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

TEMPORARY MARKETING CARDS AVAILABLE FOR EARLY SEASON'S SALES

ALLOW GROWERS TO SELL PART OF CROP NEXT WEEK

WRITTEN APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH AGENT AMMONS TWO DAYS BEFORE FARMERS CALL FOR CARDS

Faced with the impossible task of calculating tobacco poundage quotas for all farmers in time for the Border Markets opening next Thursday, the State AAA office has arranged for issuance of temporary cards so farmers may participate in early season sales without paying the penalty required from those who do not have marketing cards.

These preliminary cards will be issued through farm agents' offices throughout the tobacco growing belt and already Agent C. R. Ammons has mailed to Harnett farmers instructions on how to procure these permits.

Producers with acreage allotments who wish to sell a portion of their tobacco before regular cards are available must file a written application with the county agent's office at least two days before they wish to market their tobacco. A tentative card will be prepared and the farmer may secure it by calling, in person, at the county agent's office.

County Agent Ammons is emphasizing the requirements that applications must be in writing and that growers receiving the temporary cards must call at the office and sign for them. These steps are required so that a written record will be available.

Applications for tentative cards may be secured by writing the county agent's office. This application may be returned promptly and there is no need for the grower to call at the office until the card is prepared and ready for delivery.

Producers in classes A and B, those who have grown tobacco in preceding years, will be issued a card for 400 pounds per acre. Farmers in class C, those who are growing tobacco this year for the first time, will be allowed to sell 300 pounds an acre under the temporary arrangements.

If more than one card is desired, the total preliminary allotment may be divided between as many tenants as the land owner specifies.

Since his office is going forward with the task of compiling information from which the final quotas will be tabulated, County Agent Ammons is asking farmers not to apply for temporary cards unless they are planning to sell during the opening days of the Border Markets' season or unless they need these cards before August 4th.

This cooperation will considerably expedite the process of getting out permanent cards which Ammons believes will be ready for distribution by the 15th of August. From these permanent cards will be deducted the number of pounds allotted under the temporary arrangement.

ASK AID FOR TWO SEWAGE PLANTS

Applications Filed for WPA Funds to Construct Concrete Plants at Shawtown and Mary Stewart

In their special meeting here Friday afternoon, members of the Board of Education approved final plans for concrete sewage disposal plants for Shawtown and Mary Stewart schools and forwarded to the district Works Progress Administration office in Smithfield a request that funds be allocated for the projects.

The plant for the Shawtown school—a Negro institution located near Lillington—will cost \$4,661. Sixty-four per cent of this total, \$2,973, will come from the WPA while the remainder has been included in the school budget for 1938-39.

The Mary Stewart system will cost \$3,392, with funds coming from both the WPA and county. \$2,491 will be appropriated by the Federal agency and Harnett's treasury will foot the balance of the bill.

County officials have been assured the application will receive favorable action.

REV. AND MRS. MENIUS HERE
Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Menius of Raleigh spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shaw.

BOARD APPROVES PLANS FOR NEW GYM AT ANGIER

FUNDS FOR \$20,000 BUILDING WILL COME FROM FOUR SOURCES; \$5,000 GRANT REQUESTED FROM PWA

Four different sources of revenue will be tapped to provide funds for construction of Angier's new gymnasium and home economics building, contracts for which will be let as soon as negotiations to secure the needed funds are completed. Convening in special session last Friday afternoon, members of the Board of Education approved plans submitted by Architect Frank B. Simpson of Raleigh and set about to determine the best procedure to raise the \$20,000 necessary for erecting the structure.

Resolutions petitioning the Public Works Administration for an outright grant of \$9,000 to assist with the construction were adopted and the balance of the amount will be raised by citizens of the district, who have donated \$1,800 worth of brick, by the county and by a loan from the State Literary Fund.

The State Literary Fund loan will be for \$4,000 and the remainder of the funds, \$5,200—the balance after subtracting the worth of the brick and the amount of the loan—will come from the county treasury.

Original plans for the building called for a basketball court and adequate space for both the vocational, agricultural and the home economics, but class rooms for the primary grades were so crowded that these plans were revised and two additional class rooms for primary grades will be provided instead of new quarters for the agriculture department, which will remain in the old building.

County Attorney Henry C. Strickland and Auditor Steadman McLean are assisting Supt. B. P. Gentry in having the PWA grant and State loan approved as soon as possible so that construction can begin on the new building.

It is estimated that the building will be ready for occupancy within three months after construction is started.

WPA ORDERS CLOTH FOR SEWING ROOMS FROM ERWIN MILL

In recent weeks, orders totalling \$8,352.19 have been placed with the Erwin Cotton Mills in Erwin for textiles to be used in WPA sewing rooms throughout the county.

The orders placed with the Erwin factory constituted only a fraction of the \$1,177,070.78 spent in North Carolina mills by the WPA for various kinds of material. The orders were for 12,817,181 yards of cloth.

The Coolesville branch of the Erwin mills received orders totalling \$43,802.93.

The Sanford Cotton Mills in Sanford has received \$14,959.83 worth of orders from the WPA.

FAYETTEVILLE HIGHWAY IS BEING RE-SURFACED

Employees of the State Highway and Public Works Commission are resurfacing the Fayetteville-Lillington highway, 15-A, from the Harnett county line to a point near Fayetteville. The project, which will be completed in mid-August, calls for 16.4 miles of bituminous treatment. In the meantime, traffic to Fayetteville is routed over NC 210, via Manchester.

Under Heavy Bond

Lester Parker, former Coast policeman who was recently carried back to Texas where he is wanted in connection with the 1932 slaying of Laurie Amey, has been released from Sabine county jail under bond originally set at \$10,000.

Sheriff E. H. Marshall of San Augustine, who came for Parker, said Parker signed a statement but how deeply this involved the former Harnett police officer is not known here.

At the time of his arrest, Parker was chief of police in Coast.

SOUTHERN FARM WORKERS TO GET JOBS WITH WPA

200,000 WILL BE PLACED DURING "OFF" SEASONS—FROM NOW TIL SEPT. AND IN DEC. AND JAN.

Following up recent wage increases in the South, WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins last week announced 200,000 farm workers in 11 Southern States would be placed immediately on WPA pay rolls.

Mr. Hopkins, who shares emphatically President Roosevelt's recent assertion that the South is the nation's No. 1 economic problem, explained these workers would be used about four months in the year when there is little outdoor work on the farm. These four months are divided into two periods of two months each, between the laying by of crops and harvesting season, and again in December and January, the slack period before farmers prepare for another year's crops.

The workers will receive \$30 per month, the rate determined under the revised pay scale. While no definite figures are available, the number to be employed in the new program will be nearly 50 per cent of those now on the rolls, which in North Carolina has already increased from 18,000 last October to 39,000 last week.

"Thousands of these rural farm hands are expected to be at work by the middle of this week. Sufficient work projects are already approved and in the hands of State Administrators to absorb the additional workers. These projects are of the type that will improve country life and develop and conserve natural resources.

"The income of the South needs to be raised now," Mr. Hopkins said. "One way to help raise the income of the region, as a whole is to get wages into the hands of those who need to spend it. The normal and American way for a man to meet the needs of his family and himself is through work.

"Supplementing inadequate earnings of farmers, sharecroppers, tenant farmers and farm laborers in Southern rural areas during the period when farm labor is not needed," he said, "is one way of righting the economic imbalance described by the President as constituting the nation's No. 1 economic problem. We must eliminate all factors which continue to retard the recovery of the nation. Many agricultural workers do not have the safeguards which have been thrown around other workers by means of unemployment insurance."

EX-FARM HANDS DESIRING WPA JOBS MUST BE OUT OF WORK

In connection with the recent decision of Works Progress Administration officials to give employment to 200,000 persons formerly working on farms in Southern States, Miss Lillie Davis announces that all ex-farm hands seeking jobs on WPA projects must bring written statements from former employers that the applicant is no longer needed. This is necessary before the welfare department can certify these ex-workers to the WPA.

CAPE FEAR OUT OF BANKS

Showing effects of incessant rains during the past 10 days, the Cape Fear River was out of its banks Monday and flooded a section of Mr. C. P. Kelly's pasture and corn field. The river reached its climax that day and by nightfall was steadily dropping. By Tuesday it was within its banks.

MISS DAVIS BACK AT WORK

Miss Lillie Davis, who was taken ill last Tuesday while attending a State conference for welfare workers in Chapel Hill, is back at her office this week after undergoing several days treatment in Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville.

Harnett's Army, Dunn National Guard, Leaves For Mississippi

64 MEN AND TWO OFFICERS, CAPT. BEST AND LIEUT. CARR, WILL TAKE PART IN MILITARY MANEUVERS

Harnett county will be well represented in the sham battle to be staged next month in the forests of Mississippi as forces of the Third Army, known as the "Army of the South," square off against each other in the greatest military maneuvers the South has seen since the Civil War.

Dunn's National Guard, 64 men and two officers strong, is leaving at 5 o'clock (this Thursday) morning for the encampment in DeSoto National Park near Hattiesburg, Miss., and Major W. B. Hunter of Lillington, officer in the Reserve Corps, will depart later this week.

Captain James Best and Lieutenant Edgar W. Carr are officers of the Dunn unit, Headquarters Battery of the 113th Field Artillery. The guardsmen, traveling in 11 Army trucks escorted by one motorcycle, will assemble at Cheraw, S. C., with other members of the 113th. From that point, the convoy of 1,000 men and officers will move toward Mississippi.

Four days will be required to move the mechanized regiment of men, guns and complete equipment for field and hospital from Cheraw to the camping site in south Mississippi. The convoy will be composed of 115 vehicles and at times will stretch out several miles long. The vehicles will be required to stay within the 30 miles an hour speed limit and regulations require them to maintain a distance of at least 100 yards between vehicles.

The first day's travel, after the start from Cheraw, will bring the convoy to Louisville, Ga. On the second day's march, the guardsmen will cross Georgia to Auburn, Ala. The third night-out will find the convoy at Meridian, Miss., and the fourth day's journey will carry them to the vicinity of Brooklyn, Miss., where other North Carolina troops will be joined. They will arrive at the concentration area Monday, August 1st.

The object of these military maneuvers, in which more than 60,000 troops will participate, will be to test the armed reserves in mobilizing quickly, marching long distances, and protecting the Gulf of Mexico frontier.

The forces will be divided into two camps, the "Blues"—in which will be placed the North Carolina contingent. (Continued on page six)

Inspect Project

Officials of the malaria control division of the State Board of Health stopped in Lillington last Saturday morning long enough to have a brief conference with the county health officials and to inspect the experimental drainage work in the low spot east of the Agricultural Building. The project consists of draining the area and lining the walls of the small stream with concrete slabs to destroy mosquito breeding places. State officials were highly pleased with the work.

With them was Colonel Prince, who was instrumental in the effective drainage work done by the Government in the Panama Canal Zone and in the Philippines. Funds for the project are provided by WPA.

'Happy Birthday,' Rather Than Nurse's Orders, Clinic Theme

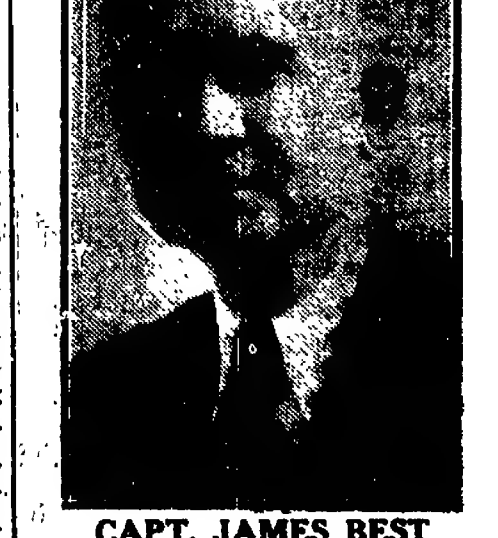
With members of the county's health department donning professional masks and entertainment taking the place of chart-keeping, the maternity clinic conducted in Erwin's Community House twice a month was the scene of a lively birthday party Monday afternoon as mothers and babies assembled to celebrate the medical dispensary's first anniversary.

Miss Irene Lasater, who established the clinic last August 1 and has since been allowed free rein in its operation, was hostess and her guests, in addition to the mothers and babies she had treated, were other members of the health department and higher-ups from the State Board of Health offices in Raleigh.

For the occasion, Miss Lasater went to elaborate preparations to make the first milestone in the clinic's history an event to be remembered. Gifts were handed out to all the babies and little tots who are regular patients at the clinic. Servings of ice cream and slices from the birthday cake provided refreshments.

17 HARNETT 4-H CLUB MEMBERS AT ANNUAL COURSE

MORE THAN SCORE OF OTHERS WILL GO UP TONIGHT FOR HEALTH PAGEANT; OUSLEY WILL BE CONTESTANT



CAPT. JAMES BEST of Dunn is in charge of the battery from Harnett participating in military maneuvers in south Mississippi.

COUNTY, TOWNS TO GET SUM FROM STATE TAX LEVY

INTANGIBLE FUND NETS HARNETT \$1,884.37 AND \$531.48 WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG FOUR TOWNS

Harnett's treasury will get \$1,884.37 and an additional \$531.48 will be divided among the four incorporated towns—Lillington, Dunn, Coats and Angier—from the intangible tax fund collected during the past year by the State of North Carolina.

Of the \$904,633.33 collected during the fiscal year which ended June 30th, the State is dividing \$424,234 among counties and municipalities and an equal amount is going into the State treasury. The remainder, \$36,185.33, will be used to defray expenses of collecting the levy.

The 1937 General Assembly, which levied the State tax on intangibles and transferred its collection from county to State officials, estimated the first year's fund would total \$2,000,000. Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell said when the division was made that the estimate had proved "far too liberal."

Maxwell added, however, that many persons neglected to pay either because they did not understand the levy or because they deliberately refused to do so. The revenue department is now checking upon the delinquent list and many of these will be added to the tax roll.

Shares of stock and bank resources were principal sources of revenue. The former netted \$253,109.81 and the latter \$238,015.

Persons having money on deposit must pay 10 cents on each \$100 and persons owning stock must pay 30 cents for each \$100 "fair market value" in excess of \$300. The tax also applies to tax on hand, accounts receivable, money left on deposit with insurance companies, bonds, notes, and evidences of debt.

Intangible collections for the past year proved disappointing but revenue officials are confident a much better showing will be made as the department uses various checking methods to cut down the list of intangibles not listed for taxation.

BIDS SUBMITTED FOR DUNN BLDG.

Contracts Will Be Let Monday For Construction of Quarters For New Course in Dunn Schools

Contracts for construction of suitable quarters for the industrial and trades department recently installed in the Dunn school will be awarded Monday morning after the Board of Education has canvassed all bids submitted on the project.

Contractors have until Saturday morning at 11 o'clock to file their bids for furnishing all labor and materials necessary to construct the building.

Plans, specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained from the Education Board office in the Agricultural Building upon deposit of \$5.00, which will be paid back when both plans and specifications are returned to the office where they were obtained. The bids must be accompanied by the usual five per cent cash deposit or certified check drawn upon any North Carolina bank. Unsuccessful bidders will be returned their deposits.

The building, which will be known as the Agriculture and Industrial Education Building, will cost approximately \$6,000. It will house the school's present vocational departments as well as provide adequate space for the new trades course, the first in Harnett county and one that is expected to be of material benefit to youths seeking means of livelihood after their high school careers are completed.

Second Place Winner



Edmund Harris, Jr., 16-year-old Dunn high school student, won second place and \$25 in the State essay contest conducted by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. Harris, who represented the 22 counties of the central district, participated in the finals held Tuesday in Raleigh.

LEGION JUNIORS ARE ELIMINATED FROM TITLE RACE

CHARLOTTE DEFEATS HORNETS 8-0 TO GAIN BIRTH IN SEMI-FINALS WITH SHELBY, GASTONIA AND WINSTON

Harnett's entry in the American Legion Junior baseball tournament was eliminated from the State championship race Tuesday afternoon when the Charlotte juniors combined effective pitching with timely hitting to hand the Hornets an 8-0 shut out. The victory advanced the Charlotte (led into the semi-finals where they will encounter Winston-Salem as their opponent while Shelby and Gastonia are merely fighting it out for the other berth in the final.

Although the Mecklenburg youngsters were again outthrift by the Harnett outfit, seven to six, they took advantage of Pitcher Bill Holmes' wildness and Goodson's two timely hits to amass their eight-run lead.

Little Joe Moody pitched for Charlotte, while the Harnett outfit was constantly threatening—runners were left stranded on base in every inning but the fifth—he was poised in the pinches and managed to keep the invaders from crossing the plate. Charlotte scored three runs in the third on one hit. Van Pelt walked and Harper was hit by a pitched ball.

Both advanced on a sacrifice and the bases were loaded when another base on balls was issued to Cobb. Livingstone popped out to left and Van Pelt scored after the catch. Harper and Cobb moved up another base when Holmes uncorked a wild throw and both tallied on Goodson's bingle, the only hit of the inning.

The fourth run was scored when Holtzman gained base on an error and scored on Van Pelt's two-bagger into the right field bleachers.

In the seventh and eighth innings, the Charlotteans completed their scoring, sending two runners across in each inning. Two walks, an error (Continued on page six)

Local Forecasters Lose Faith in Ability to Predict Weather

Not only has the unJuly-like weather of the past 10 days practically brought farming operations to a dead standstill, but daily intermittent rains have almost destroyed local weather prophets' faith in their ability to forecast weather conditions.

Many of the old-timers, who learned to predict weather changes long before government bureaus were established to do it for them, have always relied on the maxim "rain at seven, fair at eleven," or "rain before seven, fair before eleven." But several times during the past week their time-honored weather sign failed them as rain, which started during the night, fell steadily from before seven o'clock on until late afternoon.

Another sign of fair weather is that rains will subside if a patch of "blue" can be found large enough to make a pair of Dutchman's pants. Belief in the truth of this saying was strengthened Tuesday when observers noted large patches of blue in a sky overcast with clouds. By afternoon, the sun was shining with all its might to atone for its absence during previous days, but stormy clouds still lurked in the background as if they were waiting to again deluge the earth.

Weather prophets who have watched tobacco growing greener and greener, thus losing body but gaining sap which will make it harder and harder to cure, and have seen signs of heavy boll weevil infestation by an ever-increasing number of squares which have fallen off cotton stalks, believe the rainy season has reached its climax. But, who's brave enough to predict it?