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

Paving Proposal Coming Up

WATER PROBLEM IS NOW ON WAY TO EARLY SOLUTION

NEW WELL AND WATER LINES WAITING ON ARRIVAL OF NEW PUMP; STREET PAVING IS SLATED TO START SOON

When Lillington residents went to their spigots for water last Thursday, it was like poor Mother Hubbard going to her cupboard. There was no water, and the reason for it was that the town was connecting its lines so that the new well could be put in operation.

It's the last time the town will have its pipes dry—Mayor Loving hopes.

With the arrival of the pump to be installed at the new well, everything will be in readiness for supplying ample water of good and acceptable quality.

The pump has been promised for some time, and Mayor Loving expects it to arrive any day now. He hopes to have it in operation within the next couple of weeks at the latest.

After the new well is started, an inspection will be made of the well that has been turning out offensive water, in order to determine whether it can be used with the other three wells. It is felt, however, that the three wells can afford an ample supply even if the offending well cannot be put in safe operation.

Mayor Loving and Town Councilmen are now negotiating with bond attorneys in preparation for placing before the voters of Lillington a proposition for an issue of \$45,000 for street paving. The citizens will be asked to authorize that amount, but Mayor Loving tells The News he doesn't think it will be necessary to sell the entire issue.

Some considerable number of property owners have signified their willingness to pay in advance for paving along their property lines, thus avoiding the necessity of putting out borrowed money for the purpose. If enough owners adopt that plan, the issue of bonds can be reduced to a minimum, thus reducing the amount of interest and consequently lowering the tax rate.

Incidentally the town will come in for considerable benefit from the recent re-appraisal of property by the county. The sum total of values in town has been boosted quite a bit.

As soon as the bond attorneys furnish the necessary details for the required procedure, Town Attorney W. A. Johnson will proceed with the preliminaries such as calling an election to vote upon the question of a bond issue, publishing the ordinance authorizing the issue, stating the tax values, etc.

Mayor Loving and Town Council are very anxious to get the street paving started as soon as possible.

There was some advocacy of curbing and sidewalks in addition to the street paving, Mayor Loving says, but it was decided by the Councilmen to drop that matter and concentrate on the street paving alone just now.

Some property owners have been agreeably surprised when told that they could get street paving along their property lines at a very low figure.

NOTICE

Will the person, who borrowed the chairs from the Nursery and Primary Department of the Lillington Methodist Church, kindly return them. The Sunday School is urgently in need of them.

Sunday Speaker



After a recent trip around the world, Dr. Dana Dawson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., brings to the listeners of The Methodist Hour on Sunday morning, April 18th, an optimistic message on "What's Right With the World!"

This network radio program can be heard over WPTZ at 8:30.

Harnett Veteran In California Wants Copy of Service Record

Veterans in Harnett county are rather slow in expressing a desire for copies of a Historical Service Record of all Harnett county veterans, but Oscar T. Cox of Los Angeles, California, is very anxious to own a copy.

The Historical Service Record is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Lillington, with Mrs. Joe Caviness and Mrs. K. C. Matthews as committee in charge of publication.

The committee is asking for historical data of each veteran. It is proposed to publish a book containing all of this information, together with pictures of veterans if they can be obtained. The price of the book has been set at \$3.00.

In speaking to The News, Mrs. Caviness stated that veterans were slow in responding to the request for information. She handed the letter from Oscar Cox, which gives his service record as follows:

He was inducted Jan. 8, 1942, went into the Air Corps, and took

training at A. M. School Chanute Field, Feb.-June 1942; Pilot Training, Kelly Field, Texas, Greenville, Texas, Advanced Flying School, Ellington Field, Texas, June 1942-March 1943.

He embarked October 1943 for the Middle East, ETO and CBI, and was engaged in combat at Foggia, Naples, Rome, Arno, Northern Burma and China.

He earned the DFC and Air Medal decorations.

He returned to the States in March 1945 and was discharged at Greensboro March 22, 1946, after serving a total of 52 months, with the rank of Captain. He had 77 combat missions flown in B-25 Mitchells with the "Earthquake" 12th Bombing Group. His USA assignment was with the Military Air Transportation at Memphis, Tenn.

Captain Cox is now a salesman and his home address is 1408 W. 111th Place, Los Angeles, Calif. He is a son of Mrs. O. T. Cox of Broadway R-1.

WILDLIFE CLUB ADOPTS COUPLE RESOLUTIONS

WANTS "LAY DAYS" ABOLISHED AND URGES RESOURCES COMMISSION TO SEEK STRICTER ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

At a meeting of the Harnett County Wildlife Club, held in the courthouse auditorium last Wednesday night, two resolutions were unanimously adopted: one calling for the junking of the "lay day" regulation in regard to game hunting, the other urging the Wildlife Resources Commission to seek stricter enforcement of the rules and regulations in regard to both hunting and fishing.

President Sidney Howell presided. He was disappointed in that so few of the communities in the county were represented at the meeting. Angier, Kipling, Bunnlevel and Lillington had members present.

After a lengthy discussion of the "lay days" regulation, it was found that all members of the club present were opposed to the restriction.

A resolution was unanimously adopted urging the Commission to do away with "lay days," and President Howell was instructed to make this representation to the Commission at its meeting in Kinston Tuesday.

A conflict in the game fish regulations with respect to fresh waters adjacent to the coast and the lakes and streams further inland was discussed. It was brought out that coastal fresh water fishermen had too much advantage over inland fishermen.

The Club decided to have this matter called to the attention of the Commission.

The Club also unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the Commission to seek stricter enforcement of the rules and regulations in regard to both hunting and fishing.

President Howell, Mr. A. C. Barefoot of Angier and others signified intention of attending the meeting of the Commission in Kinston Monday.

HOME LAUNDRY SCHOOL IS GIVEN BY FOWLER CO.

FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE TO CONDUCT SCHOOL HERE THURSDAY NIGHT; FREE PRIZES AND REFRESHMENTS

A school on home laundering will be conducted by a representative of the Bendix Washer Corp., factory-trained in modern laundry practices, in the Fowler Radio Co. store in Lillington, tonight (Thursday), at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Malcolm Fowler, owner of Fowler Radio Co., has announced that refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away.

The representative will discuss soaps and detergents, conditioning water for home laundering, new fabrics and how to wash them, various types of soils and stains, and related topics. She will demonstrate modern home laundering practices with the Bendix automatic washer, dryer and ironer.

Well qualified to conduct the school, the representative took a special training course conducted by Bendix Home Laundry Institute at South Bend, Ind. She is the home service director for Radio Equipment Company, a distributor of Bendix Home Appliances, Inc.

At the close of her talk, the representative will answer questions on home laundry problems.

Mr. Fowler is extending a cordial invitation to everyone to attend this instructive demonstration. The Fowler Radio Co. is one of the most modern appliance stores in this section and enjoys a wide patronage.

PENNSYLVANIA VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cannady of Point Marion, Pa., are here visiting Mr. Cannady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cannady. They expect to be here for the duration of the coal miners' strike. Mr. Stuart holds a position with a coal company at Point Marion.

Schoolmasters Elect Their New Officers At Banquet Meeting

Harnett county's Educators Club staged its April banquet meeting Monday evening quite a bit more elaborately than usual. It was Ladies' Night, and the schoolmasters had their wives and some invited guests to join them in one of the most delightful meetings of the school term.

The dinner was served at 7 o'clock in the dining hall at Campbell College, remarkably well appointed for such occasions. The meal was prepared and served under the supervision of Campbell's capable Mrs. Sue Weddle, with the aid of a corps of girl and boy students at the college. At the close of the meeting they were invited into the dining hall to receive the compliments and thanks of the Club.

Principal Roger Johnson of Boone Trail school, president of the Educators, asked Supt. Reid Ross to present the invited guests. Club members introduced their wives.

Speaker of the evening was Elton Warrick of Goldsboro, who styled himself a "reformed" school teacher. He is a successful contractor of Goldsboro. He was introduced by Supt. Reid Ross.

With a style of humor that kept his audience smiling and shaking

continually, Mr. Warrick rolled out a stream of anecdotes in much the same manner of a fourth grader reciting his piece. But it was his own individual style, and the humor spread even before a joke reached its climax. It was a fitting piece for such an occasion and such a gathering.

It keyed well with a non-sheep-talk meeting—a rare treat which possibly no group could appreciate more keenly than school teachers. Mr. Warrick, by the way, recited a few of his battles with the cost of living on a school teacher's income.

President Johnson called for the election of new officers of the Club, and Principal G. P. Carr of Angier was named new president, and H. H. Hamilton of Lillington was selected as vice president. The Club was unwilling to let Secretary-Treasurer C. H. Hood of Bunnlevel, supervisor of transportation, turn loose. He was re-elected with thanks for his splendid services. Appreciation was also expressed to the retiring officials of the Club.

It was fitting that the meeting should be held at Campbell College, keystone of Harnett county's educational structure. Generous praise was heard from the guests.

DELINQUENTS STILL SLOW IN TAX PAYMENTS

LIST BEING PUBLISHED FOR LAND SALE BUT ONLY FEW ARE HAVING NAMES TAKEN OUT; LAND SALE MAY 3

Although Tax Collector W. D. Harrington's advertisement of sale of real property for unpaid 1947 taxes is now in its second week, few of the delinquents seem to be paying any attention to it.

The collector had given final warning before starting the advertisement, pointing out that the penalties were increasing from month to month, and that the sale would add further to the cost, and he confidently expressed that his list would dwindle materially.

In that, however, he has been disappointed. The list started off in its first week with 1,200 names, and it promises to come to a finish with almost that number unless there comes in evidence considerably more interest on the part of delinquents than is now manifested.

Penalties have been running against unpaid 1947 taxes since February 1st. They were payable at par up until that time, and until last December 1st there was a discount allowed to those who would pay early.

Inasmuch as there is plenty of money in circulation to pay for other items, Collector Harrington was reasonably sure he would have a record collection on 1947 taxes. He now says, however, that it seems "plenty of money" doesn't apply to taxpaying.

Unless there is a considerable pick-up in payments between now and May 3, Collector Harrington will call out on that day at the courthouse door more names than he called on any first Monday in May for the past several years.

HISTORIANS TO BEGIN TOURS SUN.

President Malcolm Fowler of N. C. Society of County Historians Announces Opening Tour

The North Carolina Society of County Historians will open their 1948 tour season Sunday, April 13 with a tour of the Deep River section of Chatham, Lee and Moore counties. It was announced today by Malcolm Fowler of Lillington, president of the organization.

Carrying into effect its motto that "history begins at home," the historians will visit such places as the grave of Gov. Benjamin Williams, the House in the Horseshoe, scene of a Revolutionary War battle between the Patriots and Tories under Colonels Philip Alston and David Fanning, the Devil's Tramping Ground and the newly reopened coal mine at Coal Glen. Other interesting and historical spots will be visited along the route of the tour before it winds up at ancient Haywood in the forks of the Deep and Haw Rivers.

All county historians and others who are interested in the rich history of the Upper Cape Fear County are cordially invited to make the trip. The starting point will be the Sanford bus station at 10 a. m. and those participating are urged to take along a lunch. Competent guides will be assigned to each car to answer questions and point out the different places of interest along the route of the tour.

Overby Announces

In a letter to The News, Allison L. Overby of Angier announces his candidacy for the House. He says:

"After a long time and hard decision, and due to the many pleas of my friends, I have decided to again offer myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives, to succeed myself as representative of the good people of my county, on the Democratic Ticket.

"I wish to again thank each and every one who has supported me in the past, and truly hope that I may again count on their support in the forthcoming primary.

"I also wish to assure you that if nominated and elected, I will do my utmost for every resident of the county, and for the good of Harnett county and the State as a whole.

Sincerely yours,
Allison L. Overby."

MAKES HONOR ROLL

(Special to The News)
Waynesboro, Va., April 14.—Cadet R. Jerome Parker, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul G. Parker, Erwin, achieved first honor roll rating at Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va., for the academic month ending April 2, 1948, having met the requirements of no grade below 85 per cent.

Motor Vehicle Inspection Lane Has Been Set Up In Lillington

Children's Choir of Methodist Church



Pictured above is Lillington's first vested children's choir. The choir, composed of children of the Lillington Methodist Sunday School, made its first appearance at the Easter Candlelight Service in the local Methodist Church. The children's choir sings with the adult choir of the church each Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock services.

Children composing the choir are as follows: Front Row—Steve Edwards, Lane Johnson, Gerald Myrick, Jenette Blanchard, Emily Kelly, Donald Kelly; Second Row—Mary Anne Moore, Allen Walker, William Johnson, Polly Coleman, Sarah Hatley, James Stout, Joe Biggs, Barbara Myrick, Martha Davis, Marie Smith, Billy Tew, Anne Renn, Polly Ballard; Third Row—Sarah Kelly, Dorothy McDonald, Laura Mae Edwards, Jane Cranford, Karen Walker, Thelma Smith, Leo Kelly, Jr.

OWNERS URGED TO COME EARLY TO AVOID RUSH

"TAKE YOUR CAR THROUGH INSPECTION LANE FIRST," URGES SUPERVISOR LUCAS, "BEFORE GOING TO GARAGE"

A motor vehicle inspection lane has been set up in Lillington facing the Northam Motor Company on J street. J. Edgar Lucas is supervisor of the lane, and the inspectors are James D. McKenzie, Clement H. Matthews, Fred H. McBryde and C. C. Goodwin.

The inspection crew got started Monday morning, but there were few vehicles in sight. This was blamed on the fact that advance notice of the establishment of the lane in Lillington had not been furnished to The News.

Supervisor Lucas told The News that his crew will remain here through April 24. His outfit covers Harnett and Sampson counties. They came here from Clinton.

Urging that all vehicle owners come to the lane for inspection early, Supervisor Lucas pointed out that if too many wait till the last day or so there will be necessity for many to wait. "Come early and avoid the rush," he advises.

Necessary, too, is for the owner to have in possession at the time of entering the lane the motor vehicle registration card and driver's license.

The law requires that all motor vehicles must pass through the inspection lanes sometime during the present year.

Supervisor Lucas, when asked what percentage of cars had been condemned, replied that during the operation of his lane so far only one car had been put off the roads.

Asked about the percentage of defects, he said that possibly 50 per cent of the motor vehicles so far inspected had defects of one kind or another, but that all of them could be repaired with little difficulty.

Supervisor Lucas, by the way, told The News it will be far better for all car and truck owners to pass through the inspection lane before going to a garage for repairs. By learning exactly what their vehicles need, they can be sure they can get the right work done.

Mrs. Byrd Announces For Register of Deeds

Mrs. Mamie Sexton Byrd of Bunnlevel is making her announcement of candidacy for nomination in the May 29 Democratic primary for Register of Deeds.

Mrs. Byrd is well known throughout the county. She has served as Register of Deeds, and has done much effective work for the Democratic party, being vice-chairman of the executive committee for a number of years.

In her announcement she says: "If nominated and elected, I pledge a courteous, economical and efficient service to the citizens of this county."

LOCAL LADY'S SISTER DIED FRIDAY AT BISCOE

The family of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Maness was called to Biscoe Friday on account of the death of Mrs. Maness' sister, Mrs. W. S. Maness.

FILING STARTS IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RACE

BUSINESS "PICKS UP" AS SOON AS BOARD OF ELECTIONS OPENS OFFICE; PROSPECTS FOR MANY OFFICES

It begins to appear that voters in the Democratic primary May 29 will have a "field" of candidates to choose from—at least for some of the posts to be filled. When the County Board of Elections opened for its biennial business of enlisting candidates for the primary last Saturday, several candidates came in, signed on the dotted line, paid the fee, and became full-fledged seekers for nomination.

The time allotted for filing notice of candidacy is rather short—one week. The books will close next Saturday, April 17, at 6:00 p. m., and if there are aspirants who have not made up their minds by that time, it will be just too bad—they will be out of the picture for two years.

The fee for filing as a candidate for an office is one per cent of the annual salary.

Nominees for the following jobs will be selected by the Democrats in the May primary: Judge of the Recorder's Court, Register of Deeds, County Surveyor, five County Commissioners and five members of the Board of Education. The Sheriff and Clerk of Court hold over for another two years.

For Commissioners and Board of Education the selecting will be done differently this year. The county is divided into five districts, and one member of each Board will be selected for each district. Following are the districts:

District No. 1: Aversboro township.
District No. 2: Duke and Grove townships.
District No. 3: Black River, Noll's Creek, Hector's Creek and Buckhorn townships.
District No. 4: Lillington, Anderson Creek and Stewart's Creek townships.
District No. 5: Upper Little River.

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Motor Vehicle Clinic



This inspection lane was set up in Lillington Monday. It will be here through April 24. All motorists in this territory should bring their cars and trucks to the lane early in order to avoid the inevitable late-hour rush. Don't be afraid of the lane or the inspectors. They are simply trying to help you find out what's wrong with your vehicle, to point out its defects if any, and recommend the remedy. Drive in!