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

Dunn Preparing For Huge Tobacco Market

Docket Clearance Criminal Term Opens Next Monday

67 CASES LISTED, OLDEST ONE WAS STARTED IN 1945

JUDGE PAUL FRIZZELLE OF SNOW HILL TO PRESIDE OVER TERM SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE TWO WEEKS

Clerk of Court Howard Godwin has gone through his files and listed everything he has to offer for his special "Docket Clearance" term of criminal court which convenes next Monday morning. The Clerk found 67 cases, the oldest dating back to September 1945, still "pending." He listed all of them, new and old, in an effort to clear the congested docket if possible.

Judge Paul Frizzle of Snow Hill has been assigned for term, which has been set for two weeks. It is doubtful, however, that all of the cases can be disposed of in that time. Clerk Godwin actually discovered old cases dating back to 1941, but there are not "available" for trial now because the defendants, or most of them, are serving time for other offenses elsewhere, or have skipped bail and cannot be found. Still others rather old have drifted along till law violations have abated—such as abandonment, etc.

One of the old '41 cases, by the way, is that of Lewis Shelton, wanted in Harnett for robbery. Shelton is serving 20 years in Virginia for a bank holdup.

Following are the cases listed for trial at the special term opening next Monday morning:

Monday, June 28

Ben Chances, Jr., vagrancy; Cleo Moore, A. D. W. (two cases); Lonnie (Bill) Upchurch, rape; Sanford E. Snead, murder; J. B. Lucas, reckless driving; Worth Weaver et al, murder; Roy Roberts, assault with intent to kill; Marvin Wade, Jr., embezzlement, (two cases); William Sanford, non-support of illegitimate child; Bernice Moore et al, larceny and receiving; Bruce Gregory, assault on female; Elton Bryant, reckless driving; R. B. Jackson et al, gambling; Carl Edward Barofort, careless and reckless driving; Willie Martin Bates, abandonment; Allen Plummer, secret assault; Jack H. Brewster, manslaughter; Thomas P. Mauldin, crime against nature; Jasper Thomas, abandonment; Fred Cash, larceny and receiving; Floyd McPhail, abandonment; Everett C. Rouse, abandonment and non-support; R. H. Collier, assault; W. D. (Gode) Matthews, perjury.

Tuesday, June 29

James McLean et al, murder; J. P. Gibson, A. D. W.; Daniel Darrach et al, manslaughter; Mrs. Willoch Hayes, perjury; Minson McLamb, assault, profanity; Thurman Bryant et al, assault and public drunkenness; Thurman Bryant et al, attempt to bribe state witness; David Anderson, A. D. W., etc.; William McNeill, C. C. W., D. & D., resisting arrest; Buddy Pope, A. D. W., etc.; Judson Hodges et al, larceny and receiving.

Wednesday, June 30

Dannie Jaggors, V. P. L.; A. E. Jaggors, V. P. L.; Cleo Pillion, secret assault; Lannie V. Davis, F. & A.; Lola Mae Reaves, prostitution; Ed Elliott, peeping; Mankie Hodges, disorderly conduct, profanity; Jodie Howard, V. P. L.; James H. Driver, operating auto while intoxicated and without brakes; Johnnie Marvin Smith, operating auto while intoxicated; William H. Beard, Jr., operating auto while intoxicated.

Thursday, July 1

Coy T. Lucas, burglary; George Carlyle, store breaking and larceny; Lottie Morgan, operating auto while intoxicated, (failure to comply with judgment of court); Percy Guins, assault on a female; Slim Moses Williams, operating auto while intoxicated; James Charles Blug, speeding; Ralph Johnson et al, store breaking and larceny; Marion Lee Ivey, assault; Billie McNeill, larceny; Frank A. Sanders, operating auto while intoxicated and after license revoked; B. E. Westbrook, operating auto while intoxicated and without license.

Friday, July 2

Nathan Layton, public drunkenness; Jasper Bryant, operating auto while intoxicated; James McArtan, operating auto while intoxicated; Alberta McLean, V. P. L.; Paul Thomas et al, secret assault; Leon L. Lam (Continued on page ten)

Gubernatorial Contenders



CHARLES M. JOHNSON



W. KERR SCOTT

State Treasurer Johnson and former Agricultural Commissioner Scott are seeking a decision from the voters as to which will occupy the Governor's office for the next four years. Mr. Johnson was the leader in the primary May 29, but there were around 100,000 votes cast for the other four candidates.

School Building Is Near Million Mark

VFW DANCE AND BEAUTY CONTEST FRIDAY, JULY 2

MAIN STREET IN LILLINGTON TO BE SCENE OF THIRD ANNUAL AFFAIR; MUSIC BY BRIAR-HOPPER AND DIXIE DUDES

Promising to be a bigger event than ever staged before, the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Lillington are making plans for their Third Annual Street Dance on Friday night, July 2nd. Commander Billy Sexton of the local V. F. W. Post states that the fun will begin at 8:00 o'clock and continue right through until midnight. Main Street is to be the floor for round dancing, jitterbugging, square dancing, cake walking, and beauty contests. "There will not be an idle moment in the whole four hours," promises Commander Sexton. Harnett county folks will witness the crowning of Miss VFW of 1948. The public is to vote for the girl whom they think ought to be queen. The cutest baby is to be selected by vote also.

Music for the big celebration is to be furnished by one of the state's most popular square dance bands, Homer A. Briarhopper and His Dixie Dudes. Mr. Briarhopper broadcasts over WPTF each morning at 6:30 o'clock, and has played in hundreds of public performances throughout the state.

The vets have been given some (Continued on page ten)

Four Amendments Ready For North Carolina Voters

When the 1947 General Assembly closed the books and went home, they left behind them four of the nicest amendments ever proposed for the state constitution. The voters of North Carolina will have to say "yes" or "no" to them next November when they are placed before them to be voted upon.

The value of the amendments are doubtful; all are debatable. Voters can take either the positive or negative positions, but for Mr. John Q. Public as a whole the negative side may be weighty. There may be some virtue in the amendment calling for a rise in tax levy for general county purposes.

The amendments, briefly, are: (1) provides for a majority of votes cast instead of requiring a majority of the registered voters to carry a bond issue and a special tax election. In that amendment, the stay-at-homers on elections of the sort defined in the amendment would not be considered negative votes. (2) raise the limit for levies for general county purposes from the present 15-cent level to 25 cents on each \$100 val-

COUNTY SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS IN MODEL BLDG.

BULE'S CREEK AND SHAWTOWN SCHOOLS BIGGEST ITEMS IN \$750,000 BOND ISSUE FOR NEW PLANTS

Harnett county's school building program soared near the million-dollar mark last week when approximately seventy thousand dollars in new building was contracted for in the Dunn elementary school. Not all of this, however, came from the \$750,000 bond issue voted by the county; some of it had accumulated during the war years when practically all types of building ceased except defense work.

All of the county's units have benefited by the bond vote; most of them have received new buildings, or additions to usable structures. The improvements in each unit had been approved by local trustee boards as the most pressing need in their local school situation.

The largest expenditures in the building program came through the erection of the new Bule's Creek school, a handsome structure costing \$215,000, and almost completed for the fall term. Shawtown school had \$118,890 spent for additional buildings, and through such secured a splendid school auditorium.

Oddly enough over one-third of the total outlay of \$909,956.33 was spent on new gymnasiums and teach-

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BIG VOTE IS EXPECTED ON SATURDAY

JOHNSON-SCOTT CONTEST WILL ATTRACT MANY THOUSANDS TO THE POLLS ON JUNE 29TH

Saturday, June 28th, will decide the political fate, at least for a time, of six men running for high state and national offices. The deep interest manifest in the election by the voters of North Carolina has been intensified by numerous press statements, advertisements, and radio announcements as the day draws nearer.

In the first primary 423,125 registered voters cast their ballots in the governor's race, which was, incidentally, high vote for the offices sought. Charles M. Johnson came out on top with W. Kerr Scott trailing in second place. These men are counting on their original supporters to stand by them, and are working ardently for the votes that the other four gubernatorial aspirants received. The Mayne Albright vote is the biggest object sought; the young contender in the trailer tallied over seventy-five thousand Tar Heel votes.

However, no less than \$29,179 registered voters in both parties did not vote at all during the first primary, and Johnson and Scott have in that number over five hundred thousand Democrats to coax to the polls. In that huge block of previously uninterested voters lies the key to the title of Governor that could be applied to either man.

W. Kerr Scott carried Harnett county by a big majority. The Albright vote which almost equaled Johnson's will be the plum both will endeavor to pluck.

An unusual amount of name-calling and mud-slinging has developed in the last days; a practice to be regretted but hard to curb. Most of this has come from supporters of both men, but the contenders have not checked or rebuffed it, and the public feels that the tactics are generally approved by Scott and Johnson.

The race for the house of representatives has been about the average in regular elections; both A. L. Overby and Howard A. Parker are appealing to the Harnett voters on the basis of their ability, and promise. Overby was second man in the first primary, and hesitated to call for another election. However, since deciding to try once more for the majority vote, he has not ceased (Continued on page ten)

Thirty Teachers Needed in County

The annual teacher vacancy in Harnett county is not as pronounced this year as it was last year, but at least 30 teachers are needed to fill the existing agencies. This number is about fifty per cent the number of vacancies reported at this date last year.

No vacancies are listed in the colored schools; they are all in the white institutions. In fact, a long list of teachers are on hand awaiting openings among the colored.

Harnett county gained eight new teachers under the new schoolroom allotment, and this adds more to the shortage of teachers than it did for 1947-48.

Superintendent of Schools C. Reid Ross hopes to have the required number of instructors on hand before the opening date of the next term.

Lillington Schedules Games For Week-end

This Saturday the Lillington baseball team, sponsored by the VFW, plays Linden at Linden at 3:30 o'clock. On Sunday Godwin plays Lillington on the local diamond at 3:00 o'clock. Commander Billy Sexton of the local VFW post is urging local fans to attend the games and support the home team.

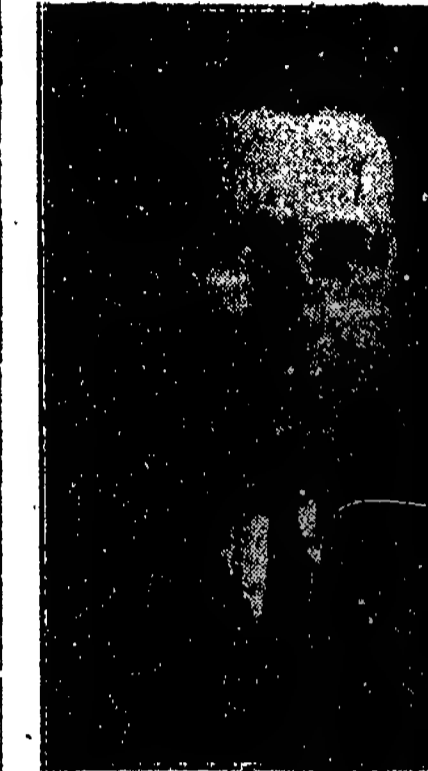
The Lillington nine won one game over the week-end, and lost one. The Pea Ridge ball club journeyed to the countyseat on Saturday and were soundly swamped by the Lillington team, 8-0. However, on Sunday they came back to win over the victors at Pea Ridge by the tune of 8-3.

WINS PRIZE OF \$25 IN RADIO CONTEST

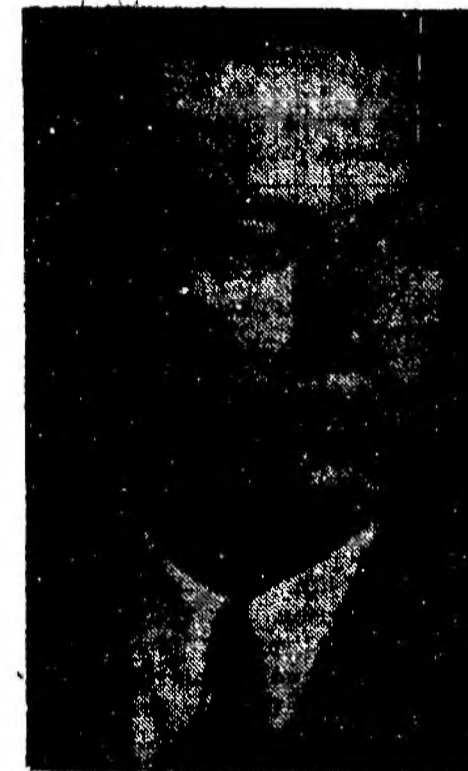
Miss Mae Nordan of Lillington R-2 recently won \$25 in a radio contest in which she was to answer true or false question. The contest was sponsored by a soap powder concern.

Farmers Asked To Register Approval At Saturday's Polls

Fighting It Out For Congress



ERTEL CARLYLE



HARGROVE BELLAMY

Mr. Carlyle, of Lumberton, and Mr. Bellamy, of Wilmington, are seeking the favor of over 10,000 voters who cast ballots for Bob Young of Dunn in the May 29 primary, for the Seventh District Congressman. Mr. Carlyle was leader in the first primary, but there are plenty of Young votes, if they favor Bellamy, to make him a winner.

Get 'er Ready

The State motor vehicle inspection lane is set up in Lillington, and the inspectors are anxiously looking for your special model to visit them before Thursday, July 1st. It has to be done, ladies and gentlemen, and the ordeal is not as gruesome as some have described it. In fact the inspectors are courteous, pleasant, helpful, and considerate. If your car can chug through the lane, better bring 'er in, and get it over with. If the boys are extra busy, you can look over the new Ford while awaiting your turn. Oh yes, the lane is on J Street, near the Northam Motor Company.

Thursday's Storm Destroys Valuable Stock

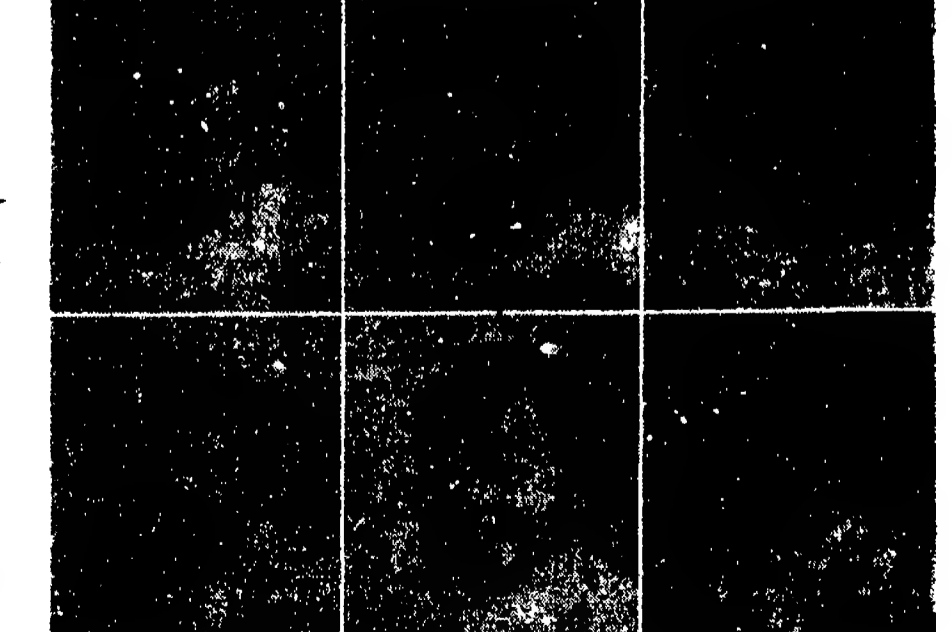
The severe rain and wind storm of June 17 brought a heavy loss to the farm of Mrs. Cora Collins, R-3, Lillington, when a bolt of lightning killed two mules, and injured a horse. The stock was in the barn at the time; the horse being in the center stall. About an hour after the storm had subsided, the occupants of the farm went out to the barn and found the animals. Both mules were dead, but the horse was alive. The animal lost the sense of hearing, and appeared to be injured about the neck.

At least thirty neighbors gave the Collins a hand in disposing of the dead bodies.

Not A Break!

Over in the home of L. B. McLean, the whole bloom-in' family starts in September to get set for five straight months of birthdays. There are only five McLeans altogether, but their birthdays run like this: Ethel E.—October 15, Dad—November 20, Mother—December 20, Willie Grace—January 3, and Neil A.—February 21. "The next one surely would have picked March," chuckled the county service officer.

"Citizens of Tomorrow"



Top Row: Ernest, age 6 1/2 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Simmons, Lillington; David, age 4 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrington, Lillington; Ginger Sue, age 5 1/2 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Curran, Lillington, Route 3. Bottom Row: Diana, age 15 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown, Lillington; Debra, age 7 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Porter, Lillington, Route 3; Lynda, age 2 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gossett, Lillington.

WAREHOUSE FOR SEASON FINISHED BY BUILDERS

MANY ADVANTAGES OF NEW HARNETT MARKET IN DUNN INCLUDE A SHORTER ROUTE, BETTER FACILITIES

The city of Dunn has been planning a tobacco market for the thousands of farmers in Harnett county, and adjacent areas near Dunn, for some time. It began to take form this spring when Emmett C. Edgerton and Clarence Lee Tart, both prominent businessmen, started the erection of two big warehouses to accommodate the anticipated market.

The warehouses are spacious enough, containing about 100,000 square feet of floor space, to handle over one million pounds of the golden leaf each sales day. The buildings are considered the largest of their kind in the county.

Mr. Buck Curran of Angier has leased the property, and is getting the necessary equipment, and help ready for the Eastern Belt's opening date. Mr. Curran is a veteran tobacco man; the enterprise should be a decided success under his capable direction.

While the warehouse end of the market is substantially settled, the farmers in surrounding Harnett who have been going elsewhere to sell, are being asked this coming Saturday if they think that the Dunn Market will fulfill their wishes for a selling place in the county.

The advantages of Dunn as a warehouse area are easily noticed. The city lies closer to nine hundred square miles of farmlands, mostly in Harnett county, than any of the competitive markets nearby. This is the first and foremost reason for Harnett county farmers to drive to Dunn with their crop this season.

In that thirty mile square closer to Dunn lies some of Carolina's best tobacco land. Millions of pounds are raised yearly in the Angier-Mamers-Lillington-Bunnlevel section. All of these farms are on the Dunn border. To provoke an influx of nearby farmers to try the Dunn market this year, and find satisfaction in the methods and prices there, may mean a return with many new sellers beyond those sections near Dunn.

Good roads lead into the town of Dunn, which are vital to the farmer seeking a market. Highways 421, 301 and 55 transverse the business area. Beyond these many hard-surfaced roads connect the county's smaller villages to the main roads.

Another outstanding advantage to the tobacco market is the vigorous business district of the city. The business area is filled with some of the finest establishments in the state. Outstanding department, furniture, hardware, feed, automotive, grocery and drug stores serve the public. Two strong banks are in the city. Practically every need a shop-

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MONUMENT HAS OVER 50 NAMES

July 1 Is Deadline For Names On Memorial For Court House Lawn

The local veteran's office for Harnett county has compiled a list of over fifty names of heroes who died in action during the Spanish-American, World War I, and World War II conflicts, and preparations are being made to install them permanently on the Memorial Monument to be erected on the court house lawn.

Of the fifty names listed so far, only seven are from World War I, and there are none from the war with Spain. One colored hero is included in the list.

All Harnett county men or women who died in action in those wars, whether white or colored, are being sought, and efforts have been made to get every name either by direct contact, mail, or other information. July 1st is the final date; the \$5,000 memorial is in the making, and the names will be given over as of that Thursday.

Special effort should be exercised by friends or relatives of men who ought to be honored by the bronze plaque to have their names in the veteran's office as soon as possible.