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

In and Out of Lillington

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Within the next week or so, work will be proceeding in all school districts of Harnett county on the building program financed by this county's share of the \$50,000,000 State funds.

In some districts new buildings will be erected, and at others additions and repairs will be underway.

Supt. Ross tells The News he doesn't expect the new buildings to be ready for the fall term, but in most instances where there are additions and repairs the work will be completed in time for use at the opening of the new session.

Crowded conditions in nearly all of the schools has caused serious inconvenience and the building program will afford relief from that situation.

Principal Guy Daves of the LaFayette school with a delegation of his patrons, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners sometime ago seeking relief from the crowded condition at his school. Said Principal Daves: "We are expecting increases in attendance at our school, and the only place we have to put them is to hang them on nails on the walls."

WHERE DRINKING'S GOING ON

For several days a crew of men have been embellishing the fronts of some of Lillington's Main street stores with coca-cola signs—that is, in places where there's drinking going on. It's beginning to make this look like a coca-cola town.

And it brings to mind a story told by Carlyle Campbell when he was president of Coker College at Hartsville, S. C. He said a prominent visitor was in that town and the mayor, chamber of commerce officials and others were showing his around.

"That's Coker College," they pointed out the fine institution, "and this is the Coker Farms," as they toured around, "and that's another Coker project, and another, and another," and so on.

As time approached the heat of the day, they stepped into a drug store for a drink. "What will you have?" the prominent visitor was asked.

"Oh, I guess I might as well drink a Coker cola," he said, "I see everything around here is Coker."

BIG GUEST NOT QUOTED

Mike Dunnagan, former newspaperman now with the State Unemployment Commission, was in The News office the other day and told this story about hard-billed Managing Editor Jenkins of the News and Observer some years ago.

A new reporter had written a lengthy story on a meeting of some prominent religious leaders. He had mentioned this one and that one in a rather long quotation from each. And at the end of it he had merely stated that "the Holy Ghost was with them."

Jenkins blew up. "Here you have lengthy quotations from everyone of those people but not a word from the Holy Ghost. What did he say to them?"

UNFAIR TO SHERIFFS

Chances are that Sheriff Bill Salmon, if he had his way, would change the date for the May term of criminal court in Harnett county. Here it is the last week before the primary and Bill must confine his activities to the courtroom.

Whoever is responsible for setting the date of the May criminal term should come out flatfootedly in declining any intention of hampering the Sheriff in his quest for support at the ballot boxes.

There was no such intent, of course, but nevertheless it's unfair.

FOUR-DOLLAR CHICKEN

Dougald McRae tells the one about how a man got caught for stealing a chicken one time, and he claims this is true. When they hauled him into court, the man who owned the chicken asked for four dollars in payment.

They asked him how much the chicken was worth, and he said one dollar. "Well, if the chicken was worth only one dollar," the chicken thief asked, "how come you want four dollars?"

"Well," the chicken owner said, "there was one dollar for the chicken, one dollar for the damage you did to the chicken coop, one dollar for my time repairing the chicken coop, and one dollar for the principle of the thing."

And Dougald says he collected, too.

Candidates Make Final Vote Appeal

TWO MORE DAYS-TO GO BEFORE VOTING BEGINS

Campaign gets Lively Among All Harnett Candidates for Office

"It's not as long off as it has been," as the old saying goes, and candidates for political preference in Harnett County are realizing that more than anyone else right now.

With only two more days to go before the actual voting begins, the candidates are literally "shaking the bushes" as they never have before—or at least since last election.

ALL CONFIDENT, OF COURSE

Boy Reynolds, candidate for the U. S. Senate, is not the only one who is confident he will be elected—though his candidacy, so far as Harnett voters are concerned, is at the lowest of low ebbs. The Graham-Smith race is taking the spotlight in this county insofar as the State ticket goes.

All candidates for Harnett offices are confident, too. Everyone will agree they would be rather poor candidates if they were not confident of winning. It's the way to wage a campaign.

UPSETS OR ROLLOVERS?

If you want to get a complete cross-section of opinion as to how the election is "going" when the ballot-count is taken, just start out on a "census" taking, and you'll get it—so completely crossed as to leave you wondering whether anyone else knows any more about the outcome than you did at the start.

If your first quizzer tells you So-and-so is surely going to win, chances are ten to one the next one will give you a directly opposite slant. It all depends on who you talk to. That, summed up, proves conclusively that the candidates' friends are on the alert.

It wasn't that way a week or so ago. Rare was the time when you could get anyone to venture an opinion. Fact was — and almost everybody would tell you so — there were so few voters giving close attention to the primary election that the quizzer felt kind of lonesome-like—he was the only one, seemingly, who was even interested in the primary.

POLITICKING PICKS UP

Today and tomorrow will be the shortest days, the candidates will tell you, of the whole year. There'll not be enough time for them to do all they want to do, or see all the people they want to see. And so, if every candidate in the primary doesn't see you before you go to the polls, don't take it as a "slight"—he surely wanted to see you.

Question anyone this week, and you'll hear, "Politicking is picking up." That confirms the statement made in the beginning of this story that candidates and their friends are busy.

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FAMED WILDCAT DIVISION WILL MEET IN RALEIGH

Veteran Members of Both Wars and Their Ladies-To Hold Dinner Meeting

Veterans of the 81st Wildcat Division of both World Wars and their ladies will hold a dinner meeting in Raleigh on Monday, May 29.

The dinner will be held at the S. & W. Cafeteria beginning at 7 p. m. Prominent speakers will be on the program.

Veterans of the 81st Wildcat Division of World War I, 1917-1919, and veterans of the 81st Infantry Division of 1942-1945, are urged to attend.

There are many members of the Wildcat Division in Harnett county and it is expected that most of them will be present for the dinner meeting.

CAMPBELL FINALS TO BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

Campbell College will begin her sixty-fourth commencement May 28 when Dr. W. Perry Crouch, First Baptist pastor in Asheville comes to preach the commencement sermon Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the college auditorium.

John W. Harden, vice-president of Burlington Mills, Greensboro, will address the graduates Friday morning, June 2. In the college department there are 93 to receive diplomas in the business department 18, and in the high school 30. Campbell provides for the last two years of high school along with the junior college years.

Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" will be presented Thursday evening, June 1, by the Dramateers coached by Earl N. Olmstead, teacher of speech. Hershel Hawley of Lillington and Dwight Johnson of Four Oaks are cast opposite Louise Griffith of Danville, Va., and Trevah Garrett of Moyock.

Campbell's a cappella chorus of 32 mixed voices, directed by Allan Guy, will sing Sunday evening and Friday morning of commencement week. The chorus toured a week this spring, appearing in concerts in North and South Carolina and Virginia.

Campbell's home games ended May 23 with a game between Coach Earl Smith's Camels and Cherry Point Marines played on Taylor Field. An earlier game was played with the Marines at Campbell under the lights Monday night. Lights were formally dedicated May 6, making Campbell the only junior college in North Carolina with a college-owned lighted playing field. It is named for Herbert Taylor of Dunn.

Campbell's summer school will begin June 13, announces Dean Burkot.

SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISING FOR BUILDERS' BIDS

Work Will Soon Be In Progress At All Schools in County

County School Superintendent C. Reid Ross' office is now open for bids from contractors for work on a program this summer in a "face lifting" of most of the Harnett schools. The recommendations that were adopted by the Board of Education last November for improvement are now in the contract-letting stage.

Harnett county will receive \$589,843 from the State funds for this building, which will be supplemented by county funds, but even this amount is not sufficient to cover the building needs of all the schools in the county. The various projects in the schools are given priority ratings of A, B and C by the Board, according to the urgency of need. The funds that are available for the work this summer are only enough to cover those which fall into the group having an "A" priority.

MUCH COMPLETED THIS SUMMER

Much of the work on the buildings will be completed this summer in time for the opening of school next fall, Supt. Ross said. But the more extensive work of the building and repair program will take longer to complete, he said. Particularly where the erection of an addition to a building, or a complete new building is concerned, more time will be required.

OPEN BIDS TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

The dates for the closing of bids by contractors for some of the projects have already been announced and published on May 30 bids for work on the Coats and LaFayette schools will be closed, and on May 31 all bids must be in for the work on the Angier and Anderson Creek schools and for the Erwin colored school and the Harnett County Training School at Dunn and the Shawtown school at Lillington. June 13 is the last day that bids will be accepted for work on the projects at the Lillington school and the Erwin white school.

Supt. Ross said that the closing dates for bids on the other projects to be undertaken this summer will be announced and published in the immediate future.

The schools that will receive attention this summer, and the work that is to be done on them (only the ones that are being financed with State aid) are listed by the Board of Education as follows:

WHITE SCHOOLS

Anderson Creek: 4 classrooms, library and science laboratory.

Angier: 4 classrooms and commercial room.

Benhaven: 4 classrooms.

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Ruritan Club To Be Organized In Marners

Several of the citizens of Marners and the surrounding community met Tuesday night, May 16th for the purpose of organizing a local association of the National Ruritan Club. They will meet again next Tuesday and will at that time try to have additional interested people present and to get organized and elect officers.

The last meeting stayed mostly in the discussion stage, and those pushing the club hope to actually get it started next week.

Dr. Stoelzle Now Located in Erwin

Dr. J. A. Stoelzle, Optometrist, announces that he has opened an office in the Community House in Erwin, Tuesday and Friday of each week, beginning May 26.

Dr. Stoelzle, formerly of Fayetteville, practiced in Illinois 17 years and moved to Fayetteville in January, 1950. While in Illinois he was a member of the State Board of Examiners.

Game Tournament At Community Building

The American Legion Auxiliary is making plans for a game tournament to be held Friday night, June 2, in the new Community Building. Mrs. J. T. Northam is in charge of the tickets for the tournament.

Memorial Service At Baptist Church

A memorial service will be held Sunday morning at Lillington Baptist Church for veterans of both World Wars. Rev. S. F. Hudson will preach. The public is invited.

BAPTISTS AND METHODISTS TO HOLD SCHOOLS

Presbyterian Bible School Postponed For the Present

Children's Bible Classes will be held next week in both the Baptist and Methodist Churches. The Presbyterian Church has decided to postpone its school until Rev. Guyton, pastor of the church, returns. Mr. Guyton is away for a needed rest.

This Friday morning the Baptists will have a meeting from 8:30 to 10:30 for enrollment in classes and a check up between faculty and children.

Beginning next Monday and running through Friday there will be classes from 9 to 11 every morning. During these sessions there will be periods for Bible study, character study, music and handwork.

Principal for the school, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, has announced that Adydye Henry Baggett is school secretary and Mrs. S. F. Hudson is secretary. Following are leaders for the four departments in the school: Beginners, Mrs. Black Leonard; primary, Mrs. Hal Bradley; junior, Mrs. Joe Gourlay; and intermediate, Mrs. Robert Winston.

The Methodist school will begin Sunday, May 28, and will run through Sunday, June 4. Classes will be held every day from 9 to 11 in the morning. The two-hour sessions will be divided into four periods for handicraft, Bible study, music and recreation. The Bible study will be divided into four groups, with the kindergarten studying "Stories About Jesus", the primaries, "Jesus The Friend", the juniors, "We Would Follow Jesus", and the intermediates, "Exploring The Bible."

Mrs. Joel Layton, Jr., general superintendent for the school has announced that officers for the school are Bobby Sessoms, recreation; Mrs. Reta Bradley, refreshments; Laura Mae Edwards, secretary; and Mrs. J. K. Long and Mary George Kelly in charge of music. The pastor, Rev. W. L. Loy, will be in charge of the opening devotional.

Mrs. Layton said that leaders for the departments will be: Mrs. Howard Watkins, intermediate; Mrs. Leon Kelly and Mrs. Robert Sessoms, juniors; Mrs. Billy Byrd and Mrs. J. D. Myrick, primaries; Mrs. J. C. Hobbs and Mrs. Ralph Davis, kindergarten.

Wildlife Barbecue

The newly formed Wildlife Club for the western section of the county will sponsor a barbecue supper on Friday night, June 2, at the new Legion Hut on Little River near Lillington.

Each ticket, at one dollar, will entitle the purchaser to all the barbecue, slaw, hush puppies and ice tea that they can eat.

Persons interested in the advancement of wildlife in Harnett County are especially urged to attend. Tickets will be available within a few days. They may be secured from Worth Byrd, F. A. Bradsher, Ray Johnson, Frank Steele, M. O. Lee, Joe P. Smith, Andrew Jackson, S. G. Howell, A. C. Barefoot and Carl Byrd.

Brother-Killer Is Given 26-30 Years

Tobacco Farmers Invited to Demonstration

A tobacco barn ridge ventilator demonstration will be constructed on the farm of Mr. W. H. Parrish of Lillington, on Friday, May 26, at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

Mr. R. M. Riehl, Jr., Agriculture Extension Engineer of State College of Mr. Roy Bennett, Tobacco Specialist of State College will assist with this demonstration, stated C. R. Ammons, County Agent.

All tobacco growers throughout the county are cordially invited to attend this demonstration as this is the latest recommendation available from State College in connection with the ventilation system used in tobacco barns.

CLUB MEMBERS TELL OF TRIP TO CONFERENCE

At the regular weekly supper meeting of Lillington Rotary Club last Thursday night at the school cafeteria, members who attended the District Conference at Wrightsville gave some bracing experiences and declared it was not only informative for them but a truly inspirational gathering.

Relating the excellence of the Conference were Rotarians Daniel Dean, Johnnie Blackmon, Malcolm Gregory, Emma; David L. Suggs, forgery; Laura McLeod, murder.

Rather a striking coincidence was related by Johnnie Blackmon. He told of the four gifts donated by Harry Schaffran being placed in the "drawing," and that one of them was drawn by no other than a Lillington Rotary Ann, Mrs. Blackmon. Dean, Fowler and Davis said the meeting and mingling with the Rotarians from other clubs in the district, and the inspiring talks made during the meeting, caused them to feel they were glad they attended and felt well repaid for the trip.

Mack Norwood reported on the Community Building, stating that it will be ready for use within the next week or two.

Contractor Turlington is now putting on the finishing touches and Mr. Norwood said and invitation will be given to all local civic organizations to hold meetings and dinner conferences there.

Campbell Yearbook Dedicated to Ayscue

Campbell College 1950 Yearbook is dedicated to Professor John E. Ayscue, teacher of history there since 1926, the year Bule's Creek Academy became Campbell College.

Katharine Maki of Ashburnham, Mass., and Billy Justice of Pikeville are co-editors of this year's "Pine Burr". Louise Griffith of Danville, Va. is associate editor and James Dixon of Clinton, business manager. B. W. Jenkins is faculty adviser.

JUDGE MORRIS MAKES BRIEF TALK TO JURY

Court Gets Down To Business; Dent Made In Heavy Docket

Harnett Superior Court has made a sizeable dent in its heavy criminal docket, after getting off to a good start Monday morning following a brief address to the Grand Jury by Judge Chester Morris of Currituck.

A true bill of indictment was returned against Presley Mitchell in the slaying of his brother. Mitchell entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree, and Judge Morris gave him 26 to 30 years at hard labor in State Prison.

Two other offenders, Carl and Albert Wilson, were sent to Morrison Training school upon a suspended sentence of 12 months on the roads. They were found guilty of house-breaking and larceny.

One divorce was granted. Geraldine Faye Holland was granted separation from W. P. Holland, Jr.

Continued to next term were: Geo. Norris Johnson and Annie McLean, housebreaking and larceny; Warren McNeill, nonsupport; Jimmie Russell, robbery; Wm. McDougald and Herman Spearman, larceny; Lonnie Gregory, larceny; David L. Suggs, forgery; Emma McLeod, murder.

Nol pros was taken in the following cases: John Duncan Shaw, profanity; C. H. Carr bad check; Felton Jackson, abandonment.

Billy Mimms was given 24 to 24 months on the roads.

Rayford Stancil, for forcible trespass, was taxed with costs.

Cases in which defendants appeared for judgment were: Wm. Anderson Stewart, driving drunk, to serve original road sentence; John Kellum and Elton Bullard, assault with deadly weapon, road sentence; James R. Coats, larceny of auto, road sentence; Aaron Williams, violating liquor law, road sentence. Prayer for judgment was continued indefinitely in the case of George Moore, charged with violating liquor law.

John Duncan Shaw charged with drunken driving, assault and trespass, was given a 90 days suspended sentence.

New Grand Jurors sworn in were: S. G. Howell, J. E. Brown, J. I. Williams, John M. Whittington, E. B. Cameron, Graig Holloway, W. D. Abernathy, Max Womble and Boyd Bradford.

The new jurors take the place of Earl Westbrook, foreman, L. Fletcher Gales, Lonnie Matthews, J. P. Jones, Charlie Matthews, Edward Gregory, P. G. Altman, C. L. Andrews and J. E. Womble.

The Grand Jury as now composed is, including the new members: E. H. Lasater, foreman, Leonard Clark, O. S. Brown, J. B. Stout, E. W. McLeod, Eugene Strickland, J. Tillman Butts, Calvin M. Smith, Jr., and J. (Continued on page two)

Coats Students Mark Up Records



EMILY TURLINGTON



JOAN JOHNSON

Here are two students of Coats school who have marked up a record of which all students, all teachers, all principals, all school officials and indeed all citizens can be proud. Needless to say, Principal R. Hal Smith, his local committeemen and all other citizens of the Coats community are proud of the record of these two girls. They are:

Joan Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah C. Johnson of Coats R-1, is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 102 pounds, has brown eyes, brown hair, and has attended Coats school for 12 years without missing a day.

Emily Turlington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Turlington of Coats R-1, is 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 102 pounds, has brown eyes, brown hair, and has attended Coats school for 12 years without missing a day.

If there are any students anywhere with a better attendance record than these two girls, or even an equal record, The News will be glad to have the facts for publication.

Handling Election Ballots Like Moving 'Valuable Cargo'

The past week has been a very busy as well as a strenuous time for Miss Louise McLaughlin, Clerk of the Harnett County Board of Elections. Somewhere near 40,000 primary election ballots (including State ballots) poured into her office, and it has been her duty to package them for each of the 21 voting precincts in the county, together with the blanks for reporting results of the voting Saturday.

Chairman H. C. Strickland of the Elections Board in order to be sure there will be ample ballots, even allowing for the contingency that some may be spoiled while the balloting is going on, ordered somewhere near 20,000 to be printed.

Reason for the large number may be ascribed mainly to the fact that four of the townships had local contests, for constable, though, as always, more ballots are provided than there are registered voters because there would be too great a risk if only exactly enough were supplied to furnish each voter just one ticket.

Chairman Strickland has taken no chances on the ballots not reaching the registrars and judges of election. He always undertakes the job of placing the tickets in the hands of

those responsible for them in each precinct.

Something rather unusual has taken place this year. The Republicans are going to vote in the primary—not the Democratic ticket of course. They have a contest for State Senator, and Chairman Strickland has prepared 4,000 ballots for them to cast to decide their man for the November election.

There cannot possibly arise any confusion about the two ballots, however. The Republican tickets are printed on pink paper, while the Democratic ballots are printed on white paper.

Chairman Strickland has delivered the ballots to the pollholders, and they in turn will keep them under lock and key till Saturday morning when the voting starts.

Predictions as to the size of the total vote vary quite a good deal. Ask one observer about it and he will say the vote will be light; ask another and he will say heavy; others say "it will depend upon the weather."

So far as the Board of Elections is concerned, the stage is all set for the primary. And Miss McLaughlin has already heaved her great sigh of relief.

Playing American Legion Baseball

Billy Joe Johnson and Douglas Brown, both of Lillington, are playing baseball with the Selma American Legion team this summer. There is no Harnett County team in the American Legion circuit this year as there has been in past years, and so the switch to an out-of-the-county team by local players.

Legion Auxiliary Makes Donation

Mrs. Joel Layton, Jr. has announced that the American Legion Auxiliary has made a donation of \$100 to the building fund for the new Community Building.

New Serial Begins At Cruise-In Theatre

A first-run serial "Tex Granger," will begin at the Cruise-In Theatre, 1 mile north of Lillington, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 30 and 31, announces Mr. A. J. Collins, manager of the theatre.

Mr. Collins states that children especially will enjoy this new serial. A full program of the Cruise-In will be found in The News each week.