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

In and Out of Lillington

HIG BATTERS Duncan Wilson, lawyer from Dunn, is getting up an imaginary baseball team which he says he is thinking of entering in the Tobacco State League.

Here is the team line-up in their batting order: Black Leonard 3rd base; Bill Grady, S. S.; Bill O'Daniel, 1st base; Ken Matthews, pitcher; (alternate pitchers—W. J. Sauls and Mack Deining); O. R. Pearce, C. F.; K. M. P. H. R. F.; C. Avery, 2nd base; Joe Whitaker, L. F.; and Shorry McDowell, catcher.

For substitutes Wilson has listed Alton Cobb, Wade Adams, David Matthews, G. A. Jackson, Frank Hockaday, W. F. Nipper, R. C. Munday and Wade Stewart.

Coach for the team is Sheriff Bill Salmon, and cheer leader is Fletcher Bethune.

Organizer for the team, Duncan Wilson says he is making plans for the team to do their spring training in Florida next spring. He says the officers are chosen for their position in the batting order from their demeanor on the witness stand. They will maintain their assigned positions in the batting order until Wilson deems changes will be for the best interests of the club.

Mr. Wilson says that from their demeanor and testimony he does not believe the batting order could be improved on. It looks to us as if Coach Salmon has some mighty good material to work with.

KIDS MAY BE DISMILLIONED

If you've taken your tiny tots to the Cherokee Indian Reservation in the Great Smoky Mountains, or are intending to, just forget that old bigaboo you've been handing to the kids about "The bears'll get you if you don't watch out."

There are bears a-plenty in the Smokies they're all along the roadside and in the parks, and they don't want to bite any children, they don't need to, they're fed all they can eat, and seem to be as happy as doodles. At least the bears are as nonchalant as a millionaire in his yacht sailing the South Seas.

Thousands of people watch them every day (in the summer) as they tramp about picking up food left by picnickers.

And they don't hate children one bit.

COULDN'T GET THE NAME

There are some names of places in North Carolina that ought to be simplified—for the benefit of those who find it hard to pronounce big names.

Take, for instance, Lake Waccamaw. Not long ago an elderly gentleman came into The News office and wanted to tell us he had been on a visit to the Lake. But he simply couldn't get that "Waccamaw" correctly off his tongue.

"The children took me to see Lakamaw," he said.

"No, that isn't the name, it's Waccalake."

"Don't believe that's the name, either, it's—what's it, anyway?" Given the correct name, he tried it again, but never succeeded.

"Anyway, it's a nice place, and it was mighty nice of my children to take me. I wish they'd change it's name, though, and make it sound like a good old Harnett county name, don't you?"

STILL IN DOUBT

Superintendent Reid Ross of the Harnett county schools is still in doubt.

When asked, now that the schools are open for the 1950-51 season, which were the happiest or saddest group, the teachers or the students, the genial Superintendent, who is supposed to be able to answer any and all questions about the schools, still couldn't give a definite answer to that question.

A FELLOW FEELING

Mrs. Blanche Johnson, The News' very efficient agent and correspondent in Upper Harnett, can have sympathy for Rod Brassfield, the fellow in Grand Ole Opry who says: "I'm going back to the wagon, folks, these shoes are a-killing me."

Paying a short visit to The News office the other day, Mrs. Johnson said: "I've got to get back to my tobacco and get it finished up. I'll be glad when it's through—this hot weather is about to get the best of me."

Beer-Wine Sales Legalized Within Town of Dunn

UPSETS FORMER REFERENDUM WON BY DRYS

Citizens Give Majority of 55 in Favor of Sale of Beverages

After 1101 citizens of Dunn had gone to the municipal polls last Saturday and voted on the question of legalizing the sale of beer and wine in the town of Dunn, the count of the ballots both pro and con showed a majority of 55 in favor of the legalized sale.

A vigorous campaign had been waged by two organizations, one fighting against the sales, another strongly advocating the opening of beer and wine stores.

Prominent citizens and business men were favoring the beverages, and they were outspoken in their campaign to lift the ban which was placed on them last September 6th when citizens of Harnett county in a countywide election turned thumbs down on all beer and wine sales within the county's borders.

Mack M. Jernigan of Dunn, head of the Ministerial Association and Dry Forces fighting against the legalization of the beverage sales, waged a determined campaign to make the countywide ban hold in the town of Dunn.

It had been rumored since the countywide vote that Dunn would ask for a vote on beer and wine within its boundaries, and even might call for a vote on hard liquor stores.

The decision of the Dunn voters to have beer-wine sales in the town means that it will come under the statewide law with all the restrictions. (Continued on page 8)

Harnett Boy Killed In Wreck Sunday

Theo Pearson, 16-year-old boy of Broadway R-1, was killed instantly early Sunday morning when a car in which he was riding was involved in a head-on collision about two miles from Jonesboro Heights on the Fayetteville road. In all, three persons were killed and five more injured in the crash, which the Highway Safety Department considered the worst in the state Sunday.

Besides Pearson, those killed were Mary McDougald, 25, Negro of Swann Station, and Halford Ross Norris, 23, of Jonesboro Heights R-7.

The injured included Richard Lee Hall Jr., 21, who was driving one of the cars, Charles Linbergh Pearson, 22, Negro of Broadway R-1, who was driving the other car; Claudine Raeford, Negro of Sanford R-2; James Ervin McLean, 18, Negro of Sanford R-2, and Weldon McLean, 14, Negro of Broadway R-1.

Vision of His Mother Praying Became Real for Capt. Davis

We was sleeping in an upper deck of the barracks at Camp Patrick Henry while waiting for a transport to take him and his outfit overseas in World War II. A vision came to him and he clearly saw his mother on her knees praying for him. He climbed out of bed, looked at his watch and it was 11 o'clock.

The picture was so vivid that he couldn't sleep any more that night. But before he departed on his important mission for his country, he received a letter from his mother informing him that she was on her knees that same night he saw the vision, praying for him. Further, she was praying for him every night and would continue to do so.

"I felt that there was a protecting hand to guard my life all through that terrible conflict," said Captain James Davis as he told the story to the Rotary Club here last Thursday night.

"But when I was at Anzio Beachhead and my mother had written to me that she was praying that I would be kept out of danger I wrote to her and told her she was too late for that, because I was already in danger—plenty of it," said Capt. Davis.

Register Reports \$557.50 For August

Mrs. Inez Harrington, Register of Deeds, in her report for the month of August, submitted to the Board of Commissioners, showed that receipts of her office for the month were \$557.50, all from recording legal instruments.

A dozen marriage licenses were sold, but this will be included in the quarterly report to be submitted October 1. There were also five armed service discharge papers recorded, to which no fee was charged.

CORONER'S JURY FINDS ACCIDENT UNAVOIDABLE

No Charges Brought In Highway Death Of Mary Honeycutt

A jury, called by Coroner Grover Henderson, decided Friday afternoon that the highway accident in which Mary Parnell Honeycutt of Sanford was killed on July 2 was unavoidable. The jury stayed out only a few minutes after hearing the evidence in the case.

The accident took place on highway 87 between Olivia and Pine View in Harnett County at about 2:00 in the afternoon on July 2. According to the testimony it happened when the driver of the truck, in which four persons were riding, lost control when the truck ran off the road. The driver, Mrs. Nonnie Denkins, said that she lost control when she tried to get the truck back onto the road of the shoulder.

The verdict of the jury was that "Mrs. Mary Parnell Honeycutt came to her death by being thrown from a truck being driven by Mrs. Nonnie Denkins on highway 87 on July 2." It also continued, "We find it to be an unavoidable accident."

The coroner's jury previously met in the middle of August but was postponed until 3:00 p. m. last Friday because of the unavoidable absence of W. C. Wilson, former Highway Patrolman, who was the investigating officer in the case.

On the jury were Carl Byrd, Leo Kelly, Prentess Sloan, P. W. Matthews, Roger Mann, and Andy Yarborough.

Morning Worship At Ephesus Church

There will be a morning worship service at Ephesus Presbyterian Church next Sunday. The time of the service is 11 o'clock a. m. All members and friends of the church are urged to attend. Fred Holder, a member of the church, will bring the message.

ONLY 25 CASES SCHEDULED FOR CIVIL COURT

10 Divorces Come Up During Week; Leo Carr Is Judge

The September civil term of Harnett Superior Court will convene on Monday the 18th with a docket of only 25 cases set to be heard by Judge Leo Carr. Ten of these cases are divorce proceedings which are scheduled for Monday.

There are five other cases scheduled to be heard on Monday besides the 10 divorces. On Tuesday there are only five cases on the calendar, and only five for Wednesday.

The list of the jurymen who will serve for the September civil term was published by The News in the August 10 issue. This jury was drawn at the first Monday meeting of the County Commissioners on August 7.

Clerk of Superior Court L. M. Chaffin has prepared the following calendar for the court term following the calendar meeting of the lawyers of the county in the Clerk's office on August 28.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 Divorce cases as follows: Lillian C. Jones vs Freddie W. Jones; Mrs. Jacklyn White vs Jack White; Florella Denning Reid vs H. W. Reid; Nellie L. Chestnut vs Phelix W. Chestnut; Cecil Kirby vs Elsie Mae Kirby; Harriet M. Stansbery vs Albert D. Stansbery; Geraldine W. Moulden vs Silas Davis Moulden; Fannie Tripp Stanley vs Colon I. Stanley; Ruby Tolson Webb vs Lawyer Sawyer Webb; Alene West Norton vs Albert Eugene Norton.

Other cases scheduled for Monday are: Isham Register, Admr. vs Gunton Monroe Gibbs et al.; V. M. Hodges vs D. Archie Edwards et al. (two cases); Sam Norris vs D. Archie Edwards et al.; Malcolm Hodges vs Mankie W. Hodges.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 J. H. Wicker et als vs W. R. O. (Rory) Matthews et al.; Gordon W. Guy vs Daniel Leroy Copley; M. V. Skipper vs James B. Jackson; Coy L. Guy et als vs Louis Baer et als; Mildred Dunn Ivey, by next friend, vs Jesse James Ivey.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 Margie P. Aiken vs Imperial Life Ins. Co. et als; Margie S. Aiken vs Prudential Ins. Co. of America et als; Milton L. Baker vs W. R. Beasley; W. R. Beasley vs Floyd Johnson and Milton L. Baker; H. P. Johnson Oil Co. vs Mrs. Marion Butler.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL CHECKS BUS ROUTES

Any Road Hazards On Bus Routes To Be Looked Into

On Tuesday of this week the State Highway Patrol, under orders out of Raleigh, began a campaign to check all of the school bus routes in the county. This is a part of a state-wide program to insure the safety of bus riding school children.

The purpose of the check of the routes is for the patrolman who is driving the roads which are taken by the buses to make a report of any kind of road hazards found. This is being done as a precaution against the recurrence of the number of school bus accidents that took place last year, although Harnett County was free of any serious road mishaps by the buses.

C. H. Hood, supervisor of transportation and supplies for the Board of Education, is riding with the patrolmen on the bus routes to assist in the hunt for possible highway dangers.

ROTARY CLUB TO ENTERTAIN LOCAL FACULTY

Principal Hamilton To Give Program Sept. 14 With His Teachers Present

Lillington Rotary Club will have members of the local school faculty as its guests at its regular meeting Thursday night, September 14. Principal Henry H. Hamilton will have charge of the program. He has not given any hint as to the nature of the entertainment, but to judge by his previous programs it will prove interesting and enjoyable.

Each year at the beginning of the school term the Rotary Club invites the local school faculty to be its guests on what is known as "Teachers' Night." The supper and entertainment will be held in the Lillington school cafeteria.

JUDGE URGES JURYMEN TO DEAL FAIRLY WITH ALL

Officers Take 33 Illicit Liquor Outfits in Month of August

August was the biggest month in a long time for officers as far as the number of stills captured is concerned. During the month they raided 33 of the illegal beverage makers and came away with 3650 gallons of beer and one man.

Averasboro Township led the list with 12 stills captured in its limits, and Stewart's Creek was not far behind with 10 stills found there. One man, Wayland Carter, was captured by constable Alton Cobb when he raided a still in Stewart's Creek.

A list of the stills taken and the officers who made the raid along with the township in which the still was found and the amount of beer captured at each, is given as follows:

Deputy E. E. Sturgill, 3 still in Averasboro, no beer. Constable R. H. Butler, 4 stills in Stewart's Creek, 800 gallons of beer. Constable C. D. McDowell, 3 stills in Duke, 200 gallons of beer.

To Hold Civil Court



JUDGE LEO CARR

Road Contract For Harnett Is Let

The State Highway Commission announced late last week that contracts for 30 road projects in the state have been let. Among those 30 is one project for Harnett County, which is the paving of U. S. Highway 301 and N. C. Highway 56 from the Johnston County line to the Cumberland County line.

This stretch of road is for a distance of 10.8 miles and goes through Dunn. The estimated cost of the project, as given by Adams and Tate Construction Company of Roanoke, Va. that has the contract, is \$106,122.20.

HARNETT GIRL PLANS TRIP

Miss Ruth Oakley of Broadway R-1 plans to go to Nashville, Tenn. September 15 with Misses Alice Mae and Gladys Faye Angel of Jonesboro Heights and Miss Beulah Greene of Lemon Springs. They're going especially to see "Grand Ole Opry."

CAPITAL REPORTER Scott Summers

Raleigh, Sept. 6.—Some folks have expressed doubt that Kerr Scott will back Willis Smith in the coming senatorial campaign, despite the Governor's repeated pledge to take the stump for his party's candidate.

The Governor is a Democrat first, and despite his opposition to Smith in the two primaries will take to the stump for Smith if party leaders desire him to.

As a matter of fact, it has already been planned for Smith's Alamo county campaign—if not the entire campaign—to be kicked off with a big Alamo Young Democrats rally for Smith at the Governor's own Haw River farm home.

Tar Heel hoarders can be proud of themselves. They sent sales tax receipts up about \$400,000 more than was expected last month. Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw reported a gain of more than \$850,000 above the same month a year ago. Since this was more than \$400,000 above the average gained each month this year, Shaw could only attribute it to "frenzied war buying and hoarding."

Constable W. F. Bethune, 1 still in Stewart's Creek, 200 gallons of beer. Constable Wade Stewart, 1 still in Neill's Creek, no beer, and 1 still in Duke, no beer.

Constable W. J. Sauls, 1 still in Averasboro, 450 gallons of beer, and 2 stills in Barbecue, 400 gallons of beer. Constable Alton Cobb, 1 still in Stewart's Creek, no beer, one man captured, Wayland Carter, 1 still in Johnsonville, no beer, and 1 still in Black River, 200 gallons of beer.

Constable Preston Porter, 3 stills in Averasboro, 450 gallons of beer. Deputy E. L. Jackson, 4 stills in Stewart's Creek, 700 gallons of beer, and 1 still in Averasboro, no beer.

Constable C. C. McDonald, 1 still in Barbecue, 100 gallons of beer. Deputy C. H. Avery, 2 stills in Averasboro, 200 gallons of beer. Constable O. R. Pearce, 3 stills in Averasboro, 250 gallons of beer.

TWO HIGHWAY PATROLMEN NOW IN LILLINGTON

Patrolman George Carroll Moved Here From Black Mt.

With the transfer of Highway Patrolman George Carroll from Black Mountain to Lillington, there are two of the state highway officers stationed here. Patrolman Carroll replaces W. C. Wilson, formerly with the Patrol who was stationed in Dunn.

The compliment that the Patrol has in Harnett County remains the same that it was before, the only difference being that there is one more man in Lillington and one less than before in Dunn.

Patrolman Carroll joined the State Highway Patrol in April this year and was stationed in Black Mountain. From there he was transferred to Lillington and took up his duties here effective on September 1. Carroll is 24 years old and is a native of Bolton, N. C.

Wilson, who was formerly stationed in Dunn, recently resigned his job with the Highway Patrol to accept a position with the Charlotte Police Department.

Revival at Gospel Tabernacle at Marners

Revival services will begin September 10 in the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Marners. Sister Doris Davis from Henderson, N. C., will be the evangelist.

Services will begin at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited. The pastor, Rev. S. M. Ellington, will conduct special singing each night.

JUDGE BURGWYN MAKES CHARGE TO GRAND JURY

Tells Jury That They Have Duty To Harnett County

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn opened the Fall Term of Harnett Superior Court Tuesday morning with a charge to the grand jury to deal with all cases that come before them with equal fairness, no matter what prejudices they may have. In an eloquent plea for justice the judge told the jurymen of the present crisis that this nation and world is in today and cited examples of how it is effecting peoples' attitudes.

The recent case of a policeman being found to have been one of a group of hooded men who engaged in a gunfight near Myrtle Beach in South Carolina was cited by Judge Burgwyn to impress the jury with our present need for moral integrity. "My home is not in Harnett County," Judge Burgwyn told the jurors. "I live 150 or 200 miles from here," he continued; "but you are in your own county and it is up to you to see to it that your county remains a decent place in which to live." He told them that as members of the grand jury it is their duty, not just their right, to bring bills of indictment to correct any wrongs or illegal practices that are taking place in the county.

Lastly, Judge Burgwyn dealt with justice and equality in the courtroom for all persons brought before the court. This justice must be dealt out equally to all persons regardless of race or religion, the judge told them. "Everyone in the South is prejudiced to some extent," he said, "and so are they in the north too, I think." "But we must rise above our prejudices," Judge Burgwyn ended his charge. "It is your duty to decide (Continued on page two)

TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS INTAKE OF OVER \$70,000

Aug. Report Shows Present Collections Still Behind 1949

Tax Collector D. P. Ray's monthly report for August shows that his office took in a total of \$70,753.82 during that month, \$4,256.92 of which was in tax collections. Collections through August 31 of this year now total 90.28% of the 1949 taxes, as compared to 91.27% at the same time last year.

A run-down of the monthly report for August shows that the office took in \$2,909.22 in current taxes and \$1,347.70 in delinquent taxes, a total of \$4,256.92 in taxes for August.

Other revenue is given as follows: General County Fund, \$10,172.03; County School Fund, \$11,839.40; Aid to Dependent Children, \$9,703.41; Old Age Assistance, \$15,695.38; Bond Fund, \$1,604.71; Veteran Farmers Training Program, \$14,004.95; and Child Feeding Program, \$3,476.82; a total of \$66,496.70 from other revenue.

Junior Woman's Club To Meet September 12

The Junior Woman's Club of Lillington will have its first meeting since May on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 in the Lillington Community Building with Miss Irene Lassiter as the guest speaker.

All members are urged to attend.

First Run Serial At Cruise-In Theatre

Messrs. A. J. Collins and Lamar Simmons, operators of Cruise-In Theatre, are announcing in this issue of The News the beginning of a first run serial, "Wild Bill Hickok", at their theatre 1 mile north of Lillington next Tuesday and Wednesday night, Sept. 12 and 13. This will be chapter number one of this special serial.

VISIT IN GREENSBORO

Mrs. Lizzie Kelly, Miss Edna Kelly and Miss Mary McNeill spent last Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow McNeill in Greensboro.

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