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

Harnett White Schools Have Two Opening Day Choices

DISTRICTS CAN OPEN AUGUST 24 OR SEPTEMBER 1

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS CAD COLLINS, LILLINGTON R-3, AS COUNTY ATTENDANCE OFFICER

The Harnett County Board of Education, composed of Chairman Sidney G. Thomas, Broadway, W. M. Pearson, Chalybeate Springs, Charles U. Skinner, Dunn, W. E. Nichols, Coats, and W. A. Johnson, Lillington, met in the county offices of the board on the evening of July 13 to consider the opening dates for the 1948-49 school term, and other major items of school business.

After a thorough discussion of the rural problems in relation to the school opening, the board decided to set two optional dates, August 24 and September 1, for the white schools, and allow each district to select the date best suited for their local situation.

No doubt the busy tobacco season near the end of August will influence some to wait until the first of September. The season is earlier this year than last year, and some farmers may hope to clean up their fields before the summer is past. The prolongation of the summer vacation will help to accomplish that.

The colored schools of the county are to open on September 7th.

All of the schools will observe the following holidays: Thanksgiving, 2 days, November 28th and 29th; Christmas, 7 school days beginning on December 18th and ending December 29th; and Easter Monday.

The board received the resignation of Mr. E. H. Bost of Erwin who has been chairman of the Erwin School Board for 29 years. Pressing duties at the Erwin Mills where Mr. Bost is general manager was given as the main reason for the resignation, although Mr. Bost wished a younger man to serve as school committee.

Following the acceptance of the resignation, the board passed the following resolution commending Mr. Bost for his long and efficient service: Resolved, that the Board of Education wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Bost for the fine and efficient manner in which he has served Erwin Schools in particular and the county schools in general as chairman of the Erwin School District Committee for a period of 29 years. Mr. Bost's leadership in this field of service has been outstanding.

Mr. Z. E. Matthews was appointed to take Mr. Bost's place in the Erwin District.

The board appointed as attendance officer for the coming year, Mr. Cad G. Collins, Lillington R-3. With about six weeks remaining in the summer vacation, most of the county's schools are staffed and ready for the opening date. Some of the building program finds several unfinished structures, and some schools may re-open with construction work still in progress.

In Lillington, the new gymnasium foundation and floor has been laid and brickwork about to begin. It is a question whether the building will be completed and equipped before school opens, but it should be ready for the basketball season late in the fall.

JOHN W. OUSLEY RECEIVES DEGREE

Bule's Creek Native Has Been Professor of Bible at Baylor University in Texas

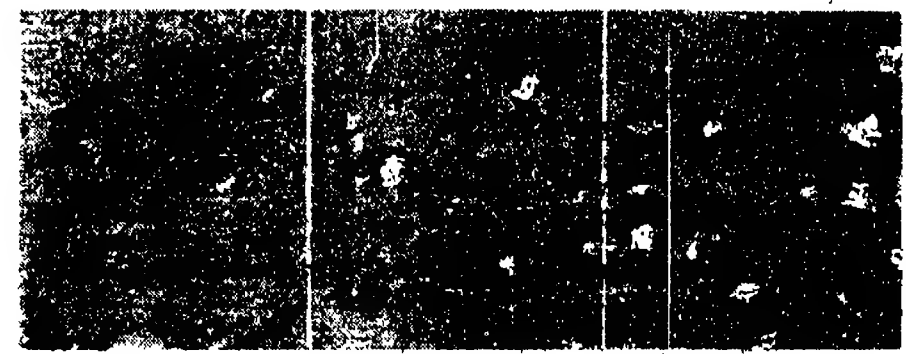
Professor John W. Ousley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ousley of Bule's Creek was awarded the Doctor of Theology degree at exercises held at the Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, on July 15th. Mr. Ousley is the associate professor of Bible in one of the south's largest schools, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

He graduated from Campbell College, and received a bachelor of Science degree at Wake Forest in 1936. For two years following, he taught high school and pastored churches in North Carolina.

In 1938, at attended the seminary, and in 1942 received his master of theology degree. Since 1945 Mr. Ousley has been with the University. Pastorates held in Texas were at Kerens and Glen Rose.

Mrs. Ousley is the former Erkane McCormack of Kansas City, Mo., and they have two sons, John Mack, 5, and Robert Wayne, 3.

"Citizens of Tomorrow"



Charles, age 18 months, Rudy, age 4 years, children of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Matthews, Lillington; Emily, age 6 years; Leo, Jr., age 12 years, children of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kelly, Lillington; Melvin, age 11 years, Doris, age 12 years, children of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wimberley, Angier.

HARNETT COUNTY IS NOT IN POLIO EPIDEMIC AREA

DISEASE HIT AN ALL-TIME HIGH IN 1935 WHEN SEVENTEEN CASES WERE REPORTED TO HEALTH AUTHORITIES

The polio epidemic, which is confined to central North Carolina, has not made any headway in Harnett county so far this year. To date there are two cases reported to the county health officer. This figure is below average for the county.

Cases by years as reported in the county over a fifteen year period are as follows: 1934—0, 1935—17, 1936—0, 1937—3, 1938—1, 1939—0, 1940—1, 1941—1, 1942—1, 1943—0, 1944—6, 1945—2, 1946—2, 1947—7, and so far 1948—2. Since 1934 there has been a total of 43 cases, or an average of about 3 per year. Thirty of these cases were in three years, 1935, 1944, and 1947.

According to the health authorities, however, every precaution is to be exercised, as if the disease were epidemic here. The picture can change over night, and tomorrow may see a rise in cases.

On Friday of this week, Dr. W. B. Hunter is planning to attend a special school on polio at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Experts from the national foundation will conduct the courses.

Sheriff Salmon Busy With Week-end Raids

The week-end proved a busy one for Sheriff Bill Salmon and his deputies as they rounded up several bootleggers and violators of the dry law in North Carolina. Johnny Morgan, colored, started most of the happening, when the sheriff found him possessing ten gallons of whiskey for sale in his home near Lillington.

Picked up with Morgan were Toby Murchison, caught transporting liquor into Morgan's yard; Murph McLaughlin and Caddie Bailey Spencer, both were charged with possession for purpose of sale.

Meanwhile along with the sheriff enjoying an unusually active period, was State Patrolman H. J. Hunt, who made eight arrests for drunken driving, and recovered one stolen automobile.

Game Commission Abolishes Lay Days In Entire State

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at a recent two-day meeting in Raleigh voted to abolish lay days during the 1948-49 hunting season. A lay day was a day in which certain game could not be hunted, and each county had widely divergent dates which they enforced. The abolition of this idle day means that North Carolina hunters can hunt game in every county of the state during the hunting season on the state-wide hunting licenses purchased.

"The abolition of lay days on all species of game," Executive Director Clyde P. Patton said, "was done to accomplish a three-fold purpose. By applying to the entire state, the ruling on removing lay days eliminates discrimination by permitting all who buy a state-wide license to hunt in all counties on any day of the season. Their application to all game species will make possible more effective and efficient law enforcement. The removal of lay days can be proven biologically sound as a conservative measure."

The commission believes that all North Carolina sportsmen should have an equal opportunity to hunt regardless of place of residence.

The 1948-49 hunting regulations of interest to Harnett sportsmen are as follows:

Quail—November 25 to January

FUQUAY LEAF BUYERS WANT EARLY OPENING

TRI-COUNTY MEETING OF FARMERS AND WAREHOUSEMEN ASK THAT SEVERAL NEARBY MARKETS BE PUT IN EASTERN BELT

A determined group of representatives from four tobacco markets that border the Eastern Carolina belt, but are in the Middle Belt, met recently in Sanford and are now agitating for the replacement of their market designations.

The four markets which believe that they need to be classified with the Eastern Belt are Aberdeen, Carthage, Sanford, and Fuquay-Varina. They base their contentions on (1) approximate ripening season with Eastern Belt areas, (2) unnecessary and expensive transportation of tobacco to markets by farmers in their area, (3) unfair loss of the best primings to other markets, (4) similarity of soil content with other Eastern belt land, (5) closeness of Eastern markets to the four petitioning markets, (6) the early open will eliminate a yearly tobacco glut in other markets; and (7) the present tobacco belt borders in the petitioning area are obsolete, and not correctly drawn in accordance with time changes.

The leaf men have petitioned Hon. James E. Thigpen, chief of the Tobacco section; Congressman C. B. Deane and Harold Cooley; Senators Clyde R. Hoey and William B. Umstead, and the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

The Fuquay-Varina Market is now classified in the Middle Belt which plans to open on September 2nd. The Eastern Belt is opening on August 19th, and Fuquay-Varina had a competitive market only 25 miles away opening on that date. Numerous tobacco growers carry their leaf to the Border Belt too, all of which means a loss to the Fuquay-Varina warehouses.

Local men attending the Sanford meeting were: L. H. Beck, S. A. Yancey, W. M. Talley, and Walter H. Paramore, sales supervisor of the Fuquay market.

WEEK-END GUEST
Miss Grace Beckwith of Fayetteville was the guest of Miss Cleta Nell Wilborn last week-end.

TRUMAN-BARKLEY TEAM MAY NOT IMPRESS HARNETT

CIVIL RIGHTS QUESTION IS CAUSE FOR MAJOR CONCERN IN RANKS OF SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS IN DIXIE STATES

The ponderous vote given President Harry S. Truman and Senator Allen W. Barkley for the presidential and vice-presidential selection of the Democratic Party at the recent convention may not be heavy when the rank and file of voters cast their ballots for the next president of the United States next November.

The civil rights plank in the party platform may cost the Democrats the control of the nation. Modestly interpreted it sought to extend certain social privileges to the colored race which have never been given to them throughout the southland because the social economy of the area worked best with the present status quo. Most southerners interpret the plank with more keen foresight, and assume that it may mean the absolute breakdown of social barriers in the course of time.

The Republicans have a civil rights plank in their platform too, but it is considered more mild than the Democratic one, and does give the states much to say on the question. The Democrats made it a complete federal problem, and the federal government is supposed to be the only agent to enact and enforce the laws which may spring from the plank.

Following the nomination of Truman and Barkley, many local people were unsparring in their condemnation of the delegates who, to their way of thinking, blindly severed the legs from the democratic donkey and left it to die a political death along the national roadside.

Not a few have lost faith altogether in victory this coming November, and are asserting their intention to vote Republican. If general conversation will bear its fruit, it can be expected that Harnett will have an all time low in Democratic votes this fall.

The News has asked several local opinions, and oddly enough everyone can predict the downfall of the party next November, and all have said it with no sweet sounding words for the present national ticket.

Some may vote for whomsoever is chosen by the insurgent Democrats in Dixie who are planning to place some southern representative in the presidential race. This action will tend to split the Democratic ranks even more, especially in the tier of so-called "deep south" states. It is not expected of many democrats to vote for the Wallace ticket.

The Democrats will once more be under the leadership of J. Howard McGrath of Philadelphia who engineered the Truman victory last week. It will be his unpleasant task to iron out some of the wrinkles in the Democratic fold.

Boone Trail Elects R. G. Banks Principal

At a meeting of the Boone Trail District Committee Wednesday evening, July 14th, Mr. R. G. Banks was elected district principal.

Mr. Banks has been serving as principal at Alliance, North Carolina. He is 38 years old and a graduate of Atlantic Christian College. He is a member of the Christian Church. He is married and the father of three children. His wife was Miss Ruth Carr, sister of the former Miss Naomi Carr who served as Home Agent in Harnett a few years ago, and of Mr. G. P. Carr, present principal of the Angier School.

Mr. Banks comes to the county highly recommended as a successful school man. The Boone Trail District Committee, composed of Mr. J. K. Stewart, Mr. Bruce Ray, Mr. J. R. Patterson, Mr. Herman Stewart and Mr. C. E. McCormick, feels that it is fortunate in securing Mr. Banks as principal of Boone Trail.

Dunn FCX Service In New Store Building

After several weeks of preparation, the Dunn FCX Service has moved into their new headquarters on North Clifton Street, Dunn, and are thoroughly equipped. To serve their large Harnett county clientele, the modern store is of concrete and brick construction. Spacious display windows cover the front of the building. Floor space in the structure measures 6,000 square feet.

Mr. R. G. Godwin, manager, has been pleased with the warm response of his friends toward the new location, and enlarged facilities. With Mr. Godwin in the firm are: David E. Wise, Mrs. E. H. Godwin, Dallas Warren, and J. C. Lee.

The FCX Service not only handles seeds and feeds but also electric appliances and household goods.

Contract Is Awarded For Lillington Street Paving

BOOKS CLEAR AS THREE-WEEK COURT CLOSURES

CLOSING DAYS OF SPECIAL COURT INVOLVED MAINLY WITH PLEAS FOR LENIENCY; NEILL ROSS FOUND NOT GUILTY

The special term of criminal court in Harnett county, which attracted state-wide interest in several cases, came to a close on Friday evening, July 16, with practically every case cleared or removed from the docket. It had been anticipated that the term might go beyond the 15 days but the presiding judge stepped up the tempo during the last week.

This marks the close of the spring term; one that was as crowded as any term could be. Some cases were over a year old, and had been shifted up for several times.

One case of unusual interest involved Neill Ross of Lillington charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages. He ran into the rear of a car driven by Mr. J. C. Bullock of Lillington on the night of March 6, 1948. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty of this charge.

Other cases occupying the closing days of court were:

Sanford Snead, murder, defendant sentenced to state prison for a term of 5 to 7 years, suspended and placed on probation for 5 years upon condition that Snead pay 1-2 cost of court by July 17, and balance before January term of court.

Johanne Marvin Smith, operating auto while intoxicated, not pros.

Bernice Moore and Hugh Moore, larceny and receiving, pleaded guilty, sentenced to jail for 30 days, suspended for 2 years on condition that the defendant pay cost before November term and remain of good behavior.

Paul Thomas, Junior Curris, and Lonnie Colville; Thomas pleaded guilty to secret assault, 60 days, suspended upon condition he pay \$100 on cost and balance before September court, and \$100 to Hubert McAuley, and keep peace.

Dannie Jagers and A. E. Jagers, violating prohibition laws, pleaded not guilty, found guilty, 2 years for husband and 1 year for wife.

R. B. Jackson, Dusty Lambert, Donald A. Dyer, S. D. Bradford, Wilford Matthews, and Paul Godwin, gambling, found not guilty.

Jasper Thomas, abandonment, not pros.

Lonnie Davis, adultery, given two years on road, appealed to Supreme Court.

L. L. Lambert, worthless checks, given two years on road, suspended upon payment of costs and adjustments for checks issued, placed on probation for 2 years.

The court is to be commended for clearing up a docket of extraordinary proportions. The next term will convene the first Monday in September for the usual one week of criminal cases.

Repeat Warning!

We can't help but repeat this tasty morsel of news again. The inspection lanes will be right here in Lillington again on August 7 through August 14th, and they will set up just for you. Tempos tight, or something like that; anyway time is flying and that car of yours has to have the blue seal by the first day of next year. All jalopies before 1938, and all 1938, 1947, and 1948 models go under the eyes of the inspectors before Aug. 31.

And The Rains Came

One man's version for the continued dry spell in Harnett county was that "there was too much cussin' in the court house," and the Lord was bypassing this place. Anyway just as the special criminal court was about to do its swan song, the rains came, and there was happiness on Harnett's hundreds of tobacco farms. We can't say who did most of "the cussin'" during the recent trials, but county lawyers please take notice and refrain forthwith during dry weather at least.

MOTORISTS ARE HURRYING CARS TO INSPECTION

Sensing that thousands of motorists would be entering the year 1949 without the state inspection seal upon their cars, the Department of Motor Vehicles issued a new set of rules which they hoped would speed up the inspection, and do justice to the motorists as well.

The rules cataloged each model car in certain date limits, and gave every model from 1936 up a closing date for inspection. Of course some have longer periods to get ready such as 1941 models which do not have to show the sticker until December 31st, but that date is not too far away even now and owners of that year's model should be preparing for that time.

According to the vehicle department, the new rules have brought a more steady flow of cars to the lanes, and a decided increase in the number inspected. The figures have doubled since July 5, when the order went into effect, and over one-third of the state's cars have been inspected so far.

The state's lanes are handling about 3,000 cars a day, which is just about 1500 more than they handled previously. Every one of the state's 34 stations have shown this increase.

At present all models up to and including 1936, and all 1947 and 1948 models must be inspected by August 31st. This may include the largest number of cars since many are driving cars before the year 1936 model.

During Lillington's last inspection period only 287 cars trickled through the inspection lane, or about 28 per day. This number was considered very low for Harnett county.

The new requirements, which carry law violations if not met by the first of the year, stipulate that:

1. All motor vehicles of year models up to and including 1936 and models 1947 and 1948 must be inspected by August 31.

2. Year models 1937 and 1946 must be inspected by September 30.

3. Models 1938, 1939, 1943, 1941, and 1945 must be inspected by October 31.

4. Models 1940, and 1942 must be inspected by November 30.

5. Models 1941 and 1945 must be checked by December 31.

O'QUINN CHILD IN HOSPITAL

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. O'Quinn was taken to Highsmith Hospital Sunday. Her case was diagnosed as influenza.

WORK SHOULD BE STARTED BY AUGUST 1

PRESENT STREETS DEPLORABLE WITH RUTS AND BUMPS; LOCAL RESIDENTS SEE RELIEF FROM DUST AND DIRT

On Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, the town commissioners met in the town hall, and opened the bids for paving the streets of Lillington. It was found that Zeligler-Kline of Fayetteville was low bidder, and he was awarded the contract.

Only three contractors placed bids for the huge paving project. The bidders and their amounts are as follows: Ballenger Paving Co., \$76,806.22; A. J. White, \$74,921.40; and Zeligler-Kline, \$67,452.13.

The contractor will be allowed ten days to furnish bond, and will be notified by letter if the bond is acceptable. Ninety days are allowed for the paving project to be completed. This means that the work should be underway by August 1st, and about completed by November 1st.

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