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

## Safety-Minded Group Seeking To Make Thoroughfares Safer

### ALL TOWNSHIPS REPRESENTED ON SAFETY COUNCIL

"SCHOOL CHILD SAFETY" IS FIRST AIM OF COUNCIL; CAPT. JAMES SMITH SPEAKS TO MEETING IN COURTHOUSE

Meeting in the courthouse in Lillington last Friday night for the purpose of perfecting the organization of a Harnett County Safety Council, those present named a representative from each of the county's 13 townships to serve on the Council board.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. C. G. Fields of Angier, who had previously been named as president, and Mr. C. H. Hood, secretary of the Council was on hand to aid in the meeting.

After opening the meeting, Mr. Fields introduced Capt. James R. Smith of the State Highway Patrol, who gave an informative talk concerning the value of Safety Councils in curbing accidents. Capt. Smith stated that since the formation of such a Council in neighboring Cumberland county, that highway accidents and fatalities resulting from such accidents had been drastically reduced. He stated that Cumberland's Council elected to have a civic organization sponsor the safety program for each month in the year. In relating how these safety groups can help keep down accidents and fatalities, Capt. Smith said, "Such groups coordinate the efforts of law enforcing agencies such as Highway Patrol, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and chiefs of police. The Council acts as liaison between the public and law enforcement officers. It gives the public an opportunity to sit in on meetings and voice opinions as to what should be done to curb accidents. The public can make complaints to officers and then follow through at later meetings and see what is being done to check the violations complained against."

Capt. Smith made a strong appeal to the public to cooperate in forming Safety Councils to aid the officers in (Continued on page eight)

## 11,000 N. C. JOBS AT STAKE IN NOV.

Republican Victory Would Give GOP Party Members Crack At N. C. Patronage Jobs

By Julia G. Erwin  
Erwin News Service

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22.—According to the estimates of North Carolina Republican leaders, eleven thousand Federal Government patronage jobs in Tar Heel are at stake in the November general election.

The election of Governor Thomas E. Dewey as the nation's first Republican President since Herbert Hoover would give North Carolina Republican party members a crack at those eleven thousand jobs.

It has been noted in this department before that the new GOP national Committee for North Carolina, J. E. Broyhill, the Lenoir furniture manufacturer, is determined to apply practical and efficient standards in recommending party members for Government jobs if Dewey wins. Mr. Broyhill will recommend no one whom he would be unwilling to hire for his own furniture business. He believes public servants should do an honest day's work every day and earn their salt.

In this connection, GOP leaders also have reached another conclusion. If Dewey becomes President in January, Federal employees thereafter will be required to treat taxpayers courteously, and to exercise this courtesy particularly in writing letters to taxpayers on official matters.

In recent years, the Tar Heel GOP leadership has noted a rather dictatorial, at times high-handed and discourteous attitude on the part of the so-called "Bureaucrat," an attitude that the Government is boasting rather than serving the public.

The entire matter has been brought up in Republican councils and discussed thoroughly. From this has come the policy of courtesy, contingent, of course, upon GOP victory in the national election in November.

As one spokesman put it, "The Republicans expect when they get in power to require all government employees in corresponding with citizens of the United States to write these letters in polite language."

## September Civil Term Called Off; Bar Fixes Oct. Docket

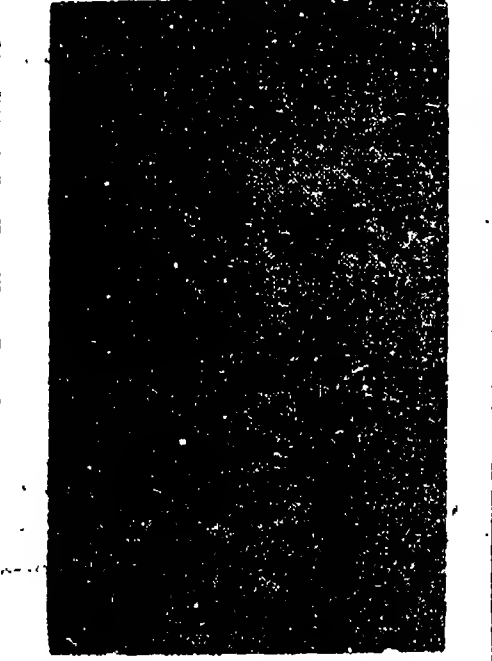
The September civil term of one week in Harnett Superior Court, scheduled to begin Monday of this week, has been called off and the County Bar members met in Clerk Howard Godwin's office Monday and fixed the calendar for the October civil term of two weeks.

Clerk Godwin stated that Judge Henry A. Grady of New Bern will preside at the October term. Conflicting dates of court terms in the district made it necessary for Judge Clawson Williams to preside elsewhere. The Harnett October term is considered an extra added term, since it was inaugurated after the regular schedule was arranged.

The October term will convene on Monday, the 4th. It will be the last civil term of the year. Only one term will remain—the November criminal term of two weeks.

Although the criminal docket is considerably crowded, with seven murder cases and numerous other charges of a serious nature, no move has been made to call for another special term this year.

## Revival Services At Neill's Creek Church



REV. CHARLES HOWARD

Revival services will begin at Neill's Creek Baptist Church next Sunday night, Sept. 26, at 7:30.

Rev. Charles Howard will be the visiting Minister. Bennie Slaughter will be in charge of the music.

Services will be held each night at 7:30 through the following week.

## Charter Night Set For Coats Council

Eighty petitioners of the Coats area for a charter to establish a JOUAM chapter will hold their institutional meeting on Friday night, it was announced Monday.

The charter is expected to be granted with more than 100 applicants as charter members. The Benson degree team will have charge of the program and the Capital City Council of Raleigh will assist in the institution of members.

Judge W. C. Purcell of Durham, State JOUAM Councilor, will attend the meeting.

## Here Comes The Lane!

The Motor Vehicle Inspection Lane serving Harnett and Sampson counties is moving to Lillington from Dunn today, and tomorrow (Friday) it will be set up ready for business on J Street facing the Northam Motor Company.

All 1937 and 1946 models must be inspected by September 30, and the lane will remain here through that date.

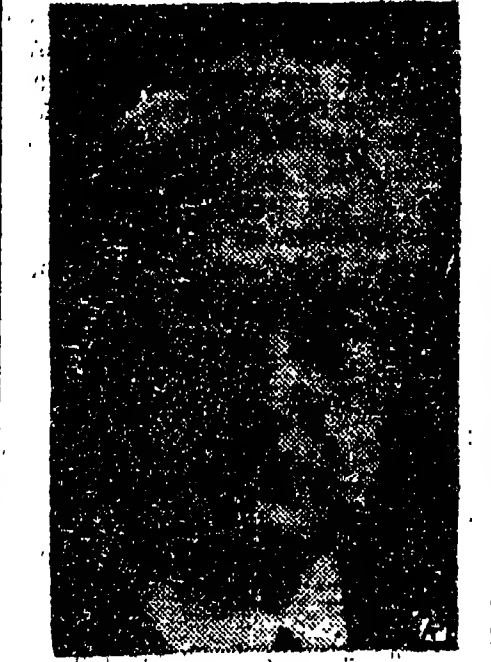
The old caution, "Come early and avoid the rush," is given to all owners of '37 and '46 models.

## Homecoming At Methodist Church Is Well Attended

The annual Homecoming celebration of the Lillington Methodist Church held last Sunday was termed most successful and drew a large congregation that filled the church to its capacity.

The services were begun at 11:00 a. m. with an inspiring message by Rev. Walter Neill McDonald, a native of Lillington. Rev. McDonald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McDonald of Durham, who made their home here for a number of years.

During the morning worship service a ceremony of unusual interest to the local Methodists took place. The ceremony was that of burning of the note on the newly erected parsonage. The note represented the



JUDGE HENRY A. GRADY

Solicitor Jack Hooks has stated he will be able to clear the criminal docket at the November term.

No jurymen were summoned for the September civil term.

## MINISTERS TO MEET AT BUIE'S CREEK MONDAY

ALL MINISTERS OF HARNETT COUNTY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM FOR CLOSER COOPERATION

All ministers of the gospel in Harnett county are scheduled to gather at Campbell College next Monday, September 27, at 2 p. m. for a program designed to "bring the forces of Christianity in our county into closer cooperation."

In issuing the invitation, Secretary Richard Rhea Gammon says to the ministers: "If you have some layman in your congregation whom you would like to invite to attend this meeting as your guest, please feel free to do so. The meeting will not last longer than two hours."

Rev. A. C. McCall, pastor of Bunnlevel Baptist Church, will preside.

Following is the program:  
Opening Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation."  
Prayer of Invocation, Dr. George Cuthrell, Dunn.

Scripture reading, Rev. C. F. Martin, Dunn.

Address: Interdenominational and Interracial Cooperation, Carl R. Key, Executive Secretary, N. C. Council of Churches, Durham.

Period for questions and discussion.  
Special music.  
Address: "The Church in Our Day," Dr. S. L. Morgan, Sr., Wake Forest.

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Special music.  
Address: "Our Harnett County Program," Rev. W. A. Tew, Lillington.

Period for questions and discussion.  
Time and place of next meeting.  
Closing hymn: "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name."  
Benediction.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. C. Osmond Kearney, Snow Hill, announce the birth of a son, Clarence Osmond, Jr., on September 19 at Memorial General Hospital, Kingston. Mrs. Kearney is the former Miss Rubineal Mason of Angier.

## MERCHANTS ARE HIGHLY BASED WITH 'GOODWILL'

THREE-DAY BARGAIN EVENT BROUGHT IN MANY NEW CUSTOMERS AND SALES REPORTED AS FAVORABLE

Besides bringing in many new customers, the "Good Will" Days staged by merchants of Lillington last Thursday, Friday and Saturday fostered good cheer among the hundreds of regular visitors who seemed glad to renew their acquaintance and friendship with dealers here.

After questioning the merchants and business people who sponsored the event, The News finds all of one opinion: That the Good Will trade days are of more than casual importance, and that they will prove of lasting benefit to the town.

Grocery, dry goods, hardware, furniture, and general merchandise stores throughout the town's business district report to The News that sales for the three days far exceeded expectations. But most of the dealers add that it was not merely the increased sales that brought satisfaction to them—"It was indeed a pleasure to greet our old friends and make new acquaintances," they declare.

First of the Good Will events was held last May when the interest aroused among the community's trading public was so marked that it was decided to hold the bargain festival at regular intervals.

Among the good-natured bargain hunters, possibly none gave outward expression of joy to a more marked degree than the "funky ones who won certificates in the 'Man on the Street' quizzes. One lady from the western part of the county came into The News office holding high a certificate calling for \$2.00 worth of goods.

"The man asked me to tell him within 10,000 of the population of Harnett county, I didn't know how many people we have," she confessed, "but I told him 25,000 and he gave me the certificate."

"After being told she should have said 44,233 according to the 1940 census, she countered with: "But I got the certificate just the same with my bum guess."

## W. C. LOWDERMILK DIED LAST THURS.

Panama County Commissioner Passes At His Home At Marners; Funeral At Friday Afternoon

W. C. Lowdermilk, prominent Harnett citizen, died at his home at Marners last Thursday at 3 p. m., following a short illness. He was 75 years old.

Mr. Lowdermilk served on the Board of County Commissioners for one term, 1926-29. He was also a leader in his community, being active in church affairs. He was a steward in the Woodside Methodist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 3 p. m. Rev. O. C. Melton, pastor of Woodside, and Rev. R. E. Moore, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, officiated. The services were held in the Antioch Church.

Mr. Lowdermilk moved to Harnett from Randolph county about 20 years ago and had resided at Marners since that time.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Aldo and Quinton, both of Marners; two daughters, Mrs. A. W. Fowler and Mrs. J. T. Honeycutt, both of Raleigh; and three sisters, Mrs. Ann Groves of Guilford College, Mrs. Etta Fraser of High Point and Mrs. Roy Eller Edwards of Norfolk, Va.

## MRS. LENA JOHNSON

Mrs. Lena Johnson, 54, of Manchester, died Wednesday morning in a local hospital after a short illness. Surviving are one son, Jack Johnson, Coats; a daughter, Mrs. Daisy Tancay of Spring Lake, four grandchildren and a brother, Herbert Woodall of Angier. Funeral services were held Thursday at 3 p. m. from the home of her daughter at Spring Lake.

## Egg Styles

Perhaps the hens have caught on to the change in styles. At least it would seem that way. Mr. R. V. Blacklock of Lillington E-B thinks so.

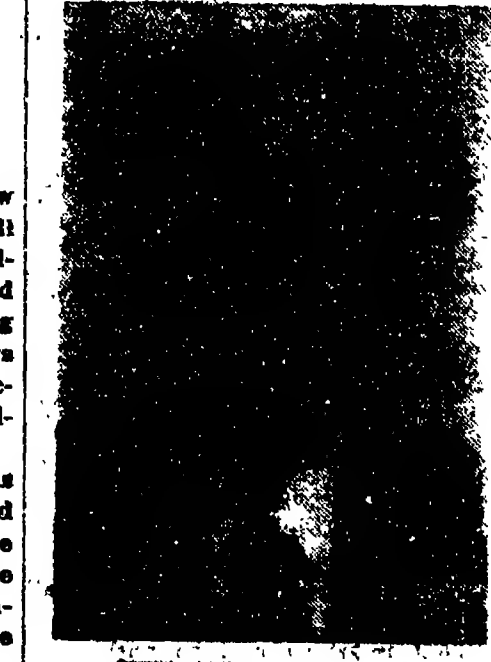
A few days ago Mr. Blacklock brought to The News office an egg in perfect V-shape, in round roll like a half doughnut.

"I don't know what's got into my hens," said Mr. Blacklock, "but that's what came out of one of them."

He said he hadn't noticed any of his hens doing anything like this before.

## Additional Bond Issue Necessary To Complete Street Paving Plan

To Speak At Angier



HUBERT M. POTRAT

Dr. Potrat, professor of Latin Language and Literature at Wake Forest College, will be the speaker next Sunday night, September 26, in Angier Baptist Church where a series of meetings is in progress. Laymen speakers at the meetings are discussing Christian Living. Dr.



CLEDE A. DILLON

Potrat's subject will be "Christian Brotherhood." The meeting opens at 8 p. m.

Clyde A. Dillon, president of the Dillon Supply Company of Raleigh, was the speaker last Sunday night. His subject was "It's Time to Return to Religion."

## QUALITY HIGHER SO ARE PRICES ON DUNN MARKET

MANAGER BUCK CURRIN IS JOINED BY HIS ASSOCIATES IN RAISING ESTIMATE OF TOTAL SEASON SALES

With sales already past the four-million pound mark, Manager Buck Currin and his associates of the Dunn tobacco market are raising their sights on the total estimated pounds to be sold on the market for the 1948 season.

County Agent C. R. Ammons told The News that his estimate of the total season's sales was a bit higher at the beginning than most of those who put figures on it at that time. Agent Ammons estimated the sales would reach near six million by the end of the season. Now, he says, he is raising his estimate and believes from present indications the sales will reach near eight million pounds.

Manager Currin is intending to keep the market open till the end of November.

Quality tobacco is now coming in, and the result is that prices are higher than when the market opened and only the lower grades were offered.

The News makes it a practice to question farmers visiting this office about their experience at the Dunn market. Everyone questioned has expressed not only satisfaction with prices but also praise is given for courteous treatment. Harnett farmers are gratified at the establishment of a tobacco market in Dunn, and they are highly pleased that it is meeting with success.

"As one farmer expressed it: "It is our market, and we like it." Estimates of the percentage of Harnett's crop already sold vary greatly. The estimates run from 50 to 75 per cent.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Erice Jakeman, Erwin, announce the birth of a son, on September 12, at Good Hope Hospital, Erwin. Mrs. Jakeman is the former Miss Ruth Shaw of Manchester.

## IN VETERANS HOSPITAL

W. A. Puryear of Lillington R-2 entered Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville, on Monday of last week for an eye operation. He expects to remain in the hospital for about a month. Mr. Puryear is a veteran of World War I.

## Your Credit Isn't As Good Now As It Was Saturday

Thinking about buying an automobile, cook stove, washing machine, refrigerator, or something? If so, better be prepared to pay some cash. Because, if you want credit, you'll have to put up more cash now.

On Monday, September 20, the "screws" were tightened on installment buying. That means down payments on such things mentioned above, and other things too, must be larger. Furthermore, you won't be allowed as much time to make the last payment.

"For instance, you must pay 20 per cent down. If the total amount of purchase comes to less than \$1,000, you must pay up all in 15 months. If it's more than \$1,000, you may take 18 months to settle the bill.

Personal loans may be repaid in the same ratio. Your creditor must compel you to

## ANGIER TO VOTE ON STREET BONDS NEXT SATURDAY

QUESTION IS WHETHER TO ISSUE \$50,000 IN BONDS FOR PAVING TOWN'S STREETS; FAVORABLE VOTE EXPECTED

Angier voters will go to the municipal polls next Saturday, September 25, and decide whether the town will issue \$50,000 in bonds for paving its streets.

At a mass meeting called for the purpose of discussing the measure last Thursday night, it appeared that a majority of the citizens present are supporting the bond issue. However, those favoring the bond issue are outspoken in their opinion for its certain passage. The opposition, of course, is predicting its failure.

Speakers at the mass meeting made comparison of Angier with neighboring towns which they designated as progressive. The comparisons tended to show Angier less progressive than the neighbors.

A few years back, Angier listed a forward step in installing its water system. The town has been building up, too, since that time. This has been pointed out by advocates of the street bond issue, who declare that if the town's streets are paved there will be even more building.

Angier's location is one to be envied. Situated in the heart of the richest tobacco growing section in the State, it has reaped good trade from rural dwellers.

The population of the town is about the same as that of Lillington. Angier's near neighbor, Fuquay-Varina, has already paved its streets, and construction of new buildings, both for dwellings and business, has been in continual progress over the past several years.

## Antioch Study Course Begins Next Week

The new officers of the Antioch BTU will be installed at 7 p. m. Sunday in a very attractive service being planned by the director, Mrs. E. L. Powell.

A special week of study will begin Monday night for the officers and members. The teachers of the departments will be: adults, Rev. C. E. Ruffin, Broadway; young people, Mr. Roger Johnson, Lillington; intermediates, Rev. R. E. Moore; junior, Mrs. R. F. Patterson; intermediate leaders, Mrs. R. E. Moore; junior leaders, Miss Beaulie McNeill.

The leaders state that they invite one and all who wish to become better workers for Christ to come and study with them.

## Join Now!

Officials and membership committees of the Harnett County Farm Bureau are making an urgent appeal to all farmers in the county to join the Bureau. A drive is now being made for adding 1250 members to the roll.

The membership fee is \$2.00. Quotes have been assigned to township committees, who feel confident they will be able to reach or perhaps exceed their goal.

The Harnett Bureau is conducting its membership drive along with other Bureaus throughout the nation.

Officials point out that the Bureau has been of great help to farmers in maintaining their programs and securing cooperation from the Federal Government.

## BOARD FINDS IT MUST HOLD AN ELECTION

ALTHOUGH PAVING WILL COST NO MORE, EASTERLING SAYS BONDS MUST COVER FULL COST

A ruling by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, caused a little shuffle in Lillington's street paving program Monday, but Mayor Charlie Loving and Town Attorney W. A. Johnson tell The News they have straightened out the kink.

Before beginning the paving project, the town asked for a vote of the citizens to endorse the issue of \$45,000 in bonds. This authority was granted by the voters last May, and bids for the \$45,000 bonds were called for.

In the meantime a contract was awarded to the Zeigler-Cline Construction Co. for paving the remaining unpaved streets in the town at a cost of \$62,000—this to include grading, storm drains, paving intersections, etc.

Town Council then asked for volunteer property owners to pay in advance the cost of paving streets running by their property. Around \$15,000 has been collected in this way, and Mayor Loving says he is confident the preparation sum will reach around \$25,000.

Secretary Easterling now informs the Town Council it cannot proceed in that manner; that it must have authority to issue a sufficient sum in bonds to cover the entire cost of the Zeigler-Cline contract.

The \$45,000 bonds authorized last May will not cover the contract price; therefore Secretary Easterling advises that an additional \$20,000 be authorized. Then, he says, the town can proceed with the program.

Although the total authorization after the new issue will amount to \$75,000, it is not the purpose of the Town Council to actually sell more bonds than is absolutely necessary to complete the paving according to contract.

Mayor Loving and Attorney Johnson explain that those property owners who have made payments to cover the cost of paving streets by their property will be absolved from any other liability in the street paving program except that they will pay in taxes their proportionate share of the cost of the town's portion of the work, such as paving intersections and the like.

Asked what procedure will be adopted to collect from those who fail to pay in advance, Attorney Johnson explained that the respective amounts due by each property owner will be assessed against each; that they must eventually pay up, and that no part of this uncollected (Continued on page two)

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