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

## COUNTY SOCIAL SECURITY ROLL HAS 672 NAMES

892 INDIGENTS OVER 65 AND 280 CHILDREN ON ELIGIBLE LIST AT CLOSE OF PENSION SYSTEM'S FIRST YEAR

At the close of the first twelve-month period under the Social Security Act, Harnett's pension roll contained the names of 672 persons who each month receive assistance from funds provided by the Federal, State and county governments.

Statistics for June, the twelfth month to elapse since the law became effective, show 392 persons over 65 years of age received vouchers and reveal that 250 children whose parents are not able to adequately provide for them are on the eligible list and are deriving benefits from the program.

These figures, together with the amounts paid in each county under the old age assistance and aid to dependent children phases of the Social Security work, were released last week by Auditor J. A. Stewart of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

Payments to the aged needy in Harnett county totalled \$21,509 while the heads of families in which children qualified for benefits received \$8,507. Total payments for the first year were \$30,016.

An off-hand glance at the number on the eligible list and the amount paid during the year might give an impression the monthly stipends were too small to be of much benefit. If all who received checks for June had been on the rolls for the previous 11 months and if only \$30,016 had been paid, the 392 in the old age assistance group would have received approximately \$4.60 a month and payments to the 250 children would have averaged only \$2.50.

In order to make certain that only persons eligible for assistance were added to the list, Miss Lillie Davis and members of her welfare department staff proceeded carefully with the program in Harnett county. The total number receiving pensions has been swelled each month as the year progressed. By June, practically all eligible applicants had been included.

According to provisions made in Harnett's budget, expenditures during the coming year will be considerably increased although the total amount of the individual checks will remain approximately the same. The increase will be due to the larger number who will have been on the lists during the entire year instead of a few months.

For the old age assistance program, the Board of Commissioners included \$10,642 in its budget. This sum will be matched by State funds and the Federal treasury will supplement with an amount equal to the total of both State and county appropriations.

Allocations for the aid to dependent children work are made on a different ratio. The Federal, State and county treasuries each bear one-third of the total cost. Harnett's Commissioners have appropriated \$5,600 for this program.

## PLAY INJURY IS FATAL TO YOUTH

Robert Howard Baker, 5, Dies Of Complications Which Developed From Hurt Ankle

Robert Howard Baker, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker of Erwin, succumbed last Wednesday morning in a Fayetteville hospital of pneumonia and blood poisoning which developed from a superficial ankle injury received several days ago when he was playing in the yard at his home.

The injury was regarded as minor until complications developed. Blood poison set in and the youngster was stricken with pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Erwin. Rev. C. M. Gibbs, Presbyterian minister of Erwin, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The child is survived by his parents, his grandparents, one sister, Flora Margaret, and two brothers, James Holt and Marvin.

## PREACHING SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WED.

A special sermon will be preached in the Lillington Presbyterian Church Wednesday night, Aug. 31, at 7:30 by Rev. W. F. Foley of Quitman, Ga. All members of the church are urged to attend the special services.

## Two Negro Men May Go On Trial For Life At Next Week's Term Of Court

Will Direct Next Week's Term Of Court



JUDGE WILLIAMS



SOLICITOR CANADAY

Pictured above are the two outstanding figures in the criminal session of Harnett Superior Court which will convene Monday morning and continue for one week. On the left is Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford, well-known in Harnett both as a fiery prosecutor and as an outstanding jurist. On the right is Solicitor Canaday of Benson, who has an excellent record for his four years as district attorney.

## Health Officer Will Inspect All Meat Markets In County

ESTABLISHMENTS SCORING LESS THAN 70 WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE UNLESS STANDARDS ARE RAISED

Extending the scope of his activities as provided by a recent session of the Legislature, Sanitarian K. W. Ballentine of Harnett's health department will soon start regular inspection of meat markets in the same manner he now checks sanitary conditions in this county's public dining rooms.

Aided by District Sanitarian E. B. Roach, Ballentine last week made a preliminary check of several markets to give owners an idea of how the inspections would be conducted and on what points they would be graded. From now on, Harnett's inspector will work unassisted.

For markets to remain open, a State law requires the owner to maintain a sanitary score of 70 or above. Due to the absence of periodic inspections in this county, Ballentine and Dr. W. B. Hunter, head of the department, have opined that few, if any, of the meat markets in their territory will measure up to this standard on the first inspection. Regardless of how low the scores are after this first survey, they have stated that no markets will be closed until the owner has been given every opportunity to correct the faults which prevented a qualifying grade.

Ballentine plans to make his second inspection 60 days after the first. He considers this ample time to remedy defects and owners who have persistently refused to heed his instructions need not be surprised if they are ordered to close their markets.

Ballentine's plans to check closely on meat markets have brought forth favorable comment from many Harnett citizens who have observed the benefits from the cafe inspection and the attempts owners of public dining rooms are making to get high monthly grades.

Dealers in fish and poultry are (Continued on page six)

## CLOSED FISHING AREAS OPENED

Ban Lifted Today On 17 Stretches Of Water Designated As Natural Spawning Sections

The ban on fishing in 17 natural spawning areas will be lifted today (Thursday), John D. Chalk, commissioner of game and inland fishing of the Department of Conservation and Development, announced recently.

Although none of the areas affected by Chalk's order are in Harnett county, several are located in nearby territories often frequented by sportsmen from this county.

The areas nearest Harnett which will be opened are: Columbus: Portions of Lake Waccamaw.

Columbus-Branswick: Waccamaw River from New Britton bridge to mouth of Juniper creek, and up Juniper creek to first bridge.

Cumberland - Sampson - Bladen: South river from Melvin's bridge up to Broadwater bridge.

Duplin: Northeast Cape Fear river from Sarcra to Panther Swamp, also up Panther Swamp and Goshen creek.

Duplin-Pender: Northeast Cape Fear river from mouth of Rockfish creek to new bridge; parts of Rockfish creek and Island creek.

Pender: Northeast Cape Fear river, from Shelter creek to Croomb's Bridge.

Robeson: Big Swamp, from Lennon Bridge to Butler's.

Sampson: Black River, from Clear Run Bridge to Clear Run, to Carter's Bridge, and from Big Colaric to Lisbon Bridge.

Sampson-Bladen: South river from Ennis Bridge to Smith's Bridge.

Sampson-Bladen-Pender: Black River from Beatty's Bridge to Ivanhoe, and from South river to Baker Bridge.

Fishing permits include tributaries and adjacent waters in each case.

## ATTORNEYS BAN USE OF CAMERAS IN COURTROOM

JUDGE CLAWSON WILLIAMS WILL PRESIDE AND SOLICITOR CANADAY WILL PROSECUTE NEXT WEEK'S DOCKET

Marking Solicitor Claude Canaday's first appearance in Harnett Superior Court since the June primary and Judge Clawson Williams' first judicial visit since his current tenure in the Fourth District began July 1st, a one-week session of criminal court will convene next Monday morning to open the Fall Term.

Scheduled for trial are a half-hundred cases, penalties for which are so varied that Judge Williams can mete out sentences of all degrees if the defendants are found guilty of the crimes charged to them. Barring the commitment of capital crimes between now and the time for court to convene Monday morning, only two defendants are in danger of being sentenced to death. These two, both Negroes, are charged with murder and first degree burglary but it is probable Solicitor Canaday will ask lighter sentences if the Grand Jury returns true bills.

James Jones, Dunn Negro, is accused of having killed a companion, Percy Eton McLean, to death following an argument over a piece of money. George McNeill, also of Dunn, faces a first degree burglary charge for breaking into the home of a Negro family, making his entrance by forcing open a window.

Members of the Grand Jury, one-half of whom received their first sample of service under the permanent system at the May term of court, appear to be in for a busy session. Nineteen cases are already scheduled for an investigation and the chances are this number will be increased before Judge Williams raps his gavel and Sheriff Salmon calls the court to order.

In addition to the two cases cited above, the Grand Jurors will decide whether four persons charged with embezzlement shall be held for trial as well as the following cases: housebreaking and larceny, three; assault with intent to kill, three; assault with intent to commit rape, one; forcible trespass, one; larceny, one; robbery, one; seduction, one; bigamy, one; conspiracy, one.

Most of the other cases slated for trial have been continued from previous sessions and have been investigated by the Grand Jury.

## REV. AND MRS. GILLESPIE END LILLINGTON VISIT

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie and three children, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Gentry left Tuesday for Reidsville where they will spend the fall months with Rev. Gillespie's father, Rev. J. C. Gillespie.

Rev. Gillespie, a former pastor of the Lillington Baptist Church, and his wife have been serving as missionaries to China for several years but the Mission Board has forbidden them to return until conditions in the Orient are more settled.

## LAYTON RESUMES WORK ON ADDITION TO STORE

Mr. Joel G. Layton last week resumed work on the annex to his Farmers Supply Company store, construction of which was temporarily halted until the route and width of alleys behind the buildings fronting Main street were settled.

Instead of an annex two-stories wide, Mr. Layton has altered his plans and is constructing an addition to the left side of his store which will connect with the warehouse.

## First Bale

A. W. West, who lives one mile from Bunnlevel on the old wire road, last Thursday morning brought to Lillington the first bale of cotton produced this year in this section. It was ginned by the Farmers Cotton Oil Company and purchased by Manager Sidney Hoyell for 10 cents a pound.

In the section surrounding Dunn, the crop is usually 10 days earlier than here and many growers of that community have already ginned and sold a portion of their cotton.

Cotton is opening rapidly and ginneries are preparing for the rush. Harnett's 1938 yield is expected to be far below last year's 80,000-bale crop. Acreage is reduced and growers admit the crop is not as good.

## ATTORNEYS BAN USE OF CAMERAS IN COURTROOM

BAR MEMBERS FROWN UPON TAKING PICTURES OF COURT; COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT MEETING RULES

In a meeting far more stormy than the usual peaceful assembly to arrange a schedule of trials for a Superior Court's civil session, 15 members of the Harnett County Bar Association clashed frequently Monday morning when the barristers assembled in Clerk L. M. Chaffin's office to determine the order in which cases shall be called during the term convening Sept. 19th.

Arising from the discussions was the unanimous adoption of two resolutions: the first to prohibit taking photographs in the courtroom while a trial is in progress and the second to appoint a committee to draft rules and regulations governing conduct of the Bar's meetings.

Although few pictures have ever been made in Harnett's courtroom, the publicity given the recent murder trials of Mrs. Sina Pope Godwin attracted several photographers from daily newspapers and court routines was greatly hampered by requests for recesses so these camera men could get views of the luminaries.

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## TOBACCO QUOTAS ARE DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK TO HARNETT GROWERS

Talked For Job



FRANK HANCOCK

Rumors originating in Washington have linked the name of Congressman Frank Hancock, whose term expires shortly, with the \$10,000-a-year vacancy on the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Senator Reynolds, against whom Hancock ran in the last primary, has stated he will endorse his opponent for any post "if it is not embarrassing."

## Harnett Woman Suing Pitt Man For Death Of Husband

MRS. DALLAN JOHNSON, WIDOW OF PROMINENT NELL'S CREEK CITIZEN, FILES \$50,000 SUIT HERE

Two law suits, springing from an automobile accident which resulted in the death of a prominent Nell's Creek citizen, have been filed in Harnett and Pitt counties.

Seeking compensation for the untimely death of her husband, Mrs. Mollie Johnson, widow of Dallas D. Johnson and administratrix of his estate, has instituted proceedings in Harnett Superior Court to collect \$50,000 from W. Leslie Smith of Farmville, operator of the car which crashed into the Johnson machine.

In Pitt county, Smith has started suit to collect \$2,550, the amount he claims he is entitled to receive for damages and injuries sustained in the accident. For damages to his car, Smith wants \$550 and the \$2,000 for personal injuries received by him and his wife. Smith's suit was filed three days before Johnson died on June 5th, but the papers were never served on the defendant.

Smith has secured an order from Pitt Superior Court to make Mrs. Johnson a party to the proceedings. The accident occurred May 13th directly in front of the Johnson home, located on the Angier highway two and one-half miles north of Lillington. Riding alone, Johnson was traveling northward and turned into the driveway leading to his home, on the left side of the road. As he made the turn, the Smith car, headed toward Lillington, crashed into him.

Initial examinations revealed his injuries were not serious, but complications in the form of a blood clot developed and Mr. Johnson succumbed Sunday evening, June 5th, only a few hours after his condition became grave. Smith and his wife, only occupants of their car, were (Continued on page six)

## SALES CARDS ARE BEING TAKEN TO ALL TOWNSHIPS

REGISTRATION OF ONLY 5 COMPLAINTS IN FIRST TWO DAYS INDICATES POUNDAGE ALLOTMENTS SATISFACTORY

Harnett county tobacco growers are this week receiving their marketing cards, indicating the number of pounds they will be able to sell under the 1938 compulsory control system before a 50 per cent tax, or 3 cents per pound penalty, becomes effective.

Distribution of these quota cards was started Monday morning and continued through yesterday, with representatives from Farm Agent C. R. Ammons' office going into every township to make it possible for the farmers to secure their poundage allotments without coming to Lillington after them.

Except for a few farms that had to be re-checked for various reasons—errors resulting from the rush in the State-AAA office or delay on the part of owners in giving necessary information, all sales cards are ready for delivery this week. Growers who failed to get their marketing permits from the representatives sent into the townships must call at the farm agent's office for their cards.

Since the law prohibits delivery of cards to persons other than to whom they are issued, Ammons and his assistants are emphasizing that the grower must appear at his office and sign the application when he accepts the quota. Written requests for the card to be delivered to someone else cannot be honored.

While scattered rumblings of protest have been heard about the sales cards, the absence of complaints over the poundage allotments indicates farmers, as a whole, received quotas as high as they anticipated under the compulsory control system. At the conclusion of the first two days of distribution, only five growers had made visits to the agriculture department's office, protesting their allotments were too low. Other farmers who expressed dissatisfaction upon receipt of their cards appeared satisfied when they learned neighbors had fared accordingly.

Ammons' prediction, made several days before the cards were distributed, that few reprobations would be heard from the poundage quotas appears to be well founded. Farmers in all townships except Lillington, Upper Little River and Nell's Creek received their quotas before yesterday and only a minimum number had protested.

It is estimated the average per acre allotment in Harnett is more than 800 pounds.

In Barbecue township, many of the farmers complained when their cards were first received. Much of this dissatisfaction subsided, however, after the growers checked with each other and discovered their allotments were uniform.

## MAY TRANSFER WEED POUNDAGE

Floyd Urges Farmers To Record All Transactions In County Agent's Office

Growers who are contemplating the purchase of additional marketing cards from other farmers to supplement their individual quotas are urged to have the transfers made through the county agent's office or through representatives of the AAA stationed at warehouses throughout the tobacco-growing belt.

Following this procedure will enable agents and field men to have records of tobacco sold by growers whose quotas were not large enough and will be a decided advantage next year when larger quotas will be allotted producers who had heavier yields this year.

The advice came from E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, who stated a number of growers in North Carolina have more poundage than is called for in their allotments. Other growers, however, have short crops and provision has been made for them to sell their unused poundage to farmers who have exceeded their quotas.

Since the State quota is large (Continued on page six)

## Army Of Small Green Bugs Threatens Local Drug Store

People who live and farm in the favored territory that is, Harnett county have never experienced the misfortune of having swarms of grass-hoppers or insects descend upon them and completely strip growing plants of all foliage, leaving only bare stalks where there once were healthy crops.

But Willie Sutton, who with Carl Kelly owns and operates the Lafayette Drug Company in Lillington, had a fight on his hands Monday night when a swarm of green flying bugs descended suddenly and proceeded to gain entrance into the store. Attracted by the bright neon tubing that lines the windows and the lights inside the store, the bugs nearly covered the screen door and the windows.

To keep the insects out of the

building, Mr. Sutton placed one of his large electric fans in front of the door but even then a few managed to get in whenever customers walked in or out. A spray gun containing a poisonous fluid was then brought into use and many of the bugs which insisted upon camping on the window to watch proceedings on the inside were temporarily, at least, stunned and fell to the pavement.

The most effective way to destroy the bugs was to light papers tied to a long stick and burn the insects gathered on the windows and around the bright sign in front of the drug store.

So many of the bugs were killed that on the following morning the dead insects almost carpeted the sidewalk where the night before they had caused so much trouble.