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

## PERHAPS YOU'RE A BRONCHO BUSTER? IF SO, LOOK-A-HERE

Chicago Wants to See You Show Off And is Willing to Pay You Handsomely For Your Stunt

Does Harnett county boast a good broncho rider, steer wrestler or calf roper? Or a fellow adept at trick and fancy riding? He may now be covering a policeman's beat, employed as deliveryman for a moving concern, clerking in a store or hollering down an office job, but if he still has the spirit of the plains and ranges in him and thinks he's no back runner, he's wanted. The Chicago Association of Commerce is putting on a "Roundup" August 15 to 23 and has asked the help of this newspaper in finding persons formerly having a part of the life of the great West.

Thirty thousand dollars in cash purses, in addition to world's championship title, belts and trophies will go to the victors of the "Chicago Roundup" which is to be held in the Grant Park Stadium under the direction of Tex Austin, famous rodeo man, and it is thought that there may be some in Harnett county who are still good enough to try and run away with a part of this money.

The "Roundup" marks Chicago's debut as the rodeo capital of America. Cheyenne and Pendleton have been the two great rodeo centers of the country; hereafter there will be three, with plans laid to make Chicago the greatest of all. Chicago, the greatest cowboy town and business center, is out to outdo itself in the scale of its "Roundup," and the cream of rodeo talent will be there. All the traditional events of the Western epic will be staged, with entries from all over the country, Canada, Mexico, Argentine and Australia.

There will be none of the "circus" atmosphere at this rodeo, it is announced. No paid performers. It is a free-for-all and open to the world, and those who think that they still have some of the blood of the West in them will never have a better chance to prove it. Arrangements are going forth for the entertainment of "Roundup" visitors from this and other localities on a scale unheard of in the annals of American business. The town will be in festive humor and all comes from the least known to the most prominent are awaited by a tremendous welcome.

Any person or persons here who think they might be interested in entering the "roundup" lists may secure a complete prize list and rules by writing the Chicago Association of Commerce.

## AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dixon McDonald will preach at the Lillington Presbyterian church next Sunday. He will be heard at both morning and evening services. In the afternoon he will preach at Cape Fear. Rev. and Mrs. Menius and children left Tuesday for Rowan County. They will be away several weeks.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Rev. J. D. Bundy will preach at Parker's Grove church next Saturday and Sunday at eleven o'clock. The third quarterly conference for the Lillington charge will be held in the afternoon on Saturday. A large representation is expected from each charge.

## MOVES TO GOLDSBORO

Buie's Creek, May 19.—Rev. B. Townsend, evangelist of the Baptist Board of Missions, has changed his residence from this place to Goldsboro.

## AFTER THE WOODS-BURNERS

From January 1 to date the fire prevention organization of the Department has brought a total of forty-two prosecutions against persons charged with burning woods. In some instances, where it appeared that the act was thoughtless, prosecutions were not brought, on arrangements that the guilty persons pay for the damage sustained.

A satisfactory feature was the fact that there were thirty-nine convictions and only three acquittals in forty-two trials.—Natural Resources.

Pullman Company proposes to build passenger planes for leasing on general plan of Pullman sleepers, for transcontinental and long distance flight, as announced by Chief Engineer Parke of the Pullman Company.

## BUIE'S CREEK TURNS OUT FIFTY-FOUR GRADUATES TO WORK AND ACHIEVE

The thirty-ninth group of young men and young women left Buie's Creek Academy last week carrying with them scrolls that will help to inspire them on their way to the pinnacle of greatness. Many of them will reach that goal, too, unless Buie's Creek tradition goes to smash all in a single year. Never a year passes but that there is a fresh lot of grown-up boys and girls leaving the institution with reinforced determination to make the world richer in manhood and womanhood because of their presence as a part and parcel of it. Old students who have passed the grades, and are well on the high road to success in the world, come back each year at commencement time to review the annual progress of their alma mater and give the "once over" to the new crop of graduates. These ex-students seem to have a bred-in-the-bone instinct that they must watch over their educational foster-parent. They are what one may call, in slang phrase, "fussy" about it. Of course they have an abiding faith that James Archibald Campbell is going to "show the fruits" at each commencement; but that is not what they are concerned about—not so much. They meet when commencement meets; they look with the eagerness of the child who has been away from the family fireside for awhile; and before the exercises are past into history they are grouped in consultation over some means of ultra-service to the institution.

They are great people, these ex-students of Buie's Creek Academy. They are among the most interesting persons who attend the commencement each year. This year the Alumni Association pledged itself to help square its debt to its alma mater by raising \$50,000 for the further completion of the institution to its desired state of perfection in equipment. Those who attended the banquet individually pledged \$4,500 of it, and the presiding officer, F. Hunter Creech, Esq., of Washington, D. C., frankly and confidently stated to the alumni and guests that the whole sum would be forthcoming. He more than likely knew whereof he spoke.

One of the most remarkable features of Buie's Creek Academy—the among the very many remarkable things about a most remarkable institution—is that its students "turn out" so well. That term "turn out" is a mighty fine expression, because for anyone to make a success in the world he must learn to "turn out." In this instance it is meant that J. A. Campbell's students "make good"—another expression that goes straight to the mark and gives a definite understanding of what it meant. Students at Buie's Creek are just ordinary looking specimens of humanity. That's the way the group of six orators looked as they came upon the stage last Thursday morning. But when they commenced to speak their orations, they soon showed they had developed into somebody above and beyond the commonplace. There was Hilliard Manly Houtt, last named on the list, who took for his subject "The Advantages of Farm Life." Rather a commonplace subject, it was, and the speaker had nothing in his appearance that would lift him above the ordinary. If he hadn't looked so much like a farmer by himself, it might have been easy for the lay mind to form the conjecture that Dr. Campbell had put Houtt on the program to make out an even half dozen. But lo, friends, when that boy launched out on his theme there was buoyancy, there was eloquence, and a line of hard reasoning that lifted the mind of the audience up and away from the commonplace and revealed to it something

But that was just one of the many evidences that Buie's Creek gave of its ability to develop the talent that's in a boy or girl. On the long list of commencement exercises this year were others who acquitted themselves in as fine style as did Houtt of Pender. There comes to mind the instance of one young man who in a burst of eloquence pointed to Dr. Campbell and declared that the life and service of the noted educator was the answer to his theme, "The Secret of a Happy Life." Devotion to an unselfish service to God and humanity was what the young men had decided upon as the secret, and he had a living application of it right before him.

Is there some unbending path that leads superior students to Buie's Creek? Or is it just the ordinary run of school timber that finds its way into the institution? I have often wondered why it is that Dr. Campbell is so successful with his stu-

dents, and why they "turn out" so well. At first glance it would seem that he has a "pick and choice." But I know that is not the case; he takes in some students who have not the "wherewith" to gain admittance to other halls of learning. Rev. Fred N. Day and other good men send poor boys and girls to Buie's Creek for an educational lift that will make it easier for them to cope with life's battles. I know of no better way to explain it than by saying that there's but one Buie's Creek Academy. Such achievement can come only by Divine will. Almighty God directs that institution, and J. A. Campbell is His willing servant.

A day during commencement at Buie's Creek is a day long to be remembered by anyone so spending it. It gives one renewed confidence in humankind, stronger faith in the elevating influence of education, and firmer conviction that Christianity has lost none of its redeeming power. There is no wonder that great men and good women cheerfully give of their means for the upbuilding of the institution. They could find no better way for laying the foundation of a memorial that will live till the last day, and then. Thus it is that when Mr. D. Rich of Winston-Salem erected a \$50,000 library at Buie's Creek he was building even better than he knew. For it is not given to mortal to know the farthest reaches of a good deed. A mighty power carries it on and on, and its influence is greatly felt long after time makes it ancient history.

It was good to hear Hon. J. W. Bailey say so when he spoke of the magnificent gift of Mr. Rich, and even the tears that came to the eyes of Rev. Fred N. Day, as he accepted the donation on behalf of Buie's Creek, were an eloquent tribute to the memory of the generous-hearted wealthy man who divided his goods with a noble cause. Bailey and Day had caught up the vision and the spirit of Rich and they brought it to Buie's Creek on dedication day and delivered it along with the memorial, that it might all be taken together, better understood and more appreciated. Benefaction from the will of Mr. Rich gives the institution about \$150,000 more. This will be used to construct a modern auditorium and class hall. Dr. Campbell explained to his hosts of friends that the new building would be completed for next commencement and that the auditorium would seat 1,250 people. This was good news to the audience, many of whom felt themselves crowded in the small gymnasium building. But they were fortunate in getting even a crowded seat. There were many who could not get in at all.

Fifty-four students took out their graduation papers from Buie's Creek this year. Judge Isaac M. Creeks delivered them a literary address that was a gem. Dr. Frank P. Gaines of the chair of English in Furman University delivered the baccalaureate sermon. It was practical and plain-fall of meaning and easy of comprehension.

Hon. J. W. Bailey aptly stated the truth when he declared that "Buie's Creek itself now becomes a memorial, a citadel against the consequences of time." It is a rich heritage for generations yet unborn.

H. S. Mr. Dave Godfrey of Lee county, formerly a citizen of Harnett, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

## Braves Get "Rosy Bill" Ryan

"Rosy Bill" Ryan, Giant pitcher, has been sent to the Boston Braves in exchange for Tim McNamara and a cash consideration. Ryan made his baseball start at Holy Cross and has been with the New York team for several years.

## BUIE'S CREEK LIBRARY



The \$50,000 gift of Mr. D. Rich, late of Winston-Salem. The building, besides being one of the most beautiful in the South, is probably the most substantial and expensive for its size. It is a fitting memorial and will stand as a benefaction to generations of the far future as well as to those who now enjoy it. It is one of the "show" structures of the State.

## H. C. CAVINESS TO HOLD SERIES OF SERVICES HERE

Evangelist of the Christian Denomination to be Assisted by Singer Yelton—To Start Next Sunday

Rev. Hermon C. Caviness, an evangelist of the Christian denomination, and J. Chas. Yelton, singer, will begin a series of evangelistic meetings next Sunday. The meetings will begin in the Lillington Methodist church and will continue there until the big tent arrives, when the meetings will be moved to the ball park, where the tent will be erected and seating facilities arranged. The tent will hold, states Mr. Yelton, about 2,500 people. The services will continue for some weeks. Singer Yelton is a Baptist, and he states that the services will be of an interdenominational nature, and that everyone is asked to join in. Evangelist Caviness has conducted meetings in various parts of the country. He held services at Sanford, N. C., very long ago, also at Clayton, and results were said to be of a very satisfactory nature. He was a member of the House of Representatives of North Carolina at one time while he was a practicing attorney in the western part of this State. He was converted and began evangelistic work after a course in the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Mr. Yelton states that he will devote his efforts to organizing a community choir and he expects to make the singing a notable feature of the services. He is a native of Tennessee, his home town being Mr. Juliet. He asks the cooperation of all the people in Lillington and adjoining community in his efforts. Jointly with Rev. Mr. Caviness, to make the meetings a great success.

## MEMBERS GRADUATING CLASS OF LILLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Nineteen students graduated from Lillington High School last week—thirteen girls and six boys. Names of those taking diplomas are as follows:

- Mr. Edwin Bain.
- Mr. Grayson Diggs.
- Mr. Glenn Brantley.
- Mr. Earnest Byrd.
- Mr. Reid Rees.
- Mr. Edgar S. Smith.
- Miss Julia Dewar.
- Miss Reba Dorman.
- Miss Edith Horner.
- Miss Belle Hockaday.
- Miss Kate Jones.
- Miss Kathleen Lanier.
- Miss Florence McDonald.
- Miss Cornelia McLaughlin.
- Miss Lena Norris.
- Miss Ruth O'Quinn.
- Miss White Stephens.
- Miss Mildred Upchurch.
- Miss Nelba Wood.

## FEDERATION TO MEET

The Harnett County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold its regular monthly meeting at the County Club House on Wednesday, May 29th. The business meetings will begin at 10:30 a. m. Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock. There will be a social meeting in the afternoon to which the Woman's Club of Lillington is most cordially invited. A special feature of the afternoon program will be a talk by Miss Belle Colwell (now in Duke), on "The Hawaiian Islands." This will be at 3 o'clock. We hope to have with us also Miss Elizabeth Galney of Fayetteville, who will tell us something about "The year round garden." Let us try to have a good attendance.

Mrs. J. H. Dixon, Secretary.

## TOWN OF BEAUTY HIGH SCHOOL GIRL THIS WILL BE IF ENDED HER LIFE LADIES HAVE WAY WITH A SHOTGUN

Womans Club Has Mapped Out Program for Cleaning, Improving, Beautifying. Captains of Wards are Named

Lillington is going to be clean, it will take on an improved appearance—in fact it will become beautified, if the members of the Woman's Club have their way about it, and they have set definite plans to carry out their ideas as to the cultivation of the aesthetic in this county seat town. To state that they have ordained it is not enough, however; they have decreed as much, and the wheels have been set in motion whereby the desired order of things may be brought about. The first step was a meeting of the Club, at which plans were made and approved, teams were organized and captains appointed. A contest has been inaugurated, and the scheme unfolds this way:

Beginning on the first day of June, which ordinarily would be "Blue Monday," but in this case to assume as many colors as Nature may afford in a season—beginning on that day a contest is to be inaugurated which will end on September 1st. Every resident of Lillington is expected to join heartily in this contest, and the purpose of it is to make the town clean, so that it may grow healthily, and to beautify it, so that it will be a joy not only to residents but to visitors as well. At the opening of the contest every resident will join in by beginning work on premises, removing all rubbish of every kind, the first point being cleanliness. Next in order will be painting, mending and other touches of improvement that are needed or desired about the dwelling and premises. Then the planting of flowers and shrubbery, to take the place of weeds, trash and all other undesirable accumulation that may burden the landscape. It is desired that there be the keenest sort of rivalry between contestants in order to see who can have the cleanest, most beautiful place on September 1st. To the one showing the most marked improvement between the dates mentioned will go the award. It has not been decided just what will be the prize, but this will be announced later. Judges have been appointed to pass upon the results of the labors of contestants, but the names of the judges will not be disclosed just now. It has been deemed best to keep their identity sub-rosa for awhile and let everybody get to work. The judges will work too, because they are expected to keep a close watch on the efforts of everyone in town.

Captains have been named and territory mapped out, as follows: Section One—Mrs. A. M. Shaw, Captain. Territory comprised: All that section east of Main street, and north of "I" street that extends from N. & S. depot to Main street and all territory north of Front street, except the courthouse square. Section Two—Mrs. C. E. Sorrell, Captain: All the section of town east of Main street and lying between A. & W. Railroad on the north. Section Three—Mrs. J. G. Layton, Captain: Begins at the street that runs east and west in front of North-Thacker's garage, and includes the baseball park and all the principal business blocks of town between 8th and Main streets. Section Four—Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Captain: All that section lying north of "I" street that runs east and west by Mrs. J. B. Tugwell's residence, and to extend from 8th street westward. Section Five—Mrs. N. S. Atkins, Captain: Lying between "I" street and the street that runs westward in front of the Baptist church, including school grounds on west and down to 8th street on the east. Section Six—Mrs. Chas. R. Parker, Captain: All the section of town lying west of 8th street and south of the street in front of the Baptist church to the A. & W. Railroad. Section Seven—Mrs. J. D. Johnson, Captain: Lying between 8th street and main street, and south of and including North-Thacker's garage, to the A. & W. Railroad.

Let it be understood that the Woman's Club is not undertaking this job alone. Everybody who claims to be anybody is expected to join in, and join in heartily—that is to say, each and every person in Lillington is hereby enjoined to become partner to the task, and stick to it till it is finished. It is not only for the prize that folks are asked to work, but also for the sake of the pride that everyone has in the homeplace and the home town.

Announcement Engagement. Dunn, May 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin Wilson announce the engagement of their daughter, Hatie, to Mr. William Edwin Dunn, of Kingston, North Carolina. The wedding will take place in June.

## Dr. Paul Cret



Dr. Paul Cret, who served five years with the French army and the A. E. F. in the World War, soon leaves Philadelphia, his present home, for France to select the various sites and prepare the designs for the American war memorials which are to dot France at points of interest of the late conflict. This is in preparation for the 1927 visit of the American Legion. The memorials are being built under congressional authority by the American battle monuments commission, of which Gen. John J. Pershing is chairman. Doctor Cret was born in Lyons and received his architectural education in France.

Miss Beulah Thomas, Age 15, Borrowed Gun Last Saturday, Went to Woods and Committed Suicide

No cause has as yet been assigned for the rash act of Miss Beulah Thomas, 15-year-old high school girl, who last Saturday morning secured a single-barrel shotgun and took her own life with it. Miss Thomas was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Thomas, living a few miles west of Lillington, and was a student of the Lillington High School.

Best information obtainable is to the effect that Miss Thomas left her home about 11:30 in the morning of last Saturday, going to the home of her uncle, Mr. Ben Thomas, nearby. She asked her aunt to lend her a shotgun, stating that she wished to kill a snake. Her aunt told her the gun was there but that no shells were in the house. The girl replied that she had a shell. It was afterwards learned that she had provided herself with the shell before she left her home.

Securing the gun, she went to the edge of a small patch of woods, her little brother accompanying her. As she reached the woods she told the boy to go on. Evidence is that as soon as she was alone, Miss Thomas rested the butt of the gun against a tree, pressing the muzzle to her stomach and in some managed to pull the trigger. It was a single-barrel gun and was therefore light enough for her to handle easily. No one saw her load the gun and it is supposed that she did this, as she had done throughout the incident, planned and executed the rash act entirely alone. The young boy heard the shot and ran to his home and informed his parents. Relatives rushing to the scene found Miss Thomas still alive but death swiftly creeping upon her. Life was with her till she was taken home, but she expired soon after.

Burial took place Sunday in the family burying ground near Avenet's ferry. Miss Thomas was an unusually bright young lady, of exceptionally good behavior, it is said, and had made good records in her school training. The family and friends are grief-stricken. They are as yet in the dark as to the reason that entered into the case and caused Miss Thomas to take her own life.

## DIVISION OF MARKETS OFFERS ITS SERVICE

Raleigh, May 20.—In a letter to over 6,000 farmers who are members of the Farmers' Union, the Cotton and Tobacco Cooperatives, and other associations, George R. Ross, chief of the State Division of Markets, has offered the services of his organization to aid farmers with their marketing problems.

The Division is prepared to render such service in formation of marketing associations and will give assistance and instruction in how to grade, ship and distribute the products. It can assist in securing credit to aid the farmer in financing his operations. It can help in organizing groups and will upon the application of ten or more farmers send an expert to a community to work out a general marketing plan for the products of the community.

The Division of Markets, Mr. Ross points out, has a livestock and poultry division, a fruit and vegetable division, experts in marketing general farm crops such as seeds, hays, cotton and other crops, experts in farm financing and a news service to growers. The division will also help those products that a farmer may have for sale and thus help him to advertise such products.

Last fall the division rendered practical service to western Carolina livestock growers in helping them to dispose of nearly two thousand head of cattle at an increase of 75 cents per hundred pounds over the local price. This amounted to a saving of about \$10,000 to the growers. Now the division is helping to organize cattle marketing associations in this territory.

Poultry marketing in carlots by cooperative action has been one of the most successful projects yet undertaken by the division. This work is still going forward successfully and indications are that next year will show further growth.

The time is past when complete plumbing systems in the farm home should be considered a luxury. Of all the labor-saving conveniences, the water system should come first and every farm home in North Carolina should at least have a simple pump and sink fixture.