was allowed \$369.80 for jurors' fees. Also other court costs. His report was filed.

Duke school was advanced \$3,000 out of general fund, to be repaid January 1, 1926.

County Attorney Spears was ordered to investigate matter of adjustment for Kivett bridge across Little River built by J. W. Turnage. The matter was deferred to June session pending the investigation.

Tuberculosis tests for estate will

wait till the June meeting. The Board of Education needed money and the Chairman and Clerk of the Commissioners were authorized to execute notes for \$35,000 to supply the needed funds.

Order was given for vault, equipment for the enlarged courthouse. A number of releases from taxes were granted. The minutes of the clerk states that these were mostly on account of property being listed twice.

Commissioner J. G. Layton had himself relieved of \$43.33 in taxes on account of error claimed to have been made in valuation of his property in Stewart's Creek township.

## POULTRY PROVEN AS MONEY CROP

More Than 5,000 Farmers Have Been Benefited From Marketing

The value of poultry as a cash money crop for farmers has never been so clearly demonstrated as during the past month when through the effort of the livestock marketing specialist of the State Division of Markets co-operating with the county home and farm agents over 300,000 pounds of live poultry has been sold at a saving of approximately five cents per pound above the local price. During the period from March 26 to April 23 a total of 200,046 pounds were handled and during the past week from April 23 until May first, 100,050 were sold. This makes a total of 300,096 pounds sold through the marketing specialists alone without consideration of the large amount going out through the efforts of the county agents following the successful marketing of the first car as a demonstration.

V. W. Lewis, in charge of this work for the State Division of Markets, states that during the same period, one receiving station has been opened which during the past seven weeks has handled eggs to the value of \$11,000 and poultry to the value of \$8,158. Some of these products were shipped by express and some went in cars. When the work was first begun, eggs were selling from 16 to 18 cents per dozen and hens were bought at from 17 to 18 cents per pound on the local market. The co-operative carlot marketing has brought to the farmers an average price of from 23 to 24 cents per pound for the hens and from 25 to 26 cents per dozen from the eggs. This was cash at the car door.

"More than 5,000 farmers have already benefited from this marketing work," says Mr. Lewis, "and we expect to start another series of cars about June first. At that time, we plan to sell from 10 to 15 solid cars of poultry. One of the remarkable developments in this activity has been that we have removed only a surplus and have given the farmer good prices for something he wanted to get rid of anyway. Wherever we have shipped a car, there was always some farmer who didn't get to share in the proceeds and who wanted us to get up another car right away so that he and his neighbors might take part. Despite the thousands of birds that have gone out of Eastern Carolina in the last few weeks, there are still a surplus and could we but multiply ourselves times over, the shipments would have been greater."

## SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT AT BARBECUE TODAY

The Barbecue High School commencement will be held on Thursday and Friday night of this week. Tonight there will be an opera, and on Friday night there will be other plays, songs, health drills and other interesting features. Promotions and certificates will be given the last night. An interesting and entertaining program will be rendered each evening. A full house is expected.

## TOBACCO CO-OPS HOLD ELECTION TO NAME DELEGATES

Cast Ballots On May 9 At The County Seats In Three States For Men To Name Directorate

(By S. D. Frissell)

The election of directors for the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association for the season of 1925-26 begins next Saturday, May 9, when the Tobacco Cooperatives in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina cast their ballots for the delegates who are to name the association directors from the twenty-two districts in the three states.

The counting of the ballots will begin at noon of next Saturday in the courthouses of every important tobacco producing county of the Carolinas and Virginia and all ballots must be in the hands of the election committees of the various county seats by noon of that day. The delegates who are elected at this meeting will gather in district meetings within the next few days to nominate the directors from their districts for the coming season, and members of the association from every county in the tobacco belt are being urged to attend the annual meeting at Raleigh on May 19 to confirm the nomination of the directors from the entire area.

There is much interest in the election and the annual meeting of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association this year and a large attendance is looked for when the members from three states will meet at Raleigh to discuss with the directors and general manager of the association the plans and policies for the coming season.

The tobacco association is already partially putting into effect the policy regarding directors that was recommended by the committee which it invited to investigate its affairs, and it has been known for some time that several heads of departments in the association have voluntarily declined re-election. It was pointed out by the investigation committee in connection with its criticism that "the highest percentage of deliveries has been made in the sections where directors are employed on a full time basis." Notwithstanding this fact, the withdrawal of heads of departments from the association's directing board marks a very definite step in a policy which the directors believe will work for the eventual good of the association.

The tobacco association has announced other changes in policy and practices since inviting the public officials of three states to make a frank criticism of its management and is urging a full attendance by its members for further discussion of plans and policies at the annual meeting in Raleigh on May 19.

More than 50,000 members of the association live within a hundred miles of its headquarters at Raleigh and with the present keen interest in the affairs of the association, a record breaking annual session is looked for this month.

## JURORS FOR JUNE SPECIAL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

At their meeting Monday the County Commissioners drew the following jurors for June Special term of Harnett County Superior Court. This term will sit for two weeks and will be for trial of civil cases exclusively.

- First Week
- Averasboro—W. P. Griffin, Jr., Henry Norris, A. T. Godwin, R. T. Gainey, L. V. Paul.
  - Barbecue—D. A. McCormick, Vance Cameron, T. K. Clark.
  - Anderson Creek—W. A. Shaw.
  - Grove—Jonah E. Johnson, C. V. Stewart.
  - Hector's Creek—J. P. Matthews, W. H. Smith, J. H. Johnson.
  - Upper Little River—M. S. Holder, W. H. Holder.

- Second Week
- Averasboro—D. L. Brooks, J. H. Ennis, W. A. Jackson, T. Hodges.
  - Barbecue—W. J. Swann, W. H. Johnson.
  - Black River—W. M. Crawford, H. Denton.
  - Grove—R. E. Harmon, R. C. McLeod, L. H. West, Z. E. Byrd.
  - Hector's Creek—J. H. Revels.
  - Buckhorn—C. S. Cade.
  - Johnsonville—J. S. Price.
  - Stewart's Creek—H. D. Byrd.
  - Upper Little River—W. J. Patterson, S. A. R. Wester.

Edison's early electric light bulbs sold for \$1.25 each; now they cost 27 cents. No longer ago than 1905 a dollar bought only 3,000 candle hours of light; today it buys 18,000.

Chatell's Mortgage at The News.

## LAW FIXES FINE FOR NON-RESIDENT FISH SEINERS

No Person Who is Not Resident of Harnett County Can Put Seine or Net in Any Stream or Pond

Complaint is being heard from various parts of the county that persons from a distance are coming in by carloads and dragging the streams, ponds and lakes for fish. Such so-called fishing parties are playing havoc with the fish, the residents say, and their practices are very objectionable. The difficulty in confronting the depredations lies in fact that the fishing parties usually make their visitations at night. Many attempts have been made to catch them by owners of the premises upon which they stop, but so far all efforts have been in vain.

Representative Nat Townsend at the last session of the Legislature put through a very drastic measure designed to put a stop to this evil, and it remains for the persons on whose land the depredations occur to whose violations, to the county game warden, M. C. Upchurch, at Lillington. Close watch should be kept and if possible the guilty parties caught and brought into court to be dealt with.

Following is a copy of the law as passed by recent legislature: A Bill To Be Entitled An Act to Protect Fish In Harnett County

The General Assembly of North Carolina Do Enact:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any non-resident to fish with seine, net or seines or nest in any lake, pond, river or creek in Harnett County.

Section 2. Any person or persons violating the above act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor less than twenty-five dollars, (\$25.00) or imprisonment not more than thirty days (30) nor less than fifteen (15), or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Provided, however, this act shall not apply to non-residents owning ponds or lakes in Harnett County.

Section 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Another reason why the violation of this law should be caught is the fact that they not only fish with nets and seines, but they bait the fish by placing sacks of meal in the streams and ponds and when the fish congregate around the seeping meal a stick of dynamite is dropped in and every living thing in the water (or several feet around it, killed.) It is by this process that large bags of fish are taken. It is reported. Destruction not only of the larger fish is accomplished by the explosive method, but all small fish and spawn are also blown into that haven from which no fish returns.

It is pointed out in this connection that owners of land work a great injustice to themselves by allowing no one, not even a law-abiding citizen, to fish in the lakes and streams that lie or flow through their premises. The mistake made here is that if select persons who take fish only in the manner authorized by law and are "game" sportsmen themselves, were granted permission to fish at will in the lakes and streams, they would aid very materially in bringing to justice the violators of the law. This suggestion is passed on to the owners of land for what it is worth.

## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STEWART DIED LAST FRIDAY MORNING

Mr. Benjamin Franklin Stewart, aged 62, died at his home on the Lafayette highway about a mile south of Lillington, last Friday morning at 9:15 o'clock. He had been sick for several weeks, his condition gradually growing worse until the end. He leaves a wife but no children. Funeral was held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning with burial in the family burying ground near Coats.

Mr. Stewart was one of the hardest working farmers in this community. Of an unusually quiet disposition, he was liked by all who knew him. He was content to be a friend to everybody and his character was such that no one bore him malice. He was one of those who seemed satisfied with best effort put forth, and the fact that he occupied an inconspicuous place in the world did not detract in any manner from the great respect which his neighbors accorded him. The wife and other relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.