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

"Most Brutal Murder" Occurs in Wake County

"Most brutal" of all the "brutal" murders reported in recent times, perhaps in all of North Carolina's history, took place in Wake county, location of the State's Capital, a few days ago.

John Robert (Jack) Bridgers, 23-year-old white man, has confessed, according to Wake Sheriff Pleasant, to beating Keston Norris Privette, 22-year-old white man in whose home he had been a roomer, into insensibility, then rolling Norris' body into a shallow grave which he, Bridgers, had dug for the purpose a couple of days before.

Bridgers then took Privette's wife, 20-year-old Dauphine Come Privette, and her two children and fled to Belnbridge, Ga. in an automobile.

Mrs. Privette in the Georgia town became frightened and let out a

hint that something was wrong. Officers soon took the tip, arrested Bridgers, and the Wake sheriff brought him back and lodged him in State Prison for safe-keeping.

The Wake officer says that Bridgers has confessed to the whole story. He is being held on a charge of first degree murder.

Wake Coroner I. M. Cheek declares that evidence tends to show that Privette was actually buried alive by Bridgers who thought his victim was dead. The coroner says considerable blood flowed from Privette after he was buried in the shallow grave, and that he evidently breathed for some time after being placed in the hole.

Mrs. Privette claims that she fled with Bridgers through fear. The automobile in which they rode to Georgia belonged to Privette.

FLAGS FLY NOW ON HOLIDAYS IN LILLINGTON

BUSINESS HOUSES, AT INSTANCE OF AMERICAN LEGION, PURCHASE U. S. FLAGS FOR DISPLAY ON HOLIDAYS

On anniversaries of such events as are commemorated by public holidays, United States Flags will fly to the breeze in Lillington.

At the instance of the local American Legion Post, heads of business firms here have purchased large flags with poles to fasten into containers embedded in the sidewalks.

First display of the flags was last Saturday, February 12, Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary.

Flags were floating on the breeze that day, which afforded just enough of the rather early spring winds to make them behave in a seemly fashion.

First to recall that the 12th was Lincoln's birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Karl Adriansen, owners and operators of Hotel Lillington. Soon after they had placed their flag in front of the hotel, however, others on both sides of the main streets of the town followed suit.

The flags are to be displayed on all such commemorative events.

Credit for the flag display and observance goes to Frank Lewis, commander of the Lillington Post of the American Legion.

Girl Scouts Elect May Queen, Maid of Honor

Lillington Girl Scouts have elected their May Queen and Maid of Honor. This election was held by the girls in their individual troop meetings. Seventy-seven Girl Scouts (Brownie Scouts through Senior) elected Miss Jackie McLeod as May Queen and Miss VeVe Caviness as Maid of Honor. The Senior Troop will compose the May Court.

These selections are a distinct honor to Misses McLeod and Caviness in that no nominations were made, they being chosen by popular vote from the entire troop.

The May Day will be held on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Atkins. The pageant will be produced by the Junior Girl Scout Council which is composed of delegates from each troop. Miss Barbara Ann Howell, a Senior Service Scout, is the Captain.

Dunn Market Outstripped Sanford and Fayetteville

The Dunn tobacco market, operating for its first time in the 1948 selling season, outstripped two of the older markets near Harnett county—Sanford and Fayetteville.

It went ahead of Sanford, which has been operating for years, both in amount of tobacco sold and in average price paid.

Fuquay-Varina led all three of these markets. Reason for this lead can be placed directly to the larger number of warehouses and effective advertising, together with the fact that Fuquay-Varina is an older market and has continually throughout its existence pursued a policy of pooling the interest of its progressive businessmen with that of the tobacco farmers.

Following are the figures on sales and price averages released by the Federal-State Market News Service for the 1948 selling season on the Dunn market and the other three markets nearest Harnett:

Fuquay-Varina: 19,827,162 pounds for an average price of \$49.19.
Dunn: 8,122,196 pounds for an

To Speak Here



REV. L. C. LARKIN

LARKIN SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

Methodists of The Lillington Charge To Hear Orphanage Superintendent; Speaks Twice

Rev. L. C. Larkin, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage in Lillington, will speak twice on the Lillington Charge Sunday, February 20. At 11:00 o'clock he will speak in the Lillington Church and at 3:00 in the Pleasant Plains Church.

Rev. Mr. Larkin will bring a group of children from the Orphanage and they will have a part in the worship service. Rev. Mr. Larkin is one of the leading ministers of the North Carolina Conference, having served as District Superintendent of the Rocky Mount District. Prior to his succeeding Rev. A. S. Barnes as Superintendent of the Orphanage, Mr. Larkin was pastor of the Front Street Methodist Church in Burlington.

The Lillington-Pleasant Plains Methodists feel fortunate to get Mr. Larkin visit their churches so shortly after assuming duties at the Orphanage. The public is most cordially invited to come and hear him.

PREACHING AT CAPE FEAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular 3rd Sunday services will be held at Cape Fear Presbyterian Church Sunday, February 20 at 11 A. M.

This church is growing in all departments. Come out and enjoy this hour of spiritual blessings and fellowship.

MAN IS JAILED ON CHARGE OF SHOOTING WIFE

FRED HALL OF CAMERON R-1 BEING HELD WITHOUT BOND FOR KILLING WIFE AT HOME SATURDAY NIGHT

Fred L. Hall, 33-year-old white man, is being held in jail here without bond on the charge that he killed his wife, Mrs. Lena Johnson Hall, 32, with a .22 rifle at their home on Cameron R-1 last Saturday night.

Sheriff Salmon and Deputy Ken Matthews assisted Coroner Grover Henderson in the killing, after which the coroner's jury ordered that Hall be held for the Grand Jury.

According to the officers, Hall claimed that he had taken his rifle and started from his home when his wife grabbed the gun and tried to hold onto it. In the tussle for the gun, the officers said Hall told them, the trigger was pulled and the bullet hit his wife.

Deputy Matthews, who is the County Jailor, says Hall still sticks to this version of the shooting. Hall, said Deputy Matthews, is talkative enough but hasn't shown any sign of changing his story.

One of his young daughters, however, told that her father "opened the door and fired the rifle at Mama."

According to the records in the office of Clerk Howard Godwin, Hall has been arrested before: Once in January 1945 on the charge of breaking and entering, the warrant being changed in Superior Court to malicious damage to real property; and again in January 1946 on charges of violating the prohibition law. He was found not guilty at both trials.

The Hall family lived near the Harnett-Hoke county line in the extreme southwestern end of Harnett. Their home is the last house on the road leading into Hoke.

Mrs. Hall was a native of Hoke county, the daughter of Mrs. Sally Johnson and the late D. S. Johnson. Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. from Cypress Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. A. D. Carswell. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are besides her husband: three children, Wilma, Myrtle Ray and Gall, of the home; one brother, J. L. Johnson of Cameron R-1, and her mother.

Makes "A" Average At Military School

Cadet Sammy Stephenson, student at Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., made an "A" average on all of his subjects for the first semester, ending January 1949. His total average was 96.

Cadet Stephenson is in the tenth grade. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Stephenson of Angier.

Sunday Speaker

Speaker on the Presbyterian Sunday Hour next Sunday, February 20, will be Rev. Robert W. Miles, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Ky. His subject will be "Time for Decision—for the Gospel Ministry." The broadcast can be heard of WPTF at 8:30 a. m.

Important Meeting

There will be a meeting at Pleasant Union Church on Thursday, February 17, at 7:30 p. m., to discuss plans for landscaping and care-taking of the church cemetery.

All members of the church and those who have relatives and friends buried in the cemetery are urged to attend this important meeting.

PARKER OFFERS BILL RELATING TO FORECLOSURES

WOULD BAR ACTION TO RECOVER TAXES OVER TEN YEARS DUE IF NO FORECLOSURE SUIT INSTITUTED

A bill to amend General Statutes 105-423.1, relating to tax liens and foreclosure suits, to make applicable to Harnett county this section which creates a ten-year statute of limitations as to tax liens held by the county, has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Harnett's Representative Howard Parker.

The law would become effective July 2, 1950, to give time for instituting suits for foreclosure on tax liens which the county now holds. The bill was referred to Judiciary Committee No. 4.

Representative Parker has also introduced a bill to limit the operation of loud speakers, amplifying systems and public address systems in Harnett county. It makes operation of loud speaker, amplifying system or public address system for the purpose of making the sound audible outside the structure or vehicle where it originates unlawful between the hours of 8 p. m. and 8 a. m. Not applicable where sound devices operated: (1) wholly within a structure or vehicle for better hearing of patrons; (2) for better hearing of patrons for whom the accommodations of the structure are not sufficient; (3) for purpose of celebration of holidays; (4) for live-in theatres; and (5) for purpose of preventing loss of life or injury to persons or property. It was referred to committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Harnett's Representative has also introduced a bill relating to the licensing of carnivals in Harnett county. It gives the County Commissioners power to refuse such license. This bill has passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.

Two other bills offered by Representative Parker have been enacted into law. They relate to fire and traffic regulations in Erwin.

Local Legion Post To Have Barbecue

The Lillington Post No. 28 of the American Legion will hold a barbecue Tuesday night, February 22 at 7:00 o'clock in the Lillington Town Hall.

All members of the Post and all exservicemen are invited and urged to attend. \$1.00 per plate will be charged.

Commander Frank Lewis states that the Post is especially anxious to have a large attendance. Casey Fowler is adjutant of the Post.

Lillington Is Host To Three-Day Session Of Ministers

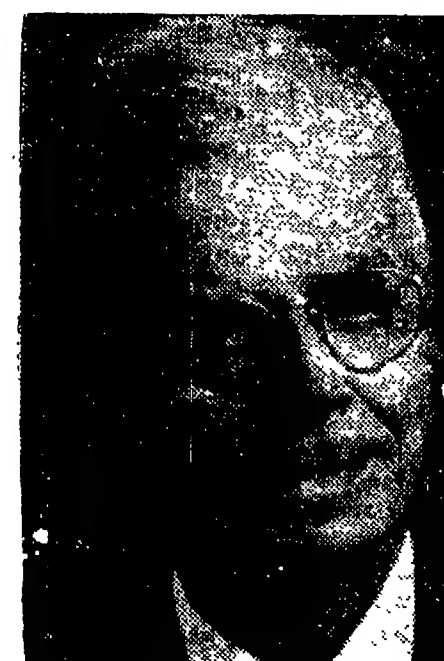
Howard and Bagby Up and Out Again



REV. CHARLES B. HOWARD

Friends throughout Harnett county will rejoice to know that Rev. Charles B. Howard's condition has improved so much that he expects to be able to return soon to his classroom for Bible lectures at Campbell College.

Mr. Howard has been confined to his home since the last of October, after suffering from a heart ailment. Mrs. Howard has carried on his class work during his illness.



DR. A. PAUL BAGBY

After spending several months in a hospital, Dr. A. Paul Bagby, pastor of Bule's Creek Baptist Church, has returned home. He is able to attend his church services, but sits in the pew instead of standing behind the pulpit.

"We're happy to have Dr. Bagby back with us," greeted Dr. Ralph McLain, supply pastor. "We'll let him do what seldom he has been privileged to do—sit beside his wife at church."

RESOLUTION FOR MR. HARRINGTON

County Board Adopts Resolution in Respect to Death of Tax Collector

At their meeting February 7 the County Commissioners adopted the following resolution in respect to the death of W. D. Harrington, who was tax collector for 16 years:

Whereas, death has entered the ranks of the officials of Harnett county in the passing of Mr. William Dalrymple Harrington, tax collector; and whereas during the years Mr. Harrington served as tax collector he was a faithful and conscientious public official, discharging the duties of his office in the manner acceptable to his fellow-citizens of the county; and whereas the death of Mr. Harrington is a distinct loss to all the people of Harnett county and to his family;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners in regular meeting assembled February 7th, 1949, that the county has suffered a distinct loss in the death of Mr. Harrington, who was ever a faithful servant to the people of his day and generation; and the family of Mr. Harrington has suffered great bereavement in his death.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Commissioners, a copy given to the press, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners this 7th day of February, 1949.

L. A. Tart, Chairman.
Inez Harrington, Clerk to the Board.

Anderson Creek Loses 1, Wins 1

Anderson Creek basketball team won one and lost one—the boys overcoming the Erwin team, and the girls losing to Coats.

Boys game: Anderson Creek 31; Coats 21.

Girls game: Anderson Creek 36; Coats 40.

Billy Spence, Reporter.

HOME-COMING PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

SHAWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS TO SPONSOR ANNUAL FAIR ON FEB. 25; PARADE AT 2 P. M.

The Shawtown High School Tigers will sponsor the annual Home-Coming Day, February 25.

The main events of the program will begin with a spectacular parade at 2:00 p. m. The parade will include the float of Miss Shawtown High, representatives from all classes, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, High School Band and other organizations.

The Home-Coming game will be played at 7:30 p. m. between the Bears of Rockingham, N. C. and the Tigers.

Crowning ceremony begins at 8:30 p. m., followed by the Home-Coming Social at 9:30.

The Home-Coming committee has put forth all efforts to assure a gala affair, and says: "You can't afford to miss it."

MINISTERS IN MID-WINTER ASSEMBLY HERE

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIAN MINISTER ASSOCIATION NOW IN SESSION AT HOTEL LILLINGTON

The Annual Mid-winter Assembly of North Carolina Christian Minister's Association is being held at Hotel Lillington, February 15-17.

The Association is composed of ministers of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, beginning Tuesday at 3:00 p. m. and closing Thursday of this week at noon, the sessions are presided over by officers of the Association, Rev. E. B. Quick, Lumberton, president; Rev. Lamar Hocker, Charlotte vice president; Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, Farmville, secretary-treasurer.

Rev. Clinton P. Campbell of Indianapolis, Indiana will be guest speaker and will conduct conferences in connection with the "Crusade For a Christian World" which will be the central theme of the assembly. The "Crusade" is a forward movement of the Disciples of Christ emphasizing evangelism, Christian education and stewardship. The achieving of final goals by the close of the campaign next year will be discussed by the ministers.

Twenty-six ministers have been assigned places on the assembly program. Rev. Chas. C. Ware, Wilson, State Secretary; Rev. Thomas P. Inabnett, Wilson, Area Director of Religious Education and Rev. Chas. W. Riggs, LeGrange, State Evangelist, will present items of the program in their fields of service. Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, is being represented by Dr. H. S. Hilley, president, and Professors J. M. Waters and G. A. Hamlin.

Because of the importance of the "Crusade" movement the Assembly is largely attended.

SAFETY COUNCIL MEETS FRIDAY

County Organization To Meet in Courthouse Auditorium; Members And Others Urged To Attend

President C. G. Fields of Angier and Secretary C. H. Hood of Bunnlevel have announced the regular meeting of the Harnett County Safety Council to be held in courthouse auditorium here on Friday night, February 18, at 7:30 o'clock.

Stressing safety rules on the highways and all other thoroughfares both by motorists and pedestrians, officials of the Council urge everyone interested in these measures to attend the meeting.

Corporal William O'Daniel of Dunn, head of the highway patrol unit in Harnett county, reports that during January the county had 20 highway accidents resulting in three fatalities, 16 injuries and property damage estimated at \$3,360.

The corporal says there were 267 arrests: 17 for driving drunk, 15 for reckless driving, 33 for speeding, the rest being for violation of other motor vehicle laws.

Ladino Pastures Are Showing Up Good

T. D. O'Quinn, assistant county agent, reports: "Pastures seeded to Ladino clover and orchard grass during the fall are showing up very favorably at the present time. Roy and Edward Byrd of Bunnlevel have an excellent stand on 10 to 12 acres. An older pasture belonging to J. B. Collins, Lillington R-3, has made excellent growth during the warm weather of the past few weeks. Collins says he is highly pleased with Ladino clover for pasture, particularly when recommended liming and fertilizing practices are followed."

Correction

When you read the story The News published entitled "Value of State's Crops Continues High in '48," you wondered why in the world the State's farm crops for the first 11 months in that year were valued at only \$581,515, and that the value of the crops marketed to date was only \$588,940.

Well, instead of thousands it should have been millions. So, just put three ciphers at the end of each group of figures and you'll have it right.

Sorry. Almost everybody should have known better.



Fuquay Freezer Locker Plant Receives Mr. J. E. Smith's 1100-Pound Porker



J. E. Smith, a leading farmer in the progressive community of Fuquay-Varina, recently slaughtered and carried into the Community Frozen Food Locker Plant at Fuquay for processing, the largest hog that has been received since the plant opened.

The four year old boar weighed 1,248 pounds on foot and dressed 1100 pounds, including head and liver. Mr. Smith, who believes in a well-rounded farm program, says he fed the hog on whole and ground corn and barley grown on his farm.

To date Mr. Smith has killed approximately 10,500 pounds of meat as offspring of this hog since Dec. 1st, 1947. He now has 29 carcasses weighing 150 to 200 pounds to slaughter and sell, that are offspring of the same hog.

This makes a total of 3rd head of swine that the Fuquay Locker Plant has processed for Mr. Smith since February 1st of last year. He also keeps a good supply of home grown beef going through his locker.

The unusually large carcass attracted quite a bit of attention while it was being chilled before cutting.

(Photos courtesy of Fuquay Independent)