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

R. C. War Fund Campaign Is On

COMMUNITY LEADERS IN RED CROSS DRIVE

HARNETT CHAPTER HOPES TO COMPLETE ITS CAMPAIGN TO RAISE ITS QUOTA, \$7,500, BY MARCH 15

Harnett Chapter of the American Red Cross has named its chairman for the eleven townships within its jurisdiction to actively lead in the organization's drive to raise its quota of \$7,500 for the War Fund.

Chairman R. B. O'Quinn of Lillington has announced the following community chairman:

Anderson Creek: Miss Jeanette McLaughlin.
Barbecue: Lawrence Cameron.
Buckhorn: Leo Betts.
Black River: Mrs. Carl Gregory.
Grove: D. A. Grimes.
Hector's Creek: Mrs. Reid Smith.
Johnsonville: E. E. Perkins.
Neill's Creek: Mrs. Preston Butts.
Lillington—Charlie Loving.
Stewart's Creek: Mrs. J. C. Byrd.
Upper Little River No. 1: Mrs. H. M. O'Quinn.
Upper Little River No. 2: Mrs. P. H. Biddle.
Colored: J. S. Spivey.

Profit Goes To Campbell College

C. Reid Ross, who has been serving in the Navy for the past couple of years, returned to his position as superintendent of the Harnett school system last Friday, thus releasing Acting Superintendent G. T. Profit, who has been directing the schools in the absence of Mr. Ross.

Mr. Profit informed The News that he will hereafter be connected with Campbell College. Before assuming the superintendency of the county schools he was principal of the Dunn schools.

In the discussion before the Board of Commissioners Monday of the proposed bond issue for school expansion Mr. Profit advised: "You can either keep up the school system you have, which has been rated as among the best in the State, or you can allow it to drop into decadence by not properly providing it with the necessary funds for needed expansion."

Register of Deeds Gets \$895 in Feb.

Mrs. Inez Harrington, Register of Deeds, in her February report submitted to the Board of County Commissioners Monday, showed collections of—

From recording receipts \$859.00; from 18 marriage licenses at \$2.00 \$36.00—making a total of \$895.00. There were 207 service discharges, for which there was no fee.

Bernheim to Preach At Pleasant Union

Rev. Jacob Bernheim, a converted Jew, will preach at Pleasant Union Christian Church next Sunday night, March 10, at 7 o'clock. This will be Mr. Bernheim's second visit to Pleasant Union and all who heard him before will remember him as an excellent speaker. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

County USDA Council Gives Information For Veterans

Veterans who intend to engage in farming are furnished the following information by the Harnett County USDA Council. It shows where headquarters may be found for any service to which the veteran may be entitled:

General Agricultural Advice and Counsel—C. R. Ammons, county farm agent, office at Agriculture Building, Lillington.

FSA Tenant Purchase Program—Ashley Horne, county FSA supervisor, office at Agriculture Building, Lillington.

FOA Loans—Farm loans, J. E. Walker, secretary-treasurer National Farm Loan Association, Sanford.

Production Loans—F. Martin Howard, secretary-treasurer Production Credit Association, Dunn.

Crop Loans—L. W. Barnes, representative Emergency Crop and Seed Loan Association, Smithfield.

GI Farm Loans—County FSA committee, Agriculture Building, Lillington; also bank or real estate offices.

Shad and Herring

Shad and herring season in inland waters of coastal counties opened last Friday and continues through May 10, announced Dr. Willis King, supervising biologist of the North Carolina Division of Game and Inland Fisheries. Fishing is restricted to Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week, during which time skim or gill nets with bars one and one-half inches or larger may be used.

ENGLISH LADY COMES TO JOIN HUSBAND HERE

MRS. THOMAS L. RAY AND BABY OF LONDON FIRST OF OVERSEAS ADDITION TO HARNETT FAMILIES

Sergeant Thomas L. Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McD. Ray of Upper Little River township, while he was in the armed service stationed in England, met the lady of his choice and, persuading her from the coveted "yes," married her. The war was in progress then, and Sergeant Ray was with the Signal Corps. Finally the war ended and he came home with his buddies to gain his release.

Last week Mrs. Ray, with their year-old Carol Ann, arrived to join her husband in Harnett county. They had come over on the USS Volcanic to New York and Mr. Ray met them in Sanford when they arrived there by rail.

Sgt. Ray, now all-time forest warden, is 25 and Mrs. Ray is 23. They are making their home for the present with Mr. Ray's parents.

Mrs. Ray still believes it's a big wide world because she found it to be a long, long time before she could join her husband in the United States. But, she says, "I like it here, much better, because Tommy is here."

Clerk of Court Has Big Month

Clerk of Court Howard Godwin, in his report for February, submitted to the Board of County Commissioners Monday, showed that his collections for the past month were greater than for sometime past. His report showed—

From probates \$242.78; from civil and criminal actions and special proceedings in Superior Court \$394.99; from fines in Superior Court \$695.06; from trust commissions \$15.20; from civil and criminal actions in Recorder's Court \$228.55; from fines in Recorder's Court \$880.00—making a total of \$2,456.58.

BENHAVEN AND ANDERSON CREEK DIVIDE PAIR GAMES

The Benhaven girls basketball team remains undefeated after trouncing the Anderson Creek girls 26-5 at the Benhaven court Thursday afternoon. The Anderson Creek boys also are undefeated as they came out on top of Benhaven boys in a rough and tumble game 20-9.

Miller of A. C. was high scorer with 14 points. Goins got four and Hamilton two to complete the A. C. scoring. Standing out especially for A. C. on defense were Taylor and McDonald.

County USDA Council Gives Information For Veterans

Veterans' Agricultural Training Program—Teachers of vocational agriculture or county superintendent of schools.

Readjustment Allowances—For self-employed veterans on farm and for unemployed veterans seeking jobs—R. G. Vann, Unemployment office claims taker at USES office in Dunn, Monday through Friday only, in Lillington at Agriculture Building from 10 to 3 and in Erwin at Community House on Tuesday from 9:30 to 3:30.

Priority Assistance on Construction—Write to Civilian Production Administration, Ref. PR-28, Washington, D. C. Request Form CPA-541-A and Regulation PR-28.

Priority on Farm Equipment—County AAA committee, Agriculture Building, Lillington.

Tobacco Allotment—County AAA committee, Agriculture Building, Lillington.

Purchase of Surplus Property—War Assets Corporation, 317 South Tryon street, Charlotte.

LITTLE RIVER MISSION SCHOOL HERE MARCH 10-15

NUMBER OF BAPTIST LEADERS AND MISSIONARIES ON PROGRAM; TO BE HELD AT LILLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Earl L. Bradley of Raleigh is leading the Church-Wide School of Missions in the Little River Baptist Association, March 10-11. Twenty-one other missionaries from the State, Home and Foreign Mission Fields will speak in the twenty-two Baptist Churches that are participating.

All pastors, visiting missionaries and local church leaders are invited to the two services that will be held in the Lillington Baptist Church on Saturday, March 9th and Thursday, March 14 at three o'clock. Services will be held on Sunday morning and each night through Friday in the churches participating. Five or six missionaries will speak in each church—a different one each night.

Each church is expecting to entertain one of these visitors and help him get to and from the churches in which he will speak during the week.

A list of the missionaries who are expected to be her follows:

From Foreign Mission Boards—
Dr. J. W. Lowe, China.
Dr. and Mrs. L. Bunn Olive, China.
Rev. A. R. Gallimore, China.
Rev. Deaver Lawton, China.
Rev. Wesley Lawton, China.
Dr. Arthur S. Gillespie (indefinite) China.

Dr. Everette Gill (indefinite), Italy.

Home Mission Board—
Rev. Lawrence Thibodeant, French, Louisiana.

Rev. H. J. Mikhalchuk, Slavic People, Illinois.

Rev. Ted Zork, Italians in Florida.

Rev. J. H. Ivoy, Rural Missions.

Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Honcock, Indians in Oklahoma.

Rev. William Welch, Cherokee Indians, N. C.

Rev. Willie King, Indians, Florida.

State Mission Board—
Dr. E. L. Spivey, Central N. C.

Rev. J. C. Pikes, Western N. C.

Dr. Earl L. Bradley, Eastern N. C.

Rev. Douglas M. Branch, Central N. C.

Smith-Douglass Sees Fertilizer Shortage

A serious shortage of fertilizer and fertilizer materials is threatened this season. This was the warning issued today by Ralph Douglass, vice-president of the Smith-Douglass Co.

"It will be nothing short of tragic," said Mr. Douglass, "if the corn production program sponsored by the N. C. Experiment Station and the Extension Service, and so ably directed by Dr. Bayer, should be imperiled by this threatened shortage of supplies." Mr. Douglass listed three reasons for the threatened shortage that is in direct contrast to predictions of plentiful supplies forecast last November.

First, the steel strike cut off production of sulphate of ammonia. Even with this strike ended, it will still be two weeks before normal production can be resumed and production lost over the six weeks period cannot be regained. In addition, production of nitrogen solutions has fallen behind expectations because of breakdowns, in plants and inability to obtain repair parts while the steel strike was on.

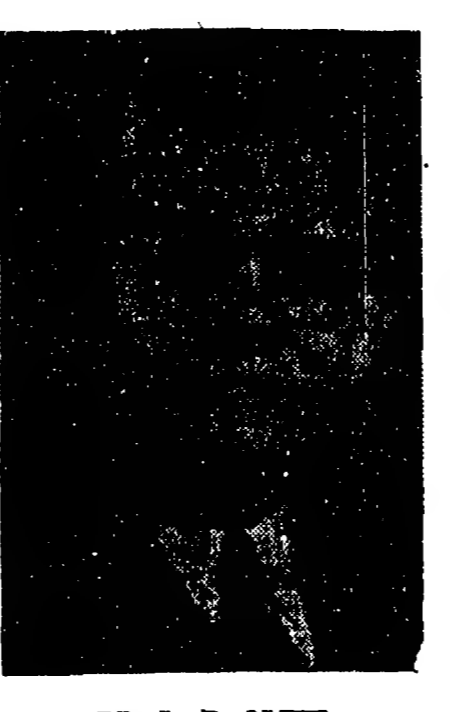
Second, there is the government policy of shipping substantial tonnage of fertilizer materials to other countries upon the theory that it's better to supply these countries with fertilizer with which to grow their own food than for us to grow the food and ship it to them. It's reported in trade circles that the first 11,000 tons of sulphate of ammonia produced following the steel strike will be shipped to China.

The third contributing factor, said Mr. Douglass, is the disturbed political conditions in Chile that has reduced shipments of nitrate of soda. Chile is also making heavier shipments to other countries than before the war.

"There seems logic," said Mr. Douglass, "in shipping fertilizers to other countries so they can grow their own food, but this policy should be re-examined since it now appears certain that supplies for our own agricultural needs are more critically short than appeared the case when these commitments were made."

The export and import of fertilizer materials, he pointed out, has been taken out of the hands of private business and is now exclusively directed by the government. In view of this, it becomes the responsibility of government to see to it that the needs of our own agricultural production are met. It is imperative, he said, that these officials charged with this responsibility should re-examine their policy in the light of the present situation.

On Program



DR. L. B. OLIVE



DR. EARLE L. BRADLEY

Dr. Olive and Dr. Bradley will appear here on the program in the Church-wide School of Missions at the Baptist Church, March 10-15.

TAX COLLECTOR FACES SLOWDOWN IN PAYMENTS

FEBRUARY REPORT SHOWS LESS SPEED IN TAXPAYING THAN A YEAR AGO; \$13.08 PER CENT OF '45 LEVY YET TO COME

Tax Collector W. D. Harrington, in his report for February, submitted to the Board of County Commissioners Monday, showed that his collections on the 1945 levy had been slowed down. Although he was making a fast record during the earlier part of the collecting season, February figures show that there is still a larger percentage of the levy to be collected than the report of the same month a year ago showed.

Of the \$420,548.64 on the books to start with last October 1st, there has been collected \$361,975.06, or 86.07 per cent. The report for the same month a year ago showed 86.43 per cent of the levy paid.

Following is the report of the revenue taken in during February:

Current taxes \$12,414.35, delinquent taxes \$1,866.07, real estate taxes \$196.00—making a total of \$14,476.42.

Other revenue: General county \$2,861.50, school fund \$4,833.26, O. A. fund \$3,935.25, A. D. fund \$1,431.00, child feeding program \$5,068.63, national defense \$371.25—making a total of \$33,975.36.

Avery Jones Killed When Hit By Car

"Unavoidable accident" is the verdict of Coroner Melvin McLean who investigated the death of Avery Russell Jones, who died in Harnett hospital at Dunn Saturday night after being hit by a car on highway 301 a mile south of Dunn.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 4 p. m. from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Barefoot, brother-in-law and sister of Jones. Rev. S. L. Morgan, Dunn Baptist pastor, officiated. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Surviving are three brothers, Melvin and Talmadge Jones, both of Dunn, and O'Dell Jones of High Point; four sisters, Mrs. W. T. Barefoot of Dunn, Mrs. Percy Ammons of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Beulah Jones of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Mrs. Robert Alderman of High Point.

ON USS BENNINGTON

(Special to The News)

Fleet Hometown News Center, U. S. Navy.—Sion H. Mitchell, 18, first man second class, USN, Buie's Creek, N. C., participated in ceremonies aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bennington at Pearl Harbor as Admiral John H. Towers, USN, relieved Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, USN, as commander-in-chief US Pacific Fleet, early in February.

The Bennington, as a unit of Task Forces 58 and 59, took part in the carrier-borne strikes against the Tokyo Bay area and in other air-sea assaults against the Japanese homeland, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Proposed Bond Issue Begins To Draw Citizens' Interest

SCHOOL BOARD ASKS FOR \$750,000 FOR ADDITIONS

LISTS IN RESOLUTION TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPAIRS, ADDITIONS IN ALL DISTRICTS OF COUNTY SYSTEM

Following a discussion of a proposed bond issue of \$750,000 for the benefit of the county's school system, the Board of County Commissioners Monday requested the Board of Education to put in legal form its required resolution asking for the special election on the question of issuing the bonds. This was furnished by the school board and the commissioners decided to defer action on the matter till after the 20th of March.

Following is the resolution: Whereas, it appears to the satisfaction of the Harnett County Board of Education that for the conduct and maintenance of the Harnett county public school system for the constitutional term of 9 months, it is necessary to raise and expend \$750,000 for the erection of needed school buildings, repairs and additions to existing school buildings and to purchase land to be used by the said public school system, and to provide needed equipment for said system; and

Whereas, it is the opinion of said Harnett County Board of Education that said funds might be advantageously obtained by a countywide bond issue for said purposes in lieu of attempting to raise so large a sum by direct and immediate taxation during the ensuing fiscal year; and

Whereas, it appears that a special election should be called for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Harnett county the question of issuing Harnett county bonds in the amount of \$750,000;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Harnett County Board of Education as follows:

No. 1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Harnett county be and they are hereby requested to cause proper steps to be taken to the end that the question of issuing bonds of Harnett county in the sum of \$750,000 be submitted to the voters of said county for their approval or rejection at a special election to be held for that purpose.

No. 2. That it is hereby declared necessary for the maintenance and conduct of the public school system of Harnett county, for the constitutional term of 9 months, that the said sum of \$750,000 be raised and expended to provide the necessary land, erection of necessary school buildings, alterations and additions to existing school buildings and equipment for same, in the below named school districts of said county:

District No. 1, Anderson Creek—Repairs and alterations to present buildings, additional building.

District No. 2, Dunn—Repairs and alterations to present buildings, additional building. Harnett County Training School—Repairs and alterations to present buildings. Additional building.

District No. 3, Benhaven—Repairs and alterations to present buildings. Additional building. Additional building. Negro school.

District No. 4, Angler—Repairs and alterations to present buildings. Additional building.

District No. 5, Erwin—Repairs and alterations to present building. Additional building.

District No. 6, Coats—Repairs and alterations to present buildings. Additional building.

District No. 7, LaFayette—Repairs and alterations to present buildings. Additional building.

District No. 8, Lillington—Repairs and alterations to present buildings. Additional building. Shawtown Negro school—Repairs and alterations to present buildings. Additional building.

District No. 9, Buie's Creek—Build new school building.

District No. 10, Boone Trail—Repairs and alterations to present buildings. Additional building.

Board of Review Meets March 18

The Board of County Commissioners will begin its annual sitting as a Board of Equalization and Review on Monday, March 18. All property owners who may have complaints of inequalities in their listings will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The board will continue its sittings until the property owners of all the townships have been heard.

Whittled Down

Of special interest to all citizens of Harnett county is the fact that the total outstanding indebtedness of the county has been whittled down to less than a million dollars. To be exact, the total debt of the county is \$948,750.00. This includes the general county debt, the school bonds and the township road bonds, all of which the county has assumed.

In furnishing The News this information, County Auditor Herbert Carson states that the longest term of any of the bonds extends to 1964.

Harnett county has been gradually retiring its outstanding bond debt, which a decade ago was over two millions.

BONDED DEBT OF HARNETT IS NOW UNDER A MILLION

BOND DEBT FOR GENERAL COUNTY PURPOSES IS \$376,000; \$826,000 FOR TOWNSHIP ROADS; \$848,750 FOR SCHOOLS

In his monthly report to the Board of County Commissioners, submitted Monday, County Auditor Herbert Carson showed that Harnett county's current status is not only excellent but that the total outstanding debt, including general county fund, roads and schools, is less than a million dollars.

Due date of the bonds representing this outstanding debt are falling due practically every year from now until 1964, when the final bonds become due. While the interest payments on these bonds amount to a sizeable figure each year and rather enormous total for all, still the county is meeting its obligations regularly and in addition for the past ten or more years has been retiring its debt "out of date" when such opportunity presented itself.

Several years ago, for instance, the holders of an issue of Harnett bonds wanted to dispose of their holdings, and the county finding itself "in hand" with the money, proceeded to relieve the holders and retire the bonds.

Not many such opportunities present themselves nowadays, however, because of two reasons: the county is simply able to meet its obligations, and there is no investor who wants to turn loose bonds bringing a good rate of interest.

The last of the county general bonds fall due in 1958; the last of the township road issue in 1964, and the final school bonds in 1962.

It should be noted that not all of this debt was incurred by the county itself. All of the townships in the county issued bonds for road building and these were later assumed by the county upon the consolidation of the road system, and a good many of the school districts issued bonds for new buildings, etc., which were later taken over by the county.

In some of the school districts, notably in Neill's Creek, no bond issue was made, that township or district never having a school building of the "consolidated variety of its own. It has depended altogether on Campbell College's public school division to school its children.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the kind deeds and sympathy shown during the long illness and at the death of our daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hudgins and Children.

COMMISSIONERS CALL MASS MEET FOR DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVES TO HOLD "OPEN HOUSE" MARCH 20 TO HEAR WHAT VOTERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT BOND ISSUE

After hearing the request of the Board of Education's request for the submission to the voters a proposal to issue bonds of \$750,000 for school purposes, and after receiving the Education Board's official resolution to that effect in which the needs of the school system were listed, the Board of County Commissioners decided it was too weighty a measure for their approval and adoption without first allowing the citizens of the county an opportunity to be heard.

The expense of calling and holding such a special election would amount to between \$1,000 and \$1,500, and it was with this in view that the Executives arrived at the conclusion to afford the citizens such opportunity previous to the ordering of an election. If it is determined, and if it can be so determined to the satisfaction of the Executives, that the people would not favor the bond issue, then the Executives would consider the cost of such an election a useless expenditure.

Therefore, in order to arrive at something which they might consider a conclusive reaction of the people to the proposal of a bond issue, the Commissioners have called for a mass meeting on the 20th of March, at 2 p. m.

The commissioners will be sitting as a Board of Equalization and Review beginning on the 18th, and will on the 20th hold a "open house" for a discussion by citizens who may feel interested. For this purpose a mass meeting is called for the 20th and it will be held in the courthouse.

Already some criticism and even some emphatic opposition has been voiced against the proposed issue of bonds. Some of the critics and opponents are outspoken, notable among them David Henry Center of Chalybeate Springs, while others expressly request that their names not be mentioned as opponents. Subrosa, too, is the opinion of many influential citizens, even some officials, who have decided opinions that the proposal would meet with defeat.

Officials who express their dubious feeling about the success of the proposal, however, are not to be found among the school heads. They hold the opinion that once the people are correctly and fully informed as to the urgent needs of the school system, they will vote for the bonds.

But the Commissioners, realizing that they are responsible to the citizens of the county for the financial and other welfare of the county, are desirous of gaining a first-hand and before-hand consensus of opinion from the voters themselves. That is why everyone is invited to attend the meeting on Wednesday, March 20, at 2 o'clock in the courthouse.

Jurors Drawn Monday For Two Weeks April Civil Term

The following were drawn Monday to serve as jurors for the two weeks of civil court commencing Monday, April 1st:

First Week

Averaboro: Archie Burns, Junie Ammons, John E. Norris, James Coats, Ben F. Parker, Hubert Halre, Wilbur Smith, George H. Britton.
Anderson Creek: J. F. McArtian.
Black River: R. T. Jackson, John C. Montague, Milton R. Smith, Raymond A. Owen, Kelo Hockaday, C. R. Gregory, A. V. Nordan, J. O. Matthews, J. Robert Currin, Johnnie Williford.
Duke: B. L. Autry.
Grove: Carl L. Hough, James P. Matthews, Henry A. Johnson, William A. Avery, William A. Denning, Chester Lee Matthews, J. Sherrill Stephenson, Jesse M. Tart.
Lillington: Arthur B. Byrd, W. J. Byrd.
Neill's Creek: O. E. Dixon, William H. Hayes, E. P. Gaskin, L. C. Reardon.
Second Week
Averaboro: C. H. Matthews, Leslie Oliver, O. F. Jernigan, L. L. Milan,

Wesley Coats, Herbert Blackman Coats, E. D. Martin, Clarence Lyde, W. A. Tart, Lee O'Quinn Parker, W. Preston Parker, J. B. Brett, Louis Lucas, C. C. Upchurch, Troy Erwood Parker, Robert W. Godwin.
Black River: Hattier B. Stewart, Alton Cutts, E. M. Currin.
Buckhorn: C. C. Eridgers.
Duke: Edward Byrd.
Grove: Jack M. Parker, Virgil Mason, Melvin Miller, Samuel Pope, A. Nathan Fish, Bunnie Mitchell.
Johnsonville: J. O. Cameron, A. C. Cameron, J. A. Spivey.
Lillington: J. R. Holder.
Neill's Creek: Clesley Johnson, Cleveland Johnson, J. T. Follard Jr., G. M. Long.
Stewart's Creek: W. J. Brown.

RESULTS!

Says Mr. J. H. Womger of Sanford, in a letter to The News: "Am pleased with my ads in The News. Ads in your paper get results. Can there be any better testimony?"