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Term May Be Short

JUDGE GIVES HEART-TO-HEART TALK TO JURORS

CLAWSON WILLIAMS, HERE FOR CRIMINAL TERM, REMINDS GRAND JURY OF ITS SOLEMN DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES

Harnett county people are always glad to welcome their resident judge, Clawson L. Williams of Sanford, and the eighteen members of the Grand Jury listened intently to his remarks Monday morning when court convened.

Judge Williams feels at ease, too, when he comes to Harnett. He feels that he is with his "closest" countrymen, the neighbors of his home county who watched with great interest his career as Solicitor of this district and his elevation to the bench.

The judge had a heart-to-heart talk with the eighteen members of the Grand Jury Monday morning. He reminded them, first of all, that upon their shoulders rested a great responsibility because without their efficient aid the cause of justice could not effectively prevail against crime, and the administration of justice would fail.

"You gentlemen compose the duly constituted agency upon which this court must depend for the meting out of justice to those who have laid themselves liable, and to aid the officers and the court in the protection of society from recurrence of crime," Judge Williams told the jurors.

Admonishing them that they should never waiver in their duty to present bills where they found sufficient evidence to warrant same, he told the Grand Jury members their faithfulness in the performance of duty would register a forward step in deterring crime.

Citing some of the evil influences that tend to increase the number of crimes committed, the judge recalled again his oft-repeated statement that the impressions gained in a well-ordered home will go far in shaping the life and molding the character of the youth of the land.

"But the law enforcement officers and the courts can go a long way in deterring crime if only we can have the support and cooperation of all the people who are interested in justice," he declared.

Judge Williams cited the heavy percentage of criminal cases whose origin is traced to liquor. "It's a mistaken notion that some people have, that we can temporize with evil or that which brings it on," he said, as he recited to the jurors the seemingly increasing menace of drunken driving on the thoroughfares.

Judge Williams didn't take up very much time in his charge, but both the jury and court attaches

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State College Alumni Holds Annual Meeting

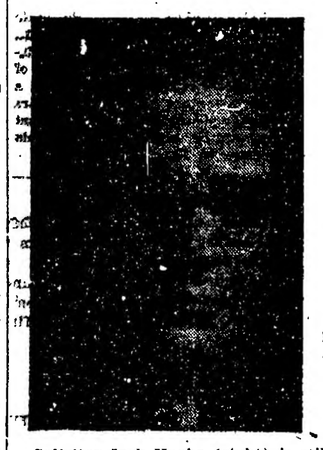
The Harnett County State College Alumni Association held its annual meeting in the Lillington school cafeteria Wednesday, November 10, at 7 p. m.

A delightful dinner was served and officers for the coming year were elected. Dr. R. J. Preston, new head of the Division of Forestry at N. C. State College, gave an interesting discussion on how North Carolina can better utilize its forestry resources.

New alumni officers for the coming year are: W. H. Rogers, Fuquay R-1, president; R. E. Byrd, Bunnlevel, secretary; John H. Blackmon, Lillington, reporter.

NOBEL PRIZE . . . Dr. Paul Mueller of Switzerland was awarded the 1948 Nobel prize in physiology for his discovery in 1939 of the insecticide known as DDT which saved the lives of many refugees.

Solicitor Hooks Ill; Atty. Young Substituting



Solicitor Jack Hooks (right) is still in a Durham hospital, and Attorney J. R. (Bob) Young (left) of Dunn is substituting for him this week in Harnett Superior Court's November criminal term. The term is scheduled for two weeks and there are seven murder cases calendared for next week. Clerk Howard Godwin says he doesn't know whether Solicitor Hooks will be able to attend court here this term.

Quail, Rabbit And Turkey Season Opens Thanksgiving

Of special interest to Harnett sportsmen in the opening of the quail, rabbit and turkey season on next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has announced the following regulations that pertain to the hunting of these game animals and birds:

Quail—November 25 to January 10 inclusive; daily bag eight, possession limit 16, season 100, effective over entire state.

Rabbits—November 25 to January 10 inclusive; daily bag 7, possession limit 14, no season limit. The entire state will be open to rabbit shooting.

Wild Turkeys—Nov. 25 through January 10 with a daily bag limit of 1, possession limit 2, season limit 6. Only gobblers are to be shot this year, and the entire state is open.

The abolition of lay days during the 1948-49 hunting season also pertains to the open hunting season on the above. Quail, rabbits and wild turkeys may be hunted any day of the week during the open season with the exception of Sunday. The N. C. game laws prohibit Sunday hunting.

The News has had reliable reports that quail are plentiful throughout the county this season. Farmers, wardens and sportsmen report that quail seem to be more plentiful in some sections than has been the case in several years. No accurate reports as to the supply of wild turkeys and rabbits in the county have been received, however, it would seem that turkeys are still on the scarce list in that the Wildlife Commission has seen fit to allow only gobblers to be taken this year.

Game Wardens warn hunters to be sure to obtain a hunting license before venturing forth in search of game. Sportsmen are also being urged to exercise every precaution in handling firearms.

Holidays

All schools of Harnett county will not observe the same number of days as holidays for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Board of Education decreed that seven days would be sufficient for both events. Some of the schools decided to take no days off for Thanksgiving, saving all of the holidays for Christmas.

Others decided to divide the holidays, taking two for Thanksgiving and five for Christmas.

The number of holidays were cut short this year due to the lateness of the opening of the schools.

Harvest Sale At Barbecue Saturday

Members of historic Barbecue Presbyterian Church are inviting their friends to attend their annual Harvest Sale which starts at 10 a. m. next Saturday, November 20.

No meal will be served, but many attractive articles donated to the church for the sale will be offered.

Proceeds will be used for the church building fund.

At Summerville

Beginning next Sunday, November 21, at 3 p. m., there will be preaching service on the third Sunday of each month at the Summerville Church. The Reverend T. A. Guiton will preach.

Extensive improvements have been made on the historic church in recent months and Church officials plan to continue Sunday School, worship services and other church activities at the Summerville Church.

The public is cordially invited to all church services.

Notice To Veterans

Important notice to veterans who are training under public law 346. To avoid delay in their pay, veterans must have form 1905c monthly report in by the 10th of each month, otherwise subsistance payments will be suspended. Each veteran should be furnished with copy of training program objectives for which he is training, this program should be followed strictly, in the preparation of monthly report.

L. B. McLean,
Veteran Service Officer.

More Harnett Farmers Going In For Private Fish Ponds

W. E. Boykin, Harnett county's soil conservationist, is witnessing at least one fine result of the labors and teahings of his organization, the Soil Conservation Service.

Many good results have come to light, in fact, but one that is right now pleasing to the conservationist is the growing number of farmers who are going in for private fish ponds.

These ponds afford not onl a lot of pleasure to the farmers and their families and special friends, but they furnish one of the most wholesome and nutritious of all foods—fresh fish.

Mr. Boykin says that there are now 115 private ponds in Harnett county, and the number is growing rapidly. Lately a dozen more ponds have been established on the farms of—

Sidney G. Thomas, Cyrus Matthews, Mrs. Annie Andrews, Buck Turlington, F. A. Turlington, J. T. Barnes, C. H. Bethune, R. B. Grimes, D. W. Denning, A. W. Slaughter, Aubrey Wood and B. L. Griffin.

Thirteen hundred blue bream fingerlings were recently distributed among these new pond owners.

Mr. Boykin promises that bass fingerlings will be distributed next spring.

Thousands of young fish have been distributed to the 115 pond owners in Harnett county, says Mr. Boykin, who stresses the value of such farm improvement.

Construction of these private fish ponds is a simple process, though in former years it had been considered as rather expensive. Mr. Boykin points out, however, that many projects of farm improvement which heretofore had been looked upon by most farmers as "luxuries" are now viewed as necessary adjuncts to well-balanced farming.

Since the private fish pond movement got underway, there have been several enterprising persons going into the business of constructing them. "They are not as expensive as some people have thought," said Mr. Boykin, who derives a great deal of satisfaction in watching the movement.

FIRE DESTROYS MANCHESTER METHODIST PARSONAGE

FLAMES FROM OIL STOVE CONSUME BUILDING AND PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PASTOR AND MRS. MELTON

Fire that originated at an oil stove completely destroyed the Methodist parsonage at Manchester last Thursday in mid-afternoon. Along with the building, practically all of the personal belongings of Pastor and Mrs. O. C. Melton were lost.

Extricated from the burning building were an electric cook stove, a cedar chest and blankets and a mattress.

Pastor Melton lost around $800 worth of valuable books in his study room.

Tommy Todd was refilling the outside tank with fuel oil at the parsonage when an oil stove in the house began to sputter and shoot out flames. Twice the flames were put out with an extinguisher which Mr. Todd carried with his oil truck.

The house became so filled with smoke, however, that it was impossible to determine whether they again broke out. But it was only a few minutes before flames were engulfing the entire structure.

This is the second time for Pastor Melton to lose his family belongings by fire, The News was told. Added to the loss Thursday were two new suits of clothing he had just purchased for himself.

The Manchester Methodists carried $1,400 insurance on the building, which was of frame construction and was erected about 15 years ago. It was a good building, having been constructed of excellent first-grade materials which are very rare now.

To replace the building, according to estimates of those familiar with it, would cost between $8,000 and $10,000.

TB SEAL SALE TO BE STARTED NEXT MONDAY

MISS LASSITER, COUNTY CHAIRMAN, MAILING LETTERS WITH ACCOMPANYING SEALS THROUGHOUT COUNTY

Miss Irene Lassiter, chairman of the Harnett County Tuberculosis Association, is mailing out letters accompanied by batches of 1948 Christmas Seals. The sale is scheduled to start next Monday.

In her letters, Miss Lassiter is pointing out what was accomplished through the Seal Sale in 1947. She says the following was made possible:

Purchase of an X-ray machine for exclusive use in Harnett county; chest X-rays on 1% indigent patients; $100 for tuberculosis research.

The seals are printed 100 to a sheet, and only $1.00 is asked for each sheet. Citizens are urged to buy as many as possible. Says the chairman: "They can and will hasten the day when tuberculosis will be completely conquered."

Proceeds from sale of the little seals are the sole support of the association. This is the 42nd annual sale.

The association hopes to realize a larger sum than ever before from the 1948 sale. More vigorous efforts to place tuberculosis under control call for more funds and more equipment.

Procedure in the sale is: The chairman mails out to prospective buyers a number of sheets of the seals. Recipient of the seals and their accompanying message, stressing their importance, send $1.00 for each sheet of seals to M. Irene Lassiter, Chairman, Harnett County Tuberculosis Association, Lillington.

The urgent request is that all recipients of the seals respond immediately with the price of the seals received.

The seals can be used on all mail, including Christmas greetings, even on "accounts rendered" for bills due. Everybody is requested to buy and use the seals.

Seal Bookmarks

All books [illegible] Harnett County Library [illegible] with [illegible] a bookmark [illegible] care of the [illegible] and [illegible]

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Sen. Broughton To Be Speaker At FFA Federation Banquet

BROWNIE TROOP GAVE PATRIOTIC 'FLY UP' PROGRAM

YOUNGER TROOP OF GIRL SCOUT ORGANIZATION GIVES PROGRAM IN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Emphasizing their patriotic spirit in Scout activities, the "Brownie" Troop of the local Girl Scouts gave the following program in Lillington school auditorium Wednesday afternoon beginning at 3:15:

"Brownie Fly Up Service:

Processional—Lynn Lewis, pianist.

Flag Bearer, Anne O'Quinn; Color Guards, Frances Louise Atkins, Sharon Turlington, Laura Mae Edwards, Henrietta O'Quinn, Mary Jane Chambers, Marie Lett.

Barbara Ann Howell, captain of Junior Council, presiding officer.

Brownie Troop, Junior Intermediate Troop, Intermediate Troop, Senior Intermediate Troop acting as Color Guards, Senior Troop.

Pledge to the Flag.

The National Anthem.

Prayer—Faye Matthews.

Fly Up—Senior Scouts took their place on the stage.

Presentation of Wings by Miss Vara Lee Thornton, Brownie leader.

Received into "Scouthood" by the Senior Troop (The Big Sisters).

Roll call by Juanita Bass.

Addye Henry Baggett—Keeter Baggett; Veve Caviness—Sue Fields Ross; Ruby Peede—Virginia Jo Ross; Nelle Smith—Barbara Jean Blackmon; Mary George Kelly—Betty Milton; Jackie McLeod—Barbara Morgan; Dorothy Secrest—Becky Matthews; Pat O'Quinn—Terry Edwards.

Welcome—Karen Walker, Jr. Lt. of Jr. Intermediate Troop.

Candlelight Service of Friendship—Scouts and parents and friends completed the Kettleshoe Formation in manner explained by Capt. Barbara Ann Howell.

During the singing of the Scout hymn each person lit the candle of the one nearest.

The Amen of the Scout hymn closed the service.

For Savings Bonds

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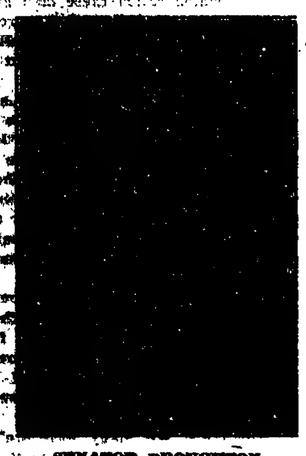
DR. CLYDE ERWIN

Dr. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been appointed on the North Carolina Committee to promote the sale of United States Savings Bonds. He is one of only 25 educators in the nation appointed on the committee.

Banquet Speaker



SENATOR BROUGHTON

Senator Broughton will be the principal speaker at the annual Father and Son Banquet of the Harnett County Federation of the Future Farmers of America at the Angier school cafeteria on Friday evening of this week.

TEMPERANCE DRAMA WILL BE PRESENTED HERE

ALL PARTS EXCEPT TWO WILL BE TAKEN BY LOCAL PERSONS; AT LILLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The case of F. W. Wilkinson, who is charged with murder in the first degree on account of the brutal slaying of his wife, and whose only explanation was that he "had been drinking," will be heard in the Lillington high school auditorium, at [illegible] evening, November 21, according to an announcement by Rev. W. A. Tew. This will be a dramatization, "Prisoner at the Bar," and will be given at a union service, in which the Lillington Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian congregations will join.

All parts in this drama except two will be given by local residents. Mr. L. M. Chaffin will act as presiding judge, while Mr. Neill McK. Salmon will serve as counsel for the defendant. Mr. James Davis will act as sheriff and Mr. Reid Ross will take the part of the state fingerprint expert who has been called in. Mrs. Howard Watkins will be an important witness for the prosecution and Miss Betty Lou Ofsby will take the part of the prisoner's little daughter. Mr. Duncan Ray will act as clerk of the court, Rev. Sam Hudson will serve as bailiff, and Rev. T. A. Guiton will be the foreman of the jury which hears the case.

This thrilling courtroom drama, "Prisoner at the Bar," will be given at the high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, November 21. The public is cordially invited.

Admission is free. There will be a free-will offering.

TEA AND TOPICS CLUB

The Tea and Topics Book Club will meet on Friday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. Walter Byrd. The program topic will be "Visiting among recent books" with Mrs. Allen M. Shaw leader.

ANNUAL FEAST AT VOCATIONAL GROUP MEETING

JOHN H. BLACKMON, LILLINGTON VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR, IS ADVISER TO COUNTY FEDERATION

The Harnett County Federation of Future Farmers of America will hold its annual Father-and-Son banquet meeting in the Angier school cafeteria tomorrow (Friday) evening in the Angier school cafeteria.

United States Senator J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh will be the principal speaker, and will be introduced by John H. Blackmon, vocational instructor at the Lillington school. Mr. Blackmon is Adviser to the Federation.

Federation officials are: Dewey Adams, Lillington, president; Neil Barnes, Coats, vice-president; Wesley McLeod, Angier, secretary; Sidney Dorman, Dunn, treasurer; Jack Lassiter, Anderson Creek, reporter.

Menu for the banquet: Fried chicken, green peas, candied yams, cole slaw, pickles, ice cream, pie, and coffee.

Following is the program:

Opening banquet: Federation officers.

Invocation: Rev. H. D. Wood, Jr., Angier.

Toastmaster: Rob Moore, Lillington.

Welcome: Randy Collins, Angier.

Response: V. W. Bordeaux, Lillington.

Accordian Selections: Linwood Sills, Dunn.

F.F.A. Creed: Billy Allen, Lillington.

F.F.A. Exhibit: Jack Lassiter, Anderson Creek.

F.F.A. Projects: Billy Clark, Benhaven.

Introduction of Guest: John H. Blackmon, Lillington.

Address: Senator J. Melville Broughton.

Closing Banquet: President.

Superintendents To Meet Tomorrow

Harnett County School Superintendent C. Reid Ross is attending the annual meeting of the Superintendents' Division of the North Carolina Education Association being held in Raleigh at the Carolina Hotel this week.

The first session opened Wednesday night and the meetings will continue through Friday. The meetings are combined with the State Superintendents' Summer Conference which was postponed due to the polio epidemic.

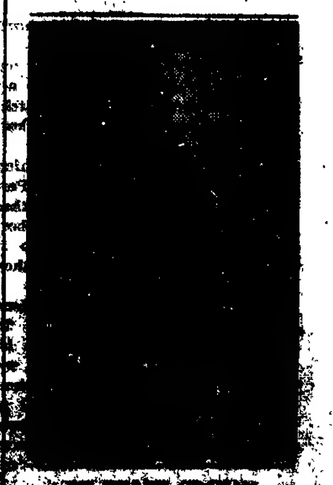
Mr. Ross was president of the State Division of Superintendents last year. He is chairman of membership committee of the American Association of School Administrators and will report on that subject at the meeting in Raleigh.

Harnett County Safety Council Meets Friday

The Harnett County Safety Council will meet Friday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock in the courthouse auditorium.

All persons interested in promoting safety on streets and highways are urged to attend by C. H. Hood, secretary, and C. G. Fields, president.

$1,000 To Him



DR. GRAHAM

Dr. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, is in receipt of a check for $1,000 [illegible] Public Affairs, according to an announcement by the Foundation.

Property Owners Voluntarily Paying Street Assessments

Mayor Charlie Loving tells The News that property owners in Lillington are voluntarily paying up the assessments assessed against them for their proportionate share of the street lines in the paving program.

The Sanford-Cline Company, which has laid between 10 and 15 miles of paving here, is now putting the finishing touches on the shoulders and drains. As soon as a check can be made up [illegible] Paving Company, a settlement will be made with the construction company.

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To date, $21,131.15 has voluntarily been paid in advance by property owners according to their prorata share of the paving of the streets running along their property lines.

Mayor Loving says others state that they will pay forthwith.

To those who fail to make the payments, the Mayor said, notice will be given, and if they neglect to pay, then the amount of the cost of paving the streets by their property will be assessed against them.

[illegible] complaints have been [illegible] to the town authorities [illegible] on the street paving. [illegible] remarks come not [illegible] here and from [illegible] way from [illegible] families of [illegible] here a few [illegible] The News [illegible]