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

In and Out of Lillington

GRADE "A" TAXES
For a while there some of the offices in the Courthouse were really in some kind of confusion while the painting was going on.

MODEL IN HIDING
Speaking of our tax collector Duncan Ray, it seems that Mabel Austin had said something about modeling a bathing suit for him.

COME OUT WHERE EVER YOU ARE
One thing that gets us a little puzzled once in a while, about once a week for that matter, is who owns all the cars parked on the streets on Wednesday afternoons.

REAL GOOD NURSE!
Mrs. Bill Salmon who was the nurse at the Girl Scout Day Camp which meet out at White's Pond every day last week certainly did take her work seriously.

BIG CIGARETTE
If you see Patrolman Black Leonard with a cigar in his mouth, ask him about that "big cigarette" he has there.

HONOR ROLL
Take this note for what it may be worth to you. Making a sort of survey to ascertain what purveyors of commodities in this immediate region should be entitled to a place on the honor roll for holding the line on prices, we found only two: The Carolina Power & Light Company and Harnett County News.

"WHAT'S A SPIDER?"
Harry Shnford of The News is to be married June 24, to one of the nicest girls you ever saw.

Phone Rate Hike Not Seen Justified Here

COUNCILMEN ARE OPPOSED TO RATE JUMP ON PHONES

Opinions Vary As To Justification Of Proposed Hike

The request by the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company for an increase in rates for Harnett County along with several other counties in the southeastern part of the state is met with varied forms of opposition from town councilmen in Lillington.

About a year ago the company was allowed an increase in rates by the State Utilities Commission, along with an increase granted the Bell company.

However much the town council is opposed to the action, or however much it thinks that the townspeople are opposed to it, the general feeling among the councilmen is that there is nothing that they can do about it.

This councilman went on to say that with what little he knows about the matter that he is definitely opposed to an increase of any kind on the telephone rates.

LOCAL LAWYERS ACTIVE IN BEHALF OF WILLIS SMITH
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One Makes Statement, Three Deliver Addresses Over Radio
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Love Blooms In The Courthouse

It doesn't take a big church wedding for two young people to get married, and as proof of that statement: Saturday in the Register of Deeds office a young couple got married.

The double ring ceremony, conducted by a local minister, took place amidst many friends and relatives who gathered in the office.

Following the wedding the happy bride and groom made a hasty getaway with a shower of rice and the traditional rattle of tin cans tied to the car.

All of which just goes to prove that all that is really needed for a young couple to have a happy wedding is a marriage license, somebody to marry them and a lot of love.

COUNTY BOARD PREPARES FOR BUDGET BATTLE

Holds Special Meet Wednesday, June 14 For Discussion

The County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting last Wednesday afternoon, June 14, for the purpose of discussing the various budgets that have been presented to them for the coming fiscal year.

No official action was taken at the meeting, and no minutes were kept. During the afternoon the Board of Education, which met during the morning, appeared before the Board and presented its budget for the coming year.

As a result of this meeting, the Board hopes that it will be more prepared to dispense with all of the budgets at its regular meeting for that purpose on July 3.

As it stands now, there is no official word on whether the Board will allow increases to the County Departments at its July meeting, or whether it will keep the budgets the same as they were for the past year, or whether it will make cuts in them.

The commissioners face quite a problem when they come together on July 3 to deal with the budget problem. Each department is faced with a different problem, but practically all of them are asking for some sort of an increase here or there, although none of them are asking for increases of any great proportions.

At the same time, it is generally felt that it would not be wise for there to be a great increase in taxes, which increase would be necessary to meet the added expense of increases in the budget.

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SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERS BIDS ON SCHOOL WORK

Recommendations For Contracts Nearly Complete

The County Board of Education met Tuesday night and considered the recommendations it will make to the State Board of Education on the contracts that will be let for the building program on county schools.

The finishing touches were not put on the recommendations Tuesday night, but they are so nearly completed that they will be in shape for the signatures of Chairman S. G. Thomas and Superintendent C. Reid Ross very soon.

At a previous meeting, last Wednesday morning, much of the time was spent in preparing the annual budget to be presented to the County Board of Commissioners.

The first meeting of the School Board this month, originally scheduled for June 5, the first Monday night in the month, was held on June 12 in order for the contractors to have more time with which to prepare their bids.

At the June 12 meeting the heating contracts received were considered satisfactory, but the plumbing bids appeared to the Board to be for amounts excessive of what they had expected.

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Enthusiastic Crowd Greet Sen. Graham Here Monday

Opening Dates For Tobacco Markets Will be Fixed June 30

The Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Tobacco Warehouse Association will meet June 30 in Raleigh to set the dates for the opening of the markets in the various belts.

Some of the warehousemen predict that the openings will be fixed at a slightly earlier date this year, though how many days will be allowed between Belt openings is a matter to be settled when the dates are fixed.

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SENATOR SPEAKS TO CROWD OF 300 IN COURTHOUSE

Graham Receives Warm Welcome In Harnett County

Senator Frank P. Graham again emphasized his stand against the Brannan Farm Plan, against FEPC, for federal aid to schools, and for the Roosevelt system of a parity price support program for farm products in an address to a crowd of about 300 who listened attentively in the Harnett County Courthouse in Lillington Monday evening.

Before going into the courthouse, Senator Graham shook hands with most of the large crowd that was on hand to greet him.

It had been planned that the junior senator should make his address on the courthouse lawn, but the weather was threatening and so the meeting went into the courtroom, upstairs in the courthouse.

RECEIVES GREAT OVATION
Johnson introduced Senator Graham and as the former president of the University rose to begin his address, the entire assembled crowd in the courtroom stood with him and gave him a great ovation of applause.

Graham began by saying that he felt at home in Harnett County. He thanked the people of the county for their faith, loyalty, understanding, and support.

He took up first the world situation, which he said should receive first consideration. He told a story about a hurricane, which caused a flood tide of three feet of water to back up outside a beach cottage.

"The United States of America is the chief hope of freedom and peace on this earth," he continued. He related that right now in the world there are more slaves in concentration camps than there were ever slaves in the world before.

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Some Prominent Farmers Say They Will Not Use Poison

Although the use of poison this year for avoiding boll weevil damage to cotton is put down as a "must" by agricultural experts, some of Harnett county's most prominent farmers declare they will not poison.

One of them is Mr. W. H. (Billy) Byrd, whose agricultural acreage reaches the 800-mark.

Mr. Byrd told The News he was fully aware of the numerous weevils in the fields, that he had already found in some of his fields, nevertheless he couldn't see how he could win a profit by using poison when he felt sure the cost of the spraying operation would eat up what he might realize from the sale of his lint.

"I am not in the least attempting to discourage others who want to use poison," Mr. Byrd said, "but speaking for my own interests, I simply cannot see enough profit from my crop over and above the cost of using poison."

Those who do not use the poison are depending on the formula used by Mr. Byrd. In addition, they are hoping for hot, dry weather during the maturing season. It is that kind of weather that slows down the boll weevils.

Farmers are being advised that with the emergence of weevils this year on such a tremendous scale, and with the appearance of the bugs already in such large quantities that they may well be calculated to destroy most if not all of the entire crop, it would be shortsighted policy not to follow the poisoning program.

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WANTED MAN RETURNED TO STAND TRIAL

Sheriff Goes To Atlanta To Get Erwin Fugitive

A man who has been sought since November of 1948 to stand trial for abandonment and non-support has finally been found and returned to Harnett County.

William Albert Hobbs, of Erwin, has been missing for over a year and a half since his case was called in the November term of Superior Court in 1948, and now he is back in Harnett, awaiting trial all over again.

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