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

Democrats Win In County, State and Nation

Democratic Sweep

Completely upsetting predictions by pollsters, most of the leading newspapers and practically all of the radio news commentators, President Harry S. Truman in what has been commonly termed "a single-handed campaign" for reelection has defeated Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Conceding the election of Truman, Governor Dewey at 11:16 Wednesday morning extended congratulations to the President and urged all people to unite behind him to keep America strong and free.

Reports that started coming in soon after the polls closed Tuesday night indicated early leads for Dewey. Those leads continued till Wednesday morning when the trend definitely changed to a Truman lead. Truman led, however, in the popular vote from the very first reports.

Credit for the Truman victory was generally accorded the labor, farmer, housewife and "white collar" vote throughout the nation.

Even the 38 electoral votes gained by Governor Strom Thurmond of South Carolina on the Dixiecrat ticket has failed to prevent the election of President Truman.

Comfortable working majorities in both House and Senate were also won by the Democrats, reversing the GOP majority of the past two years.

Thus is registered the greatest upset in a national election since the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1916, defeating Hughes, Republican candidate, who had gone to sleep on election night thinking he was victorious.

1948 CHRISTMAS SEALS ARRIVE IN HARNETT

A small blond boy in red pajamas, sitting on the floor and gazing into a lighted fireplace, is pictured on the 1948 Christmas Seals.

Seals which were received this week at headquarters of the Harnett County Tuberculosis Association, according to an announcement by Miss Irene Lassiter, the association's chairman. The child is in front of the blazing fire, hands clasped about his knees, waiting patiently for the arrival of Santa Claus.

Barry Bart of South Kent, Conn., well-known American artist and illustrator, designed the 1948 Christmas Seal. Mr. Bart's inspiration was his young nephew who had slipped quietly downstairs on a Christmas Eve to set up his vigil near the three empty stockings hanging over the fireplace.

The Seal Sale in Harnett County will be part of the nationwide 42nd annual Christmas Seal Sale. The Harnett Tuberculosis Association has set its quota at \$1500 and the proceeds will be used for the continuation, and expansion of the association's services, Miss Lassiter said.

The seals will be mailed in Harnett county on November 20. The Harnett County Tuberculosis Association embraces all of the county except Dunn, Erwin and Angier. The Association in these towns is operated independently of the Harnett Association.

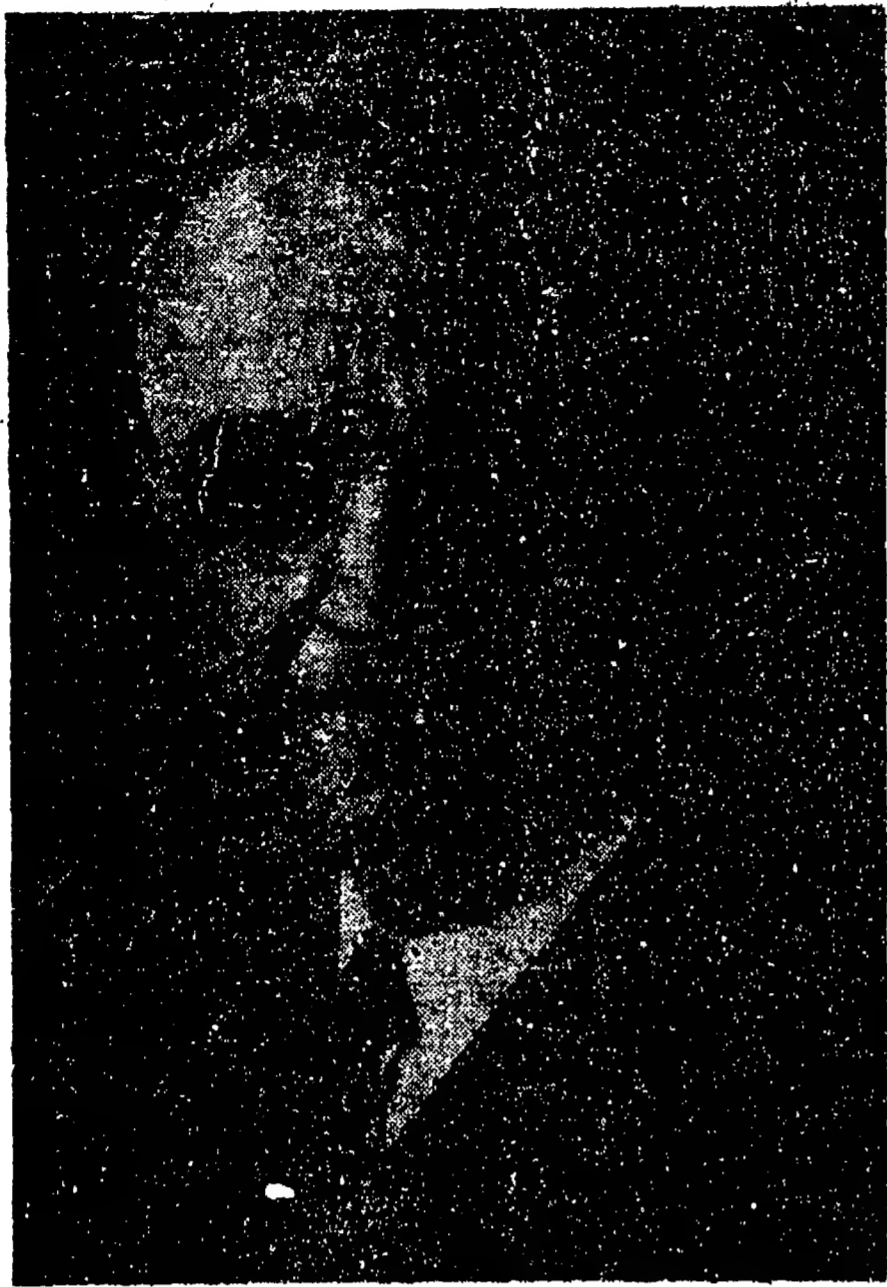
"The purchase of these Seals is one way in which we can all participate in the battle against tuberculosis, a disease which kills nearly 50,000 Americans each year," she continued. "Everyone who buys them is making a sound health investment."

D. W. Denning, Jr. Kiwanis President

At its regular meeting last Thursday night the Angier Kiwanis Club elected D. W. Denning, Jr., president; Winfield Talton, vice president; Clyde Adams, treasurer, and Earl Johnson, secretary.

Directors named were: G. F. Carr, Jay Carl Young, C. R. Meadows, A. C. Barefoot, Leonard Osburn, and Rev. Harry D. Wood, Jr.

Still President Of The United States



HARRY S. TRUMAN

Vice-President



ALBEN BARKLEY

TO ESTABLISH HOME CEMETERY

County Commissioners Authorize Purchase Of Acre Of Land Adjoining County Home For \$300

The Board of County Commissioners at their session here Monday authorized the purchase of an acre of land adjoining the County Home tract to be used as a cemetery for the Home.

The price stipulated is \$300. The land is owned by Mr. A. B. Sherman, County Home Superintendent. Prentiss Parker told the Commissioners the acre tract is suitably situated for the purpose of a cemetery, and that Mr. Sherman had agreed to sell it to the county for \$300.

This is the first attempt to establish a cemetery for the Home since it was moved to the present site from the old location near the present Prison Camp.

LILLINGTON LADY'S BROTHER KILLED SUNDAY

W. I. WRIGHT JR. OF INGOLD, BROTHER OF MRS. JOHN W. SPEARS, SHOT TO DEATH IN WOODS NEAR HOME

W. I. Wright Jr., Sampson county game warden and large land owner, was shot to death early Sunday morning in the woods near his home at Ingold. His body was found Monday by a searching party. Mr. Wright was 41 years old and a brother of Mrs. John W. Spears of Lillington.

Mr. Wright, who had served as a game protector since June 18, 1944, had heard complaints of Sunday hunting and Mrs. Wright stated he had gone into the woods on an investigation.

Her husband failing to return, Mrs. Wright notified Sheriff Perry B. Lockerman, who started a search. The sheriff said Mr. Wright apparently had been dead about 24 hours when his body was discovered a short distance in the woods from the road where he had parked his car. The sheriff said the body had been dragged 25 or 30 feet.

The searching party of 65 men found that Mr. Wright had been shot with a .22 rifle; the bullet passing through his chest. Near the body was found a dead squirrel which had been killed with a .22 bullet.

Mr. Wright's hat, shoes, wallet and car keys were missing. A nephew of Dr. John Wright of Raleigh, Mr. Wright attended Duke (Continued on page eight)

BOARD HOLDS UP CONSIDERATION OF BEER LICENSE

FIVE APPLICATIONS HELD UP FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, MEANING NEW BOARD MUST PASS ON THEM

Five dispensers of beer in Harnett county failed to have their applications for license approved by the Board of Commissioners Monday. They are: Alton Allen, at Erwin; B. J. Howard at Spring Lake, Mabel J. Hamm at Dunn, Dick McLamb on Dunn R-3, and O. H. Lewis at Spring Lake.

Refusal to approve the applications was based on various reasons. One of the applications failed to have the cash requirement attached, but payment was considered good if the Board should see fit to grant the license. On a couple of others there was some question raised as to character of the places or the operators. One gained the stamp of approval but it was withdrawn when the Board finally decided to hold up the whole bunch till a future date.

Commented Commissioner Byrd: "Let's leave all of them for Mr. Tart's Board to consider." Commissioner Tart is the only hold-over member of the Board who will serve with the new members coming in next month.

There has been talk of a county-wide referendum to pass on the granting of license to sell beer and wine. It is reported that a request will be made for such an election soon after the start of the year.

But this was not given as the reason for refusing approval to the five applicants for license Monday. The Board simply didn't want to pass on any more.

There were three road petitions which met approval and were ordered forwarded to the Highway Commission. They were:

In Ayresboro: Leading from a point on the old Smithfield road two miles north of Erwin. Further description was lacking.

In Black River: Leading from highway 210 at a point east of Dr. Young's pond, thence north, thence east into the old Stage-road, through the Jake Partin land, a distance of 1.5 miles.

In North's Creek: Beginning at a point on highway 431 at Blue's Creek at Edgerton's filling station, running southwest by the home of J. L. Reardon, Jr., H. A. Brown, Wade Stewart and others, a distance of 1.1-1.0 miles.

The Commissioners, who were holding their last session, found it a rather easy day. They were able to clear the business before them and adjourn sine die at noon. They will meet Monday morning, December 6, at 9 o'clock merely for the purpose of seeing the new members sworn into office, then turn the reins of government over to them.

It was one of those rare months in the year when no day was to be drawn. It was also a day when there were no long-drawn-out arguments. The Board adjourned with a smile and relief beaming from the countenances of each member, even Commissioner Tart who will string along with the new Board for another two years.

Register Takes In \$688.15 In October

Mrs. Inez Harrington, Register of Deeds, reported to the Commissioners Monday that receipts of her office for October amounted to a total of \$688.15, which included 18 marriage licenses at \$4 each. Sale of licenses is reported quarterly.

Mr. Pleasant Services Saturday and Sunday

Rev. Halston Butler and wife, the former Rev. Willis Haman, will conduct services at Mr. Pleasant, Free Will Baptist Church, on Lillington R-2, next Saturday night at 7:30, Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday night at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

Homebound School

(Special to The News) Headquarters of the Homebound School... (Text continues with details about the school's operations and enrollment.)

Roll Up More Than Usual Majorities For All Candidates

North Carolina's Next Governor

W. KERR SCOTT

NATIONAL TICKET RAN AHEAD OF COUNTY BALLOT

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E. T. Walton 1768
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Howard E. Parker 6824
B. F. McLeod 1953
For Register of Deeds:
(First named is Democrat)
Inez Harrington 6983
Herbert T. Dupree 1802
For Judge of Recorder's Court:
(Democrat—no opposition)
F. H. Taylor 5283
For County Surveyor:
(First named is Democrat)
Walter Lee Johnson 6701
O. S. Young 1853
For County Commissioners:
(First five are Democrats)
L. A. Tart 6739
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TAX PAYMENTS WERE STEPPED UP DURING OCTOBER

HARRINGTON'S REPORT SHOWS \$24,921.50 COLLECTED IN OCT. OVER HALF OF 1948 LEVY HAS BEEN PAID

'PACK-A-TOWEL' COLLECTION BY LOCAL CHURCHES

Harnett county taxpayers were very active in October, settling their obligations to the amount of \$24,921.50 during the month, according to the report of W. D. Harrington submitted to the Commissioners Monday.

The report showed collections on current taxes amounted to \$24,661.76, and from delinquent taxes \$259.74. Other revenue: General county \$2,593.13; school fund \$4,224.60; old age fund \$9,321.75; aid to dependent children \$4,651.50; child feeding program \$2,529.67; veteran farmer training \$10,593.44; veteran education \$272.33—making a total of \$25,425.23.

Total receipts for the month were \$27,130.22. The report shows that 98.96 per cent of the 1948 levy of \$256,810.87 was collected to October 1, as compared to 49.61 to the same date last year.

There remains to be collected of the 1948 levy \$266,840.91.

'PACK-A-TOWEL' COLLECTION BY LOCAL CHURCHES

Members of the Lillington churches are asked to "pack a towel" and bring it as an offering to the World Community Day Service to be held at the Methodist Church on Friday, November 5th at 8:30 p. m.

"Bring a covered dish and enjoy a rich fellowship together. We want the youth (14-31) to play a special part in this service," said the Committee.

The "pack a towel" gifts are being collected by the local unit of the United Council of Church Women. These packages will go to teen-age boys and girls in Europe. No group has suffered more physically or spiritually than these young people. Stabilizing influences of home, community, church and school have been denied them.

There will be an offering taken. For further information contact Mrs. Joel Layton, Jr.

VICTORS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. George Rives spent the week-end with Mrs. Rives' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ston Wilborn.

Four Commissioners Finish Terms of Useful Service

With adjournment of the Monday session of the Board of County Commissioners, four of its members completed a long term of useful service to the county. It was a long term in that it embraced several reelections for each of them.

Retiring from the Board, come this first Monday in December, will be Chairman Angus A. Cameron of Barbours, Ferd D. Jackson of North's Creek, Lonnie E. Byrd of Stewart's Creek, and Bob L. Pace of Duke.

Since the death of the late Justice E. H. Harris of Erwin, Commissioner Cameron has been serving as chairman. Commissioner Linton A. Taylor, also retiring, has been serving out the unexpired term of Mr. Harris.

No intimation is given as to who will be the new chairman of the Board, but venturesome observers of county affairs have hazarded the guess that the mantle will fall upon Commissioner Fields.

During their term of office, the retiring Commissioners have passed upon matters of tremendous import to the taxpayers of Harnett county. But they are not turning over their duties to new members who, under any aspect, can anticipate "easy going."

For one thing, there's the matter of the increasing demand for funds to cover the ever-increasing expense of operating the county's general administrative machinery with its portion of public expense.

County Auditor Herman Cayton has already told the Commissioners that the county's budget will "be in the red" before the end of the fiscal year ending June 30. This, it is estimated, will be a deficit of about one million.

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Democrats of Harnett county went to the polls Tuesday and for the tenth consecutive time rolled up a heavy majority for all of their county and state candidates—almost 6 to 1.

As was to be predicted, the voting was heavier this year because of the unusual interest aroused in the hotly contested presidential race.

Ballot scratching, predicted in some quarters as sure to be on a large scale this year, failed to materialize. The "splitter" tickets got very few endorsements. The vote for the Republican national ticket ran very little ahead of the usual number.

Mrs. Inez Harrington, seeking reelection as Register of Deeds, led the county ticket with 6983 votes to 1802 for her Republican opponent, Herbert T. Dupree.

Democrats, in the main, "voted it straight" when they received their ballots at the voting booths.

Returns from the State election, though incomplete, show clearly that the entire State ticket went over with an overwhelming majority, practically 2 to 1.

Indicative of the keen interest in the presidential contest, Harnett voters cast 8,611 votes in that race as compared to 8,914 for the State candidates and a high of 4,735 for county candidates.

Reports from throughout the State show that all Democratic candidates for State offices, U. S. Senator and Representatives received substantial majorities.

Dixiecrat and Progressive candidates received only comparatively few votes anywhere in the State.

The county vote with 11 precincts out of 21, heard from gave only two of the constitutional amendments a majority; to raise pay of legislators, for 1939, against 1937; to raise 15 cent levy for county general fund, 2064 for, 1548 against. Returns from State balloting show that only the legislative pay amendment was favored, and complete returns may defeat that proposal.

County's Elected Congressman In the Seventh Congressional District, which includes Harnett, Ernest Carley was given a good majority. In Harnett, the vote was 6847 for Carley to 4849 for J. O. West of Dunn, the Republican candidate.

Strengthened Wins In the race for United States Senator, J. Melville Broughton, Democratic candidate, defeated John A. Wilkinson, the Republican candidate, by an overwhelming majority. The vote in Harnett was Broughton 2823, Wilkinson 1822, William T. (Continued on page 4B66)