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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1947

LILLINGTON NEEDS A PRODUCE MARKET

The News feels certain that farmers of Harnett county would gladly welcome a market at their county seat to absorb the produce they raise from year to year, and more of which they would raise if they could only be assured of a convenient sale.

ANOTHER HEADACHE FOR COMMISSIONERS

If headache can be considered as one of the fears from the "big bad wolf," The News falls to see wherein a citizen may derive much pleasure in serving on the Board of County Commissioners.

To be sure, a citizen does not expect to derive any great pleasure from being a County Commissioner. Mostly, if not altogether, as The News has observed, it is simply a matter of public-spirited service which someone must give, and persons serving should be considered as doing just that.

Our purpose in mentioning it here is that this thing called inflation is hitting Harnett county a rather hard blow. Budgets fixed once a year, with what is thought to be plenty of margin for increases, are now being found bombarded with higher prices to be paid for essentials in the operation of the county's business.

County officials and employees fall into the category of "white collar" workers. Their income is fixed, and they must live on it. Their expense is anything but fixed, and old inflation is carrying costs to such a high pitch right now that it is putting the "fixing" to the officials and employees in a very rude manner.

What can the Commissioners do about it? What would you do about it if you were a member of the Board? If you know some solution, we feel sure the Executives would welcome your suggestion.

Someone has suggested renaming the Commissioners "The Board of Headaches." Present members have no doubt come to realize that's what they really are.

TALKING ABOUT LILLINGTON'S STREETS

Citizens of Lillington are continually requesting The News to "keep hammering on the town's streets until something is done about them."

The News is quite willing to do as requested, although while doing so we are fully aware of the fact that we are harping on something which just isn't. Lillington has no streets worthy of the name, except that part of the state highways running through town, and three blocks paved with private funds.

Came an outstanding citizen and property owner to The News office yesterday, suggesting that if the town's \$1.74 tax rate is not sufficient to allow for some street improvement, then it is costing Lillington quite a neat sum to keep its other municipal affairs going.

The News agrees. Mayor Loving has told us that he is very anxious to get street improvement work started, but plans for starting the work have not been made.

The News would suggest that property owners of the town give their suggestions to Mayor Loving and members of the Council. We are sure they would like to know to what extent they would be justified in financing street improvement.

HALF A COW!

County Farm Agent C. R. Ammons makes the statement that farm families in Harnett county each have only half a cow. That means, if the rest of us are included, cows in this

county are called upon to produce more milk and butter for human needs than is cowily possible.

Conceding for the sake of cowkind (or kine) that every single one of them is doing all possible in the great task expected of them, still it must be admitted that their product must, if it is spread out to supply nearly 50,000 people, be thinned to a distastefully and unappetizingly transparent state.

Someone has said that the dog is man's best friend. We can't quite agree when we think of the cow.

And so, it occurs to us that one of Harnett county's greatest needs is more cows.

ANOTHER SLANT ON THE "WAVE" OF CRIME

A good citizen mentioned to The News a few days ago that there might possibly be an angle to the so-called "wave of crime" that has not yet been presented to the public, probably because, he said, it might "touch the feelings" of some who had not thought of it in the proper light.

The idea this good citizen advanced was that youngsters who become involved in wrongdoing had not derived from their parents and others the great lesson that perfect honesty in all its finest meanings is most essential in building character.

The News feels prompted to pass this comment along for what it may be worth to right-thinking parents—and others.

OBSERVATIONS

BY A COUNTRY SCRIBE

MILLIONS!—In these times when high figures have come into such common usage, it would be supposed that typewriters and typesetting machines are thoroughly accustomed to setting down ciphers to denote millions. But not so—not every time.

When The News tried to point out that the Commodity Credit Corporation had been balked in its scheme to spend \$25,000,000 buying tobacco for Britain, what do you think happened? Sure, a measly \$25,000 was the amount that went into print.

Koon-eyed Bill Johnson was the first to detect the error. But Bill was kind enough to console us with: "Nobody'll ever notice it." But shake, how many folks do you guess have kidded us for being short on ciphers?

DID WE MISS SOMETHING?—Seeing as how so many folks found gobs of delight in ruminating over the wedding of Princess Liz and Count Phil, this Scribe has an undimissible idea that there must have been something more notable about the affair than mere passing notice revealed. It often happens that way with Scribes. But what tightens up our curiosity now is the fact that Dorothy Thompson—no loss!—broke out in a poem—(an ode I believe they call it)—in honor of the Princess of the Empire that seems to lean a little to the exploding side right now. Anyway, this column is nothing if not congenial, especially on happy occasions such as united Liz and Phil. And so, to their royal happiness we salute: may all their troubles be little ones!

LITERALLY SPEAKING.—One of Lillington's fondest mothers relates that her young daughter, on a trip downtown the other day, kept peeping around every corner until she inquired of the little lady the way of it. "Oh, I'm looking for Santa Claus," she explained. "But Santa isn't due here yet," the mother said. "But he must be, Mother, I heard Daddy tell you that Christmas was just around the corner, and I'm sure it'll be a poor Christmas without Old Santa Claus."

ALLERGIC.—One of Harnett's most esteemed matrons hands us this little story which she says she picked up: Three ladies were having tea at the Waldorf. One of them said: "My husband bought me some diamond bracelets. Then my skin broke out, and the doctor said I was allergic to diamonds. So we had to return them." Another said that her husband had bought her some furs which had to be returned because the doctor said she was allergic to furs. The third lady fainted, was revived, and explained: "I'm allergic to hot air."

WHY THURSDAY?—A few years ago, at the insistence of some group or groups, the day set apart as Thanksgiving Day was changed from the last Thursday in November to the third Thursday. The change lasted only a little while and didn't prove popular even while it lasted. Some States were so much opposed to the change that their Governors

NOW... WHAT DO YOU THINK? by a Mere Thinker

Any government, whether it be national, state, county or municipal, must of necessity be a government of, for and by the people. That is the basic principle upon which this great country was founded.

To be a government of the people, the people must be a part of it, in fact constitute it. To be a government for the people, its affairs must be administered with an eye single to their benefit. To be a government by the people, the people must govern themselves.

People in this country are not contrary. They elect officials to govern them, and these officials are given wide authority. But all the while the people place implicit trust and faith in their officials; they have great confidence in the integrity of the officials they select to administer their affairs.

It is this: The people have a perfect right to know how their government is being managed. They have a right to know when their officials act in their behalf, why any and all actions are taken. When given sound reasons, they are satisfied. The people must be given reasons, because it is their government.

The people have a right to know how their money is spent. It is their money, being spent in the management of their affairs, and they should be told, fully and frankly, of everything that is done with their money, and the reasons why it is necessary to spend it in the manner it is spent.

The people have a right to know of all the official acts of their public servants, because they, the people, employ them.

In short, the people have a right to know everything that goes on in their government, and for that reason, all available publicity should be given, freely given, to any and all official acts by public servants.

There should be no undercover dealings, dealings or transactions of any sort in the management of the people's government.

Past history will reveal that no public official should attempt to keep secret any information to which the people are entitled. History also reveals that when public officials attempt any such thing, they are soon ousted.

I have never asked the people to give me any public office; but if I should ever do so, it would be my full intention to deal fairly and squarely, open and aboveboard, in everything in which the people who elected me were concerned either directly or indirectly.

I think that is the way every public official should act.

Even though everything done in secret behind closed doors may be for the best welfare of the people, nevertheless the very fact that it is done in secret is sufficient to arouse suspicion. And all public officials and their acts should be above suspicion.

It may be said that I am on the outside looking in, and therefore cannot be in position to pass upon the wisdom of holding secret certain matters of public concern. The reverse is true. Any bona fide citizen who is a taxpayer and has the best interest of his government at heart can more readily see the evil of public dealings in private when his interest is at stake.

Many good people in Harnett county have talked to me about this. They have said they would like to have me express my opinion in this column. I have assured them, as I want to assure everyone now, that so long as I place myself in position as a public spokesman I will speak plainly and to the point.

I think that is what everyone in public position should do.

DEER NEST.—A new recruit to membership in the Wildlife Club was listening to discussions on various subjects related to hunting. He took it all in, whether understandingly or not no one could say, until the subject of "lay days" came up. The rookie, who had never hunted enough to do any harm to wild animals, perked up his ears when he heard one oldtime hunter voice his disapproval of "lay days" for deer. Gently nudging President Sid Howell of the Harnett Club on the elbow, the new recruit meekly inquired: "Please tell me, have you ever found a deer's nest?"

Buckhorn Citizens Continue Active

W. E. Medlin, chairman of the Steering Committee of the Buckhorn delegation seeking action in improving roads in that township, has forwarded to Chairman Angus Cameron of the County Commissioners the following letter:

At a meeting of the citizens in Buckhorn township, held on Saturday night, Dec. 6, a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting that I contact you immediately and request that you arrange a hearing with the Highway Commissioner, Dr. Jordan, and his Engineer, Mr. Whitfield, to be held at Lillington at the earliest possible date.

We are anxious to have this meeting and get some questions settled in our minds, therefore will you kindly contact Dr. Jordan and Mr. Whitfield and advise us at least ten days in advance of this meeting in Lillington?

Very truly yours, W. E. Medlin, Chairman of Steering Committee of Buckhorn Delegation.

Volunteer for Escort of War Dead Received

Members of the U. S. Army Enlisted Reserve Corps may volunteer to serve a period of 6 to 12 months active duty for the purpose of acting as escorts in conjunction with the return of World War II Dead, according to a recent statement by Capt. L. R. Robinson, commanding officer of the Fayetteville Station of the Army & Air Force Recruiting Service.

Men recalled to active duty for this purpose will be placed on temporary duty with an escort detachment of their choice and will receive the pay of their grade while on this duty. The detachments are located in Memphis, Tenn., Atlanta, Georgia, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Applicants must have the following qualifications in order to be eligible for recall to active duty: Meet current requirements for enlistment in the Regular Army, have an AGCT score of 85 or higher, hold a grade of Technician Fifth Grade or higher, have an "Excellent" character rating, have no disciplinary record, be of prepossessing appearance, and be a veteran of World War II.

Applications may be submitted through the Headquarters of the North Carolina Military District at Raleigh, N. C. Further information is available at any U. S. Army & U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station or Sub-Station.

The Bible is the learned man's masterpiece, the ignorant man's dictionary, the wise man's directory.—Mary Baker Eddy.

CHAFFET MONTGAGRE, 2 for 5 cents at The News office.



SHORT SKIRTS OR LONG BEARDS... Male students at University of Kansas object to the longer skirts now in vogue with their feminine schoolmates and are voicing their disapproval by allowing their beards to grow. Four bewhiskered members of the anti-long dress club are (left to right) Joe Francis, one of the originators of the idea; Carl Steeby, Bill Mabry and David Butler. It's the new look for men.

Grain Saving Stressed In New Feeding Plan

Animal Husbandry specialists of the State College Extension Service have come up with a plan to save more than five tons of grain per carload of beef cattle.

Here's the way to do it—Limit the amount of grain feed to good yearling steers to two-thirds of full feeding. The result—satisfactory beef carcasses and a saving of more than 500 pounds of grain per animal!

The experiments that showed the possibilities of such savings provided data on feed requirements of cattle of various ages and their subsequent fattening for market. Normally there are wide differences in needs for concentrate feeds in the fattening of beef cattle. As an animal develops from a calf into a two-year old it requires increasing amounts of concentrates for equal gains.

Limitation of grain in the ration slows down somewhat the rate of fat formation and permits the building up of more lean tissue in immature animals. In this process the grade of carcass while not so high, weight for weight, as in heavy feeding is still very satisfactory to most consumers. Usually the limitation of concentrate is made up by feeding more hay and silage. In the production of cattle on two-thirds the full level of grain feed, the investigators used barley as the grain and medium-grade legume hay as the roughage, together with a protein concentrate. This diet yielded top Good or low Choice carcasses from steers weighing from 900 to 1000 pounds at time of slaughter.

Our Subscribers—New and Renewed

- Bunnlevel: Florio Marshburn, Broadway R-1; L. T. Holder, Erwin R-1; H. A. Johnson, Fuquay and Routes; T. R. Wells, Cleora Thomas, C. A. Dewar, A. B. Chappell, Jonesboro R-1; V. H. Perkins, Kipling; Arthur Ray, Mrs. Katie Matthews, Lillington and Routes; Claude Biley, John H. Morgan, H. L. Mason, J. M. Wallace, Manchester: Mrs. James A. Shaw, Raleigh R-3; Mrs. Alonzo Johnson.

ANDERSON CREEK DIVIDES PAIR WITH ANGLER TEAMS

The Anderson Creek and Angler basketball teams divided two games last week. The Angler girls won the first 25-18. Nordon accounted for 13 points for the winners, while Holder



ASKS CROP DICTATOR... Carl C. Farrington, agriculture department official, asked congress for emergency power to buy up entire farm crops when poor yields threaten the domestic economy or the export program.

had 7 for Anderson Creek. The Anderson Creek boys took the second game 29-22. Elmore made 9 points for the winners and Stephenson got 10 for Angler.

Real knowledge, in its progress, is the forerunner of liberality and enlightened toleration.—Lord Brouncker.

We understand best that which befits in ourselves and by education brightens into birth.—Mary Baker Eddy.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to authority contained in Chapter 136, Public Laws of 1923 as amended in 1941 by an act entitled "Act proscribing the manner of advertisement and sale of school property" (See Section 2), and pursuant to a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Education held November 3rd, at which meeting all members were present, the Board of Education of Harnett County will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the time and place indicated the real estate listed below:

Killingsford School Beginning on the North side of the said Duke and Bunnlevel Road and in the line dividing the lands of Purdie & Smith and I. W. Smith and runs said Purdie and Smith's line dividing line North 20 E 10 chs. to a stake in the open field, a corner of the Purdie & Smith tract and in the line of the I. W. Smith tract; thence South 70 E 1.77 chs. to a stake in the old line; thence South 20 West 10 chs. to a stake on the North edge of the Duke & Bunnlevel road; thence as said road N. 70 W. 1.77 chs. to the beginning, containing 1.77 acres.

Beginning at a stake on the North side of the Bunnlevel and Duke road, and in the dividing line between Smith and Purdie and the J. L. Smith lands, and runs as said line N. 20 E. 5 chains to a stake and corner; thence N. 70 W. 1.40 chains to a stake; thence S. 20 W. 5 chains to a stake and corner at the North edge of said road; thence as the road 1.40 chains to the beginning, containing 7-10 of an acre.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Time of Sale: Thursday, January 8th, 1948 at 11 o'clock A. M.

Place of Sale: On the premises.

Terms of Sale: Cash.

Murchison School

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Murchison Chapel Church lot, and runs thence as a line of the Murchison 40 acre tract South 5 degrees W 290 feet to a stake in said line; thence S 85 degrees E 300 feet to a stake in the field; thence N 5 degrees E 290 feet to a stake in the head of a branch; thence N 85 degrees West passing the corner of the Church Lot, 300 feet to the beginning, containing two acres, more or less. This being a part of a tract of forty acres conveyed to the parties of the first part by L. C. Seawell and wife, and conveyed to L. C. Seawell and H. C. Cameron.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Time of Sale: Thursday, January 8th, 1948 at 3 o'clock P. M.

Place of Sale: On the premises.

Terms of Sale: Cash.

By order of the Board of Education this 8th day of December, 1947.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARNETT COUNTY

By C. Reid Ross, Secretary.

Large advertisement for SANFORD TOBACCO MARKET. Text includes: 'SANFORD TOBACCO MARKET', 'Where You Are Assured A Guaranteed Sale Every Day', 'OPERATING 5 HOURS DAILY... SELLING 2,000 BASKETS A DAY', 'Season's Sales to Date - - - \$43.16', 'MANY GRADES BRINGING AS MUCH AS \$63.00 PER HUNDRED... ALL GRADES IMPROVING WITH A DECIDED ADVANCE IN PRICES', 'REMEMBER -THE SANFORD TOBACCO MARKET IS YOUR NEAREST-', 'YOUR MARKET -FOR BEST IN SERVICE AND HIGHEST PRICES- WITH AN EXCELLENT RE-DRYING PLANT IN OPERATION SELLING 2,000 BASKETS DAILY', 'SANFORD TOBACCO MARKET'