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

Goodwill Days Here Friday and Saturday

Party Leaders Gather Steam For November Campaign Opening

I. R. WILLIAMS IS RE-ELECTED CO. CHAIRMAN

CONVENTION APPLAUDS BOB YOUNG AND UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES HIS CANDIDACY FOR CONGRESSMAN

It was a great day for Harnett Democrats as they carried through their second program in gearing the machinery for the campaign to roll up huge totals in the November election. That campaign will get immediately underway when the primary nominations are over.

Last Saturday's convention was quite largely attended, more than the usual number being present although the season is pressing the farmers for every minute of their time. It is rare that more than half a hundred party members attended their county convention, but this time there were double that number in courthouse auditorium when Chairman Roddy Williams called the meeting to order.

The chairman asked Neill McK. Salmon to preside. Mr. Salmon asked for the roll call. Upon the roll call by Secretary Henderson Steele, the chairmen of the 21 precincts handed in their lists of committeemen selected at their meetings on Saturday, May 8th.

Chairman Salmon directed attention to the State Convention in Raleigh today (Thursday) and upon motion all Democrats who attend the convention were declared delegates.

Resolutions were offered and adopted in respect to the death of Arthur P. Fowler, Hugh Ray, J. B. Ennis and Dr. C. G. Fuquay; also in praise of the services of retiring members of the Board of Commissioners, A. A. Cameron, Lonnie Byrd, R. L. Paie and Ferd D. Jackson.

C. G. Fields, who is a candidate for Commissioner, tendered his resignation as executive treasurer.

Chairman Salmon recognized the various candidates, including J. R. Young of Dunn, candidate for Congress from the Seventh District. Mr. Young is Harnett's only candidate for that high position, and had a dozen or more of the delegates gave words of praise for him and urged all Democrats in Harnett to help roll up a big majority for him in the primary May 29. Mr. Young gave a glowing picture of the reception he had been accorded in other counties in the district, expressing the belief that his nomination is assured.

It was a harmonious convention, and it had humor aplenty when some of the primary candidates openly asked for "big majorities" in their favor. Paul Strickland and Shep Bryan, candidates for Judge of the Dunn Recorder's Court, sat side by side and bantered for the benefit of the convention. They almost came to a pledge to vote for each other. The delegates got another big laugh when Walter Lee Johnson said: "All this talk we are making for Bob Young won't be worth a (water barrier) unless we roll up the votes for him." Various delegates agreed to "the more truth than poetry" virtue of his speech.

There was not a shadow of doubt about how the convention stood on Harnett's candidate for Congress—Bob Young of Dunn. After unanimously declaring support for Mr. Young, the delegates echoed the challenge of Walter Lee Johnson to "get out and work for him."

One precinct went on record as endorsing its candidate for Commissioner. Buckhorn adopted a resolution favoring E. T. Tutor, who is running against C. G. Fields of Angier for Commissioner from the Third District.

Among the ladies attending the convention was Mrs. A. L. Overby, wife of the candidate for the House. She expressed her pleasure in taking part in the proceedings.

Introduced as an "oldtime" Democrat of long standing, W. J. Olive of Olivia admitted he was a ticket "scratcher" when a candidate happened not to suit him, and said he fight "have to scratch it this year."

The resolution committee was composed of Charles Ross, L. M. Oshin and H. C. Strickland.

While the convention was deliberating on the resolutions, the Executive Committee, composed of chair-

Vice Chairman



MRS. W. E. NICHOLS

Mrs. Nichols was the unanimous choice for Vice Chairman of the Harnett County Democratic Executive Committee at its session Saturday. Mrs. Nichols took over the gavel at the closing of the convention and pleaded for participation by women in politics.

Chairman



I. R. WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Harnett County Democratic Executive Committee when the committee met Saturday during the session of the County Convention. Mr. Williams has led the party to success in many elections.

MONUMENT TO BEAR NAMES OF FALLEN HEROES

COMMITTEE ASKING THAT ALL NAMES OF HARNETT SERVICEMEN WHO LOST LIVES IN WARS BE GIVEN

The Harnett County Memorial Association is seeking the names and date of death of all servicemen from this county who lost their lives in the three wars—Spanish-American war, World War I and World War II.

Ferd D. Jackson of Bulo's Creek is chairman of the committee, Harnett Service Officer L. B. McLean is secretary and Carl Byrd, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is publicity chairman.

The committee is asking that all persons report the names of all fallen heroes as soon as possible, giving the date of their death.

The names are to be inscribed on a plaque to be placed on a monument on courthouse square.

All information should be sent to L. B. McLean, County Service Officer, Box 232, Lillington.

It is quite a difficult task to gather all the names desired, and the committee, realizing this, is calling upon all people in Harnett county to aid in the completion of the list.

Names and death dates of every serviceman from Harnett county is wanted. This, of course, includes both white and colored.

The list must be completed before the plaque is designed, for the reason that it must be known exactly what size the plaque must be in order to carry all the names and dates.

This appeal is urgent. All members of the Association, as well as the committee, is requesting that everyone take part in compiling the list.

Girl Scouts to Hold May Day Friday

The Girl Scouts of Lillington will celebrate May Day Friday afternoon of this week at 5:00 on the lawn of Mrs. O. S. Atkins.

Miss Betsy Ross, President of the Lillington Girl Scout Association, states that each Scout will invite her mother to the May Day and a special place of honor will be given to the mothers of the Scouts. Mothers of the Scouts are especially urged to attend.

If the weather is not suitable Friday the May Day will be held Saturday afternoon.

Collins Reunion Next Sunday

The Collins family reunion will be held next Sunday, May 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins on Lillington R-3. It will be the occasion of Mr. Collins' 71st birthday anniversary.

All relatives of the family are invited to attend and bring a basket lunch.

BEACH TRIP WITH EXPENSES FOR WINNER

FARM BUREAU SLOGAN CONTEST TO CLOSE JULY 1; LOCAL PRESIDENT CITES CONTEST RULES

A trip to Atlantic City with all expenses paid is the reward for the Slogan Contest winner in the North Carolina Farm Bureau Slogan Contest, stated McBryde Cameron, President of Harnett County Farm Bureau, here today.

Members of the Harnett County Farm Bureau and their families are eligible to participate in this Slogan Contest. Participants should write a slogan of not more than 10 words for the Fall Membership Drive of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, and their slogan should be applicable to the 1948 Membership Drive, emphasizing the value of Farm Bureau to North Carolina farmers at this time.

Slogans should be short and not too long and should not exceed 10 words; something short and catchy should be selected; for example, "Insure Against Falling Prices—Join Your Farm Bureau", or some other equally suited slogan.

The deadline for writing these slogans is July 1, 1948, and any member of the family is eligible to participate. All slogans should be mailed to State Farm Bureau Office, Greensboro, N. C.

Town of Angier Discusses Paving

At a mass meeting called for the purpose last Friday night, citizens of Angier discussed the paving of the town's streets. A civil engineer was present to give an idea of the cost, which was estimated at nearly \$90,000, for 20-foot strips.

Those attending the meeting were almost equally divided pro and con on the question of paving, and Mayor S. Glenn Wilson intends to pursue the matter further at another meeting.

Attention Veterans!

Veterans who are receiving on-the-job-training who desire to apply for tools should see L. B. McLean, Service Officer, at the courthouse in Lillington on or before May 31st.

Resolutions

Five lengthy resolutions were adopted by the County Democratic Convention here last Saturday. They were: In respect to the death of Mr. Hugh McD. Ray, County Commissioner; J. B. Ennis, Dr. C. G. Fuquay, member of the Board of Education, and Arthur P. Fowler, member of the Board of Elections; also, in praise of the retiring members of the Board of County Commissioners, Messrs. Angus Cameron, Ford D. Jackson, Lonnie Byrd and E. L. Paie.

TOWN NOW HAS AMPLE SUPPLY OF GOOD WATER

NEW WELL FLOWING FAR IN EXCESS OF EXPECTED GALLONAGE; TWO WELLS NOW KEEP STANDPIPE FULL

Mayor Charlie Loving and his Town Councilmen may not be the happiest group in Lillington, but they are extremely gratified for the fact that at least one of their major problems is solved for sometime to come. The new well which started flowing water into the mains and standpipe last week is far exceeding the expected gallonage.

It was first thought that probably the new well would not furnish more than forty gallons a minute, but now it seems that it is actually furnishing somewhere near 70.

A test will soon be made to determine how much the new well is furnishing, but with two other good wells the Mayor and Councilmen think Lillington has an ample supply.

The third well which was furnishing water with an odor and sediment has been put out of commission for the time being. Later it will be examined to determine whether it can be used again.

Incidentally, water from the new well is "good." That is emphasized by a telephone message to Mayor Loving, which came while The News was interviewing the Mayor, from a lady who simply wanted to remind Mayor Loving that while she had complained of the offensive water, now she just wanted him to know "this new water is good."

Switching from the water supply to the other problem confronting the Mayor and Councilmen, the special election called for June 3, at which time the voters of Lillington will be asked to decide whether \$45,000 in bonds will be issued for street improvement, will go ahead on schedule, said the Mayor.

Mayor Loving and City Attorney W. A. Johnson were questioned whether any opposition is developing to the bond issue. "None that I've heard about," was the exact response from each of them.

Mayor Loving thinks the town will get an even lower price for paving all the streets. The saving done by the Ziegler-Cline Company a week or so ago, when six blocks were paved, came to around 34 cents a lineal foot. It is the same type construction as that used in paving the Lillington-Fort Bragg highway.

Mrs. Nichols Named Women's Chairman

Mrs. W. E. Nichols of Coats has been named by Charles M. Johnson, candidate for Governor, as manager of women's activities in the primary campaign. Mrs. Nichols is one of the county's most prominent and influential women.

Revival Services At Mt. Pleasant

Revival services will begin at Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday night at 7:45, and continue each evening for two weeks.

Rev. C. W. Kirby of Dunn will preach.

The public is cordially invited to all services.

Harnett's Choice

Mr. Young received the unanimous and hearty endorsement of Harnett Democrats in his race for Congress when the Democrats convened here last Saturday. Delegates proclaimed that Harnett county is altogether for Mr. Young.

Hailstones Monday Missed Lillington

A severe hailstorm that lasted for a quarter of an hour and did much damage in areas nearby, Monday afternoon, gave Lillington the "go-by" except for a strong wind that seemed at times to achieve hurricane velocity.

Six Harnett Men Enlisted In April

The U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station in Fayetteville enlisted six Harnett county men during the month of April. M. Sgt. Dean has announced. Men who were enlisted are:

Lillington: Jack L. Blanchard; Erwin: Hubert M. Simmons, Elbert H. Jackson, Gene L. Moss, James H. Moss, Jr., Marle H. Byrd.

Thomas Davall Guin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Guin of Erwin, enlisted this week in the Regular Army through the Army and Air Force Recruiting Station in Fayetteville. Guin elected to attend Medical Corpman School and was ordered to Lakland, Texas, for that purpose.

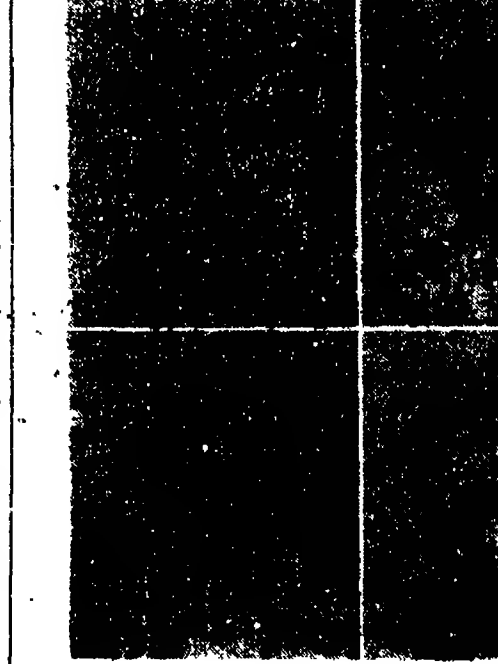
Lincoln Burgess was found guilty of assault on a female—sentence to be pronounced.

C. J. Oakley was found guilty on three counts charging false pretense and bad check.

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Merchants of Lillington Put Forth Attractive Trade Bids

"Citizens of Tomorrow"



Top Row: Allen, age 16 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Byrd, Lillington; Glenda, age 3 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kelly, Lillington; Duayne, age 2 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack McDonald, Lillington. Bottom Row: Kathryn, age 15 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Matthews, Lillington, R-1; Linda, age 8 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Blalock, Linden R-1; Samuel, age 2 1/2 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byrd of Lillington.

JUDGE THINKS POLITICS GOOD FOR EVERYBODY

TELLS GRAND JURY THAT ALL CITIZENS SHOULD STAND READY TO SERVE IN PUBLIC OFFICE WHEN CALLED

Judge J. Paul Friselle of Snow Hill, holding court here this week, believes it to be the duty of all citizens to take part in political activities and identify themselves with one of the parties—the party of their choice.

The Judge told the Grand Jurors Monday when court convened that it would be a healthy omen for democracy if people would manifest more interest in politics, and let that interest lead them to the point where they would be willing to serve in a public capacity when the voters wanted them.

Judge Friselle emphasized his adherence to the old-fashioned idea that the public's business is the direct concern of every citizen, and when a citizen fails or refuses to participate in political affairs, he or she is shirking duty.

Only a comparatively light docket faced the court when it convened for a week of criminal trials, although Clerk Godwin's list holds cases that would occupy the time of the court for several weeks if all cases should be tried. This is the final criminal term till September unless a special term is called.

Judge Friselle briefly outlined the jury's duties, and told the members if they ran up against any problem to come back to him for advice.

With Kyle Harrington as foreman, nine new Grand Jurors were sworn in to serve for the next twelve months. New members are: J. C. Broadwell, Graham Prince, D. E. Woodley, C. N. Wilson, M. E. Fish, Edwin Williams, Myres Tilghman, W. E. Temple, Jr., W. H. Sanford.

They take the places of W. Guyton Smith, C. P. Mitchell, J. G. Hodges, Herman H. Godwin, Jr., Brantley Matthews, Mack Black, Arthur Tripp, A. H. Langdon, Ralph Roberts, who have served for the past twelve months.

As The News goes to press, the following cases have been heard: John Hardy Maynor, operating a car while drunk—sentence to be pronounced.

Prince Jones was found guilty of aiding and abetting in housebreaking and larceny and was given two years on the roads.

The Grand Jury returned a true bill against A. E. Jagers and wife for violating the prohibition law.

The jury returned "Not a true bill" in the case against Frank Gilmore, charged with robbery.

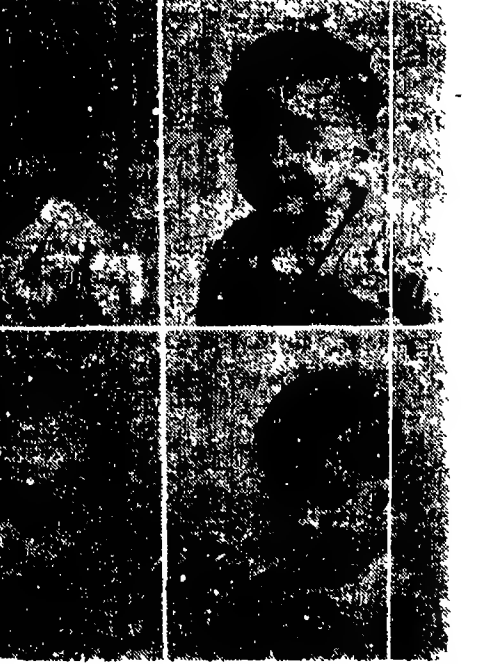
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BIG BARGAINS TO BE FOUND AT ALL STORES



Manager Joseph Miller of the Lillington Chamber of Commerce tells The News he is right proud of the cooperation given the Retail Trade Committee in its first effort to inaugurate Goodwill Days on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22.

HISTORICAL COUNTY SPOTS TO BE MARKED

SMILEY'S FALLS AND PLANK ROAD IN HARNETT DESIGNATED FOR MARKERS BY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Two spots in Harnett county that made history in the early days of this country will be designated by suitable markers, according to the State Historical Commission.

Smiley's Falls is one of them. The Falls, located just above the old site of Averasboro, helped to make navigable the Cape Fear River in the days when traffic by water routes was popular because of the absence of railroads.

The project called for a canal six miles long with two locks. The Cape Fear Navigation Company went broke on high costs, and it was not until 1819 that steamers finally began to ply the Cape Fear. According to County Historian Malcolm Fowles of Lillington, it was a nervy and capable English engineer, Hamilton Fulton, who finally made it possible for the boats to traverse the river.

The old plank road from Fayetteville west came by Spout Springs in Harnett county. It was the principal inland traffic route for many years. Sherman's soldiers used the planks for firewood in the closing days of the Civil War.

Some years ago a man from The News was strolling through the woods along the plank road route and ran across a pine stake. The stake had 15 notches cut on its triangle sides, denoting, it was learned, that the point was 15 miles from Fayetteville. Thinking to preserve the old landmark, he took it to town and kept it for awhile, only to discover later that a young recruit printer had used it to kindle a fire in The News' wood-burning stove.

Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, will be Goodwill Days in Lillington. They will be Good Days for all who visit this town.

The bargain festival will open Friday morning and continue through Saturday. The merchants believe many people in the neighboring territory will be pleasantly surprised when they see the big stocks and the bargains they have to offer.

The merchants have put on no fanfare for the occasion, depending upon the merits of the collection of bargains to make the impression.

To Preach at Kipling

REV. A. L. THOMPSON

The pastor, Rev. F. R. Dail, and members of the Kipling Methodist Church have announced that their annual revival will be held each evening, May 30-June 4, at 8 p. m.

The guest minister is Rev. A. L. Thompson of Raleigh. Everyone is cordially invited to attend each of the services.