Sunday Speaker

Lillington, N. C., Thursday, May 29, 1947

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

Graduate Exercises At Campbell Today

CAMPBELL IS HEADING TOWARD FINALS WINDUP

DURHAM EDITOR TO MAKE AD-DRESS THIS MORNING AND GRADUATES WILL GET THEIR DIPLOMAS

"A sound mind will link one's life with God," advised Dr. Casper C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist church Charlotte, as he addressed the graduating class at Campbell College Sunday evening.

"Need for a sound mind is imporative," he began, "imperative because of the prevalence of fear in this atomic age when another world war is not only possible but by some considered probable.

"A sound mind is a reasonable mind, distinguishing man from the lower animals. It descriminates between right and wrong, high and low. It follows the gleam of divine guidance and leads one to accept the challenge of humble Christian service. Thereby, in a sound mind the spirit of God will find his earthly

Invocation was led by J. E. Avscue and Campbell's a cappella choir, led by H. Caleb Cushing, sang a group

Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the high school seniors hold their Class Day on the Paul Green theatre. and the college sophomores theirs at

Green Gables" will be presented with Bea Douglas of Sauford in the title roll. Mrs. G. T. Proffit is director.

Thursday morning Dr. C. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Herald, will deliver the address to the graduates.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM STARTS

Program Provided For Young People maternal grandparents. of Lillington Begins June 2: Schedule Given

The recreational program for the young people of Lillington which has been provided by in-

be used as last year. Bible School activities will be the major interest for the first two Harnett Students

An outline of the schedule will be as follows:

9-12 o'clock. Monday through Thursday: Ages four through nine been elected president of the incom- Phillips case or heard it discussed. will meet at the school. The activi- ing sophomore class at Campbell Col- and the task of securing a jury to ties will include, directed play, free lege. Miller has headed the veterans pass upon it on a second trial will play, music, story-telling, ball, horse- club this year and is a member of the be difficult. shoes, volley-ball, and other inter- college a cappella chorus. esting features.

Thursday: Ages ten through thir- dred Harmon of Coats, secretary, the full scheduled time. A special teen, the junior teen-agers. Activi- and Gene Palmer of Andrews, trea- term could be scheduled after June ties for this group will include swim- surer. ming, bicycling, hiking, music, dancing, base ball, volley-ball. Scout Downing of Fayetteville, Frances meetings. This group will meet at Webster of Pittsboro, Frances Grifthe school also.

Last year there was a total of phrey of New Bern. 1270 children attending the playground, representing over 50 families. With an enlarged program this summer it is hoved to have a larger number attending.

The Girl Scout program will continue us usual.

Dorothy Thompson

An invitation to speak at the 1947 Farm and Home Week to be held on | funds for the agricultural program, | pared with last year's payments for the State College Campus August according to G. Tom Scott, State Di- conservation practices. 25-29, has been accepted by Doro- rector of the Production and Marketthy Thompson, noted journalist and ing Administration. world-wide traveler, according to a College Extension Service and sec- and allowances. retary of the event.

The nationally known writer is held up for the time being. scheduled to speak before a special So far this year farmers in the Congress is able to enact the law, and Rev. Smith will conduct the am on the birthday following. The take four years to complete the task. meeting of the women at the Raleigh State have received conservation it is thought that it will be vetoed morning devotional. So don't forget cost, by the way, of the new permits Afterwards, permits will be reis-City Auditorium the morning of materials amounting to \$1.355,000, by President Truman. It is predicted to tune in at 18:30. August 28 at 11 o'clock.

pears in daily newspapers through- tion of 2,500,000 linear feet of ter- to override the President's veto. 1st commencing at 3:00 o'clock each that applicants for reissuance of its reissuance. out the country, has recently re- racing and 300,000 cubic yards of Meanwhile, the AAA is virtually afternoon. All children in this vicin- driving licenses must pass a driving The Legislature also raised the turned from a trip through Poland drainage. and other European countries.

Tobacco Plants In Ga. and Fla.

Tobacco growers in North Carolina who are not able to get enough plants from local stock this year may fill out their crop with plants from Georgia and Florida, according to an announcement this week from Roy R. Bennett, tobacco specialist with the State College Extension

"I am advised by the Georgia and Florida Extension Services." he said, "that there are large supplies of tobacco plants available in those states for immediate transplanting."

"Growers who feel that they will be unable to get sufficient plants locally for this years crop, may contact me or their county agents for information as to the proper persons to contact there."

DIES IN FALL FROM WAGON

Girl of Upper Little River, Falls From Wagon, Dies in Half Hour

died about 35 minutes later.

Broadway, who pronounced her dead tained some internal injuries.

Coroner C. B. Allred, after invesquest would be necessary.

Funeral services were held at the pastor, Rev. Ruffin, officiating, Investigation saying that the letter the tags, reported sales good. lat 3 p. m. Thursday.

Surviving besides the parents: One brother and the paternal and

New Red Cross

terested patrons and churches will ber of the Lillington school faculty, the Solicitor in the next trial will made today by Tom Morse, Super- that he sees no need for such a term. open on June 2 under the direction is the newly appointed Executive put great emphasis on the charge intendent of Parks in the Division of Misses Vara Lee Thornton and Secretary of the Harnett Chapter of that Phillips is an expert forger in of Forestry and Parks. the Red Cross. Miss Chandler takes his own talent. There will be three groups partici- the place of Mrs. Ed Moore who has pating in the recreational program resigned. Mrs. Moore has capably the motion for a new trial, Phillips, public playgrounds will be made this summer. The age groups will in- filled this position for the past sev- at the suggestion of a photograph- available to all who want to use clude four through nine; ten through eral years. Miss Chandler began her er's assistant, posed with his eyes them. Morrow Mountain and Hangthirteen, and the teen-age group, duties on Monday in the local Red gazing at the pair of slacks in which ing Rock State Parks have excel-The playground at the school will Cross office in the post office build- the suicide note was found, while he lent modern bath houses, swimming jurors are drawn, are mighty busy

Heading Classes

Meredith Miller of Raleigh has

Other officers are Jamie Lee 3 to 5 o'clock, Monday through Aiken of Fuquay, vice-president, Mil- term but does not usually last for

> Student council members are Neil fin of Monroe and William Hum-

JUDGE GRANTS **CHARLIE PHILLIPS** ANOTHER TRIAL

SOLICITOR HOOKS SEEKING SPECIAL TERM TO HEAR CASE; BURGWYN PREFERRED JURY DECISION ON MAN'S GUILT

Declaring that though he held definite personal opinion as to the guilt of Charlie Phillips, charged with the murder of his wife, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in Harnett Superior Court last Wednesday stated that he would prefer that a jury be allowed to pass on it. He thereupon ordered that a new trial be held. Solicitor Jack Hooks said he would seek a special term of Harnett court to hear the case, and that he wanted the term just as soon as a convenient week can be set aside for that

Hearing of the motion for a new the Solicitor and attorneys for the and WSJS. defense consumed about two hours last Wednesday afternoon. The hearing started at 2:30.

Phillips, a tenant farmer of near Angier was convicted at last September term of slaying his wife on Sunday, August 18, as they were at the ainner table. Judge Burgwyn After Going Without Auto License Johnsic Lee Patterson, 4-Year-Old sentenced him to death and he was placed on Death Row at State Prison. Attorneys Neill McK. Salmon and Charles Ross, who had defended the A tragic accident took the life of condemned man, secured a stay of as up. After going without auto li- nounced the sentence. Johnsie Lee Patterson, four-year- execution upon grounds that newly cense tags on their cars for the past old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John- discovered evidence was sufficient several years, Lillington motorists have run to the house and cried, nie Patterson of Upper Little River to warrant a motion for a new trial. can again proudly display the tags "Daddy, why did you kill Mom?" township last Wednesday afternoon. It was not, however, until the day denoting not only ownership but the when he heard the shot that took The child was riding in a wagon with before the scheduled execution of place where they are "from" when his mother's life. When Solicitor from the vehicle, her face striking able to have verified by the State But the little tags are not only to the jury, he glanced at his father, the ground with such force that she Bureau of Investigation a handwrit- back—they're up. Whereas formerly then hung his head and through

handwriting in the letter had been members of the Fire Department, writing of Mrs. Phillips by the SBI. of a bunch of the plates. Solicitor Hooks produced a state-Holly Springs Baptist Church, with ment from the Federal Bureau of The News office with a handful of was neither the handwriting of Mrs. Phillips or Charlie Phillips. This, State Recreation however, while supporting the theory of the Solicitor that the letter was a forgery, upset his contention that Phillips himself had done the forging. How Hooks will gear Mountain State Park Hanging Rock Executive Appointed his contention regarding this in his State Park, and Jones Lake Recrea- Superior Court told The News that pastor of the First Baptist Church Miss Elizabeth Chandler, a mem- is his own problem. It is thought first, according to an announcement posed special term of the court, and Sunday evening.

> held the garment in both hands. The usual stubborn moroseness seemed for the time being to have left the

graph revealed exactly nothing. Practically everybody in Harnett

The June term of civil court starts on the 9th. It is a two weeks

SUNDAY VISITORS Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McGowan, of Raleigh spent Sunday with Mr. and

Proposed Slash by Congress Causes Tie-up in AAA Plans

All farm plan work by AAA com- ceived these materials for following suspended pending outcome of pro-

joint announcement this week from ington, information was furnished ea he will be prepared to fight. The Sunday night. June 1st with services | The Department will start off its would tell him to pass red lights, Mrs. Glenn Duncan, president of the The News that plans sent out to Senator stated that he would "bat- each evening at 8:00 o'clock. The job-big job, that is-on July 1, exceed speed limits and otherwise N. C. Federation of Home Demon- farmers were made subject to ac- the the Republicans to a standstill" Reverend William T. Smith of Dur- taking the A and B folks under test drive improperly. This, however, has stration Clubs, and John W. Good- tion Congress might take in regard if they should undertake to impair ham will be the visiting speaker. The till Dec. 31. Then go with the C and not been the policy in North Caroman, assistant director of the State to appropriations to cover payments the soil conservation program. Oth- public is cordially invited to attend D. and so on. It is estimated that lina, nor will it be during this re-

Future work of the AAA is thus the same thing.

mitteemen in the State has been certain soil conservation methods. Final enactment of the agricultur-Farm-Home Speaker posals by the House Agricultural al committee's proposal would mean Committee to slash practically one- that a 32 per cent cut would be third, or \$136,105,710, from the made in the appropriations as com-

> This turn of events as affecting the soil conservation program is At the Harnett AAA office in Lill- what Senator Clyde Hoey has declar- begin at Harmony Baptist Church 1947 legislature requires it. er Democrats have stated virtually these services.

Under the program, farmers re- tion is taken on the slash proposal. day.

With the Reverend Bruce H Price as speaker, the Baptist Hour will feature The Christian Home in the broadcast next Sunday, June 1. The Baptist Hour may be heard

trial and subsequent argument by over WWNC, WSOC, WGNC, WPTF

TOWN IS AGAIN ON TAG MAP had slain his mother.

Tags for Several Years, Auto Owners Here to Again Display Them

ing of Mrs. Etta Mae Phillips, the they cost only one simoleon, now sobs murniured "I don't know" to be a simoleon, now sobs murniured to the simoleon She was taken to Dr. Patterson at slain wife of Charlie Phillips. | they are two bucks. Not that pride- all questions. It was this letter that was placed ful Lillingtonians mind the small upwhen she reached his office. Dr. before the court here last Wednes- page, but showing that "we-uns" is drawing the jury from the 100 cast in the title roll. Patterson stated she probably sus- day which caused Judge Burgwyn to also up-to-date in inflational circles. order a new trial. Although the . The tags were turned over to

tigating the death, found that no in- declared identical with othe; hand- each member being assigned the sale Mr. John Womble, who visited

Centers To Open

On this date, Mr. Morse pointed At the hearing last Wednesday on out, the facilities of these three areas, picnic tables and fireplaces. Jones Lake is reserved for Negro the regular civil term of two weeks use and also has facilities for swim- beginning June 9 will cause them to man's countenance-but the photo- ming, boating and fishing.

Because of the crowded conditions spare from their crops. in these Parks during the week-end, county has either read about the Mr. Morse urges the public to make W. D. Harrington use of their facilities throughout the entire week.

'Small Potatoes" Not Bad At All

Reading of the destruction by the Federal Production and Marketing Association of 20,000,000 bushels of to the effect that Mr. Harrington several weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Irish potatoes, a couple of Harnett farmers remarked to The News this week that, even though they were in hearty accord with the policy of support for farm prices, they could not condone such wanton destruction of food that is perfectly good.

"Just because those potatoes were small," they said, "is no good reason for destroying them. Out our way we eat small potatoes and consider them as good and wholesome as large po-

Irish potatoes are selling in Lillington for 8 1-3 cents a pound for new crop and 7 1-2 cents for old.

Revival Services

If the Republican majority in WCKB, Dunn, Rev. Aaron C. Phipps years, the holder taking another ex- history of the State, and it will

Tree Slaughter is Mystery Town Sleuths Cannot Solve

HARRY JORDAN **GOES TO PEN FOR MANSLAUGHTER**

ERWIN MAN SUBMITS TO CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER WHILE ON TRIAL FOR SLAYING HIS WIFE LAST MARCH 25

Harry Jordan, white man of Ervin, was sentenced by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn last Wednesday in Harnett Superior Court to serve a sentence of 8-18 years for killing his wife, Mrs. Pearl Jordan, at their home last March 25.

Solicitor Jack Hooks started the case seeking a verdict of first degree murder, but his chief witness, Jordan's 12-year-old son refused to repeat on the witness stand his former declaration that his father

Duncan C. Wilson, attorney for Jordan, had put in a plea of not guilty, but later changed this to a FOUR HARNETT submission to a charge of manslaughter. The plea was accepted by the Solicitor and the hearing came Things are coming back—as well to an end, Judge Burgwyn then pro-

Jordan's young son was said to

Several hours was taken up in special veniremen Sheriff Bill Salmon had brought into court. As is Smith of Jackson Springs, Lawrence noticed that some trouble had been customary in such trials, the 13th man was added to the jury. It was expected that the case would run for a couple of days, maybe longer. ·Court adjourned sine die immediately following completion of the

Sees No Need For Special Court Term

The clerk pointed out that there is nothing urgent on the criminal docket and that the Phillips case can wait till the first fall term which convenes the first week in September.

He also pointed out that farmers. from whose ranks a majority of lose about as much time as they can

In Lee Hospital

W. D. Harrington, Harnett's tax collector, is in Lee County Hospital, Sanford, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis last Friday night.

is resting comfortably.

Investigating

Mayor Charlie Loving told The News yesterday that, although he had not as yet found any definite clue as to the identity of the person or persons who bored holes in the shade trees in Lillington, he intends to exert every effort to determine the guilty party.

The Mayor said Councilman Wellie Sutton, street commissioner, gave it as his opinion that somebody got mad because he (Sutton) was re-elected to the board and bored the trees with the idea that he would be blamed for it. Commissioner Sutton said he knew nothing about the vandalism till it was called to his attention by Deputy Ken Matthews.

Mayor Loving declined to reveal his plans for solving the mystery, but stated to The News emphatically that if it is possible to do so, he will find out who dealt the stealthy blow to the valuable shade and ornamental trees of the town.

Graduating Exercises at Campbell College Today with Dr. Green as Speaker

Four Harnett county graduates other children when she toppled their client that the attorneys were they venture beyond the city limits. Hooks tried to get the boy to tell it appeared in the commencement play paving. He hired a crew of workmen Campbell College Wednesday and removed the oak. evening, May 28 at 8 o'clock. The the play, coached by Mrs. Edna to the sewer mains in the streets by Proffit. Bea Douglas of Sanford was

Ricks of Conway, Clyde Elliott of caused by the elms to the sewer Chadbourn, Mary Lee Brown of Fu- mains. quay Springs: Peggy Butler of Coats, Mary Lois Kinlaw of Lumberton J. P. Blanton of Wallace, Ina destroy trees along the town's Mae Benner of Raeford, Joyce Gray streets. of Trenton, Shirley Robinson of Wilmington, Mamie Lou Fulk of Dunn, and Stacy Ousley and Betsy Sue Stafford, local students.

Dr. C. Sylvester Green, editor of Durham Herald, will address Campbell's graduates Thursday morning Clerk Howard Godwin of Harnett at 11 o'clock. Dr. Casper C. Warren, next move to convict Charlie Phillips tional Area has been set for June he has had no word regarding a pro- in Charlotte preached the sermon

Triple-A Closed Memorial Day

The Harnett County Triple-A of- ing limbs, has been dying for the fice in the Agricultural Building past several days. will be closed all day Friday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. This is a Federal holiday and the postoffice also will be closed.

Notice

To all 4-H Club members: If you want to go to Camp June 9-18, please send your \$3.00 deposit to the Home Demonstration Office in Lillington immediately.

> Rachel Herring, Home Dem. Agent.

VISITING HERE Mrs. W. W. Scott of Lexington Last reports from his bedside were Kentucky arrived Tuesday to spend

A. F. Fowler at their home.

New Drivers' Licenses to be Issued in Alphabetical Order

North Carolina, you had better be-

determine whether they are quali- a requisite. At Harmony Church fied to drive a motor vehicle, and if "In the past," said Colonel Ros-

four years will be required to finish issuance." Also each morning over Station it. The new licenses will last four | The reisuance is the first in the

which includes 150,000 tons of lime, that the GOP will not be able to The Daily Vacation Bible School The motor vehicles head coupled permit expiring on the birthday of Miss Thompson, whose column ap- 15,000 tons of phosphate, construct muster a two-thirds majority vote will also begin at Harmony on June the announcement with a warning the holder in the fourth year after at the end of its row till final ac- ity are urged to attend the very first test. The examination will include cost of the driving permits from \$1 I an eye test, with the poorest visual to \$2.

If your last name begins with A | reading permitted, with glasses, to r B and you expect to retain your be 20-50; a highway sign test, in right to drive a motor vehicle in which the applicant will be shown pictures of highway signs and required to tell what he should do gin right now to brush up on your when approaching each; a rules test, consisting of 25 questions on safe Beginning July 1, the State Deddriving; and a road test in which partment of Motor Vehicles will be will be required to drive 12 to start its examinations of drivers to 15 blocks. The ability to read is not

they are, a brand now license will ser, "some applicants for driving li- But They Do Say: A series of revival services will be issued. The law enacted by the censes have begun road tests with the understanding that the examiner

will be \$2 instead of \$1 as now. | sued in four-year periods, with each

LOVELY SHADE TREES DYING BY **SUPPOSED POISON**

BUT WHO BORED HOLES AND DOPED BIG TREES IS THE OURS-TION; MAYOR AND STREET

COMMISSIONER DON'T KNOW Who bored the holes in the great elm tree on Lillington's Main street and did the same thing to elms on

others of the town's fine shade That's what Mayor Charles Loving and indignant residents want to

Front street and possibly to many

know. Monday, when questioned about it, Mayor Loving was completely ignorant as to what had been going on. He immediately got in touch with Street Commissioner Wellie Sutton, who told the Mayor he didn't

know anything about it. Councilman Sutton, having charge of the streets, removed a large oak PUPILS IN PLAY of the streets, removed a large oak tree from a sidewalk on Eighth street a couple of weeks ago, stating that the tree if allowed to stand might cause injury to some person or damage to property if it were allowed to stand in the middle of a paved sidewalk where its huge body and roots had already pushed up the

Commissioner Sutton also stated Others in the cast were Carolya the drains. Already it had been

> The Street Commissioner was unaware, however, of an attempt to

> Information thus gained by The News on a round of inquiry served to deepen the mystery of the tree slaughter in Lillington. Who bored the holes in the trees? is still the big

> The great elm on Main street, which has been standing, according to old inhabitants, at least a hundred years, shades a wide area in the heart of the business district and has been the subject of much admiration by visitors. The old tree, which had never exhibited any sign of age other than by broadening the area each year with its wide-spread-

It was not until a day or so ago that the hole was found in its trunk about two feet from the ground. The hole was bored with an auger and bit about one inch in diameter and sinks into the tree's vitals about

four inches Inasmuch as a mere hole would not produce death for so hardy a ree as an elm, it is thought that beyond doubt a deadly poison was inserted after the auger work was finished. The magnificient old elm will be dead within a few days now, judging by the rate at which it has been dying.

A couple of elms in front of the Allred Furniture Store on Front street has been given the same treatment." and they are dying too. Mr. Murph Byran stated to The

News that five large elms on J street running by his home had holes bored in them about two feet from the ground and that the trees are begin-

Mayor Loving is conducting a searching inquiry to learn the identity of the tree borer or borers, and poisoners too, if any.

It is known for a fact that the holes were bored into the trees; whether poison was inserted in the holes is not altogether established as a fact, but no other destroying agency has so far been Luggested.

NO USE BRAGGING-

The News is relieved of the necessity of bragging about what its ads do. The folks who put the ads in the paper, (sensible folks that they are!) tell the story for

Bead what these two say:

From Rev. Chas. B. Howard of my ad again. The first issue was enough to sell the property at once. Thanks."

From Mrs. Troy Byrd, efficient manager of Pope's 5c to 25 Store: "I was very pleasantly surprised at the large volume of business we had from our Mother's Day ad. Of course we expected good business, but it ran far above what we

expected." And that's the way it goes!