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Only One Change Is Made In Harnett Methodist Assignments

LOCAL PASTOR IS SENT BACK TO LILLINGTON

ALL OTHERS REMAIN EXCEPT REV. F. D. HEDDEN, WHO IS SENT TO LUMBERTON CROSSING TO WARSAW

When Bishop W. W. Peele, presiding at the tenth annual session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, at Greenville, read the list of appointments of ministers at the close of the session Sunday, he returned all of the Harnett county ministers to their present posts with the exception of one. Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, who had been pastor of the Dunn church, was assigned to Lumberton. In his stead at Dunn, Rev. L. A. Tilley of Morehead City was appointed.

Lillington Methodists as well as members of other denominations in Lillington are gratified in the return of Rev. W. A. Tew, who has been pastor here for the past three years. During Mr. Tew's pastorate here, the membership has been increased, a handsome parsonage has been built, and many other forward steps taken. Mr. Tew has been of great service not only to his church and congregation but also to the spiritual life of the community.

Rev. R. L. Crossno, pastor here preceding Mr. Tew, was appointed to Warsaw Church. He had been serving at Morock.

Rev. K. M. Bedenbaugh was appointed to Broadway.

Rev. J. W. Lineberger from Chadbourne was appointed to Fuquay Springs in place of Rev. D. D. Dodd, who has been retired.

Other appointments in the Raleigh district, embracing churches in Harnett, follow:

H. B. Porter, District Superintendent.

Apex, W. C. Walton, Jr. (s); Bailey, I. T. Poole; Beason, J. Kern Ormond; Cary, J. D. Robinson; Clayton, W. C. Martin; Creedmoor, D. M. Sharpe; Erwin, O. K. Ingram; Four Oaks, J. A. Auman; Franklinton, S. E. Mercer; Garner, R. G. L. Edwards.

Granville Circuit, Heiman Winberry.

Henderson: First, W. Staley Potter; City Road-White Memorial, T. H. House.

Kipling, F. R. Dall; Lousburg, A. C. Leo.

Lousburg Circuit, Joe Overton (s); Marners, O. C. Melton; Millbrook, H. H. Cash; Monro, M. G. McLamb; Mt. Pleasant, W. G. Brogan (s); Newton Grove, R. L. Hethcox; Oxford, S. A. Maxwell.

Oxford Circuit, J. E. Ford, Jr. (s); Princeton, J. E. Spensberg.

Raleigh: Edenton Street, H. P. Powell; Fairmont, A. L. Thompson; Hayes Barton, H. C. Smith; Jenkins Memorial, R. H. Salee; Trinity, R. F. Mann; Westover-Pleasant Grove, H. W. Huston.

Selma, H. B. Baum; Smithfield, H. E. King; Stem, R. I. Eppo; Tar River, N. P. Edens; Vance, R. E. L. Moser.

Zebulon-Wendell, Paul Carruth, Superintendent Methodist Orphanage, L. G. Larkin.

Superintendent Oxford Orphanage, A. D. Gray.

Director of Religious Activities, Lousburg College, D. E. S. Sowers.

Director of Wesley Foundation, College, C. S. McCoy, Jr.

Student, University of Virginia, Fairmont, J. M. Hamm.

Cabinet Member?



JONATHAN DANIELS

Mr. Daniels, editor of the News and Observer and son of the late Popobus Daniels, has been, like his father, a close friend of President Truman. He strongly supported Truman in the recent campaign, and it is entirely possible that he may receive appointment to a post in the President's cabinet.

1948 CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE WILL START NOV. 22

MISS IRENE LASSITER, CHAIRMAN OF HARNETT TB ASSOCIATION, TO MAIL LETTERS TO PROSPECTIVE BUYERS

The countywide sale of the 1948 Christmas Seals—the little stickers which proclaim their users as cooperating in the prevention of tuberculosis—will start November 22.

Beginning with that date and until the sale closes, it is hoped that Harnett county's fine shopping during the sale in 1947 will be surpassed.

Miss Irene Lassiter, chairman of the Harnett County Tuberculosis Association, is in charge of the countywide sale.

Miss Lassiter points out that the 1947 sale afforded:

- 1. Purchase of an X-ray machine for exclusive use in Harnett county.
- 2. Chest X-rays on 15 indigent patients.
- 3. \$100 for tuberculosis research.

In her letters which she will mail to prospective buyers of the little seals, Miss Lassiter will say:

"The 1948 Christmas Seal portrays a little child. This child is warm, safe, contented. There are no signs of want, fear, or disease. He typifies what we desire for every American child."

"Yet we know that children's freedom from disease depends upon the health of others in the home and the community in which they grow up. Won't you then for their sake help prevent the spread of tuberculosis? You can do this by buying and using Christmas Seals. They are the sole support of your tuberculosis association which is engaged in a campaign to control tuberculosis."

"Your Christmas Seals are enclosed. They are only \$1.00 per sheet. Buy and use as many as possible. They can and will hasten the day when tuberculosis will be completely conquered."

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A friend from Northeastern Ohio, a government worker who must remain incognito for reasons of the Hatch Act affecting political activities of Federal employees, spoke up and challenged Mrs. Erwin. "Dewey will win," he said. "I'll bet you."

THOUSANDS ARE EXPECTED TO ENTER CONTEST

SPEAKING CONTEST SPONSORED BY N. C. BANKERS EXPECTED TO DRAW WIDE INTEREST

Thousands of white high school students from throughout the State are expected to participate in the 1948 agricultural speaking contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association, says J. Frank Doggett, Extension soil conservationist at State College.

Several thousand dollars worth of government savings bonds and cash prizes will be awarded to school, county, district, and State winners in the contest, which is designed to stimulate interest in proper land use and treatment.

In a statement this week, John P. Stedman of Lumberton, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Bankers Association, said:

"The agricultural committee of North Carolina Bankers Association has for many years centered its interest around the protection of the soil of North Carolina, which is the State's most valuable asset. We, as bankers, realize that the prosperity of our people will rise or fall in proportion to the care or lack of treatment that the majority of the State's population, who produce a livelihood from the land, give to it."

"Approximately 75 per cent of all North Carolinians live in or produce from the country-side. For that reason, the strongest efforts are needed on the part of business and industry to foster an effective educational program for proper land use and care. It takes a long time to develop good land, but carelessness and neglect can cause it to lose its value overnight."

"Again this year the Bankers Association, assisted by soil conservationists, Extension Service personnel, foresters, and other agencies, takes pleasure in sponsoring a speaking contest covering some phase of soil conservation."

Harvest Sale, Supper At Buckhorn School

A supper will be served at Buckhorn school tomorrow (Friday) night beginning at 6 o'clock. Immediately following the supper a Harvest Sale will be conducted.

The event is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Cokesbury Methodist Church, and proceeds will be used to erect an addition to the church.

All friends of the church are cordially invited.

Mamers Church Is Having Study Course

Rev. D. P. Brooks, State Sunday school field worker, is at Antioch Baptist Church, Mamers, all this week, each evening teaching the book, "The Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School," by Dr. Gaines S. Dobbin.

The classes begin at 7 o'clock each evening.

All churches in Little River Association are invited to send their teachers, officers, and prospective teachers to this school to have part in the study.

Mrs. Erwin, News' Reporter, Outstanding Political Prophet

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ANNUAL MEETING FORESTRY GROUP SLATED NOV. 16-17

MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE WALTER HOTEL, RALEIGH, BEGINNING NEXT TUESDAY EVENING

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Forestry Association will be held at the Walter Hotel, Raleigh, beginning next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and extending through Wednesday, November 17, at 11:30 a. m., according to announcement today by Dea P. Johnson, president of the association.

Invitations have been extended to others interested outside of the ranks of association officials. Governor Gregg Cherry and Governor-elect Kerr Scott are listed on the program.

Following is the program of the meetings:

Tuesday, November 16

11:00 A. M.—Registration. Executive Committee Meeting.

1:30 P. M.—Annual meeting convenes in Virginia Dare Ballroom, President Dea P. Johnson presiding. Welcome—Hon. F. D. Salpea, Mayor of Raleigh.

2:05 P. M.—Response—J. H. Keener, Vice-President Western District.

2:10 P. M.—President's Address.

2:15 P. M.—NCP's Program—Wm. S. Edmunds, Executive Director.

2:25 P. M.—Panel Discussion "Forest Conservation Education in North Carolina—Today and Tomorrow." Dr. C. E. Kerstian, Dean, Forestry School, Duke University, conducting. Participating: S. L. Frost, Executive Director, American Forestry Association; John Park, Publisher and Editor, Raleigh Times; Member of Wake County School Board.

2:45 P. M.—Intermission.

4:00 P. M.—Business Session. Committee Reports and Election of Officers.

5:00 P. M.—Recess.

6:00 P. M.—Social Hour (Colonial Room).

7:00 P. M.—Annual Banquet. The Virginia Hotel, Raleigh. Fred C. Clarke, hostmaster. Introduction of Guests. Presentation of Timber Farm Awards. Introduction of Speaker, W. Avery Thompson, General Manager, J. E. Thompson Lumber Company.

8:00 P. M.—Address "Keep North Carolina Green"—Hon. W. Kerr Scott.

Wednesday, November 17

10 A. M.—Launching of "Keep North Carolina Green" program. T. J. Pearsall, vice president eastern district, presiding. Comments by Gov. Gregg Cherry, state and federal officials; timberland owners, association and industrial representatives. Appointment of Keep North Carolina Green committee.

11:30 A. M.—Adjourn.

ERWIN EMPLOYEE ACCIDENT VICTIM

Accidentally Shoots Self While Cleaning His Shotgun in Preparation For Hunting Trip

Wilbert T. Frazier, 32-year-old Erwin Mills employee, was killed Tuesday of last week when his shotgun, which he was cleaning in preparation for a hunting trip, was accidentally discharged.

No one was with him in his home at the time, but Mrs. Frazier, who also works at the mill on another shift, found her husband's body when she returned home.

"She found a note which told her he had gone hunting."

Coroner Alfred, who investigated the case with Deputy Oscar Pearce and Ken Matthews, found the death of Frazier was caused by an accident and no inquest was held.

Tools, oil and rags were found beside the body and gun.

Surviving are his wife and three children, Willie Tyson Frazier, Jr., Anne Lee, and Donald Philip.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Hatcher-Slimer-Ferguson Home in Dunn. The Rev. R. E. Gammon of Dunn and the Rev. Thomas Frey of Red Springs officiated. Following the services the body was taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. D. A. Evans in Bennettsville, S. C., for burial at a later date.

Given Below is a list of names of those who attended the funeral.

Harnett Court Meets Monday For Its Final 1948 Session

SUPREME COURT DECIDES AGAINST REV. L. V. DAVIS

COURT IN 4-TO-2 OPINION SAYS DAVIS MUST SERVE TWO-YEAR SENTENCE FOR FORNICATION AND ADULTERY

Rev. Lonnie V. Davis, one-time preacher-superintendent of the Dunn Orphanage, must serve the sentence imposed upon him in Harnett Superior Court last July following his conviction on charges of fornication and adultery.

Attorney Neill Salmon appealed the case to the Supreme Court, and that tribunal last week upheld the verdict of the Harnett court. The justices in the higher court split in the decision, 4 to 2. Chief Justice Stacy and Justices Denny and Winborne dissenting. The Chief Justice wrote the dissenting opinion, using strong words:

"We must take the law as we find it. The appellant (Davis) is entitled to the limitations of the statute under which he is presently indicted. The intention of the law-making body is not to be thwarted or defeated by interpretation."

"The defendant has been convicted on incompetent evidence. Whatever his offense, he is entitled to a hearing within the confines of the statute and otherwise free from error."

"The inhibitions of the statute makes no distinction between judicial and extra-judicial admissions or confessions. It is unwarranted in its severity. It makes no distinction between admissions or confessions in the courtroom or those on the outside."

Continuing, the chief justice quoted from the Bill of Rights to the Constitution: "No person ought to be deprived of his liberty but by the law of the land."

"It was better," he wrote, "that the defendant should be tried again, or even allowed to escape, than that stripes should be called against him on a basis which are clearly wide of the plate."

Davis was acquitted at an earlier trial in which he was charged with carnal knowledge of a girl under 16. It was at that trial that Presiding Judge Henry Stovall waived out the jury which brought in the acquittal verdict and ordered Davis arrested on a bench warrant charging him with fornication and adultery.

Revival At Olivia Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. P. Meares, pastor of historic McPherson Church near Fayetteville, began a series of revival services at the Olivia Presbyterian Church Monday night of this week.

Harnett Man In Raleigh Hospital

James Talley, Jr., of Angier, N. C., who was injured in a motorcycle wreck in Raleigh on Thursday of last week, is in Mary Elizabeth Hospital for treatment. He suffered head and internal injuries when his machine went out of control on the Wake Forest Road.

U. S. Ag. Dept. Predicts Good Farming For 6 Years

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SAYS FARMERS WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT SOILS FOR NEXT SIX YEARS

Farmers of this area have been heartened by a report from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which predicts good crops for farmers for the next six years.

"It is a moderate recession," the report says, "and it is expected that the 1949-50 crop level will be about the same as the 1947-48 level."

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Wins Better Methods Electric Contest

Robbie Jo Lewis, Fuquay Springs, R-1, has been named winner in the Harnett County's Annual 4-H Better Methods Contest. This contest is sponsored jointly by the Extension Service, The Westinghouse Educational Foundation, and the Carolina Power and Light Company. As a county winner she was awarded a certificate and a medal.

Robbie Jo's project was handling of electricity and she found that by using electricity much time and energy could be saved. Robbie Jo was a guest at the state-wide meeting in Raleigh on November 1 and 2. The Assistant Home Agent, Lois Hynley, accompanied her and also attended the meeting.

Extending Thanks

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C. L. WILLIAMS RESIDENT JUDGE WILL PRESIDE

SEVEN MURDER CASES ARE ON DOCKET, BUT SOLICITOR HOPES ISN'T CERTAIN WHETHER HE CAN BE HERE

When Harnett Superior Court convenes Monday morning for its final session of the year, it will face seven murder counts on its docket. A total of 48 cases are listed on the calendar prepared by Clerk Howard Godwin.

Clerk Godwin tells The News he is not certain whether Solicitor Jack Hooks will be able to get here for the term. The Solicitor has been in a Rest Home in Durham for several weeks, and reports say that he is still a sick man.

Judge Clifton L. Williams of Sanford will preside at the two weeks term, which is scheduled for the trial of criminal cases. Judge Williams is the resident judge of the judicial district composed of Wayne, Johnston, Harnett, Lee and Chatham counties.

Clerk Godwin has scheduled all other cases for the first week, and the seven murder trials are set for Monday of the second week, but he states that it will probably be difficult to secure a substitute solicitor for the murder trials in case Mr. Hooks fails to get here.

There are eight cases to go before the Grand Jury.

Following is the docket as prepared by Clerk Godwin:

Monday, November 16

J. E. Lucas, reckless driving; Vann Skipper, drunk and disorderly; J. P. Gibson, assault with deadly weapon; William McNeill, carrying concealed weapon, drunk and disorderly, resisting arrest; Judson Hodges, et al, larceny and receiving; Guy T. Yantis, burglary; Ralph Johnson, storebreaking and larceny; Willie McNeill, larceny; Frank A. Sanders, operating auto while intoxicated and after license revoked; B. E. Westbrook, operating auto while intoxicated and without license; Mattie Bell Blue et al, assault with deadly weapon, etc.; Howard Eastman, operating auto while intoxicated; Dick Ray, assault with deadly weapon; Dick Ray, assault on a female; George Stargel, larceny.

The following cases are to go before the Grand Jury and are to be called at the pleasure of the Solicitor:

Willie Baker, arson; J. C. McNeill, rape; James Crouch, robbery; Clifton Robertson et al, H. & L. and receiving; Andrew "Doc" Davis, rape; George M. Bell, robbery and secret assault; Willie Cameron, rape; Duncan McLean et al, robbery.

Tuesday, November 16

Herman Barfoot, assault on a female; George Griffin, abandonment; Mordecai Vann, Sr., non-support; Herbert Stovany, abandonment and non-support of illegitimate child; Eugene Norris, housebreaking and larceny; Robert Taylor, assault with deadly weapon, etc.; Bernice Carter, violating prohibition law.

Wednesday, November 17

Gilbert Hair, violating Motor Vehicle Inspection Law; Fossil Mayor, (two cases), violating prohibition law; William Williams, violating prohibition law; Malon A. Holmes, driving drunk and without license; Kenzie Justice, violating prohibition law; J. Lee Langdon, operating auto while under influence; Anthony Harris, driving drunk.

Thursday, November 18

Troy McNeill, murder; Lewis Wilburn, murder; James Grice, murder; Sam P. Cassidy, murder; Emma McLeod, murder; Ruth B. Howell, murder; Hanson Tydall, murder.

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