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

## Patriots And Highlanders Will Meet Again On Historic Ground

### FORMER FOES TO SHAKE HANDS IN FRIENDSHIP

GEN. LILLINGTON'S HOME NEAR MOORE'S CREEK BATTLE-GROUND TO BE SCENE OF CELEBRATION SUNDAY

One hundred and seventy-three years ago, come next Sunday, February 27, the Patriots of the Lower Cape Fear under General Alexander Lillington and Richard Caswell fought a bloody battle against the Scotch Highlanders of the Upper Cape Fear at Moore's Creek. The Highlanders were routed, and this saved North Carolina from invasion by the British for four years.

Three or four weeks ago, President Malcolm Fowler of the North Carolina Society of County Historians, Paul Green and Phillips Russell of Chapel Hill, also members of the Society, went down to Moore's Creek battleground and located the site of Lillington Hall, home of General Lillington, and the Lillington cemetery where the General and his kin are buried.

"The place simply had to be discovered," commented Mr. Fowler, "because the home as well as the cemetery were completely surrounded and covered and crowded with rank growth of briars, bushes and even large trees."

"It was not a good feeling, either, to see the old homestead and last resting site of the man for whom Harnett's countyseat gets its name so badly neglected," added Mr. Fowler.

In front of the homestead site stand two magnolia trees whose spread reaches a hundred feet. The cemetery is about 300 feet distant from the homestead and was completely walled on all four sides, but vandals have destroyed the east wall, probably hauling the bricks away for other purposes.

Lillington Hall was destroyed by fire in 1899. The property had passed into other hands, and the owner was storing fodder and other feeds in it. It is told that coon hunters camped in it, and carelessly set it afire.

The home site and cemetery are situated in the edge of the Holly Shelter swamp in Pender county, about eight miles from Burgaw, the countyseat.

Miss Mattie Bloodworth, Pender county historian, learned of the visit of the State historians to the site of the old Lillington home. She went out there and, to her dismay, found everything in a tangle of growth. She secured the services of the Boy Scouts of Burgaw who cleaned up the place and made it more presentable.

Said Miss Bloodworth to Mr. Fowler: "It was indeed humiliating to see that historic place so neglected."

Next Sunday, February 27, the members of the Society of Historians will go to the Lillington home-site and cemetery for a meeting of the descendants of the Patriots and Highlanders. The meeting will be held at 1:00 p. m.

"This time the Patriots and Highlanders will greet each other with handshakes and cordiality instead of with bullets as did their forebears in 1776," said Mr. Fowler.

Solicitor Clifton Moore will deliver the address for the Lower Cape Fear Patriots, and Paul Green, noted historian and playwright, will respond for the Highlanders of the Upper Cape Fear. There will also be other speakers. Mayor Charlie Levins of Lillington has signified his intention to attend, and a number of other Lillingtonians and citizens throughout the county are expected to be present. Everyone is cordially invited.

Officers of the Historians' Society are: President, Malcolm Fowler of Lillington; vice president, Willis Briggs of Raleigh, and secretary, J. H. Monger of Sanford.

### Local Teams Divide Games With Erwin

Lillington high school's basketball teams divided a pair of games with Erwin Monday night in the local gym.

Lillington boys' team defeated Erwin 32 to 29, while the local girls lost to their opponents by a score of 33 to 22. In the boys' game, Matthews was high scorer for Lillington with 14 points and Lucas and Wood each accounted for 7 points each for the losers. Allen made 14 points for Erwin in the girls' game and Secret totaled 12 for Lillington.

### Only Clinic



DR. W. B. HUNTER

He operates in connection with the Harnett County Health Department the only Diabetes Clinic in the nation conducted by a health department. Registered are 118 cases.

### TWO MEMBERS ARE ELECTED TO HEALTH BOARD

WILLIAM CARROLL OF DUNN IS NAMED FOR THREE YEARS; DR. C. D. BAIN OF DUNN FOR FOUR YEARS

The Harnett County Board of Health met in the Health Department offices in Lillington at 11 a. m. last Thursday. The main business of the meeting was the election of two new members to replace those whose terms of office had expired.

Mr. William Carroll, pharmacist of Dunn, was selected as a member of the board for a period of three years. Dr. C. D. Bain, dentist of Dunn was re-elected for a period of four years.

Dr. W. B. Hunter, County Health Officer, reported that the County's Diabetes Clinic, the only such clinic operated by a health department anywhere in the nation, showed a total of 118 patients admitted.

The board passed a resolution approving a request by the State Board of Health for funds to be used in the various counties.

### 3 Harnett Students Are Now Teaching

(Special to The News) Greenville, Feb. 19.—East Carolina Teachers College has at present 75 student teachers now conducting classes and learning their profession through experience in the classrooms of 24 schools in the eastern part of the state.

Among these Harnett county is represented by a group of three students. Mary Lou Austin of Fuquay Springs RFD is now teaching the seventh grade in the Trullinger School on the college campus. Sue Cotton of Kipling is assigned to the Greenville high school as a teacher of home economics. Nina Ruth Long of Angier is located in the Rocky Mount high school and is teaching physical education there.

## Inspection Lane Sets Up For Business Here Today

Motor Vehicle Inspection Lane No. 27, serving Harnett and Sampson counties, was set up in Lillington again today (Thursday) on I street facing Northam Motor Company.

The lane will be here through next Tuesday, March 1. All cars and trucks of models 1937 and 1938 must be inspected in the lane by February 28, according to rules issued by the Mechanical Inspection Division of the State Motor Vehicles Department.

The rule requiring these vehicles to be inspected this month, however, does not bar other models from the lane during its stay here this week and next. Any model will be inspected when presented at the lane.

Appearance of the inspection lane here since the first of the year have brought large numbers of vehicles, sometimes many more per day than could be accommodated. It is expected that this will be the case this time.

While most motorists are complying promptly with the rules requiring their vehicles to pass inspection at the lanes, there is nevertheless considerable interest in the outcome

### SCOUTS DONATE DISPOSAL CANS FOR USE OF TOWN

LILLINGTON IS RECIPIENT OF DISPOSAL CANS MADE BY INDUSTRIAL GIRLS OF SCOUT TROOP NO. 17

Lillington owes a unanimous vote of thanks to the local Girl Scout Troop No. 17 and their leaders for their public-spiritedness in having constructed and placed on the town's streets garbage disposal cans.

The large cans are painted green and bear the Girl Scout emblem. They are of heavy metal construction and have a sturdy removable top. The cans were donated by Northwood Brick Co. and the Scouts, under the direction of Miss Betty Ross, Scout Leader and with the assistance of Sgt. Smith of the V.F.W., made the tops, painted them and placed them at strategic points in town.

The Scouts are most anxious that the citizens of Lillington and visitors here will make use of these disposal units so that the streets may be kept clean. The swinging tops on the cans make it a very simple matter to place trash in them. If citizens will only use this means of disposing of trash etc., it will have a very definite effect upon the appearance of the local streets. It is believed that wholehearted cooperation will be forthcoming from the public and that the citizens will show their appreciation for the efforts of the Scouts for this public service.

Mrs. W. R. Cranford is leader of the troop which is composed of the following Scouts: Etta Beth Adcock, Mildred Clayton, Peggy Collins, Jane Cranford, Sue Jo Giasby, Sara Hatley, Anne Jackson, Sarah Kelly, Ann Lee, Marion Murchison, Faye Matthews, Reba White and Jean Hamilton.

### RED CROSS CALL STARTS MARCH 1

Fund Chairman R. B. O'Quinn Says He Will Name Community Leaders Latter Part Of This Week

With an assigned quota of \$2,633, Fund Chairman R. B. O'Quinn of the Harnett Chapter Roll Call says he will appoint leaders in each community the latter part of this week to conduct the drive for 1949 memberships in the Red Cross. The Chapter's quota last year was \$3,005.

The jurisdiction of the Harnett Chapter covers all of Harnett county with the exception of Duke and Averasboro township which are covered by the Dunn-Erwin Chapter, formerly known as Jarvis Chapter, which will conduct its campaign through March.

Chairman O'Quinn explains that the 1949 drive will begin March 1 and continue through the month. He anticipates the hearty cooperation not only of the community committees but of all people residing within the jurisdiction of the chapter.

### STREET BONDS BOUGHT AT LOW INTEREST RATE

KIRCHOPFER & ARNOLD ASSOCIATES BID IN LILLINGTON'S \$50,000 BONDS AT AVERAGE 2.3662 INTEREST

The Town of Lillington's offer of \$50,000 Street Improvement Bonds was taken last Tuesday by Kirchofer & Arnold Associates of Raleigh at an average interest rate of 2.3662.

First \$30,000 of the bonds were taken at 2 1/2 per cent, and the remaining \$20,000 at 2 3/4.

The \$45,000 Bond Anticipation Note, offered at the same time, was taken by the First National Bank & Trust Company of Asheville. The interest rate is 1 1/2 per cent. This note is to run for 30 days.

Town Attorney W. A. Johnson states that he hopes to have funds available from the bond sale along about March 1st. The bonds couldn't be printed until the interest rate was known. After they are printed, they must pass approval by the bond attorneys, be signed and delivered.

The bonds are to be dated March 1, and due to mature annually March 1, \$5,000, 1951 to 1960 inclusive. The town does not reserve the right of prior payment.

Funds from the sale of the bonds will be used to pay the balance due to the Ziegler-Cline Construction Company which concern did the paving of the streets last summer.

Property owners are to pay for paving abutting their property, and the town is to pay for intersections and storm sewers, etc.

Property owners have already paid in advance around \$25,000 of the paving cost. Against those who have not paid, the town is assessing the proportionate cost of streets abutting their property.

The interest rate at which the bonds were sold is considered very satisfactory when shortness of the term is considered, together with the fact that interest rates generally are somewhat higher than a few years ago.

Cost of paving the streets, with intersections and storm sewers, ran around \$62,000.

### NEW DODGE IS NOW ON DISPLAY

Wood Motor Company of Lillington Is Inviting Everyone To Come And See The 1949 Dodge

"It's the New Style," declares Mr. A. W. Wood, owner of Wood Motor Company, Lillington, dealer for Dodge and Plymouth cars and trucks, in speaking of the new 1949 Dodge now on display in the company's showrooms.

Mr. Wood points out also: It's higher, longer and wider on the inside, while it's lower, shorter and narrower on the outside.

The new 1949 Dodge will be on display for public observation and approval at the Wood Motor Company, on Main street across from the courthouse, tomorrow, Friday, February 25.

Everyone is cordially invited to visit the showroom and see the new Dodge.

### Methodist Layman to Speak in Lillington



GURNEY P. HOOD

Mr. Gurney P. Hood, North Carolina State Commissioner of Banks, will speak in the Lillington Methodist Church next Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. Sunday, February 27, is "Laymen's Day" throughout Methodism. On this day, many preachers will step down from the pulpit and some layman will bring the message.

The Lillington Church feels very fortunate in securing Mr. Hood as speaker for this occasion. He is not only a leading layman in the Eden Street Methodist Church of Raleigh, but he is one of the most prominent laymen in the North Carolina Conference. The Lillington Church is looking forward to this occasion.

The entire public is cordially invited to come and hear Mr. Hood.

## Harnett Corn And Tobacco Growers Awarded Prizes

### Speakers at Prize Awardings



State Grange Master Caldwell was the speaker at the meeting Tuesday night to award prizes to winners in the corn contests.



Agriculture Commissioner Ballentine will be the speaker at the meeting in Dunn tonight to award prizes in the cotton contest.

### PRIZES ARE PRESENTED IN CORN CONTEST

FIVE WINNERS INCLUDED ONE NEGRO VETERAN WHOSE YIELD WAS 81.27 BUSHELS OF CORN TO THE ACRE

At a banquet meeting of the Harnett County Board of Agriculture in Lillington school cafeteria Tuesday night, the winners in the county corn production contests were announced and awards were made.

Following are the winners and the cash prizes they received: First prize, \$50, Carson Gregory of Angier R-2, adult farmer, yield 140.7.

Second prize, \$30, Neal Barnes of Angier R-2, student in Coats school, yield 113.

Third prize, \$20, Talley Ennis of Angier R-2, student in Angier school, yield 110.4.

The following were awarded Savings Bonds contributed by the Superior Seed & Feed Company, Lillington, to the white veteran groups and Negro veterans and 4-H members:

H. M. Green, Lillington R-1, yield 94.47.

Toble Murchison, Negro, Lillington R-2, yield 81.37.

The 1948 corn contest cash awards were sponsored by the Harnett County Grange.

The Superior Seed & Feed Company sponsored the Savings Bond awards: First, to the veteran training groups throughout the county, a \$25 Savings Bond; second, a \$25 Savings Bond to the Negro veteran and Negro 4-H club boy making the highest yield in the Negro group.

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the Dunn Armory, the winners in the cotton contest will be announced and prizes awarded. These prizes will be: \$100 to the countywide winner; \$50 to each district winner. (Continued on page two)

### 4-H CLUBS TO OBSERVE SPECIAL WEEK MARCH 5-13

THEME OF WEEK TO BE "WORKING TOGETHER FOR BETTER HOME AND WORLD COMMUNITY"

North Carolina's 115,525 rural boys and girls enrolled in 2,084 4-H Clubs will join nearly two million other club members representing all the states in observing National 4-H Club Week March 5-13, according to L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader for the State College Extension Service.

This week, one of two special 4-H Club Weeks in the year, affords an excellent opportunity for calling attention to the aims and accomplishments of this largest of all rural youth organizations. Harrill points out, it also provides opportunity, he said, for making plans and setting goals for still greater accomplishments in the year ahead.

Theme of the week will be "Working Together for a Better Home and World Community." Members will emphasize their club motto, "To make the best better," and the pledge of their heads to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to greater service, and their health to better living.

4-H Club members learn by doing. They grow animals and crops by the best methods; produce food and fiber for home and market; help improve their homes; conserve natural resources for better living; and study their opportunities for better citizenship and leadership.

4-H Club Week, therefore, offers a real opportunity for State and county extension workers, leaders and friends to lend encouragement and enlist the interest of all rural boys and girls in this nation-wide program.

### Sunday Speaker

The Presbyterian Hour presents as its next speaker the Rev. Robert W. Mills, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Ky.

Dr. Mills' topic on this broadcast will be "Time for Decision for the Gospel Ministry", and may be heard in this community on Sunday Feb. 28, at 8:30 a. m. over Radio Station WPTF.

### Appointment Soon?

No intimation has been given as to when the Board of County Commissioners will appoint a tax collector to succeed the late W. D. Harrington, but there is a general feeling that members of the board are just as anxious to get the matter attended to as are the many applicants for the job.

One candidate for the post, Mr. Carey Cade of Backhorns, has already withdrawn.

It may be that the board will make the appointment at its meeting March 7. In the meantime, Mrs. Iva Sloan, appointed acting collector by the board at a special session soon after the death of Mr. Harrington, with her assistant, Miss Alice Patterson, is doing a very satisfactory job with the collecting.

### SAWYER OPENS TRADING POST IN EAST ERWIN

LILLINGTON MERCHANT TO GIVE AWAY PRIZES ON OPENING DAY; TO CONTINUE LILLINGTON STORE

Mr. C. G. Sawyer, owner and operator of Sawyer's Trading Post on Lillington Route 1, will open another large store in East Erwin Friday, February 25.

For his opening day tomorrow (Friday), Mr. Sawyer is asking everyone to come to his store and register. It is not necessary to make a purchase in order to register and win one of the prizes to be given.

The prizes are: First prize, \$10 in merchandise at the Sawyer store; second prize \$7 in merchandise; third prize, \$5 in merchandise—all at the Sawyer store in East Erwin.

Mr. Sawyer is featuring Army and Navy surplus clothing and hardware, including T-shirts, jackets, belts, socks, gloves, combat boots, tools, sausage mills, dishes, silverware and many other items.

He also offers civilian clothing including: work shirts, pants, overalls, shoes, jackets. Also sport shirts, socks, underwear and other items.

Mr. Sawyer invites everyone to visit his store in East Erwin opening day and register for the prizes.

### APPRECIATION IS EXPRESSED BY COMMITTEE

REPORT OF FINDINGS COMMITTEE, AT DISCIPLES OF CHRIST MINISTERS' RETREAT HERE FEBRUARY 15-17

The Findings Committee of the Disciples of Christ Ministers' Retreat in Lillington, February 15-17, has rendered a report in which high praise and appreciation is expressed for the hospitalities and courtesies extended during the three-day sessions.

In addition, the ministers went on record "in renewing our loyalty to the completion of our Crusade for a Christian World, pledging our full participation in spirit and action, as far as we in North Carolina can go, in bringing to fruition this world-wide brotherhood effort."

Following is the report of the Findings Committee:

1.—We commend our president, E. B. Quick, and other executive officers for resourcefulness in finding location for our Retreat and preparation of program and promotion of attendance.

2.—We express our thanks to the Lillington Chamber of Commerce for the hearty welcome, publicity, for the courtesy of the local press, and for their thorough-going courtesies.

3.—We thank the local Methodist Church in Lillington for the gracious courtesy of the use of their building on a special occasion, and especially their minister for his personal goodwill, so manifest and cordial.

4.—We express our hearty appreciation for the stimulating help of our guest speaker, Clinton P. Campbell, and our thanks to the United Christian Missionary Society for Brother Campbell's time and service.

5.—We go on record in renewing our loyalty to the completion of our Crusade for a Christian World, pledging our full participation in spirit and action, as far as we in North Carolina can go, in bringing to fruition this world-wide brotherhood effort.

FINDINGS COMMITTEE, Ivan Adams, H Leroy Harris, C. C. Ware.

## School Basketball Tourney To Close Saturday Night

The Harnett County Basketball Tourney which is being played in the new Lillington gymnasium this week will come to a close Saturday night when the winners of both the boys' and girls' championship will be decided.

In the first games played Saturday night, the Benhaven boys defeated Coats 24 to 13. Coleman was high scorer for the winners with 15 points, while Avery made 8 points for the losers. Anderson Creek's girl team soundly trounced Bule's Creek 49 to 7. Holder scored 27 points for the winning team and Walton was high scorer for the losers with 3 points. The Lillington girls team forfeited their game to Dunn.

The schedule for the remaining games are as follows:

Boys  
Wednesday night, Feb. 23, 7:00: Boone Trail vs. Lillington. 9:00 o'clock: Angier vs. Erwin.

Thursday night, Feb. 24, 7:00: Anderson Creek vs. Benhaven. 9:00

o'clock: Bule's Creek vs. LaFayette.

Friday night, 7:00: Winner of Anderson Creek-Benhaven game meets winner of Bule's Creek-LaFayette game. 9:00 o'clock: Winner of Angier-Erwin game meets winner of Boone Trail-Lillington game.

The championship game will be played Saturday night at 8:30.

Girls  
Wednesday night, 6:00: Anderson Creek vs. Benhaven. 8:00 o'clock: LaFayette vs. Erwin.

Thursday night, 6:00 o'clock: Coats vs. Angier. 8:00 o'clock: Dunn vs. Boone Trail.

Friday night, 6:00 o'clock: Winner of LaFayette-Erwin game meets winner of Boone Trail-Dunn game.

Saturday night the championship game will be played at 7:30.

Admission prices being charged for the tourney are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Coach Hal Bradley of the Lillington school states that he anticipates a large attendance each night of the tourney.