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

Forest Protectors Have Been Named

T. L. RAY NAMED FOREST WARDEN FOR HARNETT

DISTRICT WARDENS ALSO NAMED AGENTS SELECTED WHO WILL GIVE PERMITS FOR BURNING OFF AREAS

District Forester David J. Martz recently announced State Forester W. K. Beichler's approval of T. L. Ray of Lillington R-3 as County Forest Warden in Harnett county. Harnett joins Cumberland, Johnston, Robeson, Sampson and Wayne counties in comprising District Six of the Division of Forestry and Parks with district offices located at Fayetteville.

Mr. Ray, as an employee in the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, Division of Forestry and Parks, assumes direct responsibility for promotion of the forest fire control and related forestry programs in Harnett county.

To assist County Warden Ray in the forest fire control program, the following named men have been appointed as district wardens: T. J. Turlington, Dunn R-3; H. G. Holder, Broadway; D. A. Darroch, Cameron; D. J. Patterson, Broadway R-1; H. McD. Ray, Lillington R-3; Clarence Thomas, Lillington; J. A. Williams, Angier; Lexie Smith, Cameron R-2; R. T. Wilkins, Varina R-1; Lacy W. Dixon, Lillington; J. E. Smith, Holly Springs; E. L. Cameron, Jonesboro R-3; L. T. Holder, Broadway R-1; Graden V. Stewart, Benson R-1; J. D. Brown, Mamers; A. S. Davis Jr., Overhills; and W. T. Norris, Bunnlevel.

To save the public time and travel in obtaining burning permits, Warden Ray has, in addition to the above mentioned wardens, has named the following as authorized representatives of State Forester W. K. Beichler to issue burning permits: L. N. Shaw, Manchester; L. B. Williams, Coats; D. P. Ray, Lillington; J. V. Harrington, Broadway; and A. A. Cameron, Broadway.

If every citizen of Harnett county will cooperate with County Warden Ray and the district wardens by acquiring burning permits prior to doing any burning, burning brush carefully at the proper time and reporting forest fires immediately upon discovery to any warden, the overall damage resulting this year from forest fires in Harnett county will be surprisingly small.

Campbell to Observe Vocational Emphasis

Bule's Creek, Feb. 27.—Dr. Clarence Jordan of Americus, Ga., spoke twice at Campbell College Sunday afternoon, to the volunteer band at 2:30 and to the faculty at 4 o'clock at President Campbell's home.

He was one of the speakers during Religious Focus Week at Meredith College this week.

Vocational Emphasis Week is being observed here this week with three visiting speakers appearing on the program after Dr. Paul Bagby, college pastor, talked Monday on "The Ministry as a Vocation." Tuesday Margaret Clarke, home demonstration agent in Johnston county, discussed the opportunities in home economics and agriculture. Thursday Attorney C. G. Rose of Fayetteville will discuss the field of law, and Friday Dr. Ellen B. Winston, N. C. Commissioner of Public Welfare, will discuss her field of service.

Harnett Girls On Chorus at ECTC

(Special to The News)
Greenville, Feb. 27.—The Women's Chorus of East Carolina Teachers College, which is now rehearsing for several programs to be presented at the college soon, includes among its members Miss Blanche Ogburn and Miss Rachel Pleasant of Angier and Miss Mary Lou Austin of Fuquay Springs R-1.

The Women's Chorus, an organization of 37 members, largely students of the Department of Music, is directed by Dan E. Vornholt of the college faculty. Most popular program in which the chorus appears during the school year is the recital of Christmas music given annually in December. A program of songs will be presented by the chorus at the student assembly program on Tuesday, March 5. Misses Ogburn, Pleasant and Austin will be among those taking part.

Candidate for Sheriff



R. G. TART

TART INJECTS PEP INTO HIS RACE FOR SHERIFF'S PLACE

SAYS HE WILL SELECT DEPUTIES FROM AMONG RETURNED VETERANS AND HAVE ONE IN EACH TOWNSHIP

Dunn, Feb. 27.—R. G. Tart of Dunn, candidate for sheriff, today promised the people of Harnett that, if elected, every township in the county will have on duty an able deputy at all times.

Mr. Tart, prominent business man, farmer and civic leader, made the promise in a statement to Harnett county newspapers and carried in paid advertisements.

Since announcing his candidacy a week ago, he pointed out, he has been visited by delegations from various parts of the county, deploring the lack of sufficient deputies to properly serve the people.

"If elected sheriff, and I feel confident I will," said Mr. Tart, "I promise you that every single township, the smallest to the largest, will have on duty an able deputy at all times."

Mr. Tart, father of two servicemen still serving overseas, pointed out that, "I am sure there are now many ex-servicemen in Harnett who need jobs and would gladly welcome a job as deputy sheriff. I am sure there are enough of these 'capable veterans' to fill the many vacancies now existing."

This is the first issue entered into the campaign for sheriff, which promises to be a close fight. Mr. Tart said he would discuss other issues from time to time.

Mr. Tart's statement today evidently was the outgrowth of much criticism hurled at Sheriff Salmon throughout the county due to lack of deputies.

Sheriff Salmon, on the other hand, says that he has been unable to find capable deputies due to the low income offered by the job.

Lawyers are complaining bitterly about the lack of a deputy to render quicker service in serving papers in various parts of the county. Sheriff Salmon said that Averasboro is just one of several townships without a deputy, that he is doing his best to find some more.

John Vann Gilmore Killed in Wreck

John Vann Gilmore, 51, of Jonesboro R-1, was instantly killed last Wednesday night about 8 o'clock when his car ran into Upper Little River. He was traveling alone at the time.

Gilmore was traveling in his car from Jonesboro to Swan Station on highway 87 when he hit the bridge and careened into the river.

Funeral services were held Friday at 3 p. m. from the home, conducted by Rev. E. C. Ruffin. Burial was in the Cameron Grove cemetery. Surviving are his wife, the former Annie Edwards; two daughters, Mrs. Ben Joe Sharpe of Jonesboro R-1, and Mrs. Wade Thomas of Olivia; three brothers, Duncan of Jonesboro R-1, Walter of Jonesboro R-1 and Dock of Broadway R-1; and five sisters, Mrs. Robert Clark of Jonesboro R-1, Mrs. Hampton Thomas of Bynum, Mrs. Jane Gunter of Jonesboro R-1, Mrs. Otis Gunter and Mrs. Craig Wilcox of Jonesboro R-1, and six grandchildren.

AUTO CRASH SENDS EIGHT TO HOSPITAL

CARELESS AND RECKLESS DRIVING ON STRAIGHT STRETCH OF ROAD NEAR LILLINGTON LAST SATURDAY

That old and too-familiar attempt by a driver to pass other cars on the highway without regard to the length of "open road" lying ahead, resulted in a crash four miles north of Lillington on highway 15-A about 2 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. Eight persons were taken to the Harnett County Hospital in Dunn suffering from serious injuries.

State Highway Patrolman Hughes J. Hunt and Deputy Sheriff Ken Matthews, who investigated the crash, stated that it was the result of careless and reckless driving.

John L. Shaeffer Sr. of Drexel Hills, Pa., attempted to drive his car past a truck driven by K. C. Moore of Lumberton, and ran head-on into a car driven by Sgt. Vincent Stagner of Fort Bragg, who had four other soldiers in the car with him.

It was said at the hospital that little hope could be held for recovery of two of the victims, Mrs. John L. Shaeffer Jr. and Pfc. Lemet Cheek of Miami, Fla. Mrs. Shaeffer received severe internal injuries, and Cheek received a concussion of the head, face lacerations and other injuries.

Three other victims of the crash were unconscious when taken to the hospital.

All of the soldiers are members of the 82nd Airborne Division, stationed at Fort Bragg. They were moved to the Fort Bragg hospital.

Patrolman Hunt said he was charging Shaeffer Sr. with careless and reckless driving, and would change the charge to manslaughter in the event any of those injured die.

Later reports from the hospital say that some of the victims are still in serious condition.

Mother of Lillington Lady Dies in Dunn

Mrs. Margaret Ann Butler, 74, resident of Dunn and wife of George William Butler, former merchant of Dunn, died early Monday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cohen P. Tart of Dunn. She had been confined to her bed for the past 38 months.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. from the Divine Street Methodist Church. Officiating were Rev. W. D. Hedden, pastor, Rev. O. W. Dowd of Raleigh, former pastor, Dr. George F. Cuthrell, pastor of Hood Memorial Church, and Rev. S. F. Hudson, pastor of Lillington Baptist Church. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Butler, a native of Sampson county, was the daughter of the late John A. and Beddie Ann Daughtry. She had resided in Dunn for about a half century and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Tart and Mrs. Kyle G. Matthews of Lillington; three sons, McCaskey Butler of Dunn, Winfield Butler of Philadelphia, Pa., and Floyd Butler of Raleigh; one brother, George A. Daughtry of Clinton; one sister, Mrs. Wiley B. Royal of Clinton; and a number of grandchildren.

Important Meeting

A meeting which should be of great importance to all the citizens of Lillington will be held at the Community House on Thursday, March 7, at 9 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the advisability of securing a director of recreation for the summer months.

This person would direct the recreational activities of the boys and girls of the town and vicinity. Some of the religious and civic organizations of the town have already approved of such a movement.

It is earnestly hoped that a large group of citizens will attend the meeting and voice their opinion in this important matter.

SCHOOLS RAISE IN MARCH OF DIMES TOTAL OF \$1250.83

WHITE SCHOOLS RAISE \$1068.37, NEGRO SCHOOLS \$182.46; TWO CHURCHES REPORT COLLECTIONS NEAR \$70

Acting Superintendent G. T. Proffit of the Harnett County Schools reports that the white school raised \$1068.37 and the Negro schools raised \$182.46 in the March of Dimes campaign, making a total of \$1250.83.

Two churches also report collections: Kipling Methodist Church a total of \$28.53, and Olivia Presbyterian Church \$45.39.

Following are the amounts reported by the various schools:

White: Boone Trull \$111.02, Buckhorn \$7.85, Bunnlevel \$12.36, LaFayette \$22.60, Anderson Creek \$24.92, Lillington \$230.04, Angier \$487.54, Erwin \$92.53, Benhaven \$87.61, Dunn \$61.00, Mary Stuart \$20.00, Bule's Creek High and Campbell College \$31.90.

Negro Schools: Shawtown \$24.50, Harnett County Training School \$30.75, Coats \$6.50, McLean's Chapel \$4.80, Erwin \$2.00, Smith Grove \$4.00, Seminole \$3.00, Augier \$5.00, Paradise \$2.00, Johnsonville \$8.00, Murchison \$2.45, Northington \$5.25, Beaver Dam \$5.01, Killingsford \$7.00, Creeksville \$2.70, Ridgewood \$2.00, Cedar Grove \$1.50, Bethlehem \$5.00.

Helped Lick Germans, Re-enlists in Service

Staff Sgt. Victor L. Howington, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Howington, who was discharged from the armed service on December 11, has re-enlisted. Sgt. Howington re-enlisted the same day he was discharged. He entered the service in November 1943 and was in the European theater for two years. He is now visiting his parents on Lillington R-3.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Walter W. Porter, USNR, son of Mrs. W. Y. Porter and the late Mr. Porter, is spending his 30-day leave with his mother on Lillington R-3. Walter served on the USS Audubon APA 149 for 14 months. After his leave is up he will return to the separation center at Norfolk, Va., for his discharge.

Nearly Two Thousand Dollars Seems To Be Going Begging

SMITH-DOUGLASS TO HAVE PLANT AT WILMINGTON

FERTILIZER CONCERN SAYS ITS NEW PLANT WILL BE IN PRODUCTION FOR THE 1946-47 FERTILIZER SEASON

Wilmington, North Carolina, has been chosen as the site of the newest Smith-Douglass fertilizer plant, according to an announcement recently made by Mr. Ralph Douglas, vice-president of the company. The new plant, which is located at Navassa, across the river from Wilmington, will be in production for the 1946-47 fertilizer season. Railroad tracks to the plant has recently been completed. It is planned to complete installation of all necessary machinery during the coming summer months. This will put Smith-Douglass in a very much better position to serve the increasing demand for its goods from prosperous eastern North Carolina. Mr. Douglas said. Smith-Douglass already has plants at Norfolk and Danville, Va., and at Kinston, N. C., to service Carolina and Virginia farmers.

Streator, Ill., Plant Opened Recently
Many orders from the Middle West and the increasing use of commercial fertilizers in that section prompted the Smith-Douglass company to open a plant at Streator, Ill., late last year. Planned first as a dry mixing plant only, it was later decided to add an acidulating unit for the complete production of S-D brands. The Streator plant, which is under the management of Mr. William B. Copeland, has been in production for only a few months. Already orders have been received that will keep it running to capacity for the remainder of its first season.

Navassa Famous for Fertilizers
The Smith-Douglass plant at Navassa will add materially to an industry that has long been famous at that location. Plans are maturing for Smith-Douglass to manufacture its well known brands such as "Orange" and "Old Glory" tobacco fertilizers, "Square Deal" and "Money Maker" general crop fertilizers, as well as many other Smith-Douglass brands at the new Navassa plant.

Harnett Man Wins Second Place

P. M. Gilchrist of Laurinburg has been named the winner of the Philip W. Pillsbury award for the best soy beans grown in this state during the 1945 crop year.

The selection was made at the N. C. Crop Improvement Seed Exposition held recently.

Gilchrist won the award with a sample of Arksey, while J. M. Langston of Lillington exhibited the second best sample.

This is the first year that North Carolina has entered the competition. The winner receives a cash award and a framed certificate of merit signed by the judges.

Four-Months-Old Erwin Cotton Mills Strike Has Been Settled

The strike of the 5,000 employees of the Erwin Cotton Mills at Erwin, Durham and Coolemece, which had been in progress for the past twenty weeks, was settled last Saturday night following conference between mill officials, representatives of the employees' union, and Governor R. Gregg Cherry. Governor Cherry got the two groups of representatives to, together after conferences sponsored by Federal agencies had fallen down completely.

Under the new contract the employees will receive 14 cents an hour more than they were receiving when they quit work, but many of them will also be required to do more work than they were doing before the strike. A compromise was reached on the controversial work-load provisions of the contract.

The mills expect to resume operations within the next few days. The following letter was sent to all employees in the mills: "The strike in the Erwin Mills has been ended with a settlement satisfactory to both TWUA and the company. This letter, signed by the presidents of the union and the company, is to state that fact and to say that the settlement agreement is based upon a mutual spirit of cooperation

in the operations of the mills. Substantial wage increases are provided and we are convinced mutual goodwill and cooperation will be to the best interests of all concerned. We urge each employee to strive for high production and high earnings.

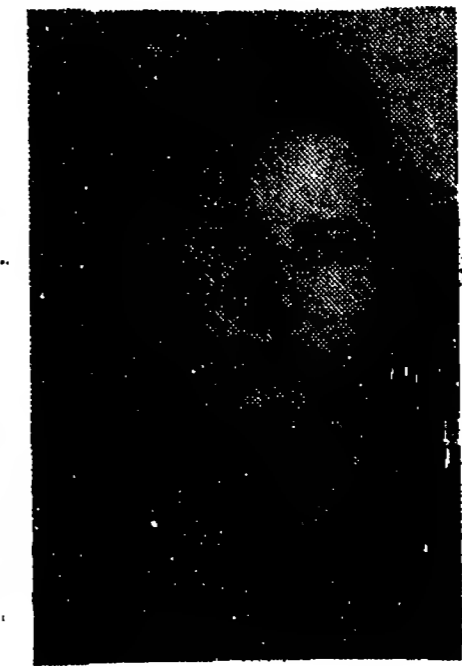
"We therefore urge every employee to return to work in a spirit of friendly cooperation, to work at his or her job under the provisions of the agreement and to establish a satisfactory and cooperative relationship."

In addition to the wage increase the employees will receive a paid lunch period for the first time and an increase in "fatigue time."

Governor Cherry issued the following statement: "I am very happy to announce that an agreement has been reached between officials of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company and those of the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO) settling the 138-day-old strike in the plants at Durham, Erwin and Coolemece.

"At my request, the two parties resumed negotiations on Wednesday of this week in my office and have carried these through here in Raleigh in a friendly, cooperative spirit. It is a credit to both sides that an agreement has been reached and that this strike with its far-reaching im-

"Feels Like a Native"



MRS. ELMER PURYEAR

Bule's Creek, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Elmer Puryear, who teaches math and general science at Campbell College, should feel quite at home, because she was here from her sixth grade year through junior college. She came that early as her mother, Mrs. Josephine Harmon Bradley, was, and still is, teaching in the local grammar school. She says, "About all my uncles and aunts, and cousins by the dozens, even my grandparents, came here to school. And my husband too," she adds.

She was graduated from Campbell in '42 and from Wake Forest in the summer of '43. Her husband graduated here in '41 and from Wake Forest in the spring of '43. Both were members of the Epsilon Pi Eta honor society here. He graduated at Wake Forest "summa cum laude."

Mr. Puryear goes to the University of North Carolina next month to begin work toward his M. A. degree in the department of history.

Mrs. Puryear taught at Parkton part of '42-'44, until she joined her serviceman husband in Florida. After he was sent overseas, she worked at Fort Bragg as laboratory technician.

Presbyterians Elect Deacons and Elders

Members of the Lillington Presbyterian Church recently elected three additional elders and eight additional deacons. The new elders are Clarence Mann, Neill McKay Salmon and R. S. Taylor. The deacons elected are S. S. Adcock, C. E. Bass, John Burgess, Carl Byrd, S. G. Howell, Andrew Jackson, Hilton Longenecker and Bradford Stewart.

These newly-elected officers will be ordained and installed next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. William M. Shaw, postmaster in Fayetteville and an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Neill A. Currie, manager of the Currie Coal Co. and chairman of the board of deacons of the Highland Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, and one of the ministers of Fayetteville Presbyterian have been invited to participate in the installation service.

Hat Making Demonstration

Miss Willie Hunter, Extension clothing specialist from State College, will give a hat making demonstration at the County Council meeting March 4 at 2:30 o'clock, in the Lillington Community House.

Members of the County Council, home demonstration club members and friends are invited to attend this demonstration.

DORIS HUDGINS, 16, DIES ON LILLINGTON ROUTE 2

Doris Hudgins, 16, died Monday night at 11:30 at her home on Lillington R-2.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hudgins; the following sisters, Mrs. Fred McDonald, Elouise and Audrey Hudgins, and one brother, Walter Graham, all of Lillington R-2; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Matthews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. at Antioch Church, Mamers.

VISITING SISTER

Miss Mae Jarmon of Alma, Ga., is spending a few weeks with her sisters, Mrs. Murphy Wester of Kipling and Mrs. M. W. O'Quinn of Lillington R-3.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Bickett Arnold of Fuquay Springs R-2 announce the birth of a son, Rudy Stewart, on February 13. Mrs. Arnold is the former Miss Eunice McDonald of Lillington.

CLERK GODWIN WANTS TO HAND NEAT LITTLE SUM

HE HAS \$1,827.78 IN CHECKS AND IS ADVERTISING NAMES AND AMOUNTS; WON'T OWNERS PLEASE TAKE 'EM?

Is money plentiful? Why, of course it is. But chances are you didn't know it is so plentiful that a fellow who has nearly two thousand dollars in hand to pay out but can't even get the owners to take it. It's just like that.

Clerk of Court Howard Godwin has in hand checks totaling \$1,827.78. This money belongs to witnesses who have appeared in court, and a small portion of it comes from judgments rendered in the court over the past several years. The checks are already made out to the owners, but somehow or other Clerk Godwin can't seem to get it where it belongs.

And so he's advertising the money, with the names of the owners and the various amounts they own. All they have to do is to let Clerk Godwin know where to find them. Or better still, won't they please come and get it? That would save Harnett county a lot of postage.

Because of the small amounts owing to the individuals, and the long time it has been accumulating, the list has grown till it fills nearly an entire page in The News. (The list is published on another page in this issue.)

All of the money not "delivered" will be turned over to the county's general fund and to the schools, and Clerk Godwin says he's going to do that very thing very soon. Those whose names appear in the list had better get in touch with the Clerk right away, otherwise it will proceed with the turning over business.

The sum comes from:
In Recorder's Court, old cases, \$576.78; recent cases, \$307.35, making a total of \$884.13.
In Superior Court: Old cases, \$787.05; recent cases, \$256.60, making a total of \$1,043.65—a grand total of \$1,827.78.

Eight Students Join Society at Campbell

Bule's Creek, Feb. 27.—Eight new members were last week admitted to Epsilon Pi Eta, honor society at Campbell. The men are J. C. Thomas of Rosehill and Wesley, Noble of Dunn. The girls are Virginia Beane of Asheboro, Eugenia Bradley of Jonesboro, Helen Carr of Plymouth, Mildred Harrell of Edenton, Martha Jean Modlin of Rich Square and Cora Male Parker of Jacksonville.

Other members here now admitted prior to this year, are Aaron Phlips, president, of Schoolfield, Va.; Catherine Campbell, Affelle Coleman; Josephine Lasater, Frances Lynch, Betsy Sue Stafford, Dorothea Stewart and Catherine Upchurch, local girls; "Jackie" Moore of Wallace, Emma McPherson of Norfolk; Doris Robbins of Battleboro; Helen Xanthos of Fayetteville and Aretta Yarborough of Milton.

All of these students are active in extra-curricular activities as well as proficient in scholarship.

Lt. Reid Ross Gets Release From Navy

Lt. Reid Ross, who has served for the past couple of years in the Navy, was released Monday of this week. While in the service he had a leave of absence from his position as superintendent of schools of Harnett county and during his absence Mr. G. T. Proffit, former principal of the Dunn schools, has been acting superintendent.

Lt. Ross obtained his release from Camp Shelton, Navy base near Norfolk, Va.

His brother, Sgt. Neill Ross, who has been serving in the Army, was released Sunday. He had been stationed at Camp Jackson, S. C.

ANDERSON CREEK AND BENHAVEN DIVIDE TWIN GAME

Anderson Creek and Benhaven basketball teams divided a double-header at the Anderson Creek court last Thursday afternoon, the undefeated Benhaven girls wallowing A. C. 56-4 while Benhaven boys took it on the chin 40-6. The big guns for the Anderson Creek boys were Miller with 22 points and Goins and Captain McDonald with 13 points each.