

# Broadway Ramblings

By BLANCHE JOHNSON

We know that the courthouse in Lillington seems deserted this week, but to the workers it is a relief for it was very difficult for them to concentrate on their work with the crowds milling about them during the Phillips trial which lasted ten days. And too, they wanted to hear the most sensational trial ever held in Harnett county and were prevented from doing so by the work they had to do. If once you became interested it was hard to pull yourself away, so sensational were the developments as the trial progressed. The evidence for the first part of the trial was a repetition of the first one in which Phillips was convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of his wife, Etta Mae Phillips, on August 18, 1946, as they were sitting at the dinner table at their home near Angier. A suicide note supposedly written by the dead woman turned up on the eve of Charlie's execution date and this gave him a new trial. This is where the evidence began to take on a difference when

the note was admitted in evidence by the defense and the battle between the handwriting experts. It was easy to see that the lawyers for the defense and for the State were at a loss to cross-examine the experts as they had had no experience in handwriting. The spectators heard more about letters in their "slants and curves" and letters with big tops and little tops, most of which was Chinese to them. Not many people ever take a second glance at their own handwriting (and confidentially I wouldn't want to observe my writing too closely) to see how the letters are formed. We are only interested in the wording of the letter, but not so with the experts. One went so far as to say that he didn't take into consideration the wording, only the formation of the letters, or something to that effect.

Evidently the testimony given by the State's four experts convinced the jury that the suicide note was not written by Mrs. Phillips, which was shown by the verdict rendered, that of murder in the first degree with a mandatory sentence of death. Many were present who had heard the death sentence pronounced the first time and experienced that which not many people ever experience—that of seeing a human being twice sentenced to die. It was a tense moment and to all appearances, the doomed man was the calmest person there. When the judge asked, "What do you have to say for yourself, Charlie Phillips?" before the sentence was pronounced, in a clear voice without a tremor Charlie said, "I am not guilty." The judge immediately sentenced him to die on Sept. 19. An appeal was taken and 90 days was allowed for the defense to perfect the appeal, which assures Charlie of at least three more months of life. . . . Most pathetic was Mrs. Etta Watson, mother of the dead girl after sentence was passed. When talking to this writer in a voice that trembled and was scarcely audible she said, "I am sorry for Charlie's mother, but he took my daughter's life, I'm sure of that."

This and That: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harrington of Raleigh visited relatives in this section last Sunday. . . . The following district chairmen of Fayetteville Presbyterial met at the home of Mrs. Julian B. Hutaff, President in Fayetteville last Friday to plan Group Conferences which will be held in October: Mrs. Archie Howard, Shannon, Dist. 5, Mrs. Annie Godwin, Godwin, Dist. 1, Mrs. J. R. Touboaut, Fayetteville, Dist. 2, Mrs. Blanche H. Johnson, Broadway, Dist. 8, Mrs. C. A. Parsons, Red Springs, Dist. 3, Mrs. J. B. Hood, Laurinburg, Dist. 4, and Mrs. Henry Parker, Carthage, Dist. 6, Mrs. C. C. Frey, Carthage, Chmn. Dist. 7, was not present.

Group Conferences for district 8 will be held at historic Barbecue church on October 10th. An interesting program is being planned which will include the history of Barbecue church.



**SENATE SIGNS OFF . . .** The 80th congress of the United States ended its history making first session after the senate, for the first time in memory of Capitol Hill oldsters, worked on into the wee hours of a Sunday morning to dispose of necessary business. Weary, but apparently happy, a group of senators descends capitol steps after close of the session. Congress is scheduled to reconvene on January 2, when more hot fights are expected.

Associates, Inc.; and Dr. T. B. Hutcheson, Dean of the school of Agriculture, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.

Informal talks and discussions that will deal with new and improved methods and procedures for farm and home activities will include such factors as crop and livestock production, farm mechanization, rural health, family relationships, home food supply, labor saving devices, and other points involved in family living.

The beauty of holliness has done more, and will do more, to regenerate the world and bring in everlasting righteousness than all the other agencies put together.—Chalmers.

## Harried Officials Chasing Vacations

Various county officials and employees who have been hard-put to determine just when they would be able to chase themselves away for a little vacation, even if given a chance at all—are a bit easier-minded now that the special court term is over, the budget is adopted, the tax rate is fixed, and other urgent matters "done up" for a period.

Who went where, and how long they will stay, is a state secret because The News found it completely out of the question to get factual data from any one or any group. "Happy days are here again!"

## HAY BALERS and a COMBINE FOR SALE

We have a few Roanoke Hay Balers, all on rubber, both 4 wheel and 2 wheel type, all equipped with Wisconsin Motors; also one John Deere 12A Combine (6 foot) with Motor. Cash or Terms.

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## NOTICE OF LAND SALE FOR TAXES DUE THE TOWN OF ANGIER

Under authority vested in me by law, and pursuant to an order of the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Angier, made and entered at a meeting of said Board, I will on Monday, September 8, 1947, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., at the courthouse door in Lillington, Harnett County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the real estate named below and apply so much of the proceeds as may be necessary to pay the taxes due the Town of Angier for the year 1946, together with such penalties, interest, expense and cost, as may be due or may be allowed under the law.

This 8th day of August, 1947. FRANCES L. YOUNG, Tax Collector, Town of Angier, North Carolina.

Name	White	Amount
Adams, Halford G.	White	\$ 11.34
Cobb, A. A. Est.	White	11.41
Gardner, N. H. Est.	White	1.63
Gardner, T. H.	White	2.17
Owen, Willie W.	White	11.22
McLeod, N. H.	White	1.68
Parker, L. C.	White	117.83
Smith, Mrs. Q. J.	White	5.95
Spivey, J. B.	White	18.27
Stephenson, D. G. Est.	White	10.15
Stephens, Mrs. Mabel H.	White	22.54
Stephenson, Otis E.	White	8.43
Wester, Mrs. Viola	White	3.43
Williams, L. D. Est.	White	.84
Woodley, George D.	White	21.90
Young, Floyd L.	White	2.53
Clark, Harvey	Colored	2.80
Coffield, Exodus	Colored	4.76
Fuller, Robert	Colored	2.10
McLean, George & Lena	Colored	5.80
Perry, Zebulon Pratt	Colored	5.88
Ragland, Mack	Colored	18.87
Talton, Oscar	Colored	6.68

## Farm-Home Week Will Be A Vacation

In a statement this week urging as many farm men and women as possible to attend Farm and Home Week, Jacob M. Pickler, president, North Carolinians' Convention, said he could think of no better opportunity for the farmers of this state to take a week's very profitable vacation.

"Farmers and farm women attending 1947 Farm and Home Week will be able to take home with them some of the latest information pertaining to the various farm enterprises in which they are engaged, and by putting this into practice should increase their farm income and make farming a more profitable business," he said.

The event, which is scheduled to be held on State College campus, the week of August 25-29, will furnish some of the latest research findings and developments made in the progress of North Carolina agriculture. In addition to the many exhibits, demonstrations, and tours, there will be a group of outstanding speakers who will speak on state, national, and international affairs affecting rural people. Among these are: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of staff; Miss Dorothy Thompson, internationally known Journalist; Congressman Stephen Pace of Georgia; J. B. Hutson, newly elected president of the board of directors of Tobacco

## FOR SALE

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Saturday 1-11 p. m.  
Sunday 2-4-9 p. m.

WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 1947

**SATURDAY**  
A great new RED RYDER thunders out of the west  
"SANTA FE UPRISING"  
—starring—  
Allan Lane  
Bobby Blake  
Also: Chapter No. 15 "Jungle Raiders"

**DOUBLE FEATURE**  
Raw - Savage - Shocking.  
You've never seen anything like it . . .  
"THE DEVIL THUMBS A RIDE"  
—starring—  
Lawrence Tierney  
Nan Leslie

**SUNDAY and MONDAY**  
ENTERPRISE PRESENTS  
JOEL MCGREA  
VERONICA LAKE  
DONALD CRISP  
DON D'FORE  
"RAMROD"  
PRESTON FOSTER  
ARLEEN WHELAN  
CHARLIE RUGGLES  
Also: Latest News

**TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY**  
The Encore hit of the month brought back by your request . . .  
Gary Cooper  
—in—  
"THE WESTERNER"  
Also: Cartoon

**DOUBLE FEATURE**  
You'll be gasping for breath at the end of . . .  
"THE CHASE"  
—starring—  
Robert Cummings  
Michele Morgan

**THURSDAY and FRIDAY**  
It's A Wonderful Laugh . . .  
It's A Wonderful Love . . .  
James Stewart — Dona Reed  
—in—  
"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"  
—With—  
Lionel Barrymore — Thomas Mitchell

WATCH FOR THESE BIG HITS COMING TO THIS THEATRE SOON—  
"FIESTA" "POSSESSED"  
"HOMESTRETCH"

**Dunn FCX to Hold Annual Meeting**  
The annual meeting and picnic for the stockholders and patrons of the Dunn FCX Service will be held Wednesday, August 13, 4:30 p. m., at the Dunn High School in Dunn, J. E. Williams of Angier, chairman of the Dunn FCX Board has announced.  
The FCX leader urged the stockholders and patrons to attend the meeting and declared that there would be fun and food for all in addition to the business session when the local officers will be elected for the coming year and M. G. Mann, general manager of the Farms Co-operative Exchange, will speak and make his annual report on FCX operations during the past year.  
FCX officials have announced that the Horse-Shoe Pitching Contest will be held again this year along with other games for the entertainment of the patrons and that valuable prizes will be awarded the winners.  
Following the business session, a barbecue picnic will be held on the grounds.  
Arrangements for the meeting are being handled by R. H. Godwin, Dunn warehouse manager and Robert A. Ponton, Director of Membership Relations of the Raleigh office.  
Members of the Dunn FCX Board of Directors are: J. E. Williams, W. E. Parker, Dunn; J. H. Tart, Route 3, Dunn; Chalmers Jernigan, Route 6, Dunn; and Elliot Wise, Route 1, Godwin.

## COATS Theatre

COATS, N. C.  
WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 1947

**SATURDAY** Starts 1 P. M. Double Feature  
Johnny Mack Brown—in  
"SILVER RANGE"  
Leo Gorcey and The Bowery Boys—in  
"HARD BOILED MAHONEY"  
Cartoon—"Island Fling"

**SUNDAY**—Starts 2—4:30—9 **MONDAY**—Starts 7—9  
Stage Show Sunday—4:00 and 9:30; Monday—9:00  
Mickey Rooney — Lewis Stone—in  
"LOVE LAUGHS AT ANDY HARDY"  
On Stage In Person  
Tommie Little and The Sunrise Rangers

**TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY** Starts 7—9  
Gladys George — Gay Nelson—in  
"MILLIE'S DAUGHTER"  
Shorts Chapter No. 1 "Black Widow"

**THURSDAY-FRIDAY** Starts 7—9  
Joel McCrea — Veronica Lake—in  
"RAMROD"  
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## BLACKWOOD ASSOCIATE

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THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 14th, 15th and 16th

## BUDGET BARGAINS FOR CAR AND HOME

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Auto Seat Covers	-----	\$5.95 up
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Floor Mats	-----	\$3.29

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