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

## ED FLOOD GIVEN 5-12 YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER

SIMILAR TERM IS GIVEN WALTER PARKER, NEGRO, FOR AN ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT RAPES

Accepting Ed Flood's submission of guilty of manslaughter, Judge W. C. (Buck) Harris Monday sentenced the former Florida Negro to serve from five to 12 years in State Prison for knifing Ella Turner to death in a quarrel which climaxed a drinking party in which the two and several of their acquaintances participated.

The killing took place in a small home on the Lillington-Bule's Creek highway where Flood lived with the Negro woman and her aged mother. There were no eye-witnesses to the actual slaying, as the other participants in the drinking frolic fled the scene when Flood and the woman began the quarrel which led to her death.

The plea was submitted through Flood's lawyer, Neill McK. Salmon of Lillington, and Solicitor Claude Canaday accepted it.

A similar lengthy sentence was imposed upon Walter Parker, Negro, when he was found guilty of an attempt to rape a Negro girl under eight years of age. At the outset of the trial, Solicitor Canaday announced to the jury that he was not trying to secure a conviction of rape, thereby putting the Negro on trial for his life, but for an attempted rape.

These were the most outstanding cases disposed of at this week's session of criminal court, the last of the spring terms, as the manslaughter counts against Joe Rice, Dunn Negro, and Mahlon Thomas and Valen Smith, young white men of Varina and Angier, were ordered continued. Lack of time to properly investigate these cases forced Solicitor Canaday to order continuance.

Solicitor Canaday also told Judge Harris that the blackmail suit against T. G. Warren would either be tried or not pressed at the September session. Warren is charged with an attempt to coerce Henry D. Hood of Dunn into re-employing a friend of Warren's whom Hood had discharged from his laundry.

Albert Bailey, Lillington Negro, was ordered to serve six months for an affray. Notice of appeal was given and his bond was fixed at \$500.

Additional cases disposed of were: Magdalene Smith, violating prohibition laws, 90 days.

Sallie Bell, violating prohibition laws, remanded to Recorder's Court.

John Eason and John Wilkerson, larceny, 18 months.

Cary Glover, affray, nol pros.

Capriases were issued for Buddy McNeill, charged with carnal knowledge, and Clyde Avery, facing a charge of bigamy. In both cases, the Grand Jury returned true bills after investigations.

Before adjourning for the term at the close of Tuesday's session, (Please turn to page two)

## HCTS WILL HAVE NEW DEPARTMENT

State Offers To Install Vocational Agriculture In Dunn Negro School If County Pays Share

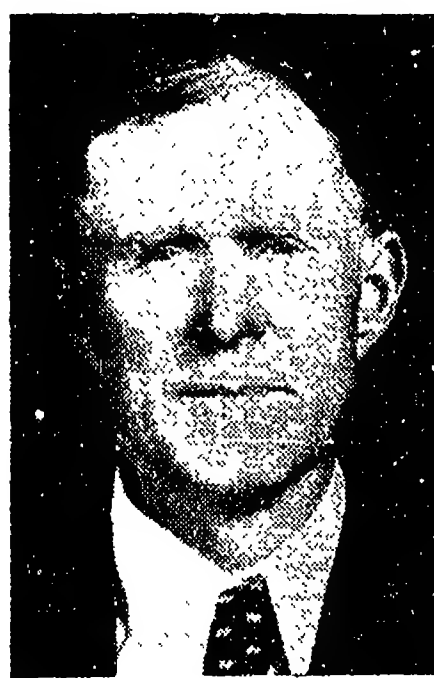
The first vocational agriculture department for Negro students of Harnett county will be installed next fall in Harnett County Training School of State funds appropriated for the purpose are supplemented by county funds.

B. P. Gentry, superintendent of Harnett's schools, has received notice from State Supervisor Roy H. Thomas that assistance in establishing the department will be available provided the county bears a portion of the expense. The matter will be presented to the Commissioners and Board of Education at their respective meetings on June 6th when it is expected approval will be made without opposition as both groups have done everything possible to widen the scope of vocational guidance for Harnett students.

The training school, located in Dunn, is the largest school for Negroes in Harnett county. Shawtown high school near Lillington is the second largest and it is hoped provision can be made to install a similar department there within the next year.

Supt. Gentry is also attempting to secure an agriculture teacher for Bule's Creek. If State funds are available, both proposals will be presented to executives at the same time.

## Candidate



DAVID HENRY SENTER Democratic candidate for State Senate. President and Director of Bank of Lillington, Director of Bank of Fuquay, member Harnett County Debt Commission, member of Baptist Church and Masonic Order.

## HEAD OF VOTING BOARD ASKS FOR CLEAN PRIMARY

CHAIRMAN MONROE CAUTIONS ELECTION OFFICIALS TO BE FAIR SO NO CHARGES OR COMPLAINTS WILL FOLLOW

Aware of the heat generated by current political battles and the close balloting certain to follow in the June 4th primary, Chairman Graham D. Monroe of the County Board of Elections has sent to all registrars a letter requesting use of extreme caution to avoid charges of complaints on the conduct of the election.

These letters, together with a pamphlet of the Election Laws and additional instructions concerning registration and distribution of absentee ballots, were sent to various precincts immediately before books were opened three weeks ago.

Chairman Monroe's plea for a fair election is similar to a recent radio address in which W. A. Lucas, chairman of the State board, urged officials to prevent illegal balloting during the Democratic primary.

"A person cannot be a dishonest election official and an honest citizen at the same time," Lucas said. "In the final analysis, responsibility for dishonesty, unfairness and fraud must rest squarely upon the shoulders of election officials, because fraud cannot occur to any appreciable extent except through the connivance or participation of such officials."

Only Democrats are permitted to participate in the Democratic primary and registration books in each precinct are supposed to designate the party affiliation of each voter.

A person who is less than 21 years old but will be 21 by the November election may vote in the primary if he qualifies in other respects.

Although official markers will not be appointed until the November election, a voter who needs assistance may be helped by a member of his family, by any person desired by him and approved by precinct officials or by any precinct official.

## FARM BILL GETS FINAL APPROVAL

Tobacco Marketing Quotas Are Increased Two Per Cent And Cotton Allotments May Be Transferred

The second bill amending the 1938 Farm Act was sent to President Roosevelt Monday when the Senate concurred in amendments the House tacked on to the bill last Friday.

As finally passed, the bill increases by two per cent the quotas for flue-cured, burley, flue-cured and dark air-cured tobacco. Previously, an amendment applying to flue-cured tobacco alone had raised the quota from 705,000,000 to 719,000,000 pounds. Under the terms of the final bill, the total is boosted again, this time to 733,000,000 pounds.

These increases apply only to marketing quotas which will be fixed in June or July under compulsory features of the control law and are in no way associated with acreage allotments recently distributed by township committees.

The only other feature of the amendments permits reallocation of "frozen" cotton acreage not desired by farmers to whom it was originally made. This provision applies particularly to Robeson county and passage is due largely to activity of Congressman Clark.

## Cotton Growers Will Pay Heavily For Over-Planting

FORFEITURE OF 1937 PARITY PAYMENTS, ELIMINATION FROM 1938 PROGRAM AND POUND-AGE TAX WILL RESULT

County Agent C. R. Ammons is now warning cotton growers of Harnett that threefold penalties will be exacted from those who fail to confine their 1938 crops to acreages recently allotted by various township committees.

Not only will they be taxed two cents per pound for all cotton produced on surplus acres but they will become ineligible to receive benefits from the 1938 Soil Conservation Program and will, in addition, forfeit parity payments offered by the Government last fall to peg the price of cotton.

When growers marketed their 1937 crops and made application for parity payments to raise prices received to the 10-cent level, they signed agreements to abide by terms of the 1938 farm program, which was then in the formative stage. Stipulation was made that if this agreement was breached forthcoming payments would be forfeited.

The compulsory crop control program, overwhelmingly approved by growers in a special referendum conducted March 12th, provides that farmers who fail to comply with regulations will lose this year's benefits and will be taxed two cents per pound for all cotton produced on excess acres.

Although no definite date has been set, County Agent Ammons has stated members of his office staff early in June will start measuring the number of acres farmers have devoted to each crop. When this check has been completed, it is expected that parity payments will be issued immediately as Congressmen have indicated desire to pay cotton growers as soon as those administering the farm program have checked to determine which growers are not cooperating with the program.

Since farmers will have to pay so heavily for planting more acres than they have been allotted, Ammons is confident that growers will exercise utmost precaution not to exceed their allotments. With boll weevils and low prices making cotton growing unprofitable, the trend in recent years has been to divert more and more acreage to other crops and observers believe few farmers will lose parity payments already earned, as well as future benefits to be derived from the soil program, by overplanting.

In all likelihood, the parity payments will be made at a time when farmers are in dire need of funds—during the harvesting season and just before first sales are marketed. Those familiar with the agricultural program believe it will be extremely unwise for cotton growers to forfeit these payments, plus any other which may be forthcoming, by planting more acres to cotton than the township committee authorized.

## STOLEN SANFORD AUTOMOBILE FOUND IN HARNETT WOODS

Sheriff Glenn Buchanan of Lee county found in a wooded section near McLeod's bridge on Upper Little river an automobile stolen last Thursday night from the rear of the Sanford postoffice. The car had been burned and left in the woods. It was the property of G. W. Phelps of Sanford. No clue to the identity of the thieves has been secured.

## Preferred Jail

A defendant, convicted at a previous session of Harnett Superior Court for reckless driving and given a jail sentence which was suspended upon payment of costs and \$50 for the man he ran into, appeared before Judge Harris Monday morning and asked for mercy, stating he had been unable to raise the money.

After listening to the plea, Judge Harris told the man that to jail he must go unless a portion of the costs and fine was paid. It developed during the questioning that the defendant owned an automobile, on which he had paid \$300 with \$100 still due, and Judge Harris tried to effect a compromise by letting the car go to pay court costs and the \$50 damages awarded.

The defendant remarked: "I'm not willing to do that," so he picked up his coat and followed Sheriff Bill Salmon to jail to start his 90-day sentence.

## Weed Penalties

Cotton growers aren't the only farmers who will be penalized for exceeding acreage allotments granted them under compulsory control features of the 1938 Farm Act, warns County Agent Ammons.

While cotton producers will receive three different penalties explained in an adjoining column, tobacco growers who over-plant must also pay for failure to stay within their acreage allotments. For all tobacco planted in excess of the allotted number of acres, deductions will be made from the grower's agricultural conservation payment at the rate of 10 cents per pound on the average production of the surplus acreage. Later in the season tobacco growers will be given poundage quotas, with stiff penalties charged for over-selling.

The immediate concern of Harnett farmers is to stay within their acreage allotments to avoid these forfeits.

## PERMANENT JURY SYSTEM STARTS ITS SECOND YEAR

JUDGE HARRIS, WHO RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF NEW SYSTEM, PRESIDING OVER THIS WEEK'S SESSION

With the selection of nine jurors to replace those whose one-year terms are expiring, Harnett's permanent Grand Jury system Monday morning started its second year of operation.

An interesting side-light in connection with the first anniversary of the establishment of the system is that Judge W. C. (Buck) Harris, who recommended in January of last year that a permanent system be adopted, is presiding over the session of court that marks the start of the second year.

Shortly after Judge Harris made his recommendation, a bill was drafted and forwarded to Representative Fred S. Thomas to introduce before the General Assembly, then in session. The proposal was promptly sent up, adopted and Harnett's first Grand Jury was empaneled at last year's May Term.

In sending the present Grand Jury to start its duties, Judge Harris did not make a formal charge, stating that under the permanent system it was unnecessary at each session to deliver lengthy talks to the jurors about their duties.

The nine new jurors selected Monday were: H. E. Womack, S. R. Coleman, Willie Fore, I. C. McKinney, J. T. Rosser, L. H. O'Connell, H. W. Whittington, Lee Cameron and G. A. Altman.

C. T. Connor, one of the nine carried over from the old jury, is now serving as foreman. He and the following eight jurors complete the panel: Edward N. Barnes, J. C. Clark, Rex Johnson, W. C. Mason, H. G. Avery, W. R. Brown, Evander Morrison and R. C. Stephens.

## ATTEMPTS MADE FOR NEW SCHOOL

Commission Considers Proposal For Building At Spring Lake Section, Near Manchester

The State School Commission has under consideration a proposal to establish in the Spring Lake Community of Cumberland county, between Manchester and Fort Bragg, an elementary school, for students who have heretofore been carried in buses to Anderson Creek.

Although definite action will not be taken until its June meeting, the Commission has ordered that a survey be made of the section to select the best building site. This survey was ordered at its May 12th meeting, the date the proposal was deferred until June.

Establishment of the school at Spring Lake, a settlement which has grown up almost overnight and is composed largely of Fort Bragg soldiers and their families, will cut Anderson Creek's enrollment by more than 100 students of the elementary grades. This reduced enrollment will mean that two or more teachers will be taken from the Anderson Creek faculty.

Since no high school grades will be provided, students in these classes (Please turn to page two)

## CHIEF OF POLICE KILLS THOUSANDS 'IN COLD BLOOD'

McKINNEY DELIBERATELY MAKES SLAUGHTER OF HORDES ON MAIN STREET—ABETTED BY COUNTY PHYSICIAN

Armed with a deadly oil can loaded with used lubricant from a filling station, Chief of Police Mack McKinney death and destruction to thousands of embryo mosquitoes last Friday afternoon. The chief was urged to make the slaughter by Mayor Charles Loving after Dr. W. B. Hunter, county health physician, had canvassed the community, in company with D. F. Ashton and H. C. Yelverton of the department of epidemiology of the State Board of Health. The party was in search of the common little "wiggler-tails" found in stagnant water and which are known to be the larvae of mosquitoes.

From the small pools at the bottom of storm-drain manholes on Main street, Mr. Ashton dipped three species of young mosquitoes—Anopheles, which carries malaria; Aedes Aegypti, which carries yellow fever; and also other germs it accessible; and Culex, the pest of the tribe that bites and bites. Process of the mosquito-developing business was revealed in every stage—from racks of eggs to pupa. Pulling out a dipper full of wigglers, Mr. Ashton siphoned several "almost" mosquitoes into a glass tube, with the observation: "In a few hours they would be flying around looking for someone to nibble on."

In back lots where upturned water containers were found, hundreds of the wigglers were taken. In a drain ditch, recently completed by WPA labor, running from the rear of Hotel Lillington through the old gravel pit pond, where a cave-in had allowed water to stand, hundreds of thousands of wigglers were found.

Close search of lily pools in backyards failed to disclose any evidence of mosquitoes, since the little destroyers, gambusia affinis, commonly known as top-minnows, had been supplied in such numbers as to keep the pests from multiplying from those sources.

After the survey, Dr. Hunter and Messrs. Ashton and Yelverton went to see Mayor Loving about making plans to snatch away from the mosquitoes their favored breeding places. The Mayor promptly secured the services of Chief McKinney to apply the remedy for the evil.

Residents are warned that if they leave tin cans and other things that hold water lying around their premises, mosquitoes will be breeding there within a few days. In one instance the fenders from an old automobile that had been dismantled contained hundreds of young mosquitoes. Any place that holds stagnant water is a choice place for breeding the pests, and it is urged that all such things be eliminated.

## WEDNESDAY HALF HOLIDAYS FOR LILLINGTON MERCHANTS

By agreement, merchants of Lillington will close their stores every Wednesday afternoon from now until September first. This practice has been in vogue for several years, and allows employers and employees to enjoy a rest during the warm weather.

## MRS. PIPKIN RECOVERING FROM SERIOUS OPERATION

Mrs. E. J. Pipkin, who underwent a serious operation at Lee County Memorial Hospital, Sanford, Monday, is reported as recovering nicely and she is expected to return home in about ten days.

## Spring Cleaning

To keep Harnett's renovated jail spick and span, "spring cleaning day" was observed last Friday as Jailer Ken Matthews supervised a general campaign designed to reach into "far nooks and corners" not covered by daily cleanings.

Floors and windows were scrubbed; mattresses were carried from the building and sunned for several hours; grounds surrounding the building were cleaned and other improvements were made.

Even though handicapped by inadequate facilities which existed before, the Commissioners remodeled and added to Harnett's prison, Jailer Ken and Mrs. Matthews were commended many times for the excellent condition in which the jail was kept. The good work is being continued since the remodeling was completed.

## Retires



Dr. W. R. CULLOM Rounding out a brilliant career as a preacher and educator, Dr. W. R. Cullom will be retired as a member of the Wake Forest College faculty at the close of the present session. Dr. Cullom is well known in Harnett county, where he has preached on numerous occasions. At one time, he served the Lillington church as supply pastor.

## CIVIC COMMITTEE DIRECTING DRIVE FOR CLEAN TOWN

MAKES STRONG APPEAL TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO HELP IN RIDDING COMMUNITY OF UNSIGHTLINESS AND PESTS

The following appeal, written by Mrs. W. B. Hunter, head of the drive being made by the Civic Committee of the Woman's Club to rid Lillington of unsightliness as well as to eradicate pests, sufficiently conveys the idea in mind and should have weight with every person in the community.

The first efforts of the Civic Committee from the Woman's Club to do all in its power to make living in Lillington a sanitary and pleasant business has begun. We have found the Mayor, business men, county and city officials all pleasantly willing to carry on their part of our program.

Briefly, now, we wish to invite all property owners to consider with us the weedy, ragged appearance of our vacant lots.

I once had occasion to know an elderly Englishman, who came to live in this country after years of gardening in England. He regarded, with horror, our apparent indifference to weeds.

Said he: "In England we have a saying, 'one year's seeding, means three years' weeding.'"

Shall we not bear that in mind and consider the weeds on our vacant lots, on the outside of our hedges, on the side of the road in front of our property? For the small sum of 20 cents an hour you can pay a man—out of work—to cut weeds and rake them in piles. With care while they are dry he can burn them. While this is done you can also collect in piles all stray cans, bottles, parts of old tires and such stuff that may hold water and thus breed mosquitoes.

## CHALLENGES ARE TO BE FILED SAT.

Registrars Will Have Books At Polling Places From 9 Until 8 O'clock For Objections

In compliance with State election laws, registrars of North Carolina precincts will have registration books at polling places in each district Saturday from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 that afternoon for voters to inspect the books and challenge any person appearing on the list.

The two-weeks registration period ended last Saturday at sunset and reports from several sections of Harnett are that many new names have been added to the books.

If objections are made, the registrars shall appoint a time and place for him and the judges to meet sometime before the June 4th primary and decide whether or not the person objected to shall be allowed or denied the privilege of voting.

Personal notice of the challenge will be given all those against whom objections have been made, together with time and place for the hearing. If the person challenged proves his identity and subscribes to an oath of affirmation tendered by one of the judges or the registrar, his name shall be allowed to remain on the books. Refusal to take the oath will cause his vote to be rejected.

## ROAD PROBLEMS ARE DISCUSSED BY M'CRARY, BOARD

COMMISSIONERS CONFER WITH DISTRICT HEAD RELATIVE TO GETTING HARNETT PROJECTS IN NEW BUDGET

Continuing their crusade for better roads, members of Harnett's Board of Commissioners journeyed to Asheboro Wednesday to confer with D. B. McCrary of the State Highway and Public Works Commission relative to getting several Harnett projects in the budget for the new fiscal year which starts July 1st.

In a special meeting held here Monday afternoon, the executives discussed the road situation and selected the projects they will ask Mr. McCrary to have incorporated in the construction and improvement plans to be undertaken in this district during the coming year.

Since it was impossible to request immediate action on all petitions presented to them, the Commissioners went through their files and picked out the proposals which they considered would stand the brightest chance of receiving favorable action from the highway commission. Approval of this batch will clear the way for other requests to be made later.

Among the projects asked for Wednesday were: Surface treatment on the 5.5 miles between Bunnlevel and Erwin. This road, on which 82 residences are located, is widely traveled and during winter months is rough and dangerous; surface treatment for the Fuquay-Sanford highway, a three-county project that will enable many citizens in the upper western tip of Harnett access to better roads; improvements on the McDougald road, from Lillington to Swann's Station; improvements on several short stretches—the C. H. Pope road near Dunn, Bradley and Dickens roads in Upper Little River township. Improvements were also asked for other Harnett roads.

While they were in session Monday, the Commissioners also disposed of the following routine tax matters:

Ordered County Attorney Henry Strickland to sign order of partial non-suit in the foreclosure proceedings brought against L. B. Pope so as to release 203.45 acres.

Authorized Attorney Strickland to deduct \$11.75 from tax suit against M. G. Lee.

Authorized him to determine the county's proportionate share of taxes due on two lots in Dunn bought by N. M. Johnson in foreclosure proceedings brought by the Town of Dunn against Mrs. Lizzie Wood and County of Harnett.

Due to an error in listing, the property of Mrs. Novella Hodges in Dunn was reduced from \$2450 to \$1950.

## FORMER HARNETT MAN IS DROWNED

James T. Morrison, Whose Three Sisters Live Near Lillington, Drowned in Pennsylvania

A brief telegram containing the information that James T. Morrison was drowned shortly after noon Saturday in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, was received here late Saturday by the victim's three sisters.

Morrison, approximately 30 years of age, is a former resident of Harnett county, born and raised in the community where his sisters now reside. About six years ago, he left this county and has since been working in steel mills at Dravosburg, a suburb of McKeesport. The sisters who survive are Mrs. M. B. Wade, Mrs. Charles Cummings and Mrs. H. B. Wade.

Further communication with acquaintances of Morrison brought details of the tragedy. He fell into the river from a floating hotel when it collided with a steamboat. No trace of the body had been discovered when most recent reports were received Monday night.

## THOMAS DECLARES HE HAS MADE NO JOB PROMISES

Sidney G. Thomas, candidate for sheriff, tells The News he has heard a rumor that he has made many promises of jobs, particularly as to deputies, in the event he is elected. He states positively that he has made no such promises, and further "that he has no paid politicians working for him." Mr. Thomas is making a clean campaign, and his friends express great gratification over the cordial reception he is receiving from all parts of the county.