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

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## In and Out of Lillington

### "MOST GENEROUS CANDIDATE"

Proceedings at the Democratic Convention last Saturday had struck a lull as the Executive Committee was hard at work in an anteroom with routine and a problem.

The Execs had a rather long session and the balance of the county-wide delegation in the auditorium were growing restless in waiting for the committee to report.

So, what to do to while away the time? No one knew—except one. That one was Walter Lee Johnson.

And what did he do about it? Why, he sent out and bought a box of cigars for the gentlemen and a box of fine candy for the ladies.

Mr. Johnson is the candidate for County Surveyor—and he has no opposition. Too, by the way, the job pays no salary.

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### "RENT DRESSED CANDIDATE"

When the Secretary was calling candidates for recognition at the County Democratic Convention, first candidate for the State Senate was Mr. Charles Ross.

Mr. Ross stood, in shirt sleeves, and explained that he had been fishing with his grandchild, and had such a big time he didn't have time to dress for the meeting.

Next candidate called was Mr. J. R. (Bob) Young, who also rose in shirt sleeves and explained that he had been busy and didn't take time to "dress up."

Next was Mr. Mack Jernigan. This senatorial candidate arose immaculately dressed. Each candidate was, of course, applauded.

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### "LOOKING AROUND"

"Something's in the air," evidently, when prosperous-looking men come to town, sometimes single, other times in pairs, three and fours, and look around and ask questions about available business sites, and so forth and so on.

It's an almost everyday occurrence, and The News has gained the impression that finally it has dawned upon at least some people that Harnett's county seat is a mighty good place to do business.

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### SAY "BILLION," PLEASE

Used to be, when folks spoke or thought of large numbers or sums, a million was a whole lot—such a whole of a lot that rarely if ever did it get higher than that.

But, as you are no doubt aware, the world changes and everything changes with it—or almost everything. And so, now that "billion" has replaced "million" as a top-notch figure, when you hear someone say "a billion mosquitoes," or ants, or bees, or whatever, they're just bringing their figures up to date.

The other day, just after the copious rains brought relief from the long dry spell, Stedman McLean remarked: "A million dollar rain!"

Immediately a fellow corrected him with: "A billion dollar rain!"

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### ERROR, BUT NO HARM

Dougald McRae corrected The News in its mistake in giving the Anderson Creek school auditorium 700 seats. He says there are only 450 seats in the auditorium.

The News is grateful for the correction, but is still under the impression that giving the school credit for having in its auditorium 700 seats hasn't done either the good school or the fine community any harm.

We are inclined to insist that there should be 700 seats in the Anderson Creek school auditorium.

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### POTATOES INSTEAD OF RICE?

Todd Caldwell's Fuquay Independent ups and suggests that, in view of the tremendous surplus crops of potatoes that come along year after year, a switch should be made by well-wishers and send-offers of brides and grooms as they trip away from the altar and hurry to get away from the throng.

"Why not throw potatoes at them instead of rice?" the Twin-Town paper asks.

A splendid thought—dandy indeed! Who can vision a more inspiring picture than a bride and groom arriving at their future... (Continued on page two)

## Wildlife Club Meeting In Lillington, Dunn Friday Night

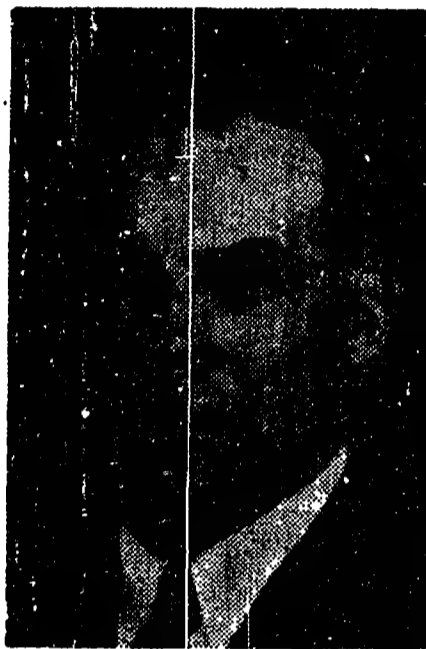
All persons who are interested in the propagation of game and fish in Harnett county are being urged to attend either the meeting in Lillington at the Courthouse or the meeting in Dunn in the Recorder's Courtroom, Friday night of this week at 8:00 o'clock. The plan is to organize two Wildlife Clubs in the county to replace the present county-wide organization. The meeting in Lillington will be for the purpose of organizing a Club for the western section of the county and the meeting in Dunn will organize a Club for the western section of the county. President Sidney Howell of the Harnett Wildlife Club, however, has stated that persons may attend either meeting and affiliate with

whichever Club they care to. It is felt that the formation of two Clubs will be a convenience for sportsmen to attend meetings and other activities of the organization. With only one Club in the county some members are required to drive a considerable distance to attend meetings.

All persons who are interested in doing something for the advancement of game and fish in the county are urged to attend one of these meetings on Friday night, May 12.

Interested persons are also requested to pass the word along and carry someone with them to the meetings so that a good representation will be on hand at both of the meetings.

### Buie's Creek Speaker



L. Y. BALLENTINE

Mr. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture, has been chosen as the commencement speaker at the closing exercises of Buie's Creek public school, according to an announcement by Principal Torey Johnson.

The finals have been set for Monday, May 29. On May 28 a music recital has been scheduled.

## JEWELRY STORE OPENED HERE BY TWO DUNN MEN

Eugene Gregory and Jethro Godwin Form Partnership

Eugene Gregory of Dunn is the proprietor of Lillington's newest business establishment. Gregory, a partner of Jethro Godwin of Erwin, is the half owner and the operator of Gregory and Godwin's Jewelry and Watch Repair Shop, located behind the Bank of Lillington, right across from the Courthouse.

Formerly, Gregory worked for Godwin in Godwin's Watch Repair Shop in Dunn. The two men went into partnership, and now Godwin runs the shop in Dunn, and Gregory runs the one in Lillington.

The new store was opened on Friday, April 14, just about a month ago. Since that time Gregory has been commuting from Dunn every week-day. He says that at present he will continue to live in Dunn, but that he plans to build a home in Lillington and to come here to live as soon as he can get his affairs in both Dunn and Lillington straightened up. As yet he doesn't know how long that will be.

Gregory started working on watches about four years ago, and has been at it ever since. He was in the army for about three years and lost one of his legs in France. He is married and has a son about eight months old, and when he becomes established here, he plans to bring his family to Lillington.

## Local Chapter War Mothers Will Observe Carnation Day

The Lillington Community Chapter will join American War Mothers all over the nation in observing their annual Carnation Day.

For more than a quarter century, War Mothers have sold, on the Saturday preceding Mother's Day, red and white carnations made by disabled veterans. Funds are used for hospitalization and rehabilitation work done by the organization with local contributions going to the support of the guest house at Otten Hospital and to non-compensated veterans there who have no other source of income. Since the guest house was opened

## SCHOOL BOARD TAKES NO ACTION ON PETITION

Attorney General Rules Board Has No Authority

At a meeting of the Board of Education Monday night, the Board considered the petition presented by citizens of Anderson Creek School District requesting the removal of the district committee and the nullification of action taken by the committee in reselecting the principal. The Board also reviewed the minutes of the hearing held at Anderson Creek school on May 2.

The Board found that the contract of Mr. L. M. Yates, principal, had been continued for the 1950-51 term by the district committee. The County Board has no authority, under the law, to overrule a district committee on the continuation of a contract of a principal or teacher.

This interpretation of the law is based on the opinion given by the State Attorney General in which he says the continuation of a contract of a principal or teacher by a district committee requires no action on the part of the governing body of the school administrative unit. When a principal's or teacher's contract has been continued for the coming year and said principal or teacher has been notified, he or she can then be removed only on the specific charges of inefficiency or immorality.

In regard to the district committee, the Board found that since the district committee are appointed for a definite term of office, namely, three years, that the Board of Education had no authority to remove these committees and such action could only be taken upon the presenting of valid evidence which would show that said members of the district committee were not morally or mentally capable of discharging the duties of a committee. Such charges must be made against the individual member and valid evidence offered to substantiate same. The Board felt that until such evidence was presented it had no authority to act.

The Board expressed the hope that all of the citizens in the district will get together in supporting the school in order that the best educational opportunities possible may be maintained for the pupils of the district.

## To Clean Antioch Cemetery Friday

Clean up day will be held at Antioch Cemetery at Hamers Friday of this week.

Interested persons are requested to come at 7:00 a. m. and bring tools to work with.

## Chaffin Withdraws



L. M. CHAFFIN

Clerk of Court L. M. Chaffin, who had filed his candidacy for election to the regular four-year term which begins next December 1, has handed to the County Board of Elections his withdrawal from the campaign.

Mr. Chaffin was appointed by Judge Clawson L. Williams to fill out the unexpired term of Howard Godwin when he was appointed Special Judge by Governor Scott.

Mr. Chaffin gives as his reason for withdrawing his candidacy his own health and the health of his family.

Following is the letter of withdrawal:

May 5, 1950  
The Harnett County Board of Elections  
Lillington, N. C.

Dear Sirs:  
Due to the condition of my health and the strenuous work now required of a Clerk because of the increased duties incident to the office, together with my desire to return to the practice of my chosen profession at the end of this term, I am therefore withdrawing my notice of candidacy for nomination for Clerk Superior Court in the Primary Election to be held on May 27, 1950.

I am deeply grateful and appreciative for the many expressions of support of my candidacy from friends in every section of our good County, but under the circumstances I deem it best to take this step in the interest of my health and that of my family.

With all good wishes, I am  
Sincerely yours,  
L. M. CHAFFIN.

## LILLINGTON AND BLACK RIVER GO OVER THE TOP

Cancer Drive Report Given By Mrs. Grady Johnson, Commander

Lillington went over double its set quota of \$125 in the cancer drive by turning in a total collection of \$259.80. Drive Commander for the county, Mrs. Grady Johnson, reports. Of the townships reporting in to the treasurer so far, only Lillington and Black River have gone over their quotas. Black River had a total of \$148.82 collected, and their quota was \$125 also.

With seven townships reporting in so far, the total for the county has climbed to \$683.83, including \$7.54 from Boone Trail school in Upper Little River, although the U.L.R. township hasn't turned in their totals yet. This figure is less than half of the \$144 quota set for the county, and there are only six more townships to be heard from.

The collection totals turned in to the Drive Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, so far include: Nell's Creek, \$55.99; Anderson Creek, \$28.50; Stewart's Creek, \$83.53; Backhorn, \$8.00; Lillington, \$259.80; Grove, \$71.65; and Black River, \$148.82. Boone Trail school reported \$7.54, but U.L.R. township is yet to be heard from.

## Local Ladies Attend WSCS Zone Meeting

The Southern Zone, Raleigh District, Woman's Society Christian Service, met May 9 at Smithfield. Those who attended from the Lillington Methodist Church were: Mrs. Leo Kelly, Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, Mrs. John Spears, Mrs. H. G. Alken, Mrs. J. J. Laxier, Mrs. J. G. Layton, Jr., Mrs. J. D. Myrick and Mrs. Mable McLeod.

## Harnett Democrats Plan For Another Big Victory

### LILLINGTON WINS COUNTY-WIDE FIELD DAY

Local Teams Gain 60 Points With Erwin Second, Dunn Third

Lillington carried off the honors last Thursday afternoon at the Harnett County Field Day held at the Lillington school. Eight first places, six second places and two third places gave Lillington 60 points and the victory.

Second position in the field events was taken by Erwin with 48 points. Dunn came in third with 18 points and Benhaven fourth with 16.

During the afternoon there were several good marks turned in for the various events. Probably the most outstanding performance was made by Bobby Godwin of Erwin, who took first place in the 100 yard dash with a winning time of 10 seconds.

Following are the results for both the boys and the girls for the field day events:

### BOYS

Tug of War: 1st, Lillington; 2nd, Dunn; 3rd, Benhaven.  
100-yd dash: 1st, Bobby Godwin, 10 seconds; 2nd, Stacy Johnson, Dunn; 3rd, Devon Stewart, Erwin.  
60-yd dash: 1st, Bobby Godwin, Erwin; 2nd, Billy Joe Johnson, Lillington; 3rd, Stacy Johnson, Dunn.

Wheelbarrow Race: 1st, Dunn; 2nd, Lillington; 3rd, LaFayette.  
400-yd relay: 1st, Lillington, 47 seconds; 2nd, Benhaven; 3rd, Coats.  
3-legged race: 1st, Lillington, 4 seconds; 2nd, Erwin; 3rd, Benhaven.  
High jump: 1st, Stevenson, Erwin, 5ft. 7 in.; 2nd, Jackson, Erwin; 3rd, Coates, Lillington.  
Running broad jump: 1st, Powers, Erwin, 18 ft. 5 in.; 2nd, Poythress, Lillington; 3rd, Adams, Lillington.  
Chinning the bar: 1st, Graham, Benhaven, 34 times; 2nd, Dorman, Erwin; 3rd, Morrison, Erwin.

### GIRLS

Basketball relay: 1st, Lillington, 46 seconds; 2nd, Erwin; 3rd, Benhaven.  
Sack race: 1st, Bland, Erwin, 7 seconds; 2nd, Smith, Lillington; 3rd, Upchurch, Erwin.

Softball throw: 1st, Sutton, Lillington, 161 feet; 2nd, Kelly, Lillington; 3rd, Taylor, Erwin.

60-yd dash: 1st, Dunn, 7 seconds; 2nd, Morrison, Erwin; 3rd, Erwin.

240 relay: 1st, Lillington, 31 seconds; 2nd, Benhaven; 3rd, Erwin.

Running broad jump: 1st, Brown, Lillington; 2nd, Autry, Lillington; 3rd, Lee, Dunn.

High jump: 1st, Brown, Lillington, 55 inches; Erwin and Benhaven tied for second place.

### Wells Withdraws

Thomas M. Wells of Chalybeate Springs, who filed his candidacy for County Commissioner from District 3, has written to the County Board of Elections asking that his name be not placed on the Primary ballot, as he has decided to move to Cumberland county.

This leaves three candidates for Commissioner from District 3—C. G. Fields of Angler, J. L. Mangum of Nell's Creek and J. Leo Betts of Backhorn.

## Farm Sanitation Program Held At Lillington School Monday

Veterans instructors from six counties met Monday at the Lillington school for an educational program to bring sanitation to the farm. The purpose of the project, which is being carried on in several states, is to encourage the installation of running water, bathrooms and proper disposal of sewage at farm homes.

The meeting in Lillington was attended by instructors from Wake, Johnston, Harnett, Vance, Warren and Franklin counties. These counties comprise only about one-third of this district, which includes about three times that many counties.

### Temporary Chairman



JUDGE FLOYD TAYLOR

## CLERK OF COURT GOING INTO PISTOL BUSINESS

Confiscated Guns To Be Sold At Public Auction

Clerk of the Harnett Superior Court, L. M. Chaffin, is starting a new operation for raising money for the County. He is the Harnett County dealer for selling confiscated pistols and guns.

The General Assembly of 1949 amended the concealed weapons law to the effect that when a pistol or gun is confiscated by a court, if the said pistol or gun belongs to the defendant, and he is found guilty, the judge presiding may order the said pistol or gun turned over to the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which the court was held. The law was further amended to read that under the direction of the Clerk of the Court the weapon, or weapons, shall be sold at public auction at least once a year, after one week's advertisement in a paper of county-wide circulation.

The law further states that the proceeds from the sale of such firearms shall go to the general fund of the county. Under this 1949 amendment to the law, Mr. Chaffin has himself a new job.

Last Wednesday afternoon, May 3, Mr. Chaffin received in his office a haul of seven pistols that had been confiscated in the Dunn Recorder's Court. At the present time the pistols are locked up in a box in Mr. Chaffin's office, and he says that right off hand he doesn't know when he is going to auction them off. He says he will probably wait until he has a larger collection before he sells them.

Mr. Chaffin had a warning for those who are eager to get a chance to purchase one of his fancy assortment of "shooting irons." And that is, that they should remember that they have to get a permit to buy a pistol before he can sell them one.

## "I Sure Can't Get Along Without It"

In a letter renewing her subscription to The News, Mrs. N. D. McLean of Cameron R-3 writes: "I sure can't get along without it."

That is one of the best endorsements The News has ever received.

## W. A. JOHNSON IS MADE CHAIRMAN EXEC. COMMITTEE

Convention Adopts Resolutions Of Appreciation

At the Harnett County Democratic Convention, held in the courthouse auditorium here last Saturday, the Executive Committee selected Attorney W. A. (Bill) Johnson of Lillington as County Chairman.

Other officials elected were: Mrs. George Arthur Jackson of Dunn, Vice Chairman; Henderson Steele was reelected as Secretary, and Venable Baggott of Lillington was again named Treasurer. All of the elections came by unanimous vote.

The convention was opened by Retiring Chairman I. R. Williams of Dunn, who asked Mr. Charles Ross of Lillington to lead in prayer. Judge Floyd Taylor of the County Recorder's Court was selected to preside over the convention as temporary chairman.

A telegram was received from Willis Smith, candidate for the United States Senate, reading as follows:

"Congratulations and best wishes to you and my fellow Democrats in meeting assembled in your county. Wish I could be with you in person and express to you all my fullest confidence in a glorious and a victorious Democratic year."

Chairman Taylor recognized each of the candidates for office in Harnett county as the secretary called names on the list of all candidates, including those without opposition.

A resolution in appreciation of the appointment of Howard Godwin as Judge of Superior Court was adopted. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, for the past 11 years the Honorable Howard Godwin served the people of Harnett county with exceptional ability as Clerk of the Superior Court, performing the arduous duties of said office in such a manner as to merit the approval of all persons with whom he came in contact; and

Whereas, our beloved Governor, the Honorable W. Kerr Scott, has recognized the splendid talents and unusual judicial temperament of Honorable Howard Godwin by elevating him to the Superior Court Bench; and

Whereas, all the people of Harnett (Continued on page ten)

## At Boone Trail



REV. J. WINSTON PEARCE

## BOONE TRAIL COMMENCEMENT BEGINS SUNDAY

Rev. J. W. Pearce of Durham To Deliver Graduation Address

The Rev. John Winston Pearce, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham, will make the graduation address at the Boone Trail school graduation exercises, it was announced by Principal R. M. Banks.

The pre-graduation exercises will begin at 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening, May 14, when the Rev. C. E. Ruffin, pastor of the Holly Springs Church of Broadway will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

On Thursday night, May 13, at 8:30 o'clock, the seniors will present the annual "Class Night". The final graduation exercises will take place at 8:30 o'clock on Friday night, May 19, with the graduation address by the Rev. Mr. Pearce.