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County Business Picking Up

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

AMMONS ASKS

FOR YES OR NO

COMMISSIONERS HAD MADE PRO

MISE TO GIVE \$1,080 IN SAL-

ARY RAISES "IF MONEY

COULD BE FOUND"

It appeared that the matter had

reached the "snowdown" stage Mon-

day morning when County Farm

Agent C. R. Ammons and his assist-

ant, T. D. O'Quinn, appeared before

the Board of County Commissioners

to make further inquiry about the

promised salary increases for some

of the workers in the Agricultural

ON THE MATTER

BUSINESS RUSH MAKES A HECTIC DAY FOR BOARD

COMMISSIONERS FIND MUCH OTHER THAN ROUTINE COM-ING BEFORE THEM ON OCTO-BER'S FIRST MONDAY

15th.

County Fathers had occasion for sbout as many frowns as smiles before the final item was disposed of Monday. At last they found time to for the season. il:aw jurors for the two weeks of November criminal term before sign- ber 15 through January 1, daily ing off.

Five road petitions were approved only. and ordered sent to the State Highway Commission. They were:

An all weather road from Stewart Matthews' service station by way of Kipling connecting highways 210 and 15-A and continuing via R. T. Johnson's store, Christian Light Church, Cumberland Church, Buckhorn School and Cokesbury Church. This road is sought by citizens of that section to reach those places left off when the road to Duncan was built.

Thaddeus Smith asked the Board "to get action" on a petition presented sometime ago for a road beginning at Bethune's stockyard and running to the road near the home of Waldo Bell, about 1.3 miles in Lillington township.

In Neill's Creek: Beginning at a point 3-10 of a mile off highway 421 near Cedar Grove colored school and running southwest 1-4 mile, thon west 1-4 mile, then southwest 1-2 mile and coming into highway 421.

Season Will Open Next Week Of particular interest to Harnett through February 15, with no bag sportsmen is the opening of the sea- for limit possession in Harnett counson for hunting squirrel, deer, op- ty. It is unlawful to carry an axe on

possum and raccoon, Friday, October a raccoon or appossum hunt. The Commission has abolished The North Carolina Wildlife Re-"lay days" and this action makes it sources Commission have set forth lawful to hunt every day of the the following regulations for hunt- week with the exception of Sundays. ing these game animals: Squirrels --- October 15 through

'Twas a hectic day, and Harnett's January 10, with a daily bag of 8, til November 25, Thanksgiving Day. possession limit of 16, season 100. Only one for squirrel is permitted son for shooting doves closed Octo- bonds, and \$13,600 in other securiin the daily bag, two allowed in the ber 5. The second section of the ties. possession limit, and a total of 10 open season is from January 1, 1949, through January 20, 1949.

Deer-Eastern season from Octo-From all reports coming to The News there is a good supply of game limit 1, season limit of 2, bucks in the county this season and with the abolition of "lay days" Harnett

dogs and gun from October 15 best hunting seasons in recent years.



TOTAL NEARLY

QUARTER MILLION

TAX COLLECTIONS TO OCTOB-

ER 1 AMOUNT TO 88.85 PER

CENT OF 1948 LEVY

MATTHEWS HOME Squirrel, Deer, 'Possum, 'Coon PRIEVES ENTER MOME OF MR. LAYTON ESTATE AND MRS.-NATHAN MATTHEWS OF ANGLER BA AND CARRY OFF SAFE, CONTENTS

> Sheriff W. E. Salmon told The News that as yet he has discovered WILL LEFT EVERYTHING. WITH no clue to the thentity of the robbers who last Bainfday night enter-The season for hunting quail; zab- ed the home of My. and Mrs. Nathan bits and turkeys does not open un- A. Matthews of Angler R-2 and carried off a safe containing \$16,000 The first section of the split sea- in cash, \$17,609 in government

of Raleigh, named executor in the Mr. and Mrs. Matthews had been will of Joel G. Layton, who died attending services, at Neill's Creek several weeks ago, has filed a pre-Church, a few miles from their home. When they returned home liminary inventory of property beabout 9:45 o'clock' Mrs.' Matthews longing to the estate at an estimated went to the room in which their safe value of \$441,192.74. was kept and discovered the safe

Breakdown of the inventoried list zives items as follows: Deposits in

IS INVENTORIED

SMALL EXCEPTIONS, TO MEM-

BERS OF FAMILY: TEN YEAR

TRUST SET UP

Wachovia Bank & Trust Company

AT \$441,192.74

Bank of Lillington, \$6,808.41; stocks house through a rear door. and bonds, \$105,000; insurance pay-Looking about the house, Mr.

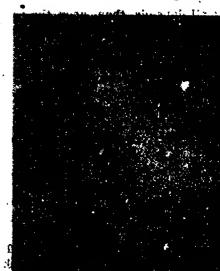
able to the estate, \$60,000; mort-Matthews found that a car or pergages and notes, \$22,384.33; farm haps a truck had been driven products, \$50,000; miscellaneous against the steps to the back porch, property, \$3,000; 'real estate, \$194,and the safe loaded on it. The con-000. crete steps had been niched by the The Wachovia Bank filed the pre-

vehicle, or by the safe as it was liminary inventory with Clerk of loaded. Court Noward Godwin, as required Describing the safe, Mr. Matthews by law.

said it was three feet high by two The last will and testament of and a half feet square, and weighed Mr. Layton, drawn by Dupree & between 800 and 1,000 pounds. It Strickland, attorneys of Angier, gives formerly belonged to his grand- the Wachovia Bank, as executor, father, the late Mr. John Allen Matcontrol of the property for administhews, and the name "J. A. Mattration over a ten year period. Atthews" was written across the face testing 'Mr. Layton's signature to the oi it. will were: Carl G. Kelly, J. Grady

Sheriff Salmon is of the opinion Johnson and Will J. Morris, all of that the robbery must have been Lillington. committed by parties who knew the All of the property, with small

Matthews home well and knew Mr. xceptions, is bequesthed to Mrs.



Solicitor Resigns

To Raise Ag. Dept. Pay

Executives Keep Promise

MILTON O. LRE

Mr. Lee, who has been Solicitor of

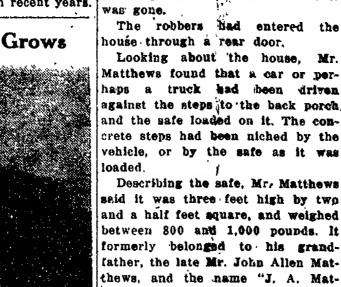
Appointed

Department. the County Recorder's Court for the At the May meeting of the Board, past twelve years by appointment Agent Ammons had tendered the from the Board of County Commis- budget for his department, and the sioners, tendered his resignation to minutes of that meeting showed that the Board Mohday. He stated he was it was tentatively adopted. returning to private practice of law.

At a meeting on July 26, the matter of the increases was again taken up, and the Commissioners balked at granting \$2,040 for salary increases, but did promise to grant \$1.020, "if the funds could be found."

The agricultural workers, Mr. Ammony said, were under the impression that they would get the raises. But what he wanted to know now, he said, was whether they would be paid. He asked for a yes or ho answer.

County Auditor Henbert Carson was present, and the Board wanted to know from him whether the funds



Oppossum and Raccoon -- With hunters expect to enjoy one of the

about 1' mile.

In Stewart's Creek: Pull up and clear ditches on road beginning on highway 15-A near home of A. F. Jones and Billy Byrd farm and running west to the Wire road, about 600 yards. , , , .

D. A. Stephenson of Erwin R-1 pleaded for action in building two miles of road beginning at June Jackson's place on Erwin-Wede road and running to new road near John D. Phillips' place 'near Antioch Church and near Black River in Duke township. The Board told Mr. Stephenson it would get in touch with District Commissioner Jordan and insist that the road be built as soon as possible.

Three beer licenses were granted: To David Frazier on the Manchester road; Chester Perry at Dunn, and Percy and Mary Ferrell in Shawtown.

Robert L. Long, 70 per cent disabled veteran of Erwin, was released from poll tax for 1945 and 1948.

The Board authorized repairs for the basement of the Agricultural Building at a cost of \$25. Odell Hasty of Duke township was

released from taxes for 1944 on account of error in listing.

The Board formally placed its approval on the 1948 property reappraisals.

, It was ordered that \$100 be paid to Everette L. Doffermyre of Dunn for services as prosecuting attorney in Superior Court in the absence of Solicitor Jack Hooks.

It was ordered that a \$10 food order be granted to John Clark of Erwin each month indefinitely.

Ernest Taylor of Lillington was released from poll tax for 1948 and previous years on account of disability. He is an inmate of the County Home.

Meeting To Talk **About Cucumbers**

In cooperation with the Lillington Chamber of Commerce and the Rose Hill Packing Co. of Rose Hill, a meeting will be held in the Municipal Building in Lillington on Wednesday afternoon, October 6, at 3:00 p. m., stated C. R. Ammons, County Agent. today.

This meeting is being held to discuss cucumber contracts for 1949. All agricultural leaders and growers who are interested in this project are cordially invited to attend they would "make it interesting" and participate in this meeting.

Mr. Kennedy of the Rose Hill Packing Company will be here 'to discuss in detail these cucumber contracts.

MANAGER CURRIN Asked just how wild the prices are. he said:

ING 68 CENTS

Dunn tobacco market last Friday

"Tobacco prices are running wild

and reported to The News:

on the Dunn market."

"I saw some loads bring \$88 a hundred, and cigarette tobacco is the Dunn tobacco market, who has about the safa's contents. consistently selling at 68 cents, and been dubbed "Top Dollar" Currin, sometimes above.' Confirming: this vreport, (County | ket at 88c a pound.

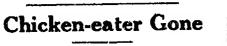
Agent Ammons tells The News' that 68, 70, 72, and even up to 88 cents is frequently being paid for Harnett COLLECTIONS county's god cigarette tobacco.

Manager Buck Currin ("Top Dollar" Currin; that is,) tells The News to advise farmers to bring in their tobacco now because demand is strong and gets stronger every day, and prices are consequently high. Bidding is said to be more spirited on the Dunn market than at many

of the older markets. There is no occasion to revise estimates made earlier as to the number of pounds that will be sold on the Dunn market this season, Agent

Ammons tells The News. Evidence shown in Tax Collector First estimates ranged from four W. D. Harrington's report, submitto five million pounds. But inasmuch ed to the Commissioners Monday. as the sales have already crossed indicates that Harnett taxpayers are the five million mark, it is freely predicted that the poundage will clearing up their obligations to the reach ten million.

Farmers are still generous and enthusiastic in their praise of the Dunn market. They speak of the good prices, the courteous treatment, and the great convenience the home market affords them.



Messrs. Hill and James Murchison drove into town last Saturday morning with their 13 -, hound pack and a big gray fox swing to the rear of the dog cage.

It was their 17th catch without a miss, they told The News.

It was an old fox-one with an experienced past, for his teeth showed considerable wear -- ovidence, they say, that he had devoured many, many chickens.



Harnett Republicans are beginning to furnish proof of their statement earlier in the campaign that this year because they believe there is a distinct possibility of their ticket coming out on top when the bal- in Harnett county, is a candidate be served by the women of the Johnlots are counted on November 2. Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock Seventh District for Congress.

in the Recorder's Court room at

and Mrs. Matthews were not at Layton, their three children, Joel home at the time. The evidence in- C. Layton, Mrs. Martha L. Winston Proving that there's something in dicates, too, the sheriff said, that and Mrs. Susan L. Wells. The granda name, Buck Currin, manager of the robbers had some information children are, in turn, to inherit their

The sheriff is expecting developis now seeing leaf sold on his mar- monts in the same.

> Some Nice Things Will Be Offered

> Good housewives and good husbands will be interested in the announcement that some mighty nice things to have around the house will be offered for sale at the Insather-

ing sale to be held at the Presby-HARRINGTON'S REPORT SHOWS terian Church in Bunnlevel on the at the end of the ten-year trust. night of Tuesday, October 12. The articles include aprons and for the widow.

handywork, gailts, kitchen cabinets, covered boxes, canned goods, boxvoods (English type), flower bulbs, pecans, etc.

The sale will be held following the barbecue and ohicken salad supper to be served beginning at 6 p. m. . Plates will cost \$1 for adults and getting right down to business in 75c for children under 12,

Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact any one of the The collector reported that 38.35 Presbyterians in Bunnievel. Pro-

per cent of the 1948 levy had been ceeds will be for the building fund.

Issued in Quarter

Mrs. Inez Harrington, Register of Ourrent taxes \$206,223.96; delin-Deeds in her report to the Board

of County Commissioners submitted Other revenue: General county Monday, showed that during the \$2,680.62; school fund \$1,220.00; quarter ended September 30 her ofold age fund \$7,081.50; aid to depeudent children \$3,581.25; veteran fice had issued 47 marriage licenses. These certificates, at \$4.00 each. famn training \$10,738.72; child feeding \$475.30; veterans education netted the county \$188:00; Fourteen licenses were issued in July. 20 in

August'and 18 in September. Total receipts for September Mrs. Harrington also reported that recording receipts of her office

67, of which \$343,275.26 remains for September were \$401.10. Recording fees being small, the number of legal instruments record-

ed was unusually large, showing that the Register's office had a busy

Divisional W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union majority in the November 2 election. of the Raleigh Division will hold its "Plans for the campaign were disstate ticket is freely expressed by annual meeting, on Friday, October enmed at length, and it was decided

the county's Republican leaders. 8, in the First Baptist Church of to leave the matter of speech-making This includes also, they state, the clayton. The morning session will to the various districts and townopen at 16 o'clock with dirs. H. G. ships. It was tempatively planned to Attorney J. O. West, chairman of Hammett of Durham, divisional sur have at least one get-together in the Republican executive committee perintendent, presiding. Lanch will each of the five districts.

Also put in motion was an effort. against F. Ertel Carlyle in the ston association of which Mrs. J. H. to get Governor nominate W. Kerr Wilder is superintendent. Scott to make an address in the

Composing the Republican execu- About 100 women from the Little county, the date and place to be de-No Charge Dunn' two notable speakers are tive committee. are: J. O. West, River Association are expecting to liter. Attorney W. A. "All it takes to get us going good sive heed to the following appeal scheduled to make addresses. They chairman, Mrs. Fred K. Farley, Jr., attend this meeting. Two bubis have Johnson. Scott's campaign manager is for the Republicans to do somefrom Miss Botay Ross, Girl Scout thing to make us mad: then we will are: George M. Pritchard, Republiand Thed Pou chartered for the trip vice chairman. n the primeries. Agreed to LTY to Board of County Co Induce Mr. Scott to greak here, even get to work in earnest,"-said one sioners Monday ordered that Vetcan candidate for Governor, and retary. Mrs. D. B. Andrews; Bupt. The Parent though his speaking calendar is leader present. erans Service Officer L. B. Mc-Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., Republican | It is learned that the Republicans Little River Amochiclon." mooting will be Lean and all other persons receivcandidate for Attorney General of plan to tour Harnett county in the But there was no evidence of annight, October 11. filled. ing compensation in whole or in BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT "A ringing committee composed of ger at the Friday night meeting. To North Carolina. interest of their ticket and to-re-Hall. The fature of Chairman J. O. West says: "This peat their performance of 1928 part from the county make no M. O. Lee, Buncan Ray and L. M. the contrary, everbody seemed in Scouts in Lilington acts charge to draftees in aiding them will be the most outstanding Repub- when they took from the Democrate Mr. and Mrs. Walter Consta of Chattin was appeinted. the best of humor and confident pends upon this mee in filling out questionnaires. lican speaking in Eastern North every county office with the except Wendell, a sen, Allie Roants on Wendell, a sen, Allie Roants on Was "failed to that the 1948 Democratic vote would on, parents. Carolina and all voters should at tion of Cherk of Court which was a September 12 at Her Hender Mrs. Labor The show that the people are still rely-All draftees may request the attempti county's officials for aid and reet tot tot holdover for a four-year term and Charrin is the foremer Blue Buby gent but him billin, testatively set at ing on the party for good governtend." ceive it free of charge. Ladies are especially invited. . did not happen to be open that year. Stephenson of Angler. ment.

Three churches fostered by Mr. Layton are to receive \$60 each per year. They are: Layton Chubel, Harmony and Oak Grove-all Baptist.

NEILL Mck. ROSS

The will prescribes the method Solicitor M. O. Lee. The term exwhich the executor is to follow in finally dividing the estate among the

is a veteran of World War II. heirs, with a proviso for the benefit of the grandchildren if their parents **Reports \$1330** Fines and grandmother should be deceased

Clerk of Court Howard Godwin, 'Mr. Layton was one of the largest in his report for September, subeal estate dwners in Harnett county.

Monday, showed fines in Judge Tay-Homecoming Day lor's Recorder's Court of 1,330. At Pleasant Plains

Fleasant Plains, Methodist Church and special proceedings in Superior perhaps \$1.50. observed its annual Homecoming Court \$346.41; trust commissions Day Sunday, October 5, with a splen- \$78.24; civil and criminal proceed- promise to grant the raises, and

members, and other friends of the fines in Superior Court \$306.05. church. The Rev. W. A. Tew, pastor, Total receipts for the month were

delivered the sermon, using as his \$3,005.48. subject "The Fellowship Church." Raven Rock To After the preaching service the

congregation enjoyed a bountiful picnic dinner served on the church

parents' share of the estate.

ton's death.

These bequests are payable each

year on the anniversary of Mr. Lay-

A cash outlay was first provided

grounds. Then the group gathered in 'The Ingathering at the Raven the church again for a song and prayer service. During this service Rock Church will be held on Saturthe Buie's Creek Male Quartet sans day, October 16. The public is issued Bethune, who is managing the marseveral numbers. At the conclusion a cordial invitation to attend. The ket for the Mt. Olive Pickle Co. of of the service the congregation young people of the church are also Mt. Olive, states that 250 acres were joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie planning an old-fashioned Box Sup-That Binds."

- por to be held at an early date.



Opinion was divided upon the At a called meeting of the executive committee last Friday night in question of having the Democratic courthouse auditorium, Democratic candidates in a group tour the coun-Meeting In Clayton Chairman I. R. Williams sounded ty. Chairman Williams stated he the call for action to roll up a big would ; confer. with the candidates,

the presinct committees and others and decide about it later. One thing emphatically decided apon was to hegin immediately to wage a vigorous campaign and not

to allow any part of it to lag till November 3. Predictions by those present were that the Democratic

ticket in Harnett this year will roll up the biggest majority in its history,

could be made available. Auditor Carson couldn't see where the money is to come from, since the \$1.27 tax rate would barely provide for items in the budget, "and even then," he emphasized, "we are likely to run short."

He pointed out that the general fund rap, short \$26,000 as of June 30; the end of the fiscal year 1947-

Attorney Ross was appointed by 48. A copy of his financial statethe Board of Commissioners Monday ment lay before the Board at the to fill out the unexpired term of time, showing the deficit.

There was much discussion of the pires December 1, 1948. Mr. Ross matter, members of the Board declaring that they would stand up to their promise for the increases.

County Attorney Strickland pointed out that when the Auditor issues In Recorder's Court a voucher he signs a statement on the face of it deelaring that the amount has been appropriated and that money sufficient to meet it is

mitted to the Couty Commissioners in the treasury. Auditor Carson further ' reminded the Board that present indications

Other receipts were: Probrates are that the tax rate for 1949 \$216.68; civil and criminal actions would have to be raised to \$1.40 or

The Board finally reiterated its did attendance of members, former ings in Recorder's Court \$728.30; again promised to "find the money somehow."

Bunnlevel Cuke Mkt. To Operate Next Year

Hold Ingathering Mr. M. L. Bethend, manager of the cucumber market in Bunnlevel.

has announced that the market will be operated again next year. Mr. contracted in 1948 and that he expects to contract 400 acres for 1949.

Growers for the Bunnlevel market are given contracts with guaranteed prices and the cukes are graded and the growers receive their checks the same day the product is brought to the market, Mr. Bethuge states that every grower will receive the same courtesy in dealing with his market.

The Mt. Olive Pickle Co. is one of the best known companies in the business, Manager Bethune's announcement to Harnett cucumber growers will be found on another page in this issue of The News.

McLean Reunion

The annual McLean Reunion will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Black Sunday, October 17th. Everyone is invited to come.

It's Up To Parents

Parents of Lillianton should

month. Belief that they can carry their

The total 1948 levy is \$556,810.-

congressional and county tickets.

county. paid up to October 1. This compares with 34.3 per cant the same date 47 Marriage Permits last year. Itemized, the report lists the following collections:

\$238,254.49.

uent taxes \$6,100.54.

\$182.60-total \$25,929.99.