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

WORK BEGUN ON WEST END OF W. HARNETT ROAD

Contract Let For Grading to Begin at Cumberland Line and Meet Forces Working Out of Lillington

Contract has been let for the grading of the Western Harnett highway from the Cumberland county line towards Lillington. The forces working westward have reached a point about six miles from the county seat with grading work. Surfacing with clay-gravel of an excellent variety has been carried as far as Upper Little River. The surfacing work has been halted somewhat of late, but it is expected that it will go on with accelerated speed so that the road will be completed by the middle of January, according to Engineer W. T. Smith.

Engineer Smith states that he will have the Erwin-Angier road surveyed by the middle of next week. He is now "in sight of the Angier smokestacks," he says. He is experiencing very little difficulty in locating the right of way, he says, and further states that the property owners along the route traversed by the new road have been cooperating with him nicely. The Erwin-Angier road will be about the same in length as the Western Harnett road, and will afford citizens of the lower part of the county a shorter route to Raleigh when the highway is opened up all the way through.

The roads above mentioned are two of the main county thoroughfares in the scheme of highway construction as outlined by the County Highway Commission. There are three others yet to be surveyed, though it is expected that further progress will be made on these two before any others are undertaken. Convict labor has been relied upon mainly in the construction of the Western Harnett road, though it is the lately adopted policy of the Commission to let contracts for the work wherever the same is feasible and the contractors can be found who will undertake the work at a reasonable figure. It is said that the contractor on the Cumberland end of the Western Harnett road has undertaken his contract at a very low figure. Improved machinery is now being used on all of the county work.

CHAUTAQUA NEXT WEEK

Radeliff Chautauqua is scheduled for Lillington next week, the programs beginning on Wednesday, the 6th, and running through Friday, the 8th. Some excellent numbers are said to be on the programs, and it is expected that the entertainments will be well attended.

Mr. Marvin, chairman of the committee, has had the arrangements in hand for the Chautauqua. Posters and pictures illustrating the numbers in the programs have been put up around town. It is expected that a tent will be erected on the ball park field to accommodate the crowds who attend the entertainments. Season tickets are now being sold.

FORMER CITIZEN, NOW TEXAN, VISITS OLD HOME AGAIN

Mr. J. L. McLean of Merkel, Texas, was a visitor here last week and called at The News office to tell his great appreciation of his native State and of this section. He is a brother of Dr. R. H. McLean of Sampson county. He had been on a visit to his brother and was returning to his place of business in the Lone Star State.

Mr. McLean has been forty-six years in Texas. He had with him a cowhide which had been remarkably cured and made into a bedspread. The hide had a wonderfully downy feel and appearance and looked as if it might make one of the most comfortable bedspreads. Mr. McLean was making his travel in an automobile.

MISS CAMP IMPROVES

Friends of Miss Mary Frances Camp will be glad to learn that her condition is reported as much improved. Miss Camp has been very ill at her home in Rutherfordton for the past several weeks. She was for years superintendent of public welfare in Harnett county. From this county she went to the State Department of Public Welfare and assumed the position of director of county organization. It is reported from Raleigh that she will soon be back at her post.

FIRST TOUCH OF FALL SENDS FOLKS TO COVER

First touch of Fall, 1926, weather struck this territory last Sunday, the mercury in thermometers losing within a few hours about half of its high pitch. At bedtime Saturday night the temperature was balmy enough to sleep without cover, but before morning there was quite a considerable change. By Monday morning the weather-works had succeeded in bringing home the idea to folks hereabouts that there might be another winter in the not far distant future.

Folks have become so accustomed to summertime now that it seems they are loath to make the change, or at least allow the weather-man to make it. But the temperature of the early part of this week certainly made folks think of woolens which they stored away in the closet last spring.

EVERY EYE NOW FOCUSED ON BIG DUNN STATE FAIR

With Racing One of the Big Features, and the Midway Another One, the Whole Show Looks Big

Dunn, Sept. 29.—The eyes of the four counties embraced by the Four County (State) Fair—Harnett, Sampson, Johnston and Cumberland—are focused on Dunn, because of the fact that the eighth annual fair is drawing near. The fair, which promises to be the "biggest and best," not only ever held here, but in North Carolina, will open on Tuesday, October 12, and run through Friday, October 15—four days and nights of fun and amusement.

And not only will it be an event of fun and amusement, but there will be many educational features of outstanding prominence in the various and sundry departments of the big show. In Floral Hall will be found a representative showing of the farm and town homes of all this section, of farms, orchards and gardens. Then the livestock and poultry departments will present an interesting picture of the two industries as they are related to this immediate section.

Racing Big Feature

Good racing has been an outstanding feature of the Four County Fair since its inception and this year, the best program ever offered has been arranged for the further entertainment of the thousands who will visit the fair grounds each day of the fair. Races will be staged each of the four days, and an added attraction this year will be a race for the four-county championship. Only horses from Harnett, Sampson, Johnston and Cumberland will be entered in this particular race. John W. Draughon, official starter and manager of the races, states that all indications point to the very best race program in the eight years history of the fair.

Then the Big Midway

Miller Brothers Big Shows, carrying 300 people, seven rides and 14 different tented attractions, will make up the midway this year. The midway will be illuminated with thousands of brilliant electric lights at night and there will be no dull moments there from the time the gates open in the morning until the close in the evening. And last, but not least, the free acts program will thrill the crowds both day and night. Don't miss Dunn's best fair.

LAND BANK STOCK RISES

Durham, Sept. 29.—The market price of stock of the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, located at Durham and operating in this State and in Virginia, is 10 points higher than it was last November, this being the only bank of the kind in the United States that has increased its stock during the year, indicating a healthy condition, the "United States Investor" says in a recent story on the bank.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one of our friends who were so kind to us during the illness and at the death of our father, Mr. A. Morgan Johnson. Also for the beautiful flowers sent. Every kindness and courtesy is much appreciated by us. The Children.

MOVE TO SANFORD.

Friends will regret to know that Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McDonald and their young sons, H. M. Jr. and Samuel Lee, are leaving Friday for Sanford, where they will make their home. Mr. McDonald has accepted a position in the Ferry Garage.

SCHOOL MEETING LAST SATURDAY WELL ATTENDED

Superintendent Gentry's "Get Together" and "Planning" Conference Meets With Response by School Heads

With practically all of the teachers of the long-term schools and some of the committeemen present, Superintendent R. P. Gentry last Saturday conducted a conference preliminary to the opening of the 1926-27 session of Harnett schools that proved highly beneficial in exchange of ideas, formation of plans and giving of instructions, according to those who attended. The superintendent expressed himself as highly pleased with the response to the call on the part of the teachers. Pressure of business prevented many committeemen from attending, but principals were there in strong numbers, and the discussions were indulged in freely.

Following was the program: Music—Directed by Mr. B. D. Bunn.

Invocation—Rev. J. F. Menius. Introductory—Mr. B. P. Gentry. Supervisory Plans for Year—Miss Gussie Dilts.

The Daily Task—Mr. T. W. Sprinkle.

When Have I Failed in My Daily Task?—Mr. B. D. Bunn.

When Have I Succeeded in My Daily Task?—Mr. J. H. Taylor.

Recess Time—Mr. I. J. Stephenson.

The Way My Teachers Should Spend Recess Time—Mr. B. F. Kendall.

Unifying the Work in the Elementary Schools of Harnett County—Mr. L. C. Brogden, State Supervisor Elementary Schools.

Lunch.

Attendance Problems—Miss Dora Beck.

Transportation Problems—Mr. E. W. Smith.

Our County Papers and Our Schools—Mr. Henderson Steele.

Trustees, Teachers and Children—Dr. J. A. Campbell.

Round Table Discussion—Trustees and Teachers.

All of the numbers on the program were given close attention, and the discussions by the school heads and talks by others proved highly interesting to those present. Especially were the addresses by State Supervisor Brogden and Dr. J. A. Campbell appreciated. In their remarks they advanced ideas that met with cordial reception by the teachers. Superintendent Gentry expresses himself as well pleased with the school situation in general as the term opens.

CASES ON CIVIL DOCKET OCTOBER RECORDER'S COURT

Int. Agri. Corp. vs O. C. Tally. Hunter Bros. Elec. Co. vs A. L. Overby.

A. L. Searcy vs O. P. Matthews. Page Trust Co. vs H. W. Holder et al.

A. L. Searcy vs O. P. Matthews. R. W. Lee vs A. J. McKay. Farmers Cotton Oil Co. vs N. R. Baker.

R. W. Lee vs R. M. Murray. N. C. Hodges vs H. A. Coats. Jiles F. Bixler Co. vs J. M. Pope. J. H. Moore vs Charlie O'Quinn. General Motors Acceptance Corp. vs C. R. Partin.

Albert Bailey vs Wingfield Murchison. Alonzo Johnson vs Mayton Upchurch.

M. C. Cameron vs W. J. Olive.

REVIVAL COMES TO CLOSE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor J. Henry Capps preached the last sermon in his revival services at the Lillington Methodist church last Sunday morning and ended a series of sermons that were impressive and soul-stirring. He did all of the preaching during the revival and was assisted in the music service by Mr. Furman Betts of Raleigh, whose work as well as that of the pastor, was much appreciated by church-going population of Lillington and vicinity.

Although the attendance was not large at any of the meetings, the pastor and members of the church feel that great good was accomplished. Rev. Mr. Capps lives near Goldsboro. It is not known, of course, whether the approaching conference will assign him again to the local move here before the conference meets.

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Buie's Creek's Great Benefactor



MR. D. RICH, WHO GAVE THROUGH HIS ESTATE THE NEW D. RICH MEMORIAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



THE NEW D. RICH MEMORIAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NOW IN USE

HARNETT MAN IS KILLED ESCAPING OFFICERS IN WAKE

Billie Dean, of Near Angier, Loses Life Fleeing from Officers—Wanted on Liquor Charges.

Raleigh, Sept. 27.—Billie Dean, young white man, who has been sought by officers for violation of the prohibition law, was killed last night in Burton Creek township as he was making another attempt to evade the clutches of the law.

Deputy Sheriff Walter Norwood learned that Dean was at the home of John Carter, whether he had gone according to reports, to call on one of his daughters. When the officer reached the home, Dean jumped into an automobile and sought to escape.

Several shots were fired before the car ran into a field, and there Dean was found dead. Coroner Waring was called to make an investigation. According to report of the killing in Raleigh, Deputy Sheriff Norwood shot Dean through the head as the fugitive attempted to crowd him off the highway.

Dean was wanted by the Raleigh officers on charges of reckless driving, putting up smoke screens to evade arrest and on charges of selling liquor. He had acquired a reputation for making daring escapes. It was reported in Raleigh last night that he had been forced to abandon a Chrysler automobile in Henderson on Saturday. He was in a Chevrolet automobile when he met death. His home was near Angier.

RELATIVES OF LILLINGTON FOLKS SAFE IN FLORIDA

So far as has been learned, no relatives of Lillington people were injured in the devastating storm in Florida a week or so ago. Mr. A. M. Shaw, who has many relatives in Florida, has learned that none of them is hurt. Mr. Charles M. Thacker didn't know his mother was in Florida at the time of the storm. Her home is in Greensboro, but she had gone to Florida for a short stay and was there when the storm took place. The house in which she was stopping was swept away, but Mrs. Thacker and all the party with her escaped injury.

NEGRO KILLED IN CAR WRECK

Leonard Jones, young negro man employed at the plant of the Standard Sand and Gravel Corporation, died Monday in a Sanford hospital where he was taken late Sunday evening after he had sustained frightful injuries in an automobile collision near Marners. It seems that the car in which Jones and several other negroes were riding turned to the left to go out of the Sanford highway when they were met broadside by a car coming toward Lillington. Several of the negroes sustained injuries, but none proved fatal except that which Jones received.

As Dr. Riddle of Sanford, who was passing that way, was taking the injured man to Sanford his car was rammed by a "strip-down" as he was going through Broadway. The driver of the "strip-down" ran and has not been caught.

ABANDON SPECIAL ELECTION BUIE'S CREEK DISTRICT

Vote So Close That Pros Yield to Antis—Restraining Order Had Been Filed to Prevent Collection

The election for a special school tax levy of 30 cents on the hundred dollars valuation in Buie's Creek district, which was reported carried a few weeks ago, has been abandoned, according to Attorney F. H. Taylor, one of the leaders in favor of the election. The vote recorded in the election was very close, it is said, and there arose a question as to the validity of withdrawal of certain names of voters from the registration books. The voters' names were withdrawn at their own request, it was said, after they had decided not to let their names count against the election. Parties voting against the election had since the election employed attorneys and applied to the courts for a restraining order to prevent the collection of the tax. It was to prevent further controversy over the matter that the "pros" yielded their claim to victory and abandoned the election.

The tax book for Nell's Creek township, in which is located the territory embraced in the district in question, had been held up on account of the election controversy. County Auditor Bradley stated last week that all of the tax books would be ready for the tax collector by the first of October with the exception of the Nell's Creek book. Now that the controversy is settled, it is expected that the Nell's Creek book will go to the tax collector along with the others.

Those not favoring the election in the Buie's Creek district are said to base their contention, mainly on the right of separation of the public school from the Junior College or denominational school. It is claimed by some that if this were done there would be little opposition to the extra levy of tax. It is contended by others, however, that a majority of the school patrons in the district will

RICH BUILDING NOW ENJOYED BY BUIE'S CREEK

The handsome and commodious central school building, funds for the construction of which were bequeathed by the late Mr. D. Rich of Winston-Salem in his will, and which is just now being completed, is a source of great joy and satisfaction to Dr. J. A. Campbell and his assistants at Buie's Creek Junior College. The building is now being occupied, and the adequate classrooms as well as the large auditorium and offices, are furnishing facilities long needed by the school to carry on its important work.

In this week's issue of "Creek Pebbles," student magazine of the College, the accompanying pictures of Mr. Rich and the building appear, along with an expression of appreciation for the great benefactor's kindness.

Besides the building, which has been named "The New D. Rich Memorial" and which cost approximately \$150,000, Mr. Rich gave during his lifetime one of the handsomest libraries possessed by any college. The cost of the library was above \$50,000. Not often is it found to be the case that men of means contribute such large sums to small colleges. But, then, Buie's Creek is about as large as most of the colleges if the matter of achievement is taken into consideration.

COTTON REPORT FOR THIS STATE SHOWS BIG YIELD

Nearly 100,000 Bales More in This State This Year Than Last Year—Not Quite Two Bales to Acre

Raleigh, Sept. 29.—As based on over seven hundred farmers' opinions, supplemented by expert field investigations, the cotton crop for North Carolina shows a 64 percent of a full crop or normal condition. This indicates 1,129,000 bales on 2,026,000 acres left for harvest. Two weeks ago the condition was reported at 69 percent, indicating a yield of 267 pounds lint cotton per acre. Last year's crop was 1,102,000 bales. The September 16, 1925, condition was 62 percent. The South's forecasted crop is 15,810,000 bales at 59.5 percent condition.

The crop reporters indicated that six percent of the State's crop was picked to September 16th and that three percent was ginned. This means that picking and ginning have progressed rapidly for that cotton has almost all opened since September 1st.

During the week from September 16th to 21st, extensive travel and field investigations were made through the inner Coastal and eastern Piedmont districts embracing Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson, Halifax, Northampton, Johnston, Wayne, Duplin, Sampson, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Scotland, Richmond, Moore, Lee, Chatham and Wake counties. Mr. W. F. Callender, Chairman of the National Crop Reporting Board, accompanied the statistician for North Carolina in a part of his area. In order that the information sought might be devoid of bias or prejudice, it was decided to examine fields at exact five mile intervals. The features sought were for favorable and destructive factors, including general healthfulness of plants, bolls considered safe (over half grown), bolls opened, weight of boll of seed cotton, damaged by weevils, caterpillars and boll worms, abandonment of everything tending to effect the final yield. Records were kept of each field visited.

A frequent question asked farmers was "how have the boll weevils been?" The usual reply was "they have not bothered much in this section." Only two fields were found where appreciable boll weevil damage was not plainly evident. Farmer after farmer was surprised to see for the first time these evidences. The shortage of the top crop is in many instances due, more to weevil damage than to dry weather. The lateness of the crop resulted in heavier damage.

Caterpillars are spreading over the state rapidly, but material damage is not anticipated, as there are very few bolls less than half grown to be injured by the defoliation of leaves. In fact, this may mean earlier maturity and cleaner picking of the crop. The boll worm has been worse than for several years. The cotton hopper or flea was particularly bad during August by destroying young squares, which damage was usually attributed to the dry weather damage.

The records of field investigations show that over 7 bolls per running foot of row were over half grown or opened. The average weight per hundred bolls picked was over 20 ounces of seed cotton. The turnout at gins is between 34 and 37 percent of lint. Boll weevil and the resulting serious damage is general. It was generally considered that the fields studied were representative of the area passed through. The conclusion was that the plants have more safe bolls than the average farmer seems to appreciate, in spite of the heavy damages mentioned.

The resulting crop means that little damage will result from a fairly early frost except in the upper counties from Wake to Catawba which are not heavy producing cotton areas. The cultivation has been good. The early dry weather was favorable to fruiting instead of weedy growth, at the same time checking boll weevil development. The Piedmont section has had the most dry weather and yet shows the best condition of cotton, proving that cotton really is a dry weather crop.

FRANK PARKER, Agricultural Statistician.

not consent to the aforesaid separation.

For the present, at least, the school work in that district will be continued as heretofore.

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