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

Grand Jury Offers Criticism Of Some Roads And Schools

SHAWTOWN AND BOONE TRAIL NEED REPAIRS

THREE ROADS IN COUNTY SHOULD BE GIVEN ATTENTION, ALSO CROWDED VAULTS IN COURTHOUSE, JURY FINDS

Departing from its usual custom of giving all county institutions and services a clean bill of health, the Grand Jury serving at the November term of Harnett Superior Court called attention to the crowded condition and need of adequate storage space in the vaults of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court. All other courthouse offices as well as the County Home, Convict Camp and Jail, were found to be in perfect order and well kept and well managed.

Two schools, Boone Trail, white, and Shawtown, colored, came in for some criticism by the jury, which said to Judge Williams in its report: Boone Trail has insufficient water pressure for a sanitary condition, and Shawtown toilets should have deodorants and soap dispensers.

The jury also took a whack at three roads over which school buses are operated. The full report of the jury reads: To His Honor Clarence L. Williams, Judge Presiding:

"We, the Grand Jury of Harnett County Superior Court, respectfully submit our final report for the week ending November 20, 1948.

We have received, considered, and passed on all bills presented to us for the November Term, 1948.

We have examined the County Jail and find it to be clean, sanitary and well kept. The inmates appear to be well cared for. We have inspected the city jails at Dunn and Angier and find them clean, sanitary and well kept.

We find everything at the Prison Camp in excellent condition. All buildings are well kept, clean, and sanitary.

We find the County Home in good condition and in a sanitary condition. The sanitary rating is reported to be the highest in years. It appears the inmates are being served very good meals.

We recommend enlargement of the vaults in both the Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds office so they will have adequate storage room for their records which now seem to be in a very crowded condition.

Inspection of Shawtown School showed the school property to be in good shape except for the boy's toilet, which should be equipped with deodorant and soap dispenser.

Inspection of the Lillington School seemed to show school property, etc., in good condition.

Inspection of Boone Trail School showed school property and buses to be in good condition with the exception of a lack of sufficient water pressure for a sanitary condition.

The road from J. J. Weavers on the Jonesboro road to Mary Stewart School needs to be widened as same is traveled by school buses.

The road from Mr. J. E. Dupree's in Angier leading to Fish Crossroads is in bad shape and very bad need of repair.

Road from Lucas Machine Shop to old Dunn-Brown road is in need of repairs.

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"Stickers"

Postmaster M. D. Lanier of Lillington has received instructions from the Postoffice Department that adhesive seals or stickers, other than postage stamps, usually prohibited on the address side of all mail, will be allowed from December 1, 1948, to January 1, 1949.

Lanier is advised, however, that he shall inform patrons that such seals or stickers should not be placed on the address side of mail.

The instructions are contained in the Postal Bulletin which goes to all postmasters.

The suspension of the rule, it is understood, is made so that persons may buy and use the Christmas Seals sold for the benefit of the anti-tuberculosis campaign.

VARINA VISITED BY DISASTROUS FIRE MONDAY

NEW DEAL WAREHOUSE AND SEVERAL DWELLINGS COMPLETELY DESTROYED; LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$115,000 OR MORE

Fire in Varina Monday completely destroyed the New Deal Warehouse No. 1 and several dwellings and caused damage to other houses including the warehouse of the North State Tobacco Company.

Manager Walter H. Parnore of the Fuquay-Varina Chamber of Commerce estimated the loss at \$115,000 or possibly more.

Origin of the fire was undetermined. Fire fighting equipment from Fuquay, Raleigh, Dunn, Apex, Angier and Fort Bragg responded to the emergency call and prevented damage to other property.

The New Deal, which had closed over the week-end, was scheduled to open Monday morning. It was owned by King Roberts of Reidsville and had 50,278 square feet of floor space. Tobacco inside was worth an estimated \$15,000.

Homes destroyed were occupied by colored people.

It was only two years ago that a disastrous fire swept Fuquay. Buildings constructed since that time have left no trace of that fire. It is stated that a re-building program will at once be started in Varina.

The warehouses were said to have been partially covered by insurance.

The blaze was first discovered about 8 a. m. and it raged for more than an hour before it was put under control.

No one was reported injured.

The New Deal was one of the oldest of the large group operated in the Varina area.

Barbecue Harvest Sale Is Success

The Harvest Sale held at Barbecue Presbyterian Church last Saturday was a pronounced success, the receipts amounting to \$510.15, which will be used for the building fund.

The auctioneer was Bob Houston of Sanford.

Members of the church extend their thanks to all who helped to make the sale a success.

NO STABILIZATION SALES UNTIL 1948 CROP IS SOLD

FARMERS ASSURED THAT TOBACCO HELD BY COOPERATIVE WILL NOT BE THROWN ON MARKET

L. T. Weeks, Raleigh, Manager and Secretary of the Fine-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, declared today that the organization's nearly 325,000 members need have no fears that tobacco taken under the loan by Stabilization from the 1948 crop will be sold before the current marketing season ends.

"There has been some question among growers that perhaps Stabilization has been selling 1948 tobacco and causing a decline in market prices," Weeks said. "This is not so. For Stabilization adheres to a policy established by its Board of Directors when the organization was formed in 1946 which prohibits such sales during the current marketing season.

"The Board's policy is simply this: No tobacco taken under the loan by Stabilization during a season is sold by the agency until all growers have completed selling their tobacco produced in that particular year. In fact, tobacco taken under the loan by Stabilization is not sold until (1) the season is ended; (2) the costs of buying, redrying, and handling the tobacco are figured; (3) and a suggested selling price recommended to the Board of Directors by Stabilization's staff is acted upon."

Weeks said he was making this statement to reassure grower-members of the corporation who might have the impression that Stabilization has been selling 1948 stocks of tobacco prior to completion of the 1948 marketing season.

The interest of every fine-cured tobacco farmer from Virginia to Florida is well-protected by the Stabilization policy of "no sale of current season tobacco" until the season ends, costs have been figured and the Board of Directors has approved a suggested selling price.

9 NEW GRAND JURORS CHOSEN

November Term Begins Release from Duty of Nine Who Have Served For Past Twelve Months

Nine new members have been selected for the Harnett county Grand Jury to serve for the ensuing twelve months to relieve nine who have served for the past year.

Retiring members include Kyle Harrington, who has been serving as foreman, Claude Lucas, Jr., C. W. Howard, Elton Warren, Hector L. Mason, C. H. Hood, W. A. Cameron, Samuel Brown and Earl Spivey.

Taking their place, to serve for the ensuing twelve months are: J. S. Coleman, E. W. Williams, T. C. Hyman, Jr., W. J. Blalock, S. H. Wilborn, H. D. Cameron, W. Howard Perkins, W. C. Moore and Edward Purdie.

Holders, who are to serve till next May term when there will be another shift, are: Myres Tighman, who is now foreman, J. C. Woodwell, Graham Prince, D. E. Woodley, C. N. Wilson, M. E. Fish, Ervin Williams, W. E. Temple, Jr., and W. H. Sanford.

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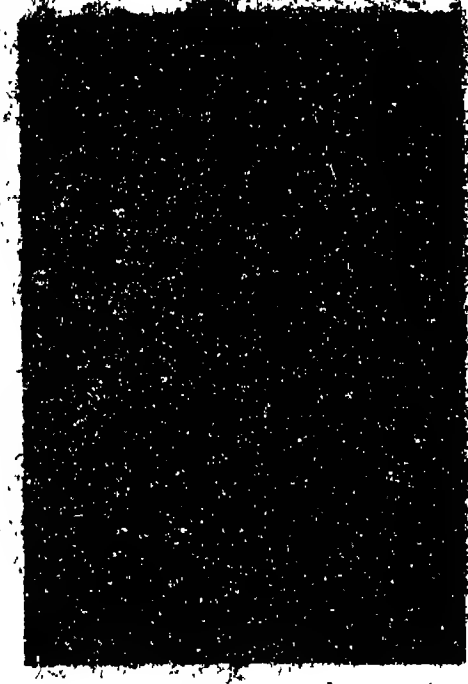
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Harnett Returns



CPL. CLYDE L. STEWART

Including among 211 North Carolina soldiers' bodies being returned from cemeteries in Europe are three Harnett men; Cpl. Clyde L. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Stewart of Broadway R-1; Pfc. Herbert Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lucas of J. W. and Pvt. Herbert L. Gills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel E. Gills of J. W. R-5.

The War Department states that next of kin will be notified when the bodies arrive.

ELECTION TIME FOR ACA HEADS ON DECEMBER 2-3

FARMERS URGED TO REALIZE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING PART IN SELECTING COMMITTEE MEN FOR ACA

(By Kyle Harrington, Sec. Harnett County A. C. A.)

Election time is coming around again soon, but this time it will be for Township Committeemen on December 2, and the delegates elected on this date will select the County Committeemen at the County Conventions on December 3. North Carolina voters need to be reminded carefully who they will select for the important job of administering the various programs in 1949.

It is extremely important that the most capable committeemen be elected. The Committee system of administering our farm programs has proven most successful, but depends on selection of the right men in each community. If those now in office are doing a good job and doing it as well as anyone else could do it, then the farmers in the community and county should retain them and give them a vote of confidence by turning out a big vote at election time. If the committee work can be improved by a change in committeemen, then that should be brought about.

North Carolina has been among the leading states in the percentage of eligible voters who cast a ballot at election time. It is important that we continue this good record. The farmers who are benefiting in so many ways from the programs administered by committeemen should not fail to participate in the elections and select the best qualified men to serve. The calibre of the committeemen we elect this fall will have a lot to do with the future of the farm program. Conservation of our soil and water resources is vital to the well-being of the Nation; our price support and other programs affecting our main commodities like tobacco, cotton, corn, peanuts, soybeans, and potatoes must be properly administered and that calls for selecting the right man on December 2 and 3.

Service at Cape Fear Wednesday Night

A Special Thanksgiving Service will be held at Cape Fear Presbyterian Church Wednesday night, November 24th, at 7 o'clock. Rev. Donald McManis will speak on "The First Thanksgiving" and Mr. Geo. Pruitt Johnson will present our class in a program. Come and bring someone with you.

School Holidays

Schools of Harnett county, which were given the privilege by Supt. C. Earl Dean to decide for themselves whether to observe the seven days holiday between Thanksgiving and Christmas, have decided to observe all the "old days" for Christmas, with the exception of those days which it was voted by the teachers to observe on days for Thanksgiving and the days for Christmas.

Report To Safety Council Shows 14 Killed In 2 Months

At the November meeting of the Harnett County Safety Council, held in the courthouse auditorium here last Friday night, Corporal O'Daniel reported that since the organization meeting on September 3 there had been 279 arrests for traffic violations, 43 accidents with 14 killed and 22 injured, and property damage amounting to \$25,945.

This startling array of deadly and destructive toll by highway tragedies spurred the Council to further action to secure if possible more cautious attention to the safety rules in driving motor vehicles.

At the meeting Friday night, Joe Miller, manager of the Lillington Chamber of Commerce, presided in absence of the president, C. G. Fields of Angier, who was out of the county.

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Acting Solicitor Young Makes Big Headway Clearing Docket

HUNTER URGES EXAMINATIONS FOR DIABETES

HARNETT DOCTORS TO COOPERATE WITH AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION IN PROGRAM FOR DETECTION

At the regular meeting of the Harnett County Medical Society at Erwin on Wednesday, November 19, the society decided to co-operate with the American Diabetes Association in the promotion of a "Diabetes Detection Drive."

This program is to be initiated during National Diabetes Week, December 6 to December 12.

The purpose of this drive is to find the 1,000,000 unknown diabetics in this country.

Recent surveys have shown that there are almost as many diabetic patients who do not know that they have diabetes as there are patients under treatment.

These early cases, if found and placed under treatment, can usually be controlled so that the mild diabetes does not interfere with the normal life of the patient. These people can lead a normal life and live to an old age.

The neglected cases of diabetes are the ones that give trouble and neglected cases can be very serious.

The doctors of Harnett County are advising everyone to be examined for diabetes during Diabetes Week beginning December 6. Every doctor in the county is prepared to make the necessary tests.

Instructions of the doctor about the collection of specimens should be carefully followed. Usually the doctor will first ask for a specimen of urine voided an hour or two after a good meal.

Of the 1,000,000 unknown diabetics in the United States, it is estimated that only 500,000 are in this country, so it is quite worthwhile for anyone to know whether or not he is one of the 500,000.

Doctor W. E. Hunter of the Harnett County Health Department states that everybody should be examined but it is most important for the following group:

- A. Relatives of diabetics
- B. People who are overweight
- C. People over 40 years of age
- D. People who feel below par

See your doctor about diabetes during Diabetes Week—December 6 through 12.

Movie That Caused Angier Riot To Be Shown Here

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The shows will be given to aggressive audiences—two matinees and two night showings.

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The manager also stated he is willing for the cooperation of all local people in maintaining an orderly exit and entrance to his theatre and that the shows are given, and that in anticipation of an unusual attendance—except, he says, "large audiences."

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Fire hose was used to shower the sidewalk crowds and it created quite a scene. The water failed to cool the tempers of at least some of the crowd, who spoke angrily about it.

Young Prosecuting

Attorney J. Robert Young of Dunn, who substituted as Solicitor for Jack Hooks last week in Harnett Superior Court, is acting Solicitor this week due to the continued absence of Mr. Hooks, who is in a rest home in Durham.

Hooks expects to be able to come to the January term which opens the first week of the new year.

Major cases in which the Solicitor will seek a first degree verdict have been continued to the January term.

Acting Solicitor Young has been making fine headway in clearing the heavily congested docket.

FUNERAL RITES FOR ROBERT W. WINSTON SUNDAY

JUDGE OF GRANVILLE COUNTY COURT VICTIM OF ACCIDENTAL GUNSHOT WOUND ON HUNTING TRIP

Funeral services for Judge Robert Ward Winston of Granville County Superior Court, who died Friday afternoon at the home of his brother, Charlie D. Winston, in Oxford, of a gunshot wound he had sustained a short time earlier, were held at 2:30 p. m. conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. L. Banister, assisted by Rev. Henry Johnston of Richmond, Va.

Burial was in Harnett Memorial Park near Lillington, at 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

The Granville coroner, who investigated, said the shot was fired accidentally while Judge Winston rested on a chopping block in the yard following a hunting trip with his brother.

Judge Winston was a native of Granville county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Winston and the late Dr. T. W. Winston. He received his education at Lincoln Memorial University, Lincoln, Tenn., and won his law degree at Wake Forest College in 1923. He had practiced law in Oxford for 25 years and had been county judge since 1942. He was a member of the Masonic Order, a former vice president and director of Oxford Kiwanis Club, a member of Oxford Baptist Church, and together in Oxford Baptist Sunday school for many years. He also had served as a Boy Scout committeeman for Granville county.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mrs. Martha Layton of Lillington; two sons, Robert Ward Winston, Jr., and Joel Layton Winston of Oxford; his mother, Mrs. Annie Winston of Clarksville, Va., and Francis, James, Charlie and George Winston, all of Granville county; two sisters, Mrs. Julian Brown of Angier and Alice Winston of Granville county.

Mr. Winston had a large number of friends here, having visited Lillington on numerous occasions.

OVER 20 CASES DISPOSED OF IN FIRST WEEK

JUDGE WILLIAMS HANDING OUT PRISON SENTENCES RANGING FROM 2 TO 30 YEARS FOLLOWING CONVICTIONS

Lawyer Bob Young of Dunn is usually arrayed on the defense side in criminal cases coming into Harnett Superior Court, and he has gained a well-earned reputation as a good defense attorney. So seldom has he been found on the side of the prosecution that few Harnett people have ever pictured him as a prosecuting attorney.

But when he took up the heavily loaded criminal calendar at the opening of the November term on Monday of last week, acting for Solicitor Jack Hooks, who is ill, he waded through the mass of offenses and offenders like the crack of a whip in a western movie clears a congested area.

Attorney Young cleared the docket of more than 20 cases during the first week of court, and Judge Clarence Williams meted out sentences ranging from 2 to 30 years in State Prison to 6 months on the roads. It was a decided wallop that Harnett's criminal docket got.

Solicitor Hooks was unable to be here on Monday morning of this the second week of the final criminal term of the year, and Attorney Young took up where he left off last week. It appears now that by the time for adjournment at the end of this week the Acting Solicitor will be able to turn over to Hooks what's left—a rather skeleton-like remnant of the meager criminal docket Harnett county has had in many years.

Three of the seven murder cases on the docket have been continued till the January term. These three, in which a first degree verdict will be sought, are: Sam P. Cannady, Dunn merchant, charged with killing his wife; Troy McNeill, sentenced to die for wife murder but granted a new trial by the Supreme Court; and Mrs. Ruth Howell, indicted on a charge of killing her husband.

Since the last issue of The News, the following cases have been tried: William McNeill was given two years for carrying a concealed weapon, being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest.

Dick Ray was given 6 months when he pleaded guilty of assault on a female.

Herbert Steany was found not guilty of abandonment and non-support of illegitimate child.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Gilbert Hare, charged with violation of motor vehicle laws.

Malon A. Holmes was given four months suspended sentence for driving drunk and without license.

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Ministers Take Definite Step In Move To Outlaw Beer and Wine

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Mayor Wilson of Angier is quoted as saying he will seek an ordinance to prohibit further exhibition of shows of that nature, commonly referred to as "sex films." This attitude, however, is exactly what Manager Simpson of the Lyric is attempting to subdue when he states that it is shown purely for its educational value.

The Lyric seats 350 people—375 seats on the first floor for white people and 75 seats in the balcony for colored people.

Price of admission will be 50 cents for all, Manager Simpson says.

Manager Simpson, who feels sure that his theatre will have at each show a capacity audience, urges that all who are not prepared to witness the film for its educational worth please give way to those who want to see it in that light.

Commenting further, Manager Simpson stated that the film has been endorsed and commended by many members of the gospel and other leading persons in all circles of thought and belief thought who believe that a picture of this kind will go far toward correcting some of the wrong impressions and common "sex" films cause their misunderstanding of the subject treated in the film sketch.