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

Buie's Creek Man Brings New Industry To Fuquay

SOURCE OF IN-COME FOR HARNETT FARMERS

L. E. CHENAULT OBSERVED NEBRASKA FARMLANDS UNDER CASH CROP PLAN, IMPRESSED OTHERS TO TRY IT

A trip out West may have its pleasure and business aspects, but when Mr. L. E. Chenault of Buie's Creek passed through the big western states a few years ago, he brought back to this section an idea which has now become a reality to a large number of farmers, and may spell prosperity for many more.

In Nebraska, Mr. Chenault observed an agricultural development; farmers were sowing wide acres with alfalfa, and letting it grow. When it was fully mature, crews from the dehydrating plants throughout the state came, bought the crop, and carried it away for processing.

With little time, and hardly any trouble, the Nebraska farmer had received a big check for his alfalfa. He had made money, and so had the factories. Mr. Chenault saw that it was not a boom—just a simple business transaction where both profited.

The dehydrated feed was sent throughout the country, and much of this Nebraska product has been shipped into Harnett, and other North Carolina counties. In other words, Harnett helps to promote an industry miles away that could be a local enterprise.

This seemed to be Mr. Chenault's thought too—so when he returned he began to talk it up among interested businessmen and farmers. Finally he was heard by the up-and-coming members of the Fuquay-Varina Chamber of Commerce, and they listened.

Today the western scene can be likened to this area. The enterprising Fuquay-Varina folk are to have a large alfalfa dehydration plant, the construction of which will begin about September 1st. Thomas Wheeler plans to operate the plant, and make it a local success. It is to be located in Varina between the Fuquay-Varina Mill and Cotton Gin.

At a meeting on June 8, around thirty farmers stated that they were going to seed 700 more acres with alfalfa at planting time, which is near the first of September. The farmers heard John L. Reitzel, Wake county agent, discuss the necessary steps to assure a good crop, and keep the land productive. Mr. R. E. Prince, Fuquay banker, presided.

Introduction of this type benefit to farmers will be watched with interest by state agriculturists; and if it proves the income source that it does in western farm counties, then no doubt other communities will venture to build and operate several dehydrating plants.

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Revival Services At Bunnlevel

Services Start Sunday with Rev. T. E. Davis of Southern Pines Assisting

Rev. Thompson E. Davis, Th.D., pastor of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church of Southern Pines, will be the visiting evangelist for the revival meeting.

The meeting will begin next Sunday evening, June 20, at 8:00, and services will be held each evening at 8:00 until the close of the meeting on June 30.

Dr. Davis since coming to Fayetteville Presbytery five years ago has been a leader in the young people's work, and has been in much demand for special services throughout this section. He is a native of Georgia, and has served several churches throughout the South.

The pastor, Rev. A. M. Keith, and congregation invite you to come and see the new church and to hear Dr. Davis. The people of the church feel that they have an unusually beautiful sanctuary. The Sunday School department has not been finished, but new pews have been installed.

Send Them In Now!

Perhaps you are one of those who are putting off the easy job of writing down some friend's or loved one's name who died in action during the last major American war—please, get out the paper and write down that name, and send it in to the County Service Office, L. B. McLean, at the court house. Every Harnett County hero's name, white or colored, is wanted for the monument on the court house lawn. Do it today—send them in. Do it now!

"Citizens of Tomorrow"



Top Row: Dorothy, age 9 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coleman, Bunnlevel, R-1; Glenn, age 7 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Messer, Lillington R-2; Royn Ann, age 4 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flimmon McLean, Lillington R-2. Bottom Row: Betsy, age 6 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bradley, Lillington; Sam, age 5 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown, Lillington; Susan, age 4 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parrish, Lillington.

COUNTY GETS FRIZZELLE FOR JUNE 28 COURT

DOCKET CROWDED WITH SEVERAL SCORE CASES; SOME MAJOR, SOME OVER A YEAR OLD

The Harnett County Board of Commissioners and Solicitor Jack Hooks of Kenley have been informed that their request for a Special Term of Criminal Court has been granted, and June 28 is set for the opening day. In their request, the petitioners also asked that Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill be allowed to preside for the first week. Governor R. Gregg Cherry concurred in this solicitation.

The Special Term, so it is understood, will be continuous until all cases have been cleared. However, there may be as high as eight hearings on the court calendar, and Clerk Howard Godwin feels that it may take several weeks to clear such a long docket.

Clerk Godwin informed the News that he would probably place the whole docket before the court with older, or jail cases, coming first. If court adjourns before the docket is cleared, then cases left untried will be carried over to the next regular criminal term on the first week of September.

Since Judge Frizzelle is to preside but one week, it may be necessary for the Governor to appoint another judge before the term is over. The pressure of vacations, farming, and hot weather may cause the special term to last only two weeks.

Two Harnett Girls Graduate at ECTC

Degrees were conferred upon 126 graduates of East Carolina Teachers College on Monday morning, June 7, by Dr. John D. Messick, college president, at the thirty-ninth annual commencement exercises held at the college in Greenville.

Among those completing their work at East Carolina and receiving diplomas were Rachel E. Pleasant of Angier, who received the A. B., or liberal arts, degree; and Ruth Langdon of Coats, who received the B. S. degree, awarded to those taking work in teacher training.

Historians To Tour Harnett Next Sunday; Others Invited

Citizens of Harnett, and others who may be interested in viewing sites of compelling attention in days gone by, located at various points in this county, are invited by the State Society of Historians to accompany the tour which will be taken next Sunday, June 20.

Malcolm Fowler of Lillington, president of the Society, will be host to the group taking the tour. Mr. Fowler is Harnett county's historian. He has accumulated valuable information on the county's history, its celebrities and famous sites.

The tour will start from the court house here, first going to the home of Col. Ebenezer Folsom, revolutionary hero who was in command of the Cumberland militia.

Other points to be visited include Barbee's Inn, near Barclaysville, one of the oldest settlements in the county, on what was then the Raleigh-

WIRES BEING STRUNG BY REA CONTRACTORS

230 MILE ELECTRIC LINE SOON TO BE FINISHED; WAR AND LACK OF VITAL MATERIALS CAUSED DELAY

Good news for the patient residents along the remaining 70 miles of Harnett county highways who have been anxiously awaiting the power lines since 1940, is that Ziegler and Cline, Fayetteville contractors, are now on the job, and the entire mileage should be completed by fall.

The contractors are in the Bunnlevel vicinity, stringing wires upon the poles which have been ready for several years. When they are through there, they will concentrate upon the Dunn, Erwin, Linton, and Godwin Station areas. It will take about two weeks to clear the section beyond Highway 210, and then they plan to move on east and west of Highway 15A.

Soon after the petition was signed in 1940, the contractors began to cover the territory at their own discretion. They had the privilege of doing any location they desired. However, the war, and a lack of special wire, stopped progress, and the completion had to wait more favorable circumstances.

Even after the war concluded, numerous strikes and national affairs, kept the vital materials from coming through. However, the wire for the poles is on hand; a special strand with a steel center and copper overlay which eliminates many poles, and is more enduring under stress and strain.

Between 900 to 1000 customers will be serviced upon the completion of the lines, and at least 600 are receiving electric power at present.

Future electrification by the South River REA, Stedman, Cumberland county, in Harnett will be continued according to Manager W. E. Temple of the local office. Poles will be erected in other areas as soon as the present project is finished. It is understood that several sections have been anxious to have the power lines as soon as possible, but they can note that it will not be much longer since the contractors are not sparing any time to complete their long delayed project.

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No Lady, Please!

Rumor that a member of the fair sex was to take over the Veteran's Service Office in Harnett brought out a very determined group of six vets who expressed their opinion in no uncertain terms before the County Commissioners on June 10th. The Commissioners told the boys two things: they were sorry that such a rumor started, and that the "new look" would not take over the Vet's Office.

THREE MAJOR OFFICES SEEK HARNETT VOTE

UPPER LITTLE RIVER, BARBECUE AND JOHNSONVILLE TOWNSHIPS MUST SELECT A COMMISSIONER ALSO

Harnett county voters will have the opportunity of casting their votes for three major offices in the second primary election on Saturday, June 26th. Candidates for the governorship, congress, and the house are bidding for public choice.

Charles M. Johnson and W. Kerr Scott are seeking the governorship, having dropped four other contenders along the way by means of the first primary. Johnson was high man, leading Scott by 8,848 votes. This short margin of defeat can easily be erased by the thousands who voted for Albright, Barker, Boyd, or Stanley.

Harnett county gave Johnson 1294 votes as against 3331 for Scott. Albright almost topped Johnson with 1192 votes. A scattering 92 went for the other three candidates.

Albright released his 76,281 voters to vote as they pleased. He refused to name the candidate who would get his vote, and no doubt thousands are now making up their minds as to which of the two runners are best suited according to their theories about a governor for this state.

In the race for Representative, it took A. L. Overby, second man in that contest, sometime to make up his mind as to whether he would run or not. His announcement pitches Howard A. Parker of Erwin, a new arrival in county politics, against him, and Overby hopes that the Harvey O'Quinn vote numbering 1,564 might be the deciding factor between them. Overby was only 64 votes behind Parker in the first primary.

Harnett's favorite son, Bob Young, was eliminated in the congressional encounter by Carlyle and Bellamy. But there are 3,984 Harnett county votes that must be cast for the two candidates that were on Young's slate. It is mere speculation as to which of the men will get his Harnett friend's votes.

Three of the county's townships will be more active than the others next Saturday. Upper Little River, Barbecue, and Johnsonville residents

Sunday Speaker

Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas will speak on "This World Responsibility" on the Methodist Hour of the Southern Religious Radio Conference Sunday morning, June 20th.

Dr. Steel was a member of the 1948 General Conference and will be a member of the 1948 Jurisdictional Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction which will meet in El Paso, Texas the week following this broadcast. Since 1936 he has been pastor of Highland Park church, which is the college church of Southern Methodist University and on its campus.

He is one of the most popular preachers of American Methodism. His morning sermons from Highland Park are broadcast every Sunday over KRLD in Dallas and every survey has proven this to be one of this station's most popular broadcasts.

This sermon, together with others of the series, "The Teachings of Jesus and the Present Scene" will be heard over Station WPTF at 8:30 Sunday morning.

Fancy Eggs

Mrs. W. E. Lynch, Lillington R-3, came into The News office Saturday with additional proof that laying hens can produce any size and shape egg to fit the imagination.

Her collection consisted of three eggs, abnormally formed, by White Rock and Hampshire Red chickens on her farm. The White Rock biddy presented Mrs. Lynch with a long, sausage-shaped egg, sporting a curled tail. It was about the size of a high-priced sausage too. The Reds gave her one egg shaped like a jelly-bean, but a trifle larger, and one egg about half the size of a ping-pong ball, and almost a perfect sphere.

Whether they produced a new thought to fit the newly moulded hen fruit, is unknown.

Surveyors Busy Establishing Correct Lines In Lillington

GROWERS IN HARNETT VOTE ON MARKET

TOBACCO FARMERS TO BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS APPROVAL OF MARKET FACILITIES IN DUNN

Harnett county farmers will have an opportunity to vote on the establishment of the tobacco market for Harnett county in Dunn on Saturday, June 26, according to a statement released by McBryde Cameron, President of Harnett County Farm Bureau, and C. R. Ammons, Master of Harnett County Pomona Grange.

This is an opportunity for tobacco growers to express their wishes in connection with the establishment of this tobacco market for Harnett county in Dunn this year. All tobacco growers, including both landlords and tenants, will be eligible to vote in this referendum in support of or against the establishment of the tobacco market. It was pointed out that this election would be held at the same time as the second primary, Saturday, June 26, at the regular precincts, only for the convenience of voters, and would in no way be connected with the candidates running for office. The same hours for voting will be observed in this election, which is limited solely to tobacco growers in the county.

I wish to emphasize," Mr. Ammons stated, "that this is a non-partisan effort on the part of agricultural leaders in the County to give expressions in connection with their support in the establishment of a tobacco market for Harnett county in Dunn."

There was produced in Harnett county last year over 30 million pounds of flue-cured tobacco, making this county one of the 13 largest tobacco producing counties in the world, and the only one of the 13 that does not have tobacco marketing facilities. All of the other 12 tobacco producing counties have an average of 3 1-2 sets of buyers each, including 3 of the counties that join Harnett county, namely, Sampson, Wake and Johnston. Even with this situation, these above-named counties are short 4 1-2 sets of buyers as compared with the other 9 large producing counties based on tobacco production; therefore, farmers of Harnett county are, by necessity, denied first choice of tobacco selling floor space. In order to correct this situation, concerted effort on the part of farmers, business men, educational groups, and farm organizations is being made.

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Square Dance Friday By V.F.W. Post 6722

Lillington Post Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 6722 are planning an old fashioned square dance for Friday evening, June 18th. The dance is to be held at The Warwick Hotel.

The Post has been raising funds to build their hut on the Raleigh Highway between the river and the railroad, and proceeds from the dance will be added to the fund.

Dancing is to start at 8:00 p. m. and continue until midnight. The vets are asking \$1.00 for stag, and \$1.50 per couple.

In The Red

Nine dollars was realized from the sale of copper from the stills at the county jail this past week. The County Commissioners heard the sad report at their Thursday meeting that the business of rounding up the violators by the sheriff costs much more than is taken in by the sale of the metal. "It just don't pay," was the sad comment.

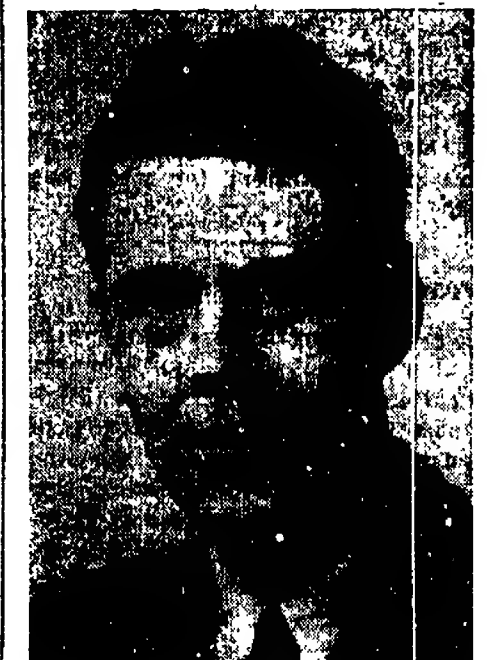
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Lillington To See New Ford At Northam Motor Co. Friday

The motor-minded public has waited a long time for the progressive Ford makers to place a new model on the market, but this period is about over, and a new Ford which is supposed to be revolutionary in construction and design will officially bow in Lillington on Friday, June 18. The Northam Motor Co. is to have on display the very latest in Ford history, the 1949 model.

The new cars are to have more room, safety, comfort, economy, and beauty according to reports, and critical viewers are expected to pass their judgement upon them as to

Off To School



Chamber of Commerce Manager J. Joseph Miller leaves for Chapel Hill on Saturday to study at the Fifth Annual Session of the Southeastern Institute for Commercial organization executives and staff. The school is in session from June 20-26th. Mr. Miller is taking the First Year Course.

SCHOOL BUDGET CALLS FOR TAX LEVY OF 62 CTS.

SUPT. ROSS GIVES SUMMARY OF BUILDING PROGRAM OF \$900,000 INCLUDING \$750,000 BOND ISSUE

The Board of Education met Monday, June 14. In the absence of Chairman Thomas, Vice-Chairman Charles U. Skinner presided.

The Board approved the contract for the addition to the Dunn elementary building consisting of classrooms and a new cafeteria. The general contract was awarded to R. M. Turlington, Lillington, whose bid of \$62,825. was low. Plumbing was awarded to McLamb Supply Co., Dunn, whose bid was \$960. The low bidder on heating was J. J. Barnes, Angier, \$4,614, and the electrical low bid was \$1,279.77 and was also made by Mr. Barnes of Angier.

The Board reviewed the budget which had been tentatively passed at the preceding meeting and made certain changes in the capital outlay and debt service. There is a reduction in the capital outlay and an increase in the debt service. (Continued on page 3)

Dr. Hunter Goes To Medical Meetings

Dr. W. B. Hunter, County Health Officer, will leave this (Thursday) morning for Chicago to attend the meetings of the American Diabetes Association and the American Medical Society. He will be away till the end of this week.

Dr. Hunter will be accompanied as far as Bowling Green, Ky., by Mrs. Hunter, who will visit there with Miss Lavinia Hunter, sister of Dr. Hunter.

Lillington Parking Lanes Re-Painted

Lillington town employees were busy last week painting the old parking lanes on Front and Main Streets with glistening white paint. With Clean-Up Week going as planned, the paint job gave the business area an added cleanliness. The workers lifted another of the vanishing hitchhiker posts out of the community, when they dug one up near the Lafayette Drug Store. Although almost buried from human sight, the old post had a few feet anchored underground.

FIND SEVERAL STREETS 6 FEET OFF CENTER

SOME PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE PLACED SHRUBS UPON THE RIGHT OF WAY; MAY NOT HAVE TO MOVE THEM

Surveyors representing Paul Van Camp, Southern Pines engineer, who made a preliminary survey of the town of Lillington before the first six blocks were paved, have been busy since the passage of the street bond issue going over the streets, making certain of the right of way before the actual paving begins.

According to their report the surveyed streets are averaging at least six feet off center, and some landscaping by local residents come very close to being near the pavement. If such is true, then when sidewalks or other street improvements are started, quite a few folk will have to do some new planning or planting.

When the city was incorporated in 1903, the geographical center of the municipality was almost beneath the traffic light at the corner of Main and Front Streets. The town limits were one-half mile upon the four corners of the compass from that spot, or exactly one mile square.

The original boundary of Lillington has never been amended or extended during the last 45 years even though there has been considerable development beyond the mile limits. In laying out the town, the streets were to be 66 feet wide except Main and Front, which were to be 99 feet. However, Eighth and I Streets are only 49 feet wide. These were made smaller in order to give Front and Main their 99 foot width.

Moreover each city block was made to be 330 feet square. These were divided into five building lots at 66 feet each, but some were not cut to this size and may be larger or smaller. It is inside this 330 square foot space that private property is located; beyond that is the land reserved for the streets and sidewalks.

It is entirely possible that some landowners did not accurately determine the footage of their lots, nor inquire about the exact boundaries, and have gone to time and expense in placing trees, shrubs, or flowers wherever they thought they might beautify the grounds, or please the eye.

Lillington is decidedly the most beautiful town in this section in regard to layout and property development. This has been recognized by the most competent critics whose judgment is often confirmed by visitors who are total strangers to the place. The concise measurement (Continued on page 3)

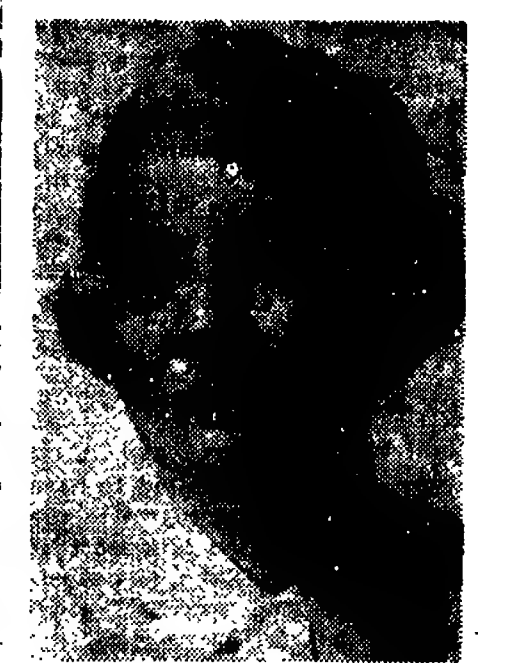
No Polio Here

Inquiry at the office of Dr. W. B. Hunter, County Health Officer, brought the information that no cases of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) has yet been reported in Harnett county.

Cases have been reported in adjoining counties and public gatherings have been banned. Dr. Hunter explained that polio is a warm weather disease.

Last year there was a total of seven cases reported in Harnett. The onset began in July and ended with the last case reported on November 12.

With The Times



MISS NELL BATTLE LEWIS Miss Lewis, who has been connected with the News and Observer for the past 25 years, being the author of the "Incidentally" column and other features, has been appointed associate editor of the Raleigh Times, according to announcement by Miss A. Park, publisher. Miss Lewis assumed her post on Tuesday of this week.