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

Dunn Tobacco Market to Widen Out With 3 More Warehouses

FARM BUREAU PLANS HOUSE, ALSO OTHERS

SALES SUPERVISOR JOE McCULLERS EXPECTS DUNN MARKET TO HAVE 400,000 FEET OF FLOOR SPACE

As was predicted by The News when the Dunn tobacco market opened last August, the market is to be widened to afford more selling space. Sales Supervisor Joe McCullers, who is also manager of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, now estimates that the market will have ready for the beginning of sales next August at least 400,000 feet of floor space.

County Farm Agent C. R. Ammons states that the Farm Bureau, in cooperation with other farmers, will erect a warehouse in Dunn. The group is now working on the plans.

Buck Currin, who managed the big double warehouse in Dunn last year, will also have charge of the Farm Bureau warehouse.

Mr. Currin astonished the whole tobacco industry last season by his extraordinary success with the Dunn market.

Mr. Louis Baer, prominent Dunn merchant and builder, is going ahead with his plans for building a large tobacco warehouse. So also are Messrs. Emmett C. Edgerton and Clarence Lee Tart, who state that their warehouse will be managed by E. L. Dudley, an experienced tobaccoist of Clinton.

Mr. Baer has not announced the management of his warehouse.

Farmers of Harnett and surrounding counties responded heartily to the bid of Mr. Currin when he assured them last year, the first year of the Dunn market's operation, that he would see that they got the "top dollar" for their crop. When he proved it, they began calling him "Top Dollar" Currin.

It is now predicted that Dunn will be known as the "Top Dollar Market."

Harnett Seaman Returns From Cruise

Special to The News)
Great Lakes, Ill.—Robert T. Mize, yeoman, third class, USN, of Angier, N. C. Route 1, was scheduled to arrive in Norfolk, Va., January 24, after a six-months cruise in the Mediterranean Sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Arriving with the Roosevelt will be the destroyers USS Beatty, USS Hyman, USS Glennon, USS Ernest G. Small, USS George K. MacKenzie and USS Power.

Draft Board Seeking Registrant Addresses

The Lillington Draft Board has mailed questionnaires to all registrants born in the years 1923 and through 1928 inclusive. Many of these questionnaires have been returned to the board unclaimed because the registrant is unknown or has moved and failed to notify the board of their change of address. Any registrant born in the above mentioned years who has not received a questionnaire should contact the local board without further delay.

The following is a list of registrants whose questionnaires have been returned to the local board of record because the addresses are incorrect or they have moved and left no address:

Allie Barefoot, Star Route, Manchester; Jessie Blue, R-1, Box 52, Bunnlevel; James Melvin Byrd, R-3, Dunn; Clarence Poe Cameron, R-1, Broadway; James Aubrey Chance, R-1, Dunn; James Robert Clark, Box 104, R-1, Erwin; William M. Clark, Box 108, Dunn; William Cecil Coats, Gen. Del., Erwin; Dexter Daniels, R-2, Dunn; Henry L. Davis, R-1, Jonesboro.
William Henry Elliott, N. Washington Ave., Dunn; Joe Junior Ferrell, R-1, Fuquay Springs; Alfred Allen Gilbert, Box 276, Lillington; Delbert P. Hayes, R-3, Dunn; Lacy Hayes, Dunn; Latha Harris Holland, 301 S. Magnolia St., Dunn; Judson Jackson, R-1, Lillington; John Junius Johnson, R-3, Box 168, Dunn; Jack Leonard Lewis, Box 1991, Raleigh;

Leaders In Veterans' Affairs Stirred Up About "Slashing"

Veterans of the wars and their leaders here and elsewhere throughout the nation are considerably aroused over certain measures now in process of adoption or proposed for adoption at an early date.

Resentment is being expressed against recommendation of the Hoover Commission which, if adopted would place Veterans Administration hospitals, the Public Health Service, all Army and Navy hospitals and hospitals of the Bureau of Indian Affairs under one management—the Federal Security Agency.

That step, veterans believe, would mean the end of specialized veteran hospitalization such as the Legion has fought for through the years.

Another measure proposed would mean a slash in the provision for certain types of veteran assistance, such as specialized training and schooling. If this measure is adopted, the veterans believe, it will deprive many former servicemen of the opportunities they have sought and are now seeking to equip themselves to become self-supporting workers or businessmen.

Still another step, taken by the Veterans Administration, is causing

quite a row just now. After spending much time and money, the Veterans Administration has announced the abandonment of two important projects—the building of hospitals at Salisbury and Charlotte.

Veterans had been instrumental in gaining grants of sites for the hospitals. Other organizations and individuals had gone to considerable expense and trouble arranging details for the actual construction of the buildings.

Recently the announcement that the projects had been abandoned sent a protest direct to Washington. Final decision in the matter has not been made.

In the meantime announcement comes from the Veterans Administration that it proposes to build a veterans hospital at some other point in North Carolina, probably at Durham or Winston-Salem.

Reason assigned for the abandonment of the Salisbury and Charlotte projects was given as "unnecessary," "insufficient funds," etc.

Protest is following protest to Washington on all of these matters, the final outcome of either or all of which is now regarded as uncertain.

DODGE-PLYMOUTH DEALERSHIP HERE MAKES CHANGE

A. W. WOOD BUYS INTEREST OF J. A. SAWYER; H. E. SMITH PLACED IN CHARGE OF REPAIR SHOP

An important announcement is made in this issue of The News. It is that Mr. A. W. Wood has purchased the interest of Mr. J. A. Sawyer in the local Dodge-Plymouth dealership agency and assumed control and ownership not only of the agency but of the entire business including the company's well-equipped repair shop.

The partnership heretofore known as the S. & W. Motor Company is now to be operated under the name of Mr. Wood.

Mr. Wood has the agency for Dodge and Plymouth cars and trucks and he also operates one of the best and most up-to-date garages in this section. It is fully equipped to work on all makes of cars and carries parts for all cars and trucks.

Mr. H. E. Smith, a master mechanic of long years of experience, has been placed by Mr. Wood in charge of the shop and will be the shop foreman.

Mr. Sawyer has not announced his future plans.

RALEIGH MAN DIES SUDDENLY HERE MONDAY

H. P. DURHAM, WESTERN UNION LINE CREWMAN, SUFFERS ATTACK WHILE WORKING ON LOCAL LINES

H. P. Durham, 55-year-old white man of Raleigh R-2, died suddenly here Monday afternoon of a heart attack. He was being carried to his home in Wake county when death came.

Durham was one of a crew of linemen working on Western Union lines between Lillington and Fayetteville. He complained of feeling ill when the crew went to work Monday morning, and laid down on the body of a truck.

A member of the crew later in the day started with him to see a doctor but Durham expressed a wish to be taken home, stating he had had such spells before, and felt he would be alright if taken home.

The truck was proceeding toward Raleigh and had gone beyond Lillington when it was noticed that Durham had slumped to a crouching position. He was brought back to Lillington and Dr. Willford was summoned. He had expired, however, before the physician could render aid.

Funeral services for Durham, a veteran of World War I, were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from Myatt's Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William C. Robinson, Jr., pastor, and the Rev. M. O. Sommers of Raleigh, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Surviving are his widow, the former Viola Retzer of Lancaster, Pa.; a brother, W. F. Durham, Norfolk, Va.; and two sisters, Mrs. L. Y. Parker and Mrs. R. N. Moore, both of Raleigh.

Parker Introduces Anti-Carnival Bill

Harnett's Representative Howard Parker introduced in the House Monday a bill giving authority to the Board of County Commissioners to refuse license to carnival shows and other such amusement organizations when they deem it against the interest of the public welfare.

Parker introduced the bill at the request and with the endorsement of the Commissioners. He conferred with the board about it before the General Assembly met.

Oyster Supper For Church Benefit

On Friday, January 28th, at 6:30 o'clock, an oyster supper will be held at the home of Mr. D. C. Holder. In addition to oysters, chicken salad, coffee, and cold drinks will be sold. Cakes and pies will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. This supper is sponsored by the Youth Fellowship of Epheus Presbyterian Church with the cooperation of the women of the church.

The proceeds of the supper will go on the church's building fund. Come and have an evening of fun.

J. A. SENTER IS NEW PRESIDENT OF LOCAL BANK

SUCCEEDS H. T. SPEARS WHO DIED RECENTLY; MR. SENTER AND MEREDITH SENTER ELECTED DIRECTORS

At a directors' meeting of the Bank of Lillington, John Aaron Senter, county commissioner and stockholder in the bank, was elected president to succeed the late H. T. Spears, one of the bank's founders.

Mr. Senter and Meredith Senter were also placed on the board of directors. Directors who were elected to remain are: W. M. Pearson of Chalybeate Springs, Charles Ross, C. Reid Ross, H. T. Atkins and John W. Spears of Lillington.

John W. Spears has been cashier of the bank since his father assumed the presidency. Mr. Atkins was named as vice-president and Grady Johnson as assistant cashier.

The bank was organized in 1903. Until the failure of the Harnett County Trust Company in 1923, the Bank of Lillington did business in its own building next to the McKay building on Main street. Upon failure of the trust company, it moved into the quarters formerly occupied by that bank in the Warwick Hotel building facing courthouse square where it has been operating since.

Both of the principal figures in the organization of the bank are now dead. H. T. Spears and David Henry Senter of Chalybeate Springs, the latter as president and the former as cashier, guided the institution on its career till the death of Mr. Senter a few years ago when Mr. Spears took over the presidency and his son, John, became cashier.

Capital stock of the bank is \$25,000. Deposits, according to the last statement December 31, 1948, were over two million dollars.

The newly elected president of the bank was elected a member of the board of county commissioners at the last November election. He is also operator of the Senter Brick Company with a plant a couple of miles south of Lillington on the Fayetteville road. In addition, he operates several farms and is a dealer in coal, hay, and other commodities.

Majority of the stock in the bank is held by the Spears and Senter family connections. Outside of these connections, only small amounts are held by other stockholders and directors.

The Bank of Lillington is the only financial institution Lillington has had since the failure of the Harnett County Trust Company in 1923. No other changes in the bank's operating personnel has been announced.

Mrs. Gillespie and Children Return

Mrs. Arthur Gillespie and children have returned from China, being forced to leave because of the civil strife in the ancient country. Mrs. Gillespie, the former Miss Pauline Pittard, is a sister of Mrs. B. P. Gentry and Mrs. O. R. Rudisill of Lillington.

Mr. Gillespie, a missionary in China and a former pastor of Lillington Baptist Church, is staying in China or the present pending the outcome of hostilities. He is hoping that his work will not be too badly disturbed and that he may resume after peace is declared.

Former Lillington Physician Operates Hospital In West



Dr. N. C. Riddle, whose home was near Sanford until he went to Lillington in 1925, relaxes in his home office at the lumber company hospital. He and his staff handle over 5,000 cases each year in the well-equipped unit. (Photos by Bob Brooks, Chapel Hill.)

Chamber of Commerce Still Hunting For Capable Manager

Collector Gives Ample Warning About Levying On Property

No one upon whose personal property Tax Collector W. D. Harrington may place a levy will be able to complain that the Board of County Commissioners took snap judgment on them in ordering the levy.

Nor can they complain that Collector Harrington acted too hastily in carrying out the order of the county's Executives.

The collector is not only notifying all delinquents by mail, he is giving ample warning in the newspapers. Delinquents who may decide to ignore the warning should remember that the county is not going to bear the expense of these notices and warnings. The expense of every notice of levy is charged up against the delinquent, and added to the tax bill which he will eventually be forced to pay.

All taxes and charges on account thereof are entered on the books and stand charged against the delinquent.

These extra charges add considerably to the individual tax bill.

Speaking to The News about his levying, Collector Harrington said: "It is one of those things which I have never been able to understand. Why would a property owner allow taxes to run against his property till the cost and penalties sometimes double the amount he would have to pay if he paid promptly? Can you figure it out?"

The county now has on its books over \$350,000 in uncollected taxes, and it is the evident intention of the Board of County Commissioners to reduce that amount by the sum of what may be collected by the levy process; and, in all events, to make sure that uncollected taxes in future do not run up so high.

The job of the tax collector to carry out the mandate of the Commissioners is a high one. If he levies in every township, and on all who owe taxes to the county, he will need extra help. It will be utterly impossible for one man to do the job before the next levy falls due.

COUNCIL WILL DIRECT EYE ON HIGH SPEEDING

MEMBERS OF HARNETT SAFETY COUNCIL BELIEVE SPEEDING IS CAUSE OF TOO MANY VEHICLE CRASHES

Members of the Harnett County Safety Council, in meeting in courthouse auditorium last Friday night, after hearing Corporal William O'Daniel of the Highway Patrol state that Harnett crashes killed 43 and maimed a hundred more in 1948, centered their aim at curtailing high speeding on the highways.

C. G. Fields of Angier, president of the Council, cited that too many lives are being sacrificed on the highways and asserted that the Council must use its utmost influence to reduce the death and accident rate.

Corporal O'Daniel said that about half of the total crashes were caused by out-of-state motorists. Sentiment of the members was that tourists, although welcomed, must be shown that violation of highway rules and safe driving practices are to be observed here.

The Council will continue to center its aim on eliminating high speed driving, while at the same time placing emphasis on safe driving.

Suggestion by Ralph Hanna of Dunn that little could be done here to influence tourists to drive safely brought out some discussion of ways and means to effectively enforce laws against reckless driving and, at the same time seek more effective laws if that be necessary.

Those discussing these issues were in earnest about the matter of reducing recklessness on the highways in Harnett county, and the better-than-average attendance at the meeting proved that the Council is making some headway with its program.

HARNETT MAN MAKES GOOD IN ATLANTA

NEILL E. MCKAY, 20 YEARS MANAGER OF INSURANCE GROUP, IS PROMOTED TO SUPERINTENDENT OF AGENCIES

Neill E. McKay, brother of Mrs. Carlos McLeod of Olivia, and relative of many other Harnett county people, who has been manager of the Travelers Insurance Company's Atlanta office of accident and group lines, has been promoted to superintendent of agencies in the company's home office, Hartford, Conn.

He took up his new duties at Hartford on January 1st.

Mr. McKay has many relatives in Harnett county.

Just before leaving for his new post, Mr. McKay was honored at a farewell dinner at the Ausley Park Golf Club in Atlanta. He was presented a seven-piece silver service by his co-workers. The representative to the Georgia legislature from Fulton county made the presentation.

Mr. McKay has been manager of the company's Atlanta branch office for life, accident and group lines for the past 20 years. During his tenure there, he brought that office to the standing of third in life production among the Travelers branch offices, and to leading positions in accident and group production.

He began his insurance career as an agent for a southern life insurance company which he later served as assistant district manager. He joined the Travelers in March, 1924, as a field assistant at Charlotte, N. C. He was moved to Atlanta in a similar capacity in 1925 and the following year was promoted and named assistant manager there. He was again promoted and named manager at Atlanta in 1928.

DIRECTORS IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROSPECTS

PRESIDENT MALCOLM FOWLER AND VICE PRESIDENTS WHITE AND NORWOOD BELIEVE THEY'LL SUCCEED SOON

Undaunted by disappointments encountered at the first of the year, the Board of Directors of the Lillington Chamber of Commerce is still hunting and shopping around for a capable and suitable man for directing manager.

President Malcolm Fowler and Vice Presidents Alec White and Mack Norwood believe they will meet with success very soon. President Fowler tells The News that the board has on file several applications for the position, and intensive investigation will be made before any choice is arrived at.

"What we want is a man who will make the progress of Lillington and this community his immediate business," to the exclusion of any and all other matters whatsoever. That is to say, a man who can and will devote intelligent energy to the aim of making our town the "Town of Goodwill," and in order to secure such a man we are aiming to take reasonable time before reaching a decision," said a member of the board of directors to The News.

Members of the board tell The News they feel sure they will be able to make an announcement in regard to a managing director in the near future.

During the past year, the initial period of the organization's life, the Chamber operated with 93 memberships, as follows:

Atkins Brothers, Allied Tin Shop, A & W Railroad Co., Bank of Lillington, J. B. Barnes, Bullock's Grocery, Byrd's Garage, Byrd Electric Co., W. H. Byrd, Duncan Cameron, E. T. Cannady, Central Service Station, L. M. Chaffin, City Market, J. F. Coggin & Son, J. C. Croom.

E. R. Davis, D. B. Dean, Dunn Dispatch, Farmers Cotton Oil Co., R. K. Footman, C. S. Fowler, Fowler Radio Co., Friendly Flower Shop, Frock Shop, Richard Fuquay, Glennie's Jewelry, H. H. Hamilton, Harnett County News, J. Claiborne Hobbs, Hotel Lillington, Holloway Plumbing Co., Dr. W. B. Hunter, Ideal Weather Strip Co., Johnson Bryan Food Store, Robert A. Johnson, W. A. Johnson, Kelly's Drug Store.

Lafayette Drug Store, Lafayette Grocery, Mrs. Maude C. Layton, Layton Supply Co., J. B. Lee, M. O. Lee, W. H. Lee, Lewis Super Service Station, Lillington Barber Shop, Lillington Furniture Co., Lillington Radio and Auto Co., Lillington Roller Mills, Inc., Lyric Theatre, Mary Lee Beauty Shop, T. Matthews, Matthews Oil Co., C. T. Moore, W. G. Murchison, Dr. S. R. McKay, North-

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School Collects \$87.68 For March of Dimes

Students of Lillington school collected a total of \$87.68 for the March of Dimes. Outstanding collectors of the group were the students in the Fourth Grade Class taught by Miss Eloise Hendricks. Her students took in \$23.62.

Miss Hendricks' students were really inspired in their work of taking in money for the March of Dimes. Said one of them: "Why, we may be collecting this money for ourselves, how can we tell?"

This keen observation by the young students is passed along to others, even older persons, who may not have regarded the Dimes fund as something that might not affect them or their loved ones.

Truly Powell and Julius Holloway are doing the collecting in Lillington.

WMU Conference Had 115 Present

The W. M. U. Leadership conference was held Thursday, January 20th, with the Antioch W. M. S. as hostess. Mrs. D. B. Andrews, Association W. M. U. President, presided. Reports on all phases of the work were made and plans laid for the new year. Mrs. R. A. Duncan, Dunn, was named as new Mission Study chairman to succeed Mrs. Harry D. Wood, Jr., resigned. There were 17 churches represented and approximately 115 present.

The Annual W. M. U. meeting will be held with the Pinay Grove Baptist Church April 21st.