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

Good Will Days Are Here Again

7 Murder Cases Left On Docket For Nov. Criminal Court Term

4-DAY SESSION TAKES 28 CASES OFF OF DOCKET

LARGE NUMBER OF "HEAVY" CASES REMAIN FOR TRIAL; ONLY ONE MORE REGULAR CRIMINAL TERM THIS YEAR

If no other murders occur in Harnett county before the convening of the November criminal term, seven of such charges will be listed on the calendar for that term. This number was left over after the four-day session last week. The November term will be the last for criminal trials this year unless a special term is called.

Solicitor Jack Hooks has given no intimation of intention to ask for a special term.

The seven murder cases left over last week include the case of Mrs. Ruth Howell, who shot her husband to death. She is still in State Hospital, and medical authorities seem to think she may become a permanent patient there.

The murder charges also include the cases of Worth Weaver, Lewis Wilburn, James Greig, Sam P. Canady, Emma McLeod, Ransom Tyn-dall. True bills were returned by the Grand Jury against all of these.

Judge Burgwyn directed a verdict of not guilty in the case of James and Lilly McLean, charged with murder; but James McLean was given four months on the roads for assault on a female.

Other charges against defendants whose trials were left over for the November term include assault, reckless driving, larceny, rape, burglary, drunken driving, housebreaking, abandonment, etc.

After The News went to press last week, the following cases were disposed of before the court adjourned for the term Friday:

Cleo Moore pleaded nolo contendere on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon. He was given 18 months, suspended upon payment of \$500 into court, and good behavior. After court costs are paid, the remainder goes into the school fund.

Marion B. Zollocoffer was charged with hit and run driving, but the Grand Jury failed to find a true bill.

William H. Beard, Jr., was found not guilty of operating an automobile while intoxicated.

For operating an automobile while intoxicated, Jasper Bryant was ordered to pay \$100 and cost.

The court directed a verdict of not guilty in the case of John W. Bentley, charged with driving with improper brakes.

A mistrial was ordered in the case of Herman Barefoot, charged with assault on a female.

Found guilty of public drunkenness, Charlie Aycock, Jr. was fined \$10 and cost.

Warren G. Tarr was given 6 months suspended sentence for being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest. He is to pay \$200 and cost.

Jack Hugh Hines was given 6 months suspended sentence and placed on probation for two years after being found guilty of stealing an automobile.

Solicitor Hooks was detained in Sanford court till Wednesday, and during his absence Attorneys Everett Dofferymyre of Dunn and L. M. Chaffin of Lillington prosecuted the docket.

The court did not convene till Tuesday morning, and considering the fact that the term lasted only four days, the 28 cases disposed of represented four days of fast work. The docket is still rather heavily loaded, however, for the coming November term, at which the resident Judge, Clawson L. Williams of Sanford, is expected to preside.

LEAVES FOR LENOIR RHYNE

Mr. Jennings Fulley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Fulley of Bule's Creek left last week for Lenoir Rhyne College.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Harold Smith, son of Mr. and E. B. Smith, has entered Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., where he will begin his studies for this year.

Service Ended

With the adjournment of the September criminal term of Superior Court last week, nine of the 18 Grand Jurors completed their 12 months service and are automatically relieved from further duty.

The nine are: Kyle Harrington, foreman; Claude Lucas, Jr., C. W. Howard, Elton Warren, Hector L. Mason, C. H. Hood, W. A. Cameron, Samuel Brown and Earl Spivoy.

The nine remaining on the Grand Jury to serve till next May term are: J. C. Broadway, Graham Prince, D. E. Woodley, C. N. Wilson, M. E. Fish, Edwin Williams, Mytes Tilghman, W. E. Temple, Jr., and W. H. Sanford.

Nine new Jurors will be selected at the November term.

REVIVAL BEGINS AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

HOME-COMING OBSERVANCE WILL BE OBSERVED SUNDAY ALSO;

PARSONAGE NOTE TO BE BURNED

Dr. Sam Maxwell, widely-known pastor of the Oxford Methodist Church will be the guest minister at a series of revival services at the Lillington Methodist Church which begin next Sunday and last through the following Sunday evening. The services will be held each evening at 7:30 and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Rev. W. A. Tew, pastor of the church, in announcing the revival services stated that he was highly pleased in being able to secure Dr. Maxwell to preach. Dr. Maxwell is considered an outstanding preacher and his appearance here will no doubt draw a large congregation to each of the services.

The local Methodist have also scheduled next Sunday as the day for their Homecoming. Rev. Walter Neill McDonald, a native of Lillington, will preach the Homecoming sermon Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

A large number of members of the church who have moved away are expected to attend this Homecoming observance.

At the Homecoming the Methodist have planned to burn the note on the new parsonage to celebrate the final payment of all debts against the handsome brick structure erected adjacent to the church.

Following the Homecoming service a picnic dinner will be served on the church grounds at 12:30.

CHENAULTS RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Chenault of Bule's Creek, returned home last week from a three weeks' visit at Mr. Chenault's former home, Benton, Illinois. Previous to his moving to Bule's Creek, Mr. Chenault was a banker in Benton where he now owns several oil wells.

Auto Inspection Lane To Visit Lillington Again Next Friday

This is a reminder to all owners of motor vehicles, and it may be taken as a solemn warning to owners of models of 1937 and 1946.

The inspection lane operating in Harnett and Sampson counties will be in Lillington next week, set up and ready to make inspections in the block on J street facing Northam Motor Company.

The warning indicated to owners of 1937 and 1946 model cars comes direct from the schedule laid down by the Department of Motor Vehicles, which stipulates that all such cars must be inspected by September 30.

The lane operating here beginning next Thursday will remain here for the balance of the month. This will afford all owners of the '37 and '46 models an opportunity to visit the lane before the deadline.

Quite a number of cars of these two models have already been inspected and it is not known how many more remain to pass through the lane.

The lane, of course, will inspect cars of other models for which other dates have been fixed in the schedule. All cars up to 1936, and models 1947 and 1948, were required to be inspected before August 31. Anyone driving one of these models now, without an inspection tag, is liable to arrest.

When the lane was here in August there was quite a rush business done. The inspection crew was kept busy practically all of the time, from morning till night.

Inasmuch as all motor vehicles must be inspected before December 31, there will probably be capacity business for the inspectors from now until the end of the year.

Balance of the schedule reads: Models 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944, and 1945 must be inspected by October 31.

Models 1946 and 1948 must be inspected by November 30.

Models 1947 and 1949 must be checked by December 31.

DUNN MARKET SALES CLIMB TO 4 MILLION MARK

HARNETT FARMERS CONTINUE TO BOOST COUNTY'S ONLY MARKET; MANAGER CURRIN BOOSTS FARM BUREAU

Manager Buck Currin of the Dunn tobacco market, in expressing his appreciation to Harnett farmers for not only bringing their tobacco to the county's only market but generously lending their aid in boosting the market by "talking up for it," announces that sales have reached the four-million mark.

Sanguine predictions earlier in the selling season that the Dunn market would sell six million pounds during the season have now been raised. Observers now believe the total sales may reach up to eight or probably ten million pounds.

County Agent C. R. Ammons tells The News he is confident the market will sell far above six million pounds. This he considers as a fine achievement for a new market.

Considered one of the biggest tasks facing the market at the opening of the season was inducing Harnett farmers to take their tobacco to Dunn. If local farmers could be induced to patronize their own market, Manager Currin said, their action would influence growers in adjoining counties to patronize the Harnett market also.

Manager Currin now believes the bulk of the big task is accomplished. He says Harnett farmers, after endorsing the market at the last May primary by pledging to sell there, have "come across" with all of the cooperation that could be expected of them. Manager Currin is lavish in his praise of local farmers for their help in making the Dunn market a success.

Average prices paid on the Dunn market have "tallied" up with those of the older and bigger markets where high prices have been boasted of through the years.

Manager Currin is now boosting the Farm Bureau. In his advertisement this week he is urging all Harnett farmers to join the Bureau and help it to reach its goal of 1350 new members this year.

To Attend Council

Charles Ross of Lillington is among the representatives and members invited to attend the twelfth annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches at St. Mary's College in Raleigh next week.

Mr. Ross is an official representative for the U. S. Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina. The general session of the Council will be held Tuesday the 21st at 10:30 a. m.

A special session of the North Carolina Council of Church Women, a department of the Council of Churches, will be held Monday the 20th at the United Church, 10:00 a. m. The programs for both meetings will emphasize the spirit of ecumenical Christianity present in the recent World Council in Amsterdam.

Harnett Man Drowned When Boat Overturns

James S. Parrish, 44-year-old white farmer of Angier R-1, was drowned in Dresser's pond on Monday of last week when the boat in which he and two companions were fishing capsized. The companions, Tony and Hubert Johnson, also of Angier R-1, swam to shore.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church at Angier R-1. Officiating were Elder Shepherd Stephenson of Varina, and burial was in the Hunsicker Cemetery near McGee's Crossroads.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Callie McGee Parrish of the home; one son, Earl Parrish of the home; two daughters, Laura Lee and Lena Parrish, both of the home; his mother, Mrs. Lummie A. Parrish of Angier R-1; two brothers, H. J. Parrish of Angier R-1, and W. B. Parrish of Smithfield; and one sister, Mrs. L. T. Ennis of Benson.

Lee County Negro Gets Death Sentence

James Palmer, 55-year-old Lee County Negro farmer and merchant, was sentenced last week in Lee Superior Court to die in the State's gas chamber on October 15 after he was found guilty of murdering Otis McNeill, Negro, last March 15. The dead man's body was found March 20 weighted down in Deep River near Sanford.

Palmer's son, James Jr., tried as accessory, was given 10 years in State Prison.

Attorneys for Palmer gave notice of appeal, and this automatically stays the execution till the case is heard in Superior Court.

The trial ran over into last week, the day following the execution in reaching Harnett county for the September criminal term here.

STREET HARD SURFACING TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

ZIEGLER-CLINE COMPANY TO FINISH JOB OF PLACING 20-FOOT STRIPS ON ALL STREETS OF LILLINGTON

Mayor Charlie Loving tells The News that the Zeigler-Cline Construction Company, contractors for Lillington's street paving, will begin laying the 20-foot strips of "plant mix" tar surfacing on all of the town's unpaved streets this week.

The construction company has been for the past several weeks scarifying and smoothing the streets preparatory to laying the surfacing. A couple of machines have been employed in this preliminary work, and they have just about finished that part of the job.

All but two of the town's streets are 66 feet wide. The narrow ones are Eighth and I which are 49 feet. Front and Main are 100 feet wide and are already paved, being part of the State highway system.

Nine other blocks are already paved also. Three blocks on Ninth street were paved some time ago by the property owners of those blocks.

Recently the Zeigler-Cline Company gave a demonstration of its paving by laying 20-foot strips on six blocks on various streets.

The construction company's machine can lay a dozen or more blocks of paving a day. The contract calls for completion of the entire job by November 1, and Mayor Loving says he is informed by the company that it has plenty of time to finish before the deadline.

A canvass is being made of all property owners in town, with an urgent appeal to pay up in advance the cost of paving streets running by their property. Mayor Loving reports that the biggest meeting with remarkable response.

In order to complete the paving program and provide storm sewers where needed, the town has called for bids for its \$45,000 in bonds authorized by the voters.

A problem has been met in the paving program because of the fact that many trees stand outside property lines; also the telephone and electric poles, and even water hydrants, stand in the right of way of the streets.

Mayor Loving states, however, that this will not interfere with the paving program, which will go forward immediately. Removal of trees, poles and hydrants will be the headache to come when sidewalks and curbs are built.

Merchants Put On Attractive Bids For Trade Sept. 16, 17, 18

A Special Invitation—The Latch String Is Out!



In announcing Good Will Days in Lillington Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, the Retail Trade Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce wishes to emphasize that you are always welcome to "The Town of Good Will." Your visits here are always invited, however, the local merchants are putting forth a special effort to make your visits exceptionally pleasant on the Good Will Days of this week. The friendly Lillington merchants are emphatic in their statement, "Visit Lillington Thursday, Friday and Saturday, you will be glad you came."

Dove Season Opens

The first section of open season for hunting doves begins today (Thursday) and remains open through October 6.

Shooting hours as announced by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission will be from noon to sunset throughout both parts of the split season. The second section of the split season is from January 1, 1949, through January 20, 1949. Each hunter is allowed ten doves in the daily bag or in possession.

Squirrel season is next in line for hunters in this section. The season opens October 15 and runs through January 10, with a daily bag of 8, possession limit of 16, season 100. Only one fox squirrel is permitted in the daily bag, two allowed in the possession limit, and a total of 10 for the season.

John Carroll Brown Takes His Own Life

"A clear case of suicide" was the ruling of Coroner C. B. Allred last Thursday night after he and Sheriff Bill Salmon had investigated Brown's death at his home on the Steinfeld farm near Bunnlevel.

Brown's body was found on his doorstep with a gunshot wound that penetrated the chest and came out through the shoulder. A .12 gauge shotgun was used.

Brown was 33 years old. Coroner Allred estimated that he had been dead a couple of hours before his body was discovered.

THREE SCHOOLS ARE DELAYED

Dunn and Erwin to Open Sept. 20; Bule's Creek, Sept. 20; Polio Scare Still Prevailing

Supt. C. Reid Ross tells The News that the Dunn and Erwin schools, postponed due to the prevalence of polio, are scheduled to open Monday, September 20th and that he anticipates no further delay in the opening. These are two of the largest schools in the county.

Because the finishing touches cannot be put on the new building at Bule's Creek before September 29, that school's opening has been pushed to that date.

Costs school is opening on Wednesday of this week.

All other schools in the county system, both white and colored, have already started on the 1948-49 session.

The case of Dr. C. L. Corbitt of Dunn, who was taken to Rex Hospital last week, has been decided as other than polio.

'MAN ON STREET' QUIZZES WILL BE STAGED DAILY

SECOND GOOD WILL EVENT OF 1948 PROMISES TO BE BIGGER AND BEST YET; BIG VOLUME OF BARGAINS OFFERED

GOOD WILL DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

The merchants of Lillington are looking forward to a very successful Fall Series of Good Will Days. This special bargain event, which will run Thursday through Saturday of this week, will be one of the outstanding events of this type in this section of the country.

The merchants are slashing prices on practically all their merchandise and it will be long remembered as one of the sincerest bargain events, since this is not a clearance sale, but a sensational reduction throughout the town on all current stock merchandise.

In planning this event the merchants wanted to provide something extra to interest their customers. Therefore, the Chamber of Commerce has arranged to conduct "Man on the Street" quizzes, awarding valuable merchandise certificates for correct answers. The quiz will be conducted every day during the Good Will Days at 3 p. m. in the business district.

The certificate awards have been contributed by the merchants and will be redeemable in the contributing merchant's store. These street quizzes will be a unique addition to the bargain event, but will be entertaining as well as profitable to the contestants.

Following Good Will Days in Lillington, "The Town of Good Will," last May, many visitors were heard to express a desire that the merchants repeat the event "often." They gave indication of appreciation for the May event and since that time many people who had not made it a practice to trade here regularly have been seen here very often since.

It is to put a clincher on that good will and encourage frequent visits that the merchants have decided this time to do even better by their Good Will Days customers by offering even rarer bargains.

A glance at the advertisements on the two pages in this issue of The News will prove that the merchants are sincere in what they are trying to do.

Everyone who can by any possible chance visit Lillington on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week will find themselves very profitably benefited.

Coroner Rules Suicide In McNeill's Death

Coroner C. B. Allred ruled "a plain case of suicide" in the death of Octavius McNeill, 58-year-old farmer of Upper Little River township who was found dead last Wednesday on the roadbank in front of his home.

McNeill's body was found at about midnight Wednesday by members of his family when they went to dinner.

He was sitting on the roadbank in front of his home and had shot himself with a 12 gauge shotgun, Allred said. He had apparently been dead about three hours.

The McNeill home is located between Lillington and Broadway near Holly Springs church. Mrs. McNeill said her husband asked her Wednesday morning if she planned to wash or grade tobacco that day. This indicated, she said, that he had planned the suicide and waited for his family to get into the tobacco work.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Holly Springs Baptist church, conducted by Rev. C. E. Ruffin of Broadway, pastor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lula Lockamy; three sons, Carl McNeill of Apex, Glenn and Milton McNeill both of Broadway R-1; three daughters, Mrs. Boush Davis of Durham, Mrs. Allen Edwards and Miss Dora McNeill of Jonesboro Heights Station R-4; nine grandchildren, and three brothers, Curtis McNeill, E. H. McNeill and J. D. McNeill all of Broadway R-1; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Lockamy of Erwin and Mrs. Zelma McNeill of Broadway R-1.

Lillington Cannery Will Finish Vegetable Canning This Month

The Lillington Cannery will complete another vegetable canning season by the end of this month, thus adding approximately 12,000 cans of vegetables and fruits to the food pantries of its 400 patrons.

This amount is less than one-half of the total goods canned during the previous year due to the dry weather in the early part of the vegetable season.

The cannery will operate during the remainder of this month only on Wednesday afternoons, after which it will close until the November to

February canning season. Meat canning will be done on Wednesdays and Fridays during November, December, January and February by appointment only.

The Lillington cannery is one of the most modern equipped canneries in the county, with automatic water injector, stoker, electric chain hoist, steam heater, and electric juicer.

The cannery was originally sponsored by the Lillington Rotary Club and is a part of the school's educational program.