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

WANTS IDLE LANDS TURNED OVER TO GROWING TREES

HARNETT INTERESTED IN WORK OF REFORESTATION OF IDLE LANDS — DISTRIBUTING PRIMERS TO SCHOOLS

Washington, D. C., May 20—North and South Carolina have, between them, 35,000,000 acres of land suitable for forests, according to a statement issued today at the headquarters of the American Tree Association. The association is rounding up figures for the entire country in order to show the amount of idle land that should be put to work growing forests. In educational work, Charles Lathrop Pack, the president of the association, has given 69,377 forestry primers to the schools of the two States so that the coming generation will be forestry-minded. He has given 3,000,000 of the primers to the school teachers of the country.

In North Carolina, the statement says, there are 16,040,000 acres naturally restocking to forest and 3,440,000 acres not naturally restocking. The natural restocking process is slow, as every one knows. The average cost per acre of replanting is \$12 per acre. In 50 years, experts say, pine planted now will make the yield worth \$200 per acre. That makes forest planting now, it is pointed out, look like a good investment. It also asks what will be the price of lumber in the year 2000 if no idle land is planted now.

D. M. Curran, of the North Carolina Agricultural Department, put the situation this way in a recent statement: "The twenty million acres of forest land in North Carolina are capable of producing forever, twice the present output of a billion board feet, and to supply our present wood-using industries perpetually. The revenues which this forest wealth should produce annually for the State, may even in time rival that now produced by the manufacturers of cotton and tobacco."

In South Carolina a forestry department recently was organized. There are 14,000,000 acres of potential forest land in the State. There are only a half million acres of virgin timber in all. The figures may be changed somewhat as further checking goes on.

To get the idle lands to produce something of value quickly it is necessary to plant "thrown out" farm lands and areas that are burned so hard that there is no hope of natural reforestation within a reasonable time. If these areas are protected from fire Nature eventually will take care of them, but Nature is entirely too slow. Where trees are lacking many years are required for parent trees to seed extensive areas. South Carolina ought to plant at least one million acres quickly the Association says.

Of recent years the scarcity of timber has reflected itself in high prices. Wood, in all its multitudinous forms, is something we cannot well do without. No nation over has. Wood means houses, turpentine, boxes, fuel, shingles, ties, posts, poles, magazines, books and newspapers. It means a wealth of things on which our whole economic structure is predicated. Yet it is daily getting scarcer.

Up to and including the year 1925, the United States Forest Service estimated that a little over one and one-half million acres had been planted by all the agencies in the United States. Two years later the American Tree Association estimated that about 90,000,000 trees were being planted yearly—just about enough to reforest 90,000 acres. At this rate it will take between five hundred and one thousand years to replant our man-made desert, always provided that man's destructiveness and fire's ravages do not, in the course of that time, add still more.

"A great opportunity presents itself to the Carolinas," says Mr. Pack. "Everybody in the two States knows the value of the naval stores industry. More and more other industry is finding its way into these States. Will the States look ahead? What part will they have in the great industrial program of the future? That part depends largely on forests. Today the state of New York plants more trees every year than the federal government. The United States is planting about one tenth as much every year as does Japan. Our economic life depends upon forest products. Now in the time for business men of these States, just over night from the great manufacturing centers to the northward, to demand a forest planting program and see it put into operation."

PRIZE WINNERS

In the essay contest held at Dunn last Saturday, the following were prize winners:
First Prize—Howard Lee of Dunn.
Second Prize—Mamie Byrd of Bunnlevel.
Third Prize—Gladys Wilborn of Erwin.
The first prize was \$25.00 in gold; the second, \$12.50, and the third, \$6.25.

TOBACCO MARTS MAY OPEN EARLY THIS SEASON

GROWERS OF EASTERN CAROLINA MAY REAP BIG PROFITS FROM GOOD PRICES AT FIRST OF SEASON

N. C. Bartlett of Kinston is authority for the announcement that the tobacco markets in this section may be opened earlier this fall. As secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Bartlett with the assistance of others is making a determined effort in this regard, it is said.

The Tobacco Association of the United States will hold its annual meeting at Virginia Beach June 26 to 28, and will set the dates for the opening in all belts. Thousands of signatures have been secured to a petition asking a date in August for the local belt. Growers and others have signed it. Paul Frizzell, president of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce, will name a committee in a few days to present the petition.

The commercial organization has been striving for two years to secure earlier opening of the bright leaf markets. Conditions are claimed to be favorable this year. The Georgia crop is well advanced, and growers in that State are said to be asking earlier opening than in the past.

Bankers generally agreed with the Chamber of Commerce that opening in this belt two weeks earlier than in the past will mean a saving of hundreds of thousands, possibly millions, of dollars to the growers. August 29 is the date suggested for the Kinston market. The Eastern Carolina crop is usually ready for the auctions long before that date. Earlier opening, it is contended, will mean better prices and "tide over" farmers during the dull season of the year.

CHRIS SAUCE CO. NEW ENTERPRISE

The Chris Sauce Company is the latest enterprise for Lillington. The incorporators are C. H. Kyprijs, J. C. Byrd, J. M. Shaw and M. R. Edwards. The company will begin immediately the manufacture and distribution of a patent sauce for the table originated by Mr. Kyprijs, proprietor of Lillington Cafe.

Trade name of the sauce will be "Splendid." Mr. Kyprijs has made the sauce, distributing it to his friends, who declare it the best they have ever used.

As soon as bottles and labels can be secured from the factories, the company will begin distributing its product to the trade.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On May 14th a large crowd gathered at the home of Mrs. Amanda J. Morrison to celebrate her 90th birthday. The guests began gathering at 10 o'clock and at 12 o'clock a table about 45 feet long was well covered with all kinds of good things to eat. In the center of the table was a cake with 90 candles. About 1:30 music and singing began and was followed by reading and prayer by Rev. E. B. Bell.

Five children, 4 sons and a daughter, were all there; also 19 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren were all present. Some friends from Durham and Raleigh came to enjoy the day.

McGEE-YARBOROUGH

Friends in Harnett county will learn with interest of the marriage last Friday morning at 10 o'clock of Miss Ada Laurena Yarbrough and Mr. William Dewey McGee, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents in Cary.

The bride is the sister of Mrs. Mary Allred, who was for a number of years a resident of Lillington.

Mr. J. W. Senter of the Kipling community was among the business visitors here Tuesday.

HARNETT TO LOSE 21 TEACHERS BY NEW SCHOOL LAW

COUNTY WILL HAVE 280 TEACHERS, WHITE AND COLORED, NEXT SESSION, AGAINST 310 LAST YEAR

According to the new school law enacted by the last session of the Legislature, Harnett county is to lose 21 of its school teachers. Last session, or the one just closing, the county school system employed 310 teachers, white and colored, but this force must be cut down to conform to the provisions of the new law, and thus 289 teachers will take the places of the 310 last year, a loss of 21, according to the figures compiled by Superintendent Gentry.

The superintendent states that in 1927-28 the county schools had an average attendance of pupils of 8,522; in 1928-29 an attendance of 8,564—only 42 increase. Based upon this attendance record, the county will have to cut its teaching force, he says, in order to participate in the state equalizing fund.

Lillington will lose one high school teacher. If the election to be held in this district on June 10 is successful, taking in new territory and thereby increasing the attendance, Lillington's elementary school will gain one teacher.

The superintendent explains that if the county or the districts wish to keep their present teaching force it will be necessary to pay salaries out of local funds. In the 1928-29 session the school regulations allowed 165 teachers in the white elementary schools and 49 in the high schools, making a total of 214. In the colored high schools there were 5 high school teachers and 91 elementary, making a total of 96. The grand total was 310.

Under the new law there will be only 154 white elementary teachers and 46 in the high schools. In the colored schools there will be 32 elementary teachers and 7 in the high schools. The increase in the colored high schools comes about by reason of the establishment of the Shaw Town high school at Lillington.

When asked for his opinion as to whether his schools would be crippled because of the cut in the teacher force, the superintendent did not feel disposed to make comment. He does not, however, evince any enthusiasm over the change in regulations. There is an impression, he said, that comes to all who have made a study of Harnett's school system and its progress, that the people will demand efficiency in the classrooms and if it found that more teachers are required than the law allows, the people will do just like they have been doing—tax themselves to supply the necessary teachers.

DISTRICT W.M.S. TO MEET HERE

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Fayetteville District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will hold their district meeting in the Methodist Church at Lillington on May 30th. The session will convene at 10:30 o'clock.

The president of the North Carolina Conference Missionary Council, Mrs. A. M. Gates, will be here, and also other women of note, among whom will be Mrs. J. C. Wooten of Durham, Mrs. Junius Wren of Siler City, who is district secretary, and many others.

A cordial invitation is extended to the Auxiliaries of the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches to meet with us and be one of us.

The conference will be for just one day, and we will have a basket picnic dinner on the church ground. We invite all who will to join in with us and help to make it a great day for all.

Very truly yours,
MRS. S. T. MOYLE,
Pres. Local Missionary Society.

WOMAN'S CLUB

What? Lillington Woman's Club meeting.

When? Friday, May 24th, at 4 p. m.

Where? Club house.

Why? To be inspired and benefited by one of the Club's best programs.

H. L. GODWIN SERIOUSLY ILL.

Attorney H. L. Godwin of Dunn, who has been seriously ill in a hospital at Fayetteville for several days was reported slightly improved yesterday.

HARD SURFACING HIGHWAY 21 WILL SOON BE COMPLETED

Forces at work on the hard surfacing of Lillington-Wake county link of Highway No. 21 are finishing the last lap. Main street in Lillington has been torn up for the past week, from the A. & W. railroad to Cape Fear River bridge, and the contractors state that with open weather they will finish in another week.

The fresh-laid concrete remains covered with dirt for a couple of weeks after being poured. It will therefore be about the 10th of June before the road is opened to traffic all the way through. Traffic is now passing over the new concrete beyond the Cape Fear bridge.

NEW MAIL SERVICE FOR LILLINGTON IS AUTHORIZED

TO LET CONTRACT FOR MAIL RALEIGH-TO-FAYETTEVILLE BEGINNING MAY 25, RELIEVING RAILROAD

By order of the Postoffice Department at Washington, the postmaster at Raleigh is authorized to let contract to private parties for carrying all mails between Raleigh and Fayetteville. The order becomes effective May 26th (next Sunday). The order was issued to the Raleigh postmaster on May 17th, and if he is successful in getting a satisfactory bidder for the job of carrying the mail before next Sunday, the new service will be instituted then. The limit fixed for the contract price is \$2,628 per year.

The distance named in the order, between Raleigh and Fayetteville, is 60 miles and the towns named to cover by the service are Varina, Fuquay Springs, Chalybeate Springs, Chalybeate Springs, Kipling, Lillington, Bunnlevel, Linden and Slocumb. This takes all mail between Raleigh and Fayetteville which has heretofore been carried by the Norfolk Southern Railroad on its mixed trains carrying freight which delayed the mails considerably. It is said that the railroad is glad to be rid of the mail-carrying job. Heretofore, since the discontinuance of its passenger trains between Raleigh and Fayetteville several years ago, the Norfolk Southern has carried a passenger car on its freight trains. It may be that this service will be discontinued after the mail is transferred to another route.

The schedule fixed for the new mail service, which will be over Highway No. 21, is as follows: Leave Raleigh daily at 5:30 a. m. and arrive Fayetteville not later than 8:15 a. m. That will put mail from Raleigh into Lillington at 6:40 every morning. Mail is to leave Fayetteville every afternoon at 5:30 after getting mail from trains 89 and 52, and the time given in which to reach Raleigh is two and three-quarters hours. This will give Lillington mail from Fayetteville daily at 6:40 in the evenings.

Box delivery and collection service is not required in the new order. Motor vehicle is to be used when roads and weather conditions will permit.

The new service is for seven days a week.

COMMENCEMENT AND OTHER SCHOOL NEWS FROM COATS

Coats, May 20.—The Fidelis Matron Class held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. E. Nichols. The topic for the evening was "The Ministry of Women," and was discussed by Misses Edith Maynard, Sue Williams and Anne Witly. Miss Blanche Betts sang "It Pays to Serve Jesus."

Immediately following the program a beautiful May basket was brought in filled with dainty handmade linen handkerchiefs, tied with pink ribbon and sweet peas. The handkerchiefs were presented to the members of the school faculty as a token of the class' appreciation for their services during the term.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Irwin Smith and Mrs. Edna Roberts, served cream cake.

Following is the commencement program of Coats school:

Sunday, May 26, 11:30 a. m.—Sermon by Dr. J. A. McMillan, Alumni secretary of Wake Forest College.

Thursday, May 30, 8:00 p. m.—Class day exercises.

Friday, May 31, 10:30 a. m.—Graduating exercises and address by Dr. B. F. Brown of State College.

Friday, May 31, 8:00 p. m.—"My Dixie Rose," senior play.

Long Form Trust Deeds at The News Office.

TWO BOARDS IN JOINT SESSION HERE FRIDAY

TO FIX SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1929-30 — ALL INTERESTED PERSONS INVITED TO ATTEND

All interested persons are invited to attend a joint session of the Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners to be held in Lillington High School building at 1:00 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. The purpose of the joint session is to fix the school budget for 1929-30.

Superintendent Gentry, in making explanation of his invitation to all citizens to attend the meeting, says that the governing authorities of the county are faced with two demands, namely, that taxes be lowered if possible, and that the school system be kept up to standard. In considering these propositions which in fact resolve themselves into one proposition, the county authorities are brought squarely against one of the hardest situations that has arisen in years.

None of the patrons of the schools will want the standard of efficiency lowered, yet at the same time there will be none who would object to a drop in the tax rate. It is for the purpose of allowing the patrons to take a look into the matter of expense of the schools that the invitation is extended to attend the session here Friday.

In fixing the budget of expenditures for the school system, there is always to be found an extra expense item known as debt service. This is for paying interest on borrowed money. The money has been borrowed because the people have voted for the higher type of schools. The county has assumed obligation for all of this borrowed money and the interest charge goes into the budget. That is one reason why the school levy runs high.

Speaking of interest money, it will no doubt be well for the people who pay taxes to keep in mind that out of the tax moneys collected by Harnett county one dollar out of every five is required to pay interest on borrowed money.

LOCAL MARINE HAS BIG TRIP

After some interesting experiences in Nicaragua, where he was on duty with the Fifth Regiment of Marines, Samuel D. Honeycutt of Bule's Creek arrived at Norfolk, Va., recently on the U. S. S. Bridge, which brought back a number of marines who had completed periods of service in Nicaragua, Haiti, and elsewhere in the tropics.

Honeycutt went to Nicaragua in February, 1927, when detachments of U. S. Marines were hurriedly dispatched to that country to suppress a revolution. He remained in the tropics over two years and came back to the States by way of the Panama Canal.

With peaceful conditions prevailing in nearly all parts of Nicaragua, large numbers of marines have been withdrawn from that country, the Bridge bringing back a number of other men who also went to Nicaragua with the Fifth Regiment two years ago.

Honeycutt made his home with his father, Mr. Dee A. Honeycutt, in Bule's Creek, prior to joining the Marine Corps at Baltimore, Md., in October, 1925. Before leaving for Central America he was stationed at Quantico, Va., and he has been assigned to duty at that station again.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM AT BOONE TRAIL SCHOOL

Boone Trail School will begin its commencement program next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with a sermon by Rev. E. B. Carr.

Monday evening at 8:30 the class day exercises will be held.

Tuesday evening at 8:30 a play, "He's My Pal," will be given.

Dr. Snyder, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, will deliver the baccalaureate address on Wednesday evening at 8:30.

There are 11 students who will graduate from Boone Trail School this year.

At 2:30 Wednesday afternoon the Boone Trail baseball team will play the Aviation Corps team from Fort Bragg.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these exercises.

Chattels at The News Office.

THE GRAND JURY

The following gentlemen are serving on the Grand Jury this week:

H. W. Prince, Foreman; W. A. Porter, F. J. Cox, F. M. Haire, D. M. Morrison, Stewart McDonald, W. J. Davis, Archie Gilbert, A. D. Nordan, J. G. Weaver, N. C. Massengill, O. K. Keer, N. M. Harrell, E. C. Blanchard, J. A. Hockaday, J. W. Denning, A. M. Cobb, C. R. Gregory.

J. H. McNeill is officer.

DELINQUENTS TAKE NO NOTICE OF TAX SALES?

VERY FEW ARE PAYING UP DURING PERIOD OF ADVERTISEMENT OF LAND TO BE SOLD JUNE 8

The question uppermost in the mind of Tax Collector John Green now is whether the fourteen hundred delinquent taxpayers of Harnett county, whose names are appearing in The News and Dunn Dispatch, will come forward in appreciable numbers and settle their 1928 taxes before the sale day, June 8.

The two lists appeared in the two papers the second week in this month, about fourteen hundred names in all. At the present rate, the list will not be cut down much before the sale, but Mr. Green hopes that something will cause them to "speed up" between this time and June 3. He hopes to cut down his list to at least the same number he had last year—seven hundred. He has great hope of being able to trim the lists that much, but of course he may be able to trim it still more. He is a good collector, and although he never gets "hard-boiled," he is of such a persuasive disposition that the usually gets what he sets out to get. The only thing that will thwart him, it is believed, will be the utter lack of funds in the hands of the delinquents.

It is pointed out that those who are holding their money because of the fact that they have already been advertised will find much embarrassment and serious inconvenience upon the institution of proceedings under the new law.

The new law gives the county 12 per cent interest on "deferred payments" of taxes for the first year and 8 per cent the next. Although it is necessary to pay that much to borrow money from any source just now, there is the litigation to be taken into account, and everyone who knows anything about it knows that litigation is one of the most expensive things in the world.

The lands of delinquents in Duke, Averasboro and Grove townships are being advertised in the Dispatch and those of all other townships in The News. The two lists are almost the same length.

LIONS CLUB HAS REGULAR FEED

Lillington Lions Club had its bi-weekly meet and feed at Lillington Cafe Tuesday evening at 7:30 with eighteen members present and one distinguished guest, Judge Garland E. Midyette, holding court here for the May criminal term, was the invited guest of the club and gave the members an interesting little talk for a wholesome dessert.

Lion Thad Pope, chairman of the program committee, tendered excuse for failure to provide an excellent musical number which he had prepared, but called other numbers on his program for the evening. Lion Gentry was called for a short talk on Education and spoke of his wrestle with the annual budget. Lion Steele was asked to speak about the newspaper as an aid to the community and told of the value of individual effort in the uplift of the citizenship. Lion Thomson reported one new member, Lion T. R. Brown of Buckhorn, who was present. Lion Anthony spoke of his efforts in behalf of the farmers.

Lion President Halford announced the postponement to a later date of the Goodwill Tour and declared all Lions attending the district meet in Durham next week as delegates.

The feed was one of Chris Kyprijs' famous chicken broils with trimmings and pie a la mode. It was good to the last bite.

Sunday Miss Sudie Sexton, Miss Ethel Byrd, Messrs. Turner Atkins, Ralph and Glenn Johnson attended the baccalaureate sermon at Flora McDonald College, Red Springs.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these exercises.

Chattels at The News Office.

SAYS FRUIT FLY COULD DESTROY HORTICULTURE

LEIBY SAYS INFESTED FRUIT HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO THIS STATE—ASKS AID IN PREVENTION

The spread of the Mediterranean fruit fly over the South would probably mean the end of all horticultural industry, especially of all fruits and many vegetables, Dr. R. W. Leiby, state entomologist of the Department of Agriculture, declared in an address broadcast over station WPTF Monday. This has been the case in other countries where the fly now abounds, he stated.

Dr. Leiby's address was in the nature of an appeal to citizens of the state to aid the federal and state governments in preventing the spread of this pest which has recently become established in Florida.

It is definitely known that fruit from the infested area was shipped into North Carolina before the discovery of the fly, Dr. Leiby said, adding: "If such infested fruit has reached the public dump heap there is no doubt that the maggots have transformed to flies and escaped. The weather has been mild and they could easily live until the early peaches in the Fayetteville section (where it is known that such shipments have been received) ripen. There is a possibility that North Carolina can become infested with the fly.

"If it is in North Carolina, help the Department of Agriculture and let it out as soon as possible by sending anything suspicious found in a grapefruit or orange to the state entomologist for identification," he said.

The spread of the fly, which Dr. Leiby described as "the most serious that man has ever had to contend with," would be a matter of only a few years, Dr. Leiby said. The peach industry in the Bermuda Islands was completely wiped out by the fly, while the Hawaiian Islands can ship no fruits and vegetables in this country, except green pineapples on account of the rigid quarantine the United States maintains against the fly.

"You have heard of the European corn borer, the Japanese beetle, the Mexican bean beetle and the cotton boll weevil, and all of them have proven to be quite serious and destructive pests to crops," said Dr. Leiby. "Yet the destruction caused by all of these put together would not equal that of the Mediterranean fruit fly, in my opinion. If this newly introduced pest now in Florida were to invade the southeastern states and California.

"The fly has been in Florida, perhaps six months, perhaps 18 months, certainly no longer. It is certain that infested vegetables, grapefruit and oranges have come into the southern States and into North Carolina during the winter and spring. And this is especially true of bulk grapefruit and oranges—the kinds that are moved by auto truck and in bulk car lots, for these kinds are often second grade stock, and therefore more likely to be infested than the boxed fruits.

"Entomologists know that the fly maggots leave the slightly decayed fruits that they infested when they are fully grown, then they go into the soil where they transform to flies. And when they are fully grown flies they work their way out of the soil and fly around to search for other fruits in which they lay their eggs.

"The flies can live 50 days without laying any eggs. They will lay from one to 30 in a grapefruit or in a peach that is about to ripen, or in a plum, a pear, in grapes, apples, figs or a pepper, a tomato, or in a bean pod. The eggs produce tiny maggots and these feed in the fruit or vegetable and cause it to decay.

"The flies are prolific and can lay as many as 600 eggs. If the weather were favorable they could raise 18 broods or generations in a year." Dr. Leiby particularly called on grocery store dealers, fruit stand operators and housewives to burn or bury in lime all partly decayed grapefruit or oranges and to carefully avoid throwing them on the dump heap where they will have an excellent opportunity to breed.

MR. SHAW GETS APPOINTMENT.

Mr. A. M. Shaw of Lillington has received appointment by Governor Gardner as trustee of the Colored Normal School at Fayetteville. The appointment is for a four year term and Mr. Shaw has signified his intention of accepting.