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

In and Out of Lillington

NO REST FOR THE WEARY

The Fourth of July, the glorious Fourth. That's one day in the year, along with just a few more, when governmental servants have the day off. But for some of them, if they really want the day off any day they just about have to go somewhere and hide.

Tuesday when the Fourth came around this month we saw L. M. Chaffin, Clerk of Superior Court, down in his office. How come you're here we queried. Didn't he know that he had the day off? Yes, he came back, he knew that he had the day off, but that didn't seem to make too much difference. He had just gone to the post office and gotten his mail and he already had enough work piled up to keep him busy all day.

We suggested that he just forget it and leave it until tomorrow and make a clean start of it. That sounded good, he admitted, but the hitch in that was that when he went back to work the next day he would have just twice that much work for one day.

And Mr. Chaffin isn't the only one we saw in the miseries of starting work in the face on a holiday. Mrs. Inez Harrington, Register of Deeds, said that she was just about afraid to answer a knock on her door on the Fourth, because it might be someone wanting her to go down to the office and issue a marriage license.

NAME IN THE NEWS

M. P. Crews, filling station operator and manager of the local bus station, told us one day not so long ago that he figured The News ought to carry more names of local people in its columns. People like to see their names in the paper he thought, and the people would really go for it if we put their names in every once in a while, like Blanche Johnson does in Harnett Ramblings.

Well, we think that is a right good idea ourselves. And M. P., if you have read down this far, your name is in the paper this week.

NICE SURPRISE

When Mr. Mack Norwood praised the Lillington firemen for their heroic efforts that saved his brick plant from more serious damage and sent them a check for \$50, the firemen were surprised because it was the first time anyone had done such a nice thing.

Those who know the Norwoods, however, were not so very much surprised. The Norwoods are just that kind of people. It isn't the first nice thing they've done, as The News and others know very well. The Newsman went to them for a donation on one occasion, and Mr. George Norwood, president of the corporation, immediately said yes. "You see," he said, "a corporation must have a soul."

Numerous incidents showing the Norwoods to be public-spirited to no small degree could be cited. One of these days it'll make a story in your favorite newspaper.

ICE CREAM PICNIC

The little colored boy who mows our lawn came up the other day and said he wanted to mow the lawn again so he could go on a picnic. He had mowed only two or three days before!

Well, the little fellow wanted a picnic—so he was allowed to mow the lawn again. Shortly afterward he was sighted coming up Main street with each hand full of ice cream cones. An ice cream picnic it was, and he seemed to be enjoying it immensely.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

With twelve new schoolhouses in Harnett county under construction, and three more to start within a few days, building activity has been given a strong shot in the arm. Not that it was lagging and needed the stimulant—building in this county has been going on steadily ever since the war.

What is most significant about it is that not only have business and professional buildings been going up at a rapid rate, but residences have been coming up from the ground almost like mushrooms—all over the county, too.

Now that bringing up a question The News has been wanting to ask: Do you really think that 1950 census counted all the people in Harnett county? Maybe it did, we can't say, still it does seem Harnett county has

Dunn Secures Order For Vote On Beer

VOTE ON BEER TO BE HELD IN DUNN SEPT. 2ND

Referendum Comes Under New Law For Towns Over 1,000

A special election has been called for in Dunn to decide the question of whether or not beer should be allowed to be sold legally within the corporate limits of the town. Indications are that there will be a close fight in the settlement of the issue.

The sale of beer in Dunn and in the rest of the county is not a new issue. Back in the fall of last year there was much ado raised over the question. On September 6, 1949 a referendum was held on the order of the Harnett County Board of Elections to decide on the sale of beer and wine in the county. The referendum was held at the insistence of the Harnett County Ministerial Association which secured a number of names to petitions. In that election every precinct in the county voted against the sale of the beverages, but the town of Dunn went heavier for the sale than any other part of the county.

Later when advocates of ABC stores insisted on an election for opening liquor stores in Harnett, the Ministerial Association joined in the petition with the announced purpose of defeating the proposal. Again the county went about 3-1 against the legal sale of alcoholic beverages, and again the town of Dunn voted heavier than the rest of the county to have the legal sale, although all Dunn precincts turned thumbs down. This time however, the Dunn vote was a little more in line with the rest of the county than it had been in the beer and wine election.

The 1949 General Assembly of North Carolina passed an act which allows for towns of 1,000 population or more to call for special elections on the sale of beer if the county in which they are located is dry. The law also states that the special elections may be called for only if as many of 15 per cent of the registered voters in the town have signed a petition advocating the election.

In Dunn the advocates of legal beer have taken advantage of this new law and have secured the necessary names amounting to 15 per cent of the registered voters of Dunn on a petition. All the requirements of the law having been met with, (Continued on page two)

Plane Crash Lands East of Angier

A five-passenger Stearman cabin plane carrying two men from Baltimore made a forced landing Sunday afternoon in a field about four miles east of Angier near the Johnston County line. Neither of the passengers were injured.

The two Baltimore men had been to New Bern and were on their way back to Baltimore when they lost their way in the heavy overcast that prevailed during the week-end. They couldn't climb above it, and they had to come down to 100 feet before they could get below it, so they decided to make the forced landing.

With the aid of local residents they dismantled the plane for safekeeping, and the next morning one of the men returned to Baltimore.

Graham Brands As Untrue Report: He Will Resign

Senator Graham has branded as untrue the reports he plans to resign immediately to clear the way for appointment of Senator-Nominate Willis Smith. Also, the Senator said he will remain in Washington while the Korean war is in progress. Apparently he believes it won't be a long war, since his Senate tenure is now limited to about four more months.

Several Tar Heel House offices helped circulate the report about the Senator resigning, but it turned out it isn't so. The Senator said, "There's nothing to that. It's the first I have heard of it. I still have a job to do here."

Prior to Graham's denial of the report, there had been considerable speculation on the House side about the rumor. Some observers felt, how-

Four Killed By Exhaust From Auto!

Groceryman Truby Powell allowed the exhaust from his car to asphyxiate four large rats Monday afternoon.

By sticking a rubber hose running from the exhaust pipe into the rat-holes, the rodents crawled out in a very "sickly" condition. Immediately taps from a stick put the rats beyond recovery.

The big rodents have been infesting the business portion of town for sometime, and discovery of their hiding places just outside his store put the groceryman on the prowl for rats, with the result that four were put out of commission.

COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE WORK ON NEW BUDGET

Approve Sanitary District For Erwin Cotton Mill Area

Mr. A. R. Reep, Senior Statistician of the State Board of Health, appeared before the County Commissioners Friday afternoon at a meeting scheduled to take up a sanitary district hearing and to hear an explanation of the state and federal aid to the county health departments.

Only three of the Commissioners were present for the meeting, just enough for the Board to transact official business. Those present were L. A. Tart, chairman, Carson Gregory and John A. Senter. Commissioners Charlie Fields and Paul Tinsinger were absent from the meeting.

On Monday, July 3, at the regular first Monday meeting of the Commissioners, there was considerable discussion of the system by which the state grants aid to the county health departments, and at that time it was decided that the Board should meet at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. It was also recommended that a representative of the State Board of Health be secured to be present Friday to explain the regulations by which state aid is granted to the local health departments. This was done because on Monday the Commissioners were not clear on how the aid was secured and they could not obtain information that would clear them up on the matter at that time.

When the meeting finally came to order at 3:30 Friday afternoon when three of the Commissioners were present, they quickly dispatched the business on hand of the sanitary district from Black River to the Erwin Cotton Mills line for water and sewer which had been petitioned for at the First Monday meeting on June 5. This petition was approved and sent to the State Board of Health with the recommendation that the petition be carried out.

Immediately following that, Dr. W. B. Hunter, County Health Officer, and A. R. Reep of the State Board of Health, appeared before the Commissioners. Mr. Reep went into a detailed discussion of the way in which the State Board sets the amount of aid which is granted to the county boards. In substance, what Mr. Reep told the Commissioners is that the State aid is based on (Continued on page eight)

TOWN COUNCIL RAISES BUDGET KEEPS TAX RATE

Executives Reduce General Fund To Pay Street Paving

The new budget and tax rate for the fiscal year of 1950-51 was voted on and passed by the Lillington Board of Councilmen last Wednesday, July 5, in getting the town finances straightened out for the coming year. The budget that was worked out had some changes in it from the 1949-50 one, and there was an increase of \$2,000 involved in the final resolution.

While the budget was being raised \$2,000, however, the tax rate remained the same as last year, \$1.74. What would seem to be the answer to a legislator's prayer, that of raising the budget without raising the tax rate, works out fairly simply in the case of the Lillington budget. The way it works out is that when a property revaluation was made recently, an occurrence of about every ten years, property was set at a higher value in the town. Therefore, while the tax rate remains at the same level, more taxes will be collected than before from the same property which has a higher value.

In the breakdown of the budget figures, the major change is seen in the decrease in the amount set aside for the general fund and the increase for the debt service. Also the sinking fund was increased more than 100 per cent, although this does not amount to as much as a dollar for dollar raise as that gained by the debt service.

The \$4,900 increase in the debt service appropriation is to facilitate the paying off of the bonds issued for the paving of streets in Lillington which took place last year. In order to make the increase in the debt service without raising the budget too much the general fund was decreased from \$23,500 in the 1949-50 budget to \$25,400 in the 1950-51 one. This was a cut of \$4,100 from the general fund.

In order to meet the internal changes in the budget and at the same time to keep the tax rate at the same level, the Councilmen juggled the tax levies by cutting the levy for the general fund by 46 cents while raising the rate for the debt service by 37 cents and for the sinking fund by 9 cents.

The 1950-51 budget that was tentatively adopted by the Councilmen is shown as follows:

General Fund	\$25,400.00
Debt Service	7,600.00
Sinking Fund	2,000.00
Total	\$35,000.00

The tax levy for the coming fiscal year is shown as follows:

General Fund	\$1.11
Debt Service	.50
Sinking Fund	.13
Total	\$1.74

In order that a comparison might be made with the budget and tax rates for the fiscal year of 1949-50, they are also shown.

Budget for fiscal year 1949-50:	
General Fund	\$23,500.00
Debt Service	2,700.00
Sinking Fund	800.00
Total	\$33,000.00

Tax levy for the fiscal year 1949-50:

General Fund	\$1.57
Debt Service	.13
Sinking Fund	.04
Total	\$1.74

Jean Maness Works In Service Office; Dunn Office To Reopen

The Veteran's Service Office has a new employee, Miss Jean O. Maness, who is taking the place of Bonnie B. Willard who formerly held the clerical position in the office. Miss Willard is now employed in the payroll office at the Erwin Cotton Mills.

Miss Maness started to work on Monday of this week. She is a resident of Dunn R-3, near Turlington's Cross Roads. She is formerly of Fayetteville.

Service Officer L. B. McLean says that beginning on Friday of this week the Dunn office of the Veteran's Service Office will begin the regular schedule of being open for two days in the week, a service that had to be discontinued when Miss Willard resigned her position. By Friday, McLean said, Miss Maness will be able to take care of one of the offices by herself, allowing the two-day week in Dunn to be resumed.

Echo Of Korean War Is Heard In Call For Draftees

LARGE COUNTY T. B. SURVEY BEING PLANNED

Plan To Go Into Effect When State Program Completed

County Health Officer Dr. W. B. Hunter said last week that sometime in the future, possibly in about a year or a year and a half, his department will make an extensive survey of tubercular patients in the county.

At the present time, Dr. Hunter said, there are often cases that come up here and all over the state where a person has tuberculosis and needs hospitalization, but there are not enough hospital beds to take care of the large number. In that case, Dr. Hunter continued, the tubercular most stay at home where his condition does not improve, but gets worse if anything. And not only that, but when they reach the communicable stage, they spread the disease.

In order to meet this situation the state has started on an eight million dollar building program in the T. B. hospitals to provide enough beds to adequately handle all the patients in the state. Dr. Hunter said that he expected it would be about a year or a year and a half before these additions will be finished and space made available for all those who need hospitalization.

When this space is ready Dr. Hunter said that his department will then begin a large scale survey of the county to find those who need hospitalization for tuberculosis. He went on to say that he is counting on having five mobile units to cover the county with, which will be furnished by the state.

Dr. Hunter estimated that right now there are from 12 to 15 persons in the files in the offices in Lillington and Dunn who need to go to a T. B. hospital, and would if they could, but there is just not enough space available for them. When space is available he stated that the county-wide survey would begin and much could be done about stopping the spread of the disease.

In the past, Dr. Hunter said, the people in Harnett county have been very cooperative with the department in such matters, and he has hopes that the future T. B. survey will be of great benefit to the county.

Lillington Youth Makes Sharpshooter

Ft. Benning, Ga. — Cadet Fred C. Holder has qualified as Sharpshooter with the M-1 rifle on the range at the ROTC Summer Camp in Fort Benning, Georgia. Holder fired a score of 166 out of a possible 210.

Cadet Holder is the son of Mr. D. C. Holder of Lillington. He is a student of Davidson College.

Goodwill HD Club Makes Splendid Progress In 6 Years

(Contributed)

On March 19, 1941 Miss Maude Searcy, Home Demonstration Agent of Harnett County, met with a group of ten women at the home of Mrs. L. D. Jones and organized the Goodwill Home Demonstration Club. This small group did not realize that from this meeting there would grow one of the largest and most progressive clubs of our county. Four of the original members are still active in the club at the present time.

Today this club has a membership of thirty-nine. Our community has had a great many improvements in the past nine years, and we feel sure our club women have played a big part in this. In many of our homes we have about all the modern conveniences one desires. You will find in most homes—refrigerators, washing machines, water systems, electric stoves, bath rooms, home freezers or freezer lockers rented. There are also many seeded lawns.

The present Home Demonstration leaders are Miss Loraine Vail and Miss Lela Huntley. There is no way to estimate the value of these leaders and club members to our community. The following list is a few of the club projects that are demonstrated by the leaders and carried out by the club members: Foods and Nutrition, Home Gardens, Poultry, Home Dairy, Food Preservation, Home Furnishings and Management, Family Life and Clothing. Anyone should know that more time and studying on these things would make our homes a better and happier place to live.

The Goodwill is proud of its large membership, but it has one member it wants to pay particular honor to, she is Mrs. E. L. Parrish. Mrs. Parrish has been an outstanding member in our club and in the county. She was elected Secretary-Treasurer when the club was organized. This position she held for four years. She also served several years as Vice-President. As club project leader she has served to the best of her ability and with the best interest of the club in mind. There is one other thing Mrs. Parrish is outstanding in and that is in all the nine years of the club's existence she has not missed a meeting. We feel honored to have her as a club member.

Power Off Here Short While Sunday

Power will be off in Lillington area from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. Sunday, July 16th to allow the crews of the Carolina Power and Light Company to replace sub-station transformers with ones twice the size of the present ones.

This work is part of the company's expansion program to bring better service to community and customers, announced H. M. Tyler, District Manager for the Carolina Power & Light Co.

WORK ON FOUR COUNTY SCHOOL PROJECTS BEGUN

Eight More Will Get Their Start Within One Week

Four of the twelve school projects for which contracts have been let have already been put into motion. It was announced Wednesday morning by School Superintendent C. Reid Ross. And by this time next week the other eight projects for which contracts have been let will also be underway.

At the Harnett County Training School actual construction has already begun. O. W. Godwin of Dunn is the contractor for the work there where 4 classrooms will be made out of an old auditorium, and a fire tower and four toilets will be constructed.

At the new Negro Elementary School in Erwin, which will consolidate five small schools, Contractor R. M. Turlington of Lillington has laid off the ground for the school site.

Contractor Turlington has laid off the sites for the projects that have been begun at the Coats and LaFayette schools also. At Coats there will be four new classrooms and two new toilets and a physical education building. At the LaFayette school there will be five classrooms, an agricultural shop, and toilets.

Much of the time up to now since the contracts were let, said Superintendent Ross, has been taken up by the contractors in buying the necessary equipment and materials with which to work with. But now the work is actually beginning and the feeling around the school office is that now things are beginning to move and the building program is really getting somewhere.

Many Licenses Issued

Driver's license examiners of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles issued 51,440 driver's licenses during June, the Department reported today.

Of that number 13,889 were chauffeur's licenses for the fiscal year 1950-51 and 34,309 were operator's licenses issued on new applications.

LOCAL DRAFT BOARD READY TO ROLL NOW

No Orders in Yet But Machinery Is Set For Operation

The Harnett County draft board is all ready to go into action, according to the latest report from Miss Helen Hofmann, clerk to the local board. As yet there have been no orders received by the board calling for the induction of men, but under the circumstances the machinery for sending out the call to eligible men in 1-A is being oiled up.

"We haven't received any orders yet," Miss Hofmann said, "but from what we see in the papers and hear on the radio we think that we might as well be ready when the orders come." Right now the local office is preparing forms to be sent out to eligible men in the 25 years age group, which according to reports will be the first called if it becomes necessary for the draft law to be put into operation. Then if and when the orders do come through, all that will have to be done is to mail out the already prepared forms.

Miss Hofmann said that there are only a very few eligible men in the 25 year group in the county, because most of them of that age are either veterans or are married. But, based on the figure of 610 men that North Carolina has been asked to furnish in the first call, the county should be able to meet its quota of the few men that would probably be Harnett's share of that number.

JAMES BUREN STOUT BURIED LAST FRIDAY

Operator of Lillington Ice & Coal Co. Died In Hospital Last Wednesday

James Buren Stout, 34, popular businessman of Lillington, died in a Fayetteville hospital Wednesday of last week at 12:05 p. m. after several weeks of declining health. He was a native of Davidson county, a son of the late S. D. Stout and Jennie Surratt Stout. He had operated the Lillington Ice and Coal Co. here for a number of years and has a wide circle of friends throughout this section who mourn his passing. He was a member of the Lillington Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11 a. m. from the Lillington Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. W. L. Loy, pastor, assisted by Rev. T. A. Gilton, Lillington Presbyterian pastor, and Rev. S. F. Hudson, Lillington Baptist pastor. Burial was in Harnett Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Cornelia McKinney; two sons, James B., Jr., and Reginald of the home; a daughter, Virginia, also of the home; two brothers, Everett and S. D. Stout, Jr., Wallace; two sisters, Mrs. James Kelly of Mocksville and Mrs. D. J. Snider, Greensboro.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED AT ROTARY MEET

L. H. Campbell Makes Talk At Weekly Meeting

The new president of the Lillington Rotary Club, Malcolm Fowler, took over the chair at the weekly meeting of the organization last Thursday night. Other officers for new year who were installed at the meeting were Dr. J. K. Williford, Vice-President, and John H. Blackmon, who was re-elected as Secretary.

Retiring officers of the Club, who gave way to the incoming officials Thursday night were C. Reid Ross, President, and Mack Norwood, Vice-President.

Professor L. H. Campbell, President of Campbell College, was the guest speaker of the evening, and he made a very entertaining and humorous talk to those present. Professor Campbell is a former member of the Lillington Rotary.

There was one guest attending the meeting, Robert Baker, a member of the Mooreville Rotary.