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

Paving Bond Vote Monday

FAVORABLE IS EXPECTED TO BE REGISTERED

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL URGING ALL CITIZENS TO GIVE FINAL O. K. ON PAVING PROJECT

On next Monday, October 25, Lillington citizens will again trek to the Town Hall to vote "yes" or "no" on the issuance of \$30,000 Street Improvement Bonds to pay for paving the town's streets.

This additional bond issue is made necessary by the fact that W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, ruled that the town must issue a sufficient sum in bonds to cover the entire cost of the Zeigler-Cline contract. At a vote held last May before the paving was started local citizens voted overwhelmingly in favor of issuing \$45,000 in bonds to be used in paving the streets. The vote was 291 for and only 10 against the bond issue. It was thought at that time that the \$45,000 bond issue together with the advance payments by property owners would be all that was needed to proceed with the work, however, Secretary Easterling later informed the Town Council that it could not proceed in that manner; that it must have authority to issue a sufficient sum in bonds to cover the entire cost of the paving.

It has been pointed out by Mayor Loving and the Town Council that the paving will cost no more because of the additional bond issue. No voice of disapproval has been heard against the bond issue to be voted on Monday and it is expected that when the votes are tabulated the same sentiment will be expressed in the results as found in the vote last May.

Zeigler-Cline, successful bidders on the paving contract, have almost completed the paving and will start soon on building up the shoulders on the streets paved. The contract calls for completion of the work by (Continued on page eight)

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS FRIDAY

Dunn Indian Awarded \$6,000 For Injuries Received When Struck By Truck Last April

The two weeks civil term of Harnett Superior Court adjourned last Friday morning.

The following cases were disposed of after The News went to press last week:

M. D. Bryant was granted a divorce from Leslie Bryant.

In the case of B. J. Carter vs M. C. Collins et al, the jury after deliberating an hour and a half awarded Carter, Dunn Indian, \$6,000 for injuries he sustained in April from being struck by a truck belonging to the M. C. Collins Transfer Co. Carter was represented by Attorneys W. A. Johnson and Duncan Wilson. The award was one of the largest made by a Harnett jury in recent years. Lyon & Lyon, attorneys for the transfer company, have filed notice of appeal.

The case of H. V. Norris vs R. A. Duncan resulted in a non-suit.

Judgment of \$2,000 was awarded the plaintiff in the case of W. C. Norris, Administrator vs A. R. Byrd et ux.

Assistant Director Arranges For Fall Savings Bond Sales

Ted Merrill of Greensboro, Assistant State Director of the North Carolina Savings Bonds Office, was in Lillington today, arranging with bankers, newspapermen, farm leaders and others for a 1948 Fall Farm Campaign to promote investments in U. S. Savings Bonds among farmers, business and professional men and others.

This Fall Campaign is particularly aimed to reach our farm folks who are in the process of marketing their tobacco and other crops and who will want to save a portion of their crop dollars for their future security, Merrill said.

"A financial reserve is a very important part of the business of farming," he continued, "and the safest place for this reserve is in U. S. Savings Bonds. They draw almost 3 per cent interest when held to maturity, and can be cashed in an emergency at any bank after 60 days. Unlike cash, Savings Bonds that are lost, burned or stolen can be replaced. Series B Bonds can be

Faulty Lights Causing Most Rejections In Inspections

The State Motor Vehicles Department has issued a statement that faulty lights are causing the most rejections on the State's inspection lanes.

Cars and trucks examined through September 30, 21 per cent were given the red sticker because of defects in headlights and 26 per cent to other lighting defects.

Other defects bringing about rejections were listed by the Motor Vehicle Department as follows: faulty brakes, 22 per cent; poor wheel alignment and steering 17 per cent; and horns, windshield wipers, exhaust systems and poor glass, 14 per cent.

Vehicles manufactured in 1938, 1939, 1943 and 1945 must be inspected by October 31. Those of the 1940 and 1942 vintage have until November 30, and 1941 and 1948 models have until December to go through the lanes.

During the past nine months 564,754 vehicles have been inspected, and with \$32,000 vehicles registered in the State this leaves a goodly number still to be examined before January 1. Of those examined, 43 per cent of the cars and trucks were given the blue sticker of approval on the first trip to the lanes. The other 57 per cent were found to have defects that owners had to have corrected.

In another column of this issue of The News dates are given on which the inspection lane will again be in Lillington and Dunn.

Hunting Party Bags Five Deer

The opening day deer hunt staged by Sidney Howell of Lillington on his lands in Western Harnett resulted in the party bagging five buck deer.

Mr. Howell, who is president of Harnett's Wildlife Club, has been staging annual deer hunts for his friends for a number of years, but the opening day hunt this year was the best he has ever held.

Four of the bucks were brought down in the morning and one in the afternoon. Hunters who bagged the deer were: James Murchison of Lillington, Dr. W. W. Stanfield of Dunn, J. B. Dewar of Buckhorn, and Tom Frazer of Spring Lake. A threesome composed of Carson Guilons of Manchester, James Waggoner of Durham R-3, and Homer Frazer of Spring Lake, killed the fifth deer.

Mr. Howell, a director in The N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, who has earned for himself the nickname of "Lay Day" Howell, by virtue of his fight to abolish the hated "lay days" from the State game regulations, was so busy arranging the hunt and seeing that his friends had good "stands," didn't take a "stand" for himself. He states, however, that deer seem to be plentiful this year and that his day will come to bag a deer before the season is over.

To All Civic Minded Ladies in Lillington

The Brownies will entertain the ladies of Lillington at the Woman's Club meeting Friday, October 22, at 3:30 o'clock in the social room of the Methodist Church. If you have not joined please come and do so at this meeting.

PLANE CRASH KILLS THREE NEAR ERWIN

PLEASURE RIDE ENDS IN TRAGEDY FOR ERWIN COTTON MILL EMPLOYEES LAST THURSDAY MORNING

Three young Erwin Cotton Mills employees, Lawrence Paul Stanley, Jr., of Warsaw, John H. Johnson, Jr., and Alton O'Quinn, Jr., both of Erwin, were killed when the three-passenger Piper Cub Cruiser they were flying crashed into a tobacco field about two miles from Erwin last Thursday morning.

This was the second air crash in the county that has claimed three lives. The crash last Thursday was similar to the one that occurred between Coats and Dunn approximately 20 years ago when the plane piloted by Alton Stewart and carrying two other passengers, crashed.

In the crash last Thursday Johnson was killed instantly and Stanley and O'Quinn died shortly after reaching the Dunn Hospital. The plane was owned by Willie Glover of the River-View Flying Service at Erwin and was rented to Stanley for the flight. The plane fell about ten minutes after the young men took off from the air port. Mr. J. E. Parker, in whose tobacco field the plane landed, stated that he thought it was flying so low to the ground.

Coroner C. B. Alfred of Lillington, after investigating the crash stated that he did not deem an inquest necessary and would leave further investigation to the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Ingathering Nets Approximately \$1500

The annual Ingathering held at the Bunnlevel Presbyterian Church last week netted around \$1500 for the church's building fund.

Reporting one of the best Ingatherings ever held, members of the church stated that the proceeds from the supper and the sale of gifts donated by members and friends of the church far exceeded their expectations.

The Church located on the Fayetteville highway is one of the most beautiful buildings in this section. The auditorium of the church is especially noteworthy. The building has a full basement in which the Ingathering was held. The pastor, Rev. A. M. Keith, and his congregation are justly proud of their new church and delight in showing it to visitors.

SATURDAY LAST DAY FOR VOTERS TO REGISTER

THOSE WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED MUST DO SO BY OCT. 24 TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER'S ELECTION

Prospective voters in Harnett County who have not previously registered must do so by Saturday, October 23, to become eligible to participate in the November 3 general election. No new registration is being taken. Persons who are already registered are not required to register again.

Registration books in Harnett's 21 voting precincts have been open since Saturday, October 9th, for newcomers to register. The requirements for voters to register is residence in the State for 12 months and in the precinct for four months.

While only one Saturday remains for registration at the polling places, citizens may register prior to that time by visiting the home of their respective registrars.

The Harnett County Election Board is composed of Henry C. Strickland, chairman, Douglas McRae, secretary, and Judge Franklin T. Dupree, Republican member of the board. Registrars and judges of election for each of the 21 precincts in the county will be found on another page in this issue of The News.

It has been freely predicted that the November election will bring out one of the largest total of voters ever recorded in the county. Both the Democratic and Republican parties are waging an active campaign in all of Harnett's precincts and it is expected that a record vote will be recorded.

HUGE CROWDS GREET TRUMAN

President is Awarded Warm Welcome By Harnett Citizens in Halesburg and At Erwin

Despite the chilly weather in Halesburg Tuesday, President Harry S. Truman was accorded a warm and cordial reception by the thousands of Tar Heels who heard him speak.

The President spoke from a platform at the east portico of the Capitol at ceremonies marking the dedication of a memorial to three North Carolina sons who became President.—Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. Truman paid high tribute to these illustrious North Carolinians.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the President again spoke at the formal opening of the 1948 State Fair. An overflow crowd packed the Fair Grounds to hear the Chief Executive pay tribute to the State's agricultural development.

Raleigh's streets were decorated with flags, bunting and huge pictures of the President and a holiday atmosphere prevailed in the Capital City throughout the President's visit. Mrs. Truman and daughter, Margaret accompanied the President.

J. M. Broughton To Speak At Democratic Rally Here

SCHEDULE OF INSPECTION LANE GIVEN

MOTOR VEHICLES INSPECTION LANE NOW IN DUNN; TO BE HERE OCT. 25; SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR

The Motor Vehicle Inspection Lane that is now stationed in Dunn through Saturday, October 23, will again be set up in the county seat Tuesday of next week, October 26, and will remain here through October 30.

A study of the schedule of the inspection lane dates for the remainder of the year will reveal that Harnett motorists will have access to the lane in Dunn and Lillington for a good portion of the time.

The schedule for the remainder of the year as released by the State Motor Vehicles Department for Harnett County is as follows:

In Dunn: From October 16 through October 23; from November 14 through November 23; from December 17 through December 23.

In Lillington: From October 26 through October 30; from November 23 through December 1; from December 23 through December 31.

On its recent trips to Dunn and Lillington the inspection lane has reported a thriving business and with a large number of Harnett cars and trucks remaining to be tagged with the blue sticker the lane is expected to receive large numbers of callers for the balance of the year.

While all motor vehicles in the State are required to be inspected prior to January 1, dealers have been set on certain models by the best quality, October 31, all cars and trucks of 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951 models must be carried through the lane.

Howard Parker Elected President Y D C Club

Howard Parker of Erwin, Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives, was elected president of the Harnett County Young Democratic Club at an organization meeting held in Dunn last week.

The Harnett county organizer for the Young Democrats, Atty. Everette DeBerry of Dunn, made the arrangements for the organization meeting.

Other officers elected to serve with President Parker were: Edna Kelly of Lillington, vice-president; Atty. W. A. (Bill) Johnson of Lillington, second vice-president; Mrs. C. L. Lobben of Angier, third vice-president; Rodney Chestnut, secretary-treasurer and Jesse H. Capps, sergeant-at-arms.

Parker pledged the Club's support to the entire Democratic ticket.

Speaker



HON. J. M. BROUGHTON

SALES VOLUME ON DUNN MARKET STILL CLIMBING

PRE-SEASON ESTIMATES NOW MORE THAN DOUBLED; "TOP DOLLAR" CURRIN STILL FAVORITE WITH FARMERS

With the pre-season estimate of 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco to be sold on the new Dunn market having already been more than doubled, the golden weed is still pouring into Harnett's only market at a steady clip. News of the consistently good prices paid and the courteous and friendly treatment accorded growers in Dunn has spread far and wide and more and more farmers are returning to their homes to attest to the reliability of the reports.

Nothing has passed as a brand new market has already exceeded the hopes of the most optimistic in tobacco sold and prices paid.

The Dunn Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the market, are still receiving the congratulations of Harnett citizens for their efforts in filling a long felt need in the county.

Headed by its energetic manager, Joe McCullers, the Dunn Chamber left no stones unturned in arranging for the opening of the market and its successful operation. And now that the season is in its advanced stages and the most pessimistic observers at the opening of the market have freely admitted to the remarkable success of the venture, it is only now being fully realized what the market means to growers in this section and to the county as a whole.

Such "Top Dollar" Currin, popular manager of the Dunn market, is repeatedly getting the "top dollar" for the grower's tobacco and his circle of satisfied customers is growing larger week by week.

Mr. Hubert Colville Has Returned Home

Mr. Hubert Colville of Lillington, who recently suffered a heart attack, returned to his home here Saturday, much improved after receiving treatment at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville.

Mr. Colville's son, Sgt. Erwin H. Colville, was called home from the west coast due to his father's illness.

Southern Communities Are Requesting Displaced Persons

(By Jesse Mook)

Washington, Oct. 20.—Although some of the Southern states have set up state-displaced persons commissions, there is an indication that DP's would be welcome in many communities in the South.

This was the thought put forward today by Harry N. Rosenfield, assistant director of the Displaced Persons Commission in Washington. The Commission was created by an act of Congress early this year, and has the job of preparing the way for the immigration of 25,000 displaced persons from Europe to America during the next two years.

Rosenfield said the Commission had approved requests for displaced persons from every state in the union and a good many of these had come from the South. He said the Commission in Washington was encouraging the various states to set up commissions so that the work could be handled on a more local basis.

He said the state commissions should be a better point to know where DP's might find

DEMOCRATS GO INTO ACTION AS ELECTION NEARS

ALL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES WILL BE ON HAND TO BE PRESENTED AT SPEAKING MONDAY NIGHT

Former Governor J. M. Broughton will speak at a Democratic rally at the courthouse in Lillington Monday night, October 25, at 7:30. The appearance here of Senator-elect Broughton, one of the most able speakers in the South, marks the beginning of an intensive campaign the Democrats will wage in the county until the election November 3.

The Democratic Committee in charge of speaking, L. M. Craftin, J. Shep Bryan and W. A. Johnson, consider themselves fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Broughton for this speaking engagement and predict a capacity audience will be on hand to hear the address.

In addition to Mr. Broughton, other notables have been invited to attend the rally.

J. R. Williams, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, states that all the Democratic candidates for county offices will be on hand to be introduced to the audience. Ertel Carlyle of Lumberton, candidate for Congress from the Seventh District, is also expected to be here to greet the gathering.

The Democratic Executive Committee has completed their organization in each of the county's 21 voting precincts and Chairman Williams states that this organization is expected to roll up one of the most (Continued on page two)

S. S. OFFICERS MEET HERE

Rev. R. E. Moore Offers Solution To Crime Wave In Address To Sunday School Officers

"Something can be done about Harnett's much publicized 'crime wave,'" said Rev. R. E. Moore, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, as he spoke Sunday afternoon in Lillington to Sunday School officers of the Little River Association. Mr. Moore continued by saying it was his firm belief that the churches and Sunday Schools could do more to change the post-war criminal trend in Harnett than any other groups.

After Mr. Moore's short opening address, Mr. Roger Johnson, associational missionary, led the group in making plans for the new Sunday School year. He outlined the program of the Southern Baptist Convention, calling attention to the fact that there are forty million white people within the bounds of the Convention who do not attend any Sunday School.

Mrs. I. K. Stafford of Sule's Creek stressed the need for teaching the Bible to the children of the church. "In Sunday School classes the boys and girls are often unable to answer the simplest questions about the Bible," said Mrs. Stafford.

Other Church leaders attending the meeting were Dr. O. D. Sells, Dunn, Rev. Forrest Maxwell, Erwin, Rev. Harry Wood, Angier, and Rev. S. F. Hudson, Lillington.

VOTE MONDAY

This is the ballot that Lillington citizens will cast in Monday's voting at the Town Hall on the \$30,000 Street Bond Issue. It is the general feeling that the bond issue will receive the same enthusiastic "yes" vote recorded in a similar voting last May.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Special Bond Election

Town of Lillington, North Carolina
October 25, 1948

INSTRUCTIONS

1. To vote "YES", make a cross (X) mark in the square to the right of the word "YES".
2. To vote "NO", make a cross (X) mark in the square to the right of the word "NO".
3. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

YES

NO

Shall an ordinance passed September 21, 1948, authorizing not exceeding \$30,000 Street Improvement Bonds of the Town of Lillington for the purpose of constructing or reconstructing the surface of streets in said Town, including grading, the total cost of which improvements, exclusive of the cost of paving at street intersections, is to be specially assessed, and a tax for said bonds, be approved?

J. H. [Signature]

Town Clerk