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## In and Out of Lillington

### POOR LITTLE PIGGIE!

Chances are that, if bad weather does strike here in the next thirty to sixty days, most folks will want to blame it on the Groundhog, regardless of whether the little piggie saw his shadow or not on February 2.

But, then again, perhaps very few folks hereabouts know anything at all about the Groundhog—that's its nickname, what is its real name? No less an authority than Rod Amundson, editor of "Wildlife in North Carolina," says the Groundhog isn't, as bad as most folks are inclined to believe. He says the little creature is a real friend to sportsmen in that its burrows are used by many species of game to hide from their enemies.

What's its real name? Marmota monax.

### CAUTION WITH POISON!

On the farm page in this issue of The News is an article of interest to others than farmers. It is written by a member of the staff of the State Board of Health—one who knows what he is talking about.

He points to the danger of using certain poisons to kill insects without taking proper precaution to see that none of the deadly stuff gets too close to the human skin.

The writer says there are instances of deaths arising from lack of such precaution in using the poisons.

It's another one of those problems with which the farmer is confronted—the insects must be destroyed before they destroy the crops. But at the same time it is well to see that the insects are the only lives to go out.

### HAL'S COMPANY REPORTS

It's an interesting report which Hal Bradley's company makes in this issue of The News. Hal, you know, is agent for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, one of North Carolina's largest institutions.

The report gives Harnett county folks the benefit of figures showing what it is doing.

Hal is mighty busy right now in his coaching. He's leading the local basketball team toward some coveted honors. But if you will be persistent enough he'll take time out to write you a policy in the Jefferson Standard.

### NOT WORRYING

"I'm not worrying," said George Coble to The News last Thursday in courthouse auditorium when he was trying to give everybody a chance to air their views on how and when Harnett county roads should be improved.

"Yes, we're going ahead fine," continued the District Commissioner, who looks as if he never worried a moment in his whole lifetime.

Told that some Harnett folks were doing a lot of worrying, he said: "Well, they needn't, because we're going to build them every foot of road that we have money to pay for. They can rest assured of that."

Both Mr. Coble and Mr. Poindexter, his engineer, consumed the entire time of the "conference" in patiently listening to the petitioners and looking on the map to see the pieces of road they wanted fixed up.

### ALWAYS INTERESTING

Principal Henry Hamilton probably may have entertained the idea that he was choosing a subject that would be rather "dry" to his audience last Thursday evening when he took up the program period with a talk about the Lillington school.

He was agreeably surprised, however, when he saw all Rotarians' eyes focused on him and ears open wide for every word he was saying.

Intensely interesting was his prediction that "we shall have to give breakfast to some of our students."

Already the school furnishes luncheon for students who have no way of providing it for themselves. But when Principal Hamilton told of the students who come to school without breakfast, he touched the heart of everyone within the sound of his voice.

### INCREASED FACILITIES

You've heard of the man who told about "building a condition onto his house and extending a revenue out to his gate so he could contain his company with more hostility?"

## Construction Here Gets Decided Boost

### TWO LOCAL MEN BEGIN BUILDING RESIDENCES HERE

Say They Can Sell For \$7,500 to \$8,000; Furnished If Desired

Lillington is to have a decided boost in its building program. In fact the boost has already started with one residence under construction and others to follow.

Lamar Simmons and R. M. Turlington inform The News they are embarking on a program of residence construction to extend to whatever demand there may be for homes in Lillington.

R. M. Turlington, Lillington contractor, who constructed Mr. Simmons' new home, is building the houses. One under construction now is located next to the home of Mr. Robert Womble.

Mr. Simmons and Mr. Turlington say they estimate they can sell the homes they erect at prices ranging from \$7,500 to \$8,000, depending largely upon the number of rooms and type of construction, location.

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### Poor Man!

Superior Court Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw, who has been entertaining the idea of opposing Senator Frank Graham in the May primary, has issued a statement in which he is too poor to run.

Letters, phone calls and telegrams from friends, he said, had almost demanded that he run, and he felt sure he could be elected, but he deplored conditions which almost rendered it impossible for him to make the race.

In his statement, Judge Stevens said:

"I say it humbly but sincerely that if I have even been able to evaluate a situation I am sure that I could have been elected Senator at this time."

### John Winfield Moves Up In Agr. Dept.

John Winfield, who was principal of Angier school till he took a job with the State Department of Agriculture, has been promoted with the appointment of Harry T. Westcott to the Utilities Commission by Governor Scott.

Winfield will on March 1st take Westcott's place as chief of the Division of Markets.

## HOPES TO ASSUME HIS JUDGESHIP BY MARCH FIRST

Godwin Says Many Matters To Arrange For Transfer

Hoping that he may be able to relinquish the job of Clerk of Court of Harnett county by March 1st and assume his new duties as a Special Judge of the Superior Court, Howard Godwin told The News yesterday that there are many matters he must arrange before the Clerk's office can be turned over to whoever is appointed by Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford to the unexpired term of Clerk.

The unexpired term of Judge Godwin runs until next December 1st. Mr. Godwin has three funds in his charge: the Superior Court fund, the Recorder fund, and the trust fund. In addition, there are many legal matters regularly handled by the Clerk's office that must pass from Mr. Godwin's responsibility to that of the appointee.

There is also an audit to be made of all the Clerk's accounts so that the incoming Clerk will, as the saying goes, "take it from there." The sums in the hands of Clerk Godwin must be totaled so that the new Clerk will know exactly what his responsibility will be from a financial standpoint.

The Board of County Commissioners has appointed Thurman Ennis, Certified Public Accountant of Dunn, to audit the accounts in the Clerk's office. It is estimated that the work will require four or five days or possibly a week.

### CHAFFIN LIKELY APPOINTEE

Although Judge Williams has not announced his decision in the appointment of Court Clerk to succeed Judge Godwin, it is generally accepted that he will name Attorney L. M. Chaffin of Lillington, who held the job for sixteen years up until the time Clerk Godwin took over in 1948.

Chaffin first entered the Clerk's office as deputy, under Arthur McDonald, who retired from the office after one term, and Chaffin succeeded him as Court Clerk.

### Campbell Elects May King, Queen

Bob Lasater, local boy, and Marshall Moody of Siler City have been elected King and Queen at Campbell College.

They will be crowned at Campbell May 6 by Archie Lynch, also local boy, and Ruth Harper of Lenoir, chief attendants.

Girls elected to the court are "Pat" Lamm of Spring Hope, Annie Stuart of Wooddale, Diantha Minton of Fairbluff, and "Jackie" Pullen of Castalia, sophomore girls; Barbara Britt of Barnesville, Bonnie Lynch, local girl, and Sally Caddell of Sanford, freshmen, and Marilyn Cault of Bennett, high school.

Men in the court follow: George Graybill of Roanoke, Va., S. G. Flowers and Johnny Alford of Zebulon, and Clawson Ellis of Sanford, sophomores; Bobby Hays of Raleigh, Bill Brigger of Bahama, and "Bunny" Brake of Rowland, freshmen; and Tom Watkins of Benson, high school.

### Hatch Scheduled For March Criminal Term

Judge William T. Hatch of Raleigh is scheduled to preside at the March criminal term of Harnett Superior Court. The term is for one week and will begin on Monday, March 20.

Asked by The News who would preside at the April civil term of two weeks, Clerk Howard Godwin, newly appointed Special Judge, replied: "Maybe I will."

Judge Godwin is soon to assume his duties as a Special Judge to fill out the unexpired term of the late Judge Wilkins F. Horton.

### Methodist To Have Laymen's Day Sunday

Laymen's Day will be observed Sunday, February 26, at 11:00 a. m. at the Lillington Methodist Church. Mr. John Spears, Charge Lay Leader, will conduct the service.

### Young Violinist To Be Heard at Campbell

As a special presentation in its series of 1949-50 concerts, the Cape Fear Music Festival Association will present Victor Siodonis, 26-year-old Latvian violinist, on March 7 at 8 p. m., in Campbell College Auditorium.

## Harnett Standing High In List Of Counties' Highway Projects

### With 6 Mails Incoming Daily Lillington Has Better Service

It may not be that Lillington is now receiving more and better mail, but since inauguration of the Highway Postoffice Mail, the service has been more satisfactory.

Main reason is that shortly after 9 o'clock in the morning, all of the forenoon mail is placed in the boxes at the postoffice, thus allowing local residents to proceed with the day's work after "going through the mail."

First mail to arrive in the morning is the Highway Postoffice truck which comes at 3:30 a. m. The truck mailman has a key to the office. He deposits the mail inside, locks the door again. The office opens at 8 when the star route mail arrives from Sanford.

At 8:30 the Lillington-Dunn star route mail comes in. Then at 9 the regular Raleigh - Fayetteville star route carrier arrives.

This perk-up schedule allows the postoffice force to assort the morning mail and rural carriers to get out at least half an hour earlier. The postoffice force then has a breathing spell till 4:25 in the afternoon—a spell, that is, which involves no handling of incoming mails. To be sure there is the usual stamp, money order and other work-day detail that goes on continuously from opening until closing time.

There are only two afternoon mails. The first to arrive is the Highway Postoffice truck from Richmond, on its way back to its other terminal, Sanford. It comes in to Lillington at 4:25.

Then there is the Raleigh-Fayetteville star route mail arriving here at 4:30. This mail is scheduled to get here about 4 o'clock, but repair work on the direct route to Fayetteville forces the carrier to detour over the Fort Bragg road which takes about half an hour longer.

Helping to make the rush hours in the morning even "rusher" is the morning daily newspapers that arrive sometime before daybreak. The papers are processed along with the other morning mail.

Another feature of the new Highway Mail service noted by local people is the fact that practically all mail is now speeded in transit.

### GIRL SCOUT DAY CAMPS ARE PLANNED

Mesdames Hal Bradley and W. B. Hunter Attend Girl Scout Meeting in Sanford

Mrs. Hal Bradley and Mrs. W. B. Hunter of Lillington attended a meet in Sanford last Friday at the home of Mrs. J. N. McNair, to which were invited representatives from the Girl Scout Council in each of the participating towns in this Girl Scout area.

At this meeting Mrs. Helen Higgins, Girl Scout Executive, presented the plans for the Girl Scout Day Camps that will be held this summer in each of the towns represented.

Further information relating to these Day Camps will be released soon.

### Preaching Services At Ephesus Church

There will be preaching services at Ephesus Church next Sunday, February 26, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning and again at 7:30 in the evening. Rev. Clifton of Benson will preach at the morning service and Rev. Young, a senior at the Union Seminary of Richmond, will preach at the evening service.

The public is extended a most cordial invitation to attend these services.

### RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON

Miss Ruth Sawyer of Lillington returned from Washington, D. C. last Sunday after spending a week with her sister, Miss Iris Sawyer of Washington, who has been in the hospital for a week after having an operation.

### Schools Collect Total Of \$1,344.86 For 'Dimes' Fund

Harnett county schools went all-out for success of the March of Dimes campaign in Harnett county, and collected a total of \$1,344.86, which Supt. C. Reid Ross has turned over to Chairman Ernest P. Russell of Dunn.

Boone Trail led the list in the white schools, and the Harnett County Training School at Dunn led all colored schools in the amount collected.

For information not only of the school forces but all others who are interested in the part the county took in the polio fund drive, The News is giving herewith the entire list of funds turned in each school. The list is as follows:

White Schools  
Anderson Creek \$100.00  
Angier 201.61  
Benhaven 40.00

Boone Trail 236.69  
Bule's Creek 54.25  
Bunnlevel 17.55  
Buckhorn 6.92  
Coats 102.15  
Dunn High 62.69  
Dunn Elementary 60.00  
Erwin 79.44  
LaFayette 115.27  
Lillington 119.04  
Mary Stewart 20.00

Negro Schools  
Ridgeway 10.00  
Angier 3.10  
Coats 4.63  
Shawtown 20.66  
Norrrington 4.70  
Mt. Pisgah 6.94  
H. C. Training School 42.24  
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## COBLE ASSURES CITIZENS A FULL SHARE OF ROADS

Hearing Here Last Thursday Develops Into Harmony Meet

What had been predicted in some quarters as a "hot discussion" turned out to be more of a harmony session last Thursday afternoon when District Highway Commissioner George Coble came to Lillington for a conference with the Board of County Commissioners on the topic of Harnett's share of improved rural roads and when improvements will be made.

Commissioner Coble brought with him Engineer T. G. Poindexter, and together with the various delegations seeking improvements on links of road, the map prepared by Engineer Poindexter was reviewed showing each link that the Highway Commission had marked for improvement.

As group after group went over the map with the highway engineer, Commissioner Chairman Lofton Tart repeatedly called on the courtroom full of interested citizens to come forward and explain their particular piece of road in order to determine whether it had been placed on the map.

Starting off the meeting, Commissioner Coble read a prepared statement in which it was shown that Harnett county stands to get even more improvements on its rural roads than had been generally anticipated locally.

After the Commissioner read the statement, there was no noticeable tension in the gathering. Revelations were gratifying to those whose roads are included in a contract letting scheduled for next Tuesday; also to those who were assured that in the near future there will be considerably more improvement work going on throughout the county.

Following is Commissioner Coble's (Continued on page eight)

## Methodist Men Organized Here

The organization Methodist Men of the Lillington Methodist Church was perfected at a dinner meeting in the social rooms of the church Wednesday night, February 15 with a membership of around 30. Mr. Hal Bradley was elected president of the newly formed organization.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service served the dinner.

## Mrs. Bass Improving From Auto Injuries

Mrs. Connie Earl Bass of Lillington, who was badly injured last week near Micro when another car driven by Boris Young of New Jersey crashed into the car in which she was riding and was being driven by her husband, is improving.

Mr. Bass's car was badly damaged. Patrolman Kenly, who investigated the crash, held Young on a charge of reckless driving.

## Variety Show At Angier High School

A Variety Show sponsored by the Junior Class of Angier High School will be given in the school auditorium Friday February 24, at 8:00 o'clock. Admission charge will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Music, popular and hillbilly songs, dances, recitations, comedy acts, acrobatics and various other forms of entertainment will be presented in the show.

## PTA Date Changed

The next regular meeting of the Lillington Parent-Teacher Association, scheduled for Thursday, March 2, has been postponed to Thursday, March 9.

This postponement has been found necessary and expedient on account of the Basketball Tournament which will be in progress at the Lillington Gymnasium on the March 3 date.

The program has already been prepared and includes a noted speaker for the occasion. Meeting time is 8 p. m. and all patrons of the school are urged to attend.

The meeting will be held in the school auditorium.

## Mr. and Mrs. Willy Obenaus Glad To Arrive In America

There are five new people in North Carolina today who are more than glad to be in America. More than that, they will experience another burst of joy when Uncle Sam has become satisfied they will make good citizens and allows them naturalization.

They are: Mr. and Mrs. Willy Obenaus, who arrived in Chapel Hill last Friday. They sailed aboard the Queen Mary with their three children, a son, Norberta 15, and two daughters, Barbell, 12, and Elke, 7.

The Obenaus family, happily, were in the American zone of Germany. But even then their happiness could not be considered complete because food is none too plentiful or cheap anywhere in the still war-torn Hitlerland.

Paul Green, noted author and playwright, was responsible for the Obenaus' family coming to this country. Before the war Frau Obenaus (then Miss Erna Lamprecht) visited the Greens and lived with them for a year and a half.

During the war years it was impossible to hear from her. But in 1945 the Greens heard from her, and in her letter she told not only of her marriage and her husband of her marriage and of her some of the extreme difficulties they experienced day after day in making even the pathway of life.

Mr. Green arranged for their coming to America. As soon as they reached North Carolina, Mrs. Obenaus and children visited Mr. Green's relatives in Harnett county. Last Sunday she came to see the Greens, Longs and all the other family kin. She didn't have time, of course, to tell them the whole story of her struggles in Germany during and since the war, and she promised to come again and talk further.

The Obenaus family will live in Chapel Hill and the children will enter school there.

The family lived at Hattori in the Harz Mountain section of Germany. Miss Bule Long and some others of the Green relatives had been sending boxes of gifts, and Mrs. Obenaus reluctantly told them Sunday that she was forced to exchange some of the gifts for food.

Now that they are safely located in America, the term happiness has an entirely new and a much broader meaning for the Obenaus.

## Ball Tournament Starts In Local Gym Monday

The annual Harnett County Basketball Tournament to determine the county champions will get underway Monday night of next week at 8:30 in Lillington's spacious gymnasium.

The tournament is sponsored by the Harnett Educ Co. Club and the following schedule has been announced:

Monday Night, Feb. 27  
8:30: Lillington vs LaFayette, boys.  
7:30: Bule's Creek vs Coats, girls.  
8:30: Boone Trail vs Angier, boys.  
Tuesday Night, Feb. 28  
8:30: Angier vs Boone Trail, girls.  
7:30: Coats vs Benhaven, boys.  
8:30: Anderson Creek vs Benhaven, girls.  
Wednesday Night, March 1  
8:30: Erwin vs winner of Benhaven-Coats game, boys.  
7:30: LaFayette vs Lillington, girls.  
8:30: Anderson Creek vs Bule's Creek, boys.  
Thursday Night, March 2  
8:30: Erwin vs winner of Bule's Creek-Coats game, girls.  
7:30: Semi finals, boys.  
8:30: Semi finals, girls.  
Friday Night, March 3  
7:30: Semi finals, girls.  
8:30: Semi finals, boys.  
Saturday Night, March 4  
7:30: Finals, girls.  
8:30: Finals, boys.

Admission to the tournament games will be 25c for school children and 50 cents for adults. For the finals on March 4 admission will be 35 cents for school children and 75 cents for adults. Proceeds from the tournament will be divided among the schools.

The Educ Co. Club has announced that each team will be given 34 passes for players, coaches and cheer leaders.

Each boys' team participating in tournament will be allowed 11 players, and each girls' team will be allowed 12 players. Referees who will officiate at all of the games will be furnished by the Fort Bragg Officials Training School.

Coach Hal Bradley of the host school has stated that extensive preparations are being made for the tournament and that everything will be in readiness by game time next Monday night.

Mr. Bradley states that four dressing rooms, two for the boys and two for the girls, will be complete with showers and heating for the tournament. He also states that the modern new track clock and score board presented to the school by the Lillington Seniors has been installed and will be used for the tournament.

New roll-away bleachers have recently been added to the local gym which will afford several hundred