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

## Chairman Urges Buying of TB Seals

### SEAL SALE IS RUNNING SLOW, SAYS CHAIRMAN

ONLY \$500 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MAILINGS OF TUBERCULOSIS SEALS TO CITIZENS OF HARNETT

Miss Irene Lassiter, chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale, reports that to date only \$500 has been received from the seals mailed out to citizens of Harnett county, accompanied by an appeal that they remit to the chairman at her office at the County Health Department.

Miss Lassiter is in charge of the sale for all of Harnett county except the Dunn, Erwin and Angier areas, which have chapters of their own.

Explaining that 75 per cent of the receipts from sale of the seals is kept in Harnett county to combat tuberculosis, Miss Lassiter strongly urges all who have received an appeal to send in their remittances as soon as possible.

The remaining 25 cents is sent to Raleigh headquarters, which in turn keeps 20 cents and sends in 5 cents to national headquarters in Washington.

The latest picture of the health battle against tuberculosis in the United States shows:

A 63 per cent reduction in the death rate in the last 25 years.

Cautious promise that streptomycin to treat the disease and BCG, a vaccine, may speed the progress.

There still is a long way to go.

Back in 1910, when tuberculosis had gotten its name as the "white plague," it was the leading killer disease in the United States. It now ranks seventh.

Just 25 years ago, the death rate was 96 per 100,000 population; last year it was 36, says Godias J. Drolet, statistician of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association. It took 105,478 lives in 1922, and 50,285 last year. At the 1922 rate, 134,293 persons would have died last year.

Children have been the greatest gainers from the anti-tuberculosis movement, which is supported to great degree by sale of Christmas Seals. A quarter of a century ago, tuberculosis killed 8,892 children under 15 years of age, Drolet said, and in 1945 it killed 2,119.

Figures on deaths alone did not tell the story. Tuberculosis often hits during the most productive years. The average American life expectancy now is better than 65 years. But the median age of tuberculosis death is 43 years—a robbery of 22 years of expected life, according to a study by Mary Dempsey, statistician of the National Tuberculosis Association. The median age at death from heart diseases is 69 years, that from cancer 64 years.

More than 100,000 persons get tuberculosis annually, and it is estimated that there are 250,000 persons now with active tuberculosis, f. o. l. e. t. Treatment is costly.

The dramatic strides have been accomplished by hospitalization and isolation of open cases, rest, careful inspection of food supplies, general improvement in sanitary and working conditions, greater use of surgery to halt the spread of the disease, and earlier detection through such methods as the X-ray service of the tuberculosis association and Public Health Service.

## DOCS DINE WITH WIVES TONIGHT

County Medical Society to Hold Ladies' Night at Dinner at Club Bon Air in Raleigh

Dr. W. B. Hunter, Harnett Health Officer and secretary-treasurer of the Harnett County Medical Society, announces that the Society's meeting tonight (Thursday) will be held at Club Bon Air in Raleigh and wives of the doctors will be guests.

W. E. Dobson of Raleigh, noted commentator, will be the dinner speaker. Dr. G. L. Hooper, dentist of Dunn, is chairman of the program committee. Other members of the entertainment committee are Dr. Paul G. Parker of Erwin, and Dr. C. L. Corbett of Dunn.

Officers of the Society are: Dr. L. R. Dofferny, Dunn, president; Dr. C. G. Fuquay, Coats, vice president; Dr. W. B. Hunter, Lillington, secretary-treasurer.

IN REX HOSPITAL

Mr. Ed Moore was taken to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, Saturday and underwent a major operation there. His condition is satisfactory.

## Germans Receive American Books



Picture above shows broad smiles on the faces of German youths who take first look at a cargo of American books just landed by plane from Raleigh. Wake county conducted the first collection of books for German children following an appeal by Publisher John A. Park of the Raleigh Times after his return from Europe where he made personal inspection of attempts to operate German schools without books, Harnett county's collection drive is on this week, and leaders throughout the county are making great effort to round up all discarded books to send to the American-occupied zone of Germany. (Photo courtesy Raleigh Times)

## For Hungry Children

Children in the hungered lands across the seas may not know it, but they have a staunch ally in the person of young Robert Corbett Parker, grandson of Commissioner Louie Byrd. Robert is praying for those hungry children.

The other night when Robert started off to bed, he said to his Aunt Grace:

"I want to pray for those hungry children where the war was. I know they must be hungry, and it's awful to be hungry with nothing to eat."

Robert, who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Byrd, made an impression in his appeal that will no doubt be felt by thousands of well-fed Americans.

## TWO MORE GO TO HOT SPRINGS

Messrs. Oscar Atkins and Neill McK. Salmon left last Sunday for treatment at Famous Resort

Messrs. Oscar S. Atkins and Neill McK. Salmon left last Sunday for Hot Springs, famous health resort in Arkansas, for treatment, and to drink and take baths in the warm waters there. They expect to take the full treatment lasting about three weeks.

Those who have been to the famous resort declare the treatments are not only rejuvenating to health but offer a "lift" that puts a new outlook on life. "It's a fine thing," said one returned from the Springs, "for relief from mental strain as well as health building."

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Dean and Mrs. James F. Davis and Mrs. J. C. Thomson of Lillington, who had been at the Springs for several weeks, returned Sunday.

Mr. J. O. Sutton and Mr. Dick Collier recently spent some time at the Springs.

## Newsprint Up

International Paper Sales Co. today announced that it had notified its contract customers by telegraph of an increase of \$6 a ton in newsprint for the first six months of 1948.

The increase is on the present price, about \$80 in Canada and \$90 in New York.

The announcement marked the second increase by newsprint companies within the last few days. On Dec. 4, Abitibi Sales Co. Ltd. announced a similar increase from Toronto.

International Paper Sales is the selling agency for International Paper Co., one of the largest Canadian producers of newsprint.

## SAYS COTTON IS MOST LOGICAL '48 CASH CROP

HEAD OF GINNERS SAYS INVENTORIES MORE DEPLETED NOW THAN IN MANY A YEAR; URGES PLANTING

Cotton is "the most logical cash crop to help Harnett county farmers make up at least some of the approximate \$3,392,000 income loss they will suffer from the 28 per cent blanket reduction in 1948 flue-cured tobacco acreage allotments," George T. Ashford, Red Springs, N. C., president of the Carolina Ginner Association, declared today.

"Inventories of cotton are more depleted than in many a year," Ashford said, "and less change-over in farming operations will be required to supplement next year's income loss if at least a part of the 6,900 acres idled in Harnett county by this reduction is planted to cotton."

"Also favorable to 1948 cotton producers are this year's successful experiments with insecticides to control pests and the raw cotton requirements of the 16 European nations seeking aid under the Marshall plan. According to the United States Foreign Trade Division, if these requirements are met, total exports of all growths next year will be about 5,000,000 bales or 25 per cent higher than this year."

North Carolina's chief cotton seed supply counties in the Piedmont section have been heavily damaged by adverse weather, Ashford said, and our cotton farmers are now looking to Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia for their planting seed for the coming year.

"The harvesting season in these states," he added, "has been more favorable and if orders are placed early, sufficient seed can be obtained before planting time."

## DUKE ALUMNI HEADS NAMED

Harnett County Alumni Hear Dr. C. E. Jordan, Vice President of Duke, at Meeting in Erwin

At a meeting of the Harnett County Alumni Chapter of Duke University, held in Erwin, Thomas H. Harper of Erwin was elected president; Mrs. M. O. Lee of Lillington, vice president; Dr. Glenn L. Hooper of Dunn, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Addie McDonald of Lillington, representative to the Alumnae Council. The chapter decided to hold meetings more frequently during the coming year.

Dr. C. E. Jordan, vice president of Duke University, was the principal speaker.

Duke University has quite a number of its former students in Harnett county, and they are loyal to their alma mater.

## LaFayette Juniors To Present Play

The Junior Class of the LaFayette high school will present "The Gang's All Here," a farce in three acts, in the school auditorium Friday night, December 12, 7:30 p. m. Admission will be 35 cents for adults and 20 cents for school children.

## Laundrette, Cleaning Plant To Start Here

### Legion Post To Give Barbecue

Commander Frank Lewis of the Lillington Post of the American Legion announces that a barbecue will be given by the post Tuesday night, Dec. 16, at 7:00 o'clock at the town hall here.

All veterans, wives and lady friends of veterans are invited to attend the barbecue.

Members of the Buie's Creek post and their wives are to be special guests at this meeting.

### ANNUAL MEET AND BARBECUE HERE FRIDAY

PRESIDENT GREGORY OF THE FARM BUREAU CALLS ON ALL FARMERS TO ADD IN FARM PROGRAM

The annual meeting and barbecue for the Harnett County Farm Bureau will be held in the Lillington high school on Friday afternoon, December 12, starting at 3:00 o'clock, stated Carson Gregory, President of the Bureau, here today.

D. S. Weaver, assistant director of Extension and heading up the research in this field at State College, will address the group, after which a barbecue supper will be served.

"I sincerely hope that each and every member of this organization in the county will make it a point to attend this annual meeting," stated Mr. Gregory.

The agricultural programs affecting farm people are being formulated not only on a State level but also national level at this time, and farm people should avail themselves of every opportunity to aid in the planning of agricultural programs, he said.

### Fiddlers Convention At Boone Trail School

An Oldtime Fiddlers Convention will be held at Boone Trail School on Friday, December 12, at 7 p. m.

Offered in cash prizes is \$100 for bands (string), duets, trios, solos, back dancing and tap dancing.

In addition, there will be other attractions.

The event is sponsored by the Boone Trail Baseball Club and the admission will be 25c and 50c.

### Robberies Occur At Fort Bragg

The Post Exchange at Pope Field was entered sometime Friday night and merchandise valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen.

The theft was discovered when the Post Exchange opened at 7:30 a. m. Saturday. The exchange closed Friday night at 9:30.

In another robbery Friday night two masked Negro gunmen held up the Carolina Trailways bus terminal at Fort Bragg and escaped with \$550. Investigating officers have been able to find no connection between the two robberies.

## NEWCOMERS TO OPERATE NEW INDUSTRY HERE

MR. AND MRS. K. R. DAVIS AND MR. J. D. WILLIAMS TO OPEN PLANT SOON AFTER BEGINNING OF YEAR

Lillington is to have a brand new industry soon after the beginning of the new year 1948. It will be a laundrette and dry cleaning plant and will be operated by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis and Mr. J. B. Williams, who came to Lillington a short time ago.

The plant will be located next to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Brown on J street, to the rear of the Bus Station.

Percy Arnold has the contract for erecting the building to be occupied by the new plant. He will begin construction soon after the first of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Davis told The News, and just as soon as the building is completed the equipment will be installed.

The owners estimate that the building will be completed within 30 days after work begins on it. To be installed in the plant will be the famous automatic Bendix washing machines. Four of these machines have already been purchased from the local dealer, Fowler Radio Company, and others have been ordered and are expected to be here by the time the plant is built. Additional machines will be installed when the business gets started.

Also to be installed is an up-to-date dry cleaning plant. Mr. and Mrs. Davis told The News they would employ only the highest type of workers in their plant.

The laundrette will be made so complete that housewives will need to wait less than an hour for the largest bundle of laundry.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis said they expect to have their new plant in operation not later than the first of next March.

## Little River BTU Mass Meeting Sunday

Little River Association Training Union will hold a mass meeting Sunday in Lillington Baptist Church.

Following is the program: Theme: "Follow Me".

2:30: Song service.

2:40: Scripture reading and prayer (Carol Barbour, Dunn).

2:45: Announcements and roll call.

2:55: Special music, (by the Erwin church).

3:00: "Our Accomplishments in 1947", (Associational Director).

3:05: "Our Training Opportunities in 1948", (Associational Departmental Leaders).

3:35: Hymn (congregation standing).

3:45: Address — "Forward With Christ", (Rev. J. M. Long), Coats.

4:10: Adjourn.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sykes of Broadway announce the birth of a daughter at Lee County Hospital, Sanford, December 5. Mrs. Sykes is the former Erelene Spainhour.

## Farmers Elect Their AAA Officials

Following are the community and county committeemen elected in the AAA voting last Saturday (the first named being chairman, the second vice chairman, third regular member, fourth first alternate, fifth second alternate):

Community Committeemen  
Anderson Creek No. 1: J. E. Hayes Jr., Malcolm McArtan, L. N. Shaw, R. E. Bain, C. W. Wood.

Anderson Creek No. 2: Ernest Darroch, O. D. Allgood, James West, R. T. Butler, Clifford Darroch.

Aversboro No. 1: M. E. Hobson, S. T. Hodges, James Thornton, P. G. Altman, Frank L. Parker.

Aversboro No. 2: J. J. Weaver, A. B. Parker, Charlie Parker, Floyd Johnson, Johnnie C. Byrd.

Aversboro No. 3: Lewis W. Tart, J. H. Pope, John A. Tart, W. R. Jackson, George Jernigan.

Aversboro No. 4: H. C. Magruder, Alex Dorman Jr., Joe E. Beasley, Ross West, E. C. Page.

Barbecue No. 1: C. E. McCormick, Lee Cameron, D. B. Holder, O. T. Pace, Johnson Bule.

Barbecue No. 2: G. L. Cameron, L. G. Holt, L. L. Williams, E. B. Noel, Johnny C. Thomas.

Black River No. 1: Louis E. Wells, W. T. Campbell, J. E. Dupree, L. H. Wells, Allen Matthews.

Black River No. 2: D. G. Hart, A. W. Slaughter, J. L. Lewis, D. E. Young, C. A. Gny.

Buckhorn: C. A. Dewar, S. M. Hobby, E. M. Blanchard, J. C. Smith, Tyree Senter.

Duke: R. A. Norris, W. R. Gregory, Cooby Lloyd, Lawrence Godwin, T. C. Bales.

Grove No. 1: W. A. Sawyef, J. F. Avery, L. J. Turlington, W. F. Colville, R. McLeod.

Grove No. 2: Everett Barnes, T. E. Barnes, Dallas Jones, Carlie McLamb, Festus Donning.

Grove No. 3: W. R. Langdon, Delma Ennis, A. F. Grimes, M. E. Ennis, Harvey Rambeau.

Hector's Creek: Turner Gardner, M. L. Ballard, Kenneth Smith, T. L. Cavinness, Hoke Smith.

Johnsonville: E. E. Perkins, Fred Cameron, Ray Cameron, Walter Rogers, Bailey Waddell.

Lillington: J. E. Womble, Lester Dawson, E. O. Parker, Waldo Bell, Marvin Tart.

Neill's Creek No. 1: J. F. Cannady, John Green, F. E. Pope, Rufus Mangum, W. M. Wade.

Neill's Creek No. 2: S. H. Mitchell, Hector Green, Jesse Stewart, John T. Johnson, French Baker.

Stewart's Creek No. 1: M. W. Brock, Angus McNeill, R. A. Adams, M. A. Temple, T. M. Champion.

Stewart's Creek No. 2: T. J. Byrd, J. Carlyle Williams, Archibald Byrd, Carl Gregory, B. F. Parker.

Upper Little River No. 1: Arnold Nordan, C. W. Kelly, C. G. Collins, Carroll Thomas, Earl Brown.

Upper Little River No. 2: H. A. Rogers, Leroy Morrison, Leonard Clark, Lyston Taylor, Kendall Spence.

Upper Little River No. 3: D. T. Adcock, Lloyd Stewart, Duncan F. Holder, Fred Cameron, J. H. Withers.

Upper Little River No. 4: D. P. Patterson, Malcolm Dickens, J. R. Patterson Jr., Carl McNeill, A. L. Buchanan.

County Committeemen

At 10 a. m. Monday a delegate from each of the communities met at the Agriculture Building in Lillington and elected the county committee as follows:

Chairman, McBryde Cameron, vice chairman, J. B. Collins, regular member, M. E. Thornton, first alternate, M. E. Ennis, second alternate, John Green. All of these are former committeemen except Mr. Green who takes the place of W. D. Denning.

In the voting, Mr. Cameron received 17 ballots out of 26; Mr. Collins received all 26 of the votes; Mr. Thornton received 13 of the 26.