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

In and Out of Lillington

PROGRESSIVE, SUCCESSFUL

Hand it to the progressive people of the Fuquay-Varina community, who, when they undertake anything, push it to success.

A report just released gives the amount paid out for tobacco on the markets there during the season which closed on Tuesday of last week the sum of \$15,801,236.21.

That's a whole lot of money to be turned loose in a community in less than a three-month period, and though not all of it was spent in Fuquay-Varina, it goes without saying that the community reaped a nice profit from its warehouse venture.

TOO NICE FOR SOME PEOPLE

It seems that the New Lillington Theatre is just too nice for some people. That sounds awful, but what about the vandals who cut and otherwise damaged the comfortable leather-covered seats in the movie house recently?

It would be a rather difficult task to keep out such persons of degraded temperament, but wouldn't it be fine if some sort of sifting process could be devised which would keep that nice theatre pretty and comfortable just the owners made it?

ABOUT 1950 COTTON YIELD

"My estimate was that Harnett county wouldn't have over 6,000 bales of cotton of this year's crop," Manager Sidney Howell of Farmers Cotton Oil Co. told The News as he commented on the first crop failure the county has ever experienced.

"And I didn't even figure that we would gin the 400 bales that we have already ginned," he went on, "because when I saw what the weather and the weevil were doing to cotton, I was convinced that Harnett county was in the front line for a first-meeting the first crop failure."

"But I'll say this," said Mr. Howell. "If a farmer is determined that he will not use poison on his cotton, he had better save his time, land and money invested in fertilizer for other purposes. I can see no possible way to make a cotton crop without poisoning the weevils."

THE NEW TOBACCO BUG

Nothing further has been heard here about the new bug from South America that devours tobacco ten times faster than the boll weevil destroys cotton.

Some weeks ago entomologists from the U. S. Department of Agriculture were in Lillington searching for some of the bugs that came in on a boat that docked at Wilmington.

Some of the bugs, they said, came inland and they were trying to find just how far they came in order to know just where to spread poison for them.

One thing has been established for certain: Pests are increasingly menacing the tobacco crop, and tobacco farmers are now up against just about as tough a problem as the cotton farmers have been facing.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

There's hardly any doubt about the mentioning of names in the news columns making a paper popular. Newspaper folks make it a rule to get as many names in the columns as possible — that is, of course, names that can be mentioned in a favorable way—not in court or anything like that, to be sure.

For a weekly newspaper with limited space it's quite a job to get all the names mentioned as often as desired. But if it were put to a vote, the ballot of this column would be given to Todd Caldwell's Fuquay Independent. Todd manages to get more names in his paper than any of comparable size we've seen.

HIS NAME IS ERTTEL

Judging by the inquiries coming to The News for the correct name of the Seventh District Congressman, F. Ertel Carlyle is being besieged with communications or applications or something to a fare-you-well.

Funny thing about it, though, every request coming here for the Congressman's name has been anonymous. That is to say, the phone-caller will ask for the information without ever divulging who is doing the talking.

Please don't blame us, Ertel, if you're swamped.

SWIPING PAPERS

Out on Carl Byrd's Route Three there are some subscribers to The (See IN AND OUT, page 2)

Harnett Grand Jury Puts In A Few Barbs With Its Nov. Report

JURY SHARPLY RECOMMENDS COUNTY ACTION

Finds Over \$8,000 Unusable Funds For Court Fines Idle

According to the report of the Grand Jury for the week ending Friday, November 17, partial payments on fines from both Recorder's Court and Superior Court have piled up to the sum of \$8,446.44. However, the jury has found that this fund is unusable so far as the county is concerned until either the full payment of the individual fines is made, or until the balance is written off the books as being uncollectable.

Of this amount, \$5,960.27 has piled up from partially paid fines in Recorder's Court, while \$2,486.17 comes from the same source in Superior Court. In a statement calculated to bring prompt action, the Grand Jury in its report made the recommendation that steps be taken immediately to collect the past due fines and costs, or to close the cases that are found to be uncollectable so the county can use the money.

In another sharp criticism of the handling of county financial affairs, the jury reported that as the result of some more checking of books, it found that the administrators of some estates are delinquent in their settlements with the Clerk of the Court. The jury again showed that it means business by asking that a list of these delinquents be turned over to it so that proper action can be taken to bring about the settlements required to bring these records up (See GRAND JURY, page 3)

New Road Project To Be Let For Harnett

A new road project has been scheduled for Harnett county, the State Highway Commission announced today.

Bids will be received November 28 at the Commission headquarters in Raleigh on a \$200,000,000 bond project involving the hard-surfacing of 12.8 miles on a county road from Stevenson's Farm to Bailey's Crossroads via J. B. Ennis Place, on a county road from Coats north to the county line (G. I. Smith Road), and on a county road from Galney's Bridge to Dunn via Howard's Chicken Farm.

If a satisfactory low bid is submitted, the project will be let to contract with work probably starting within several weeks after the Highway Commission approves the offer on November 30.

Tobacco Sale Report Issued From Fuquay

Tobacco sales on the Fuquay-Varina market, which closed last Tuesday, totaled 27,608,665 pounds, according to Sales Supervisor Jesse Jones.

The average price per 100 pounds was \$57.23, Jones said, adding that total money paid out was \$15,801,236.21. Jones described the recent tobacco season as "one of the best seasons Fuquay-Varina has ever had."

HARNETT TO GET MORE MILES IN RURAL ROADS

Harnett county stands to get added mileage out of the \$200,000,000 rural road program, perhaps double its original allotment, according to George Coble of Lexington, highway commissioner for the Sixth Division, of which Harnett is a part.

At a meeting at his lodge near Lexington last Friday night, Coble gave legislators of the Sixth Division and other political leaders some figures on expenditures of the Division's allotment, revealing that as of October 1st of this year \$6,560,925 had been spent in the Division and that 864.9 miles of road had been built of the Division's quota of 1,200 miles.

Coming as a pleasing surprise was Coble's prediction that he will be able to pave 2,500 miles in his Division instead of the 1,200 miles originally contemplated.

Coble explained that he had been

Harden Tells Rotarians Business' Success Secret

John Harden, publicity director for the Burlington Mills Corporation of Greensboro, told Rotarians in Dunn last Friday night that the secret of success in operating a manufacturing plant or any other such business can be found in the get-together plan.

It was the regular weekly supper meeting of the Dunn Rotary Club and there were several members of the Lillington club present including its president, Malcolm Fowler.

Mr. Harden was not ready to give out any detailed plans for the large plant which his company will soon establish on the Salmon tract which it recently purchased from Sheriff W. E. Salmon. The tract of 325 acres lies at the forks of the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Highway 15-A and runs to Cape Fear River.

Survivors are now staking off the tract and determining grade levels from one end of the tract to the other, and it is expected that actual construction work will be started soon.

In a letter to The News last week Mr. Harden stated that just as soon as detailed plans were worked out he will give them to The News for publication.

Mr. Harden, a newspaperman of long experience, illustrated his point

of get-together making for success by saying that with all the efforts of all the people in a newspaper office, which are numerous and varied, it would amount to nothing if it were not for the actual contact that comes with the delivery of the paper into the hands of the subscribers.

"There's where the secret lies," he emphasized in stressing the relations of employer and employee, with the customer to be served as the key to open the door to success.

A more complete understanding of the idea which Mr. Harden meant to convey to his listeners can be gained when it is learned that the Burlington Mills Corporation rarely if ever is faced with labor troubles.

Recently a labor leader gave out a statement which was carried in the daily papers stating a complaint that unions don't like the way the Burlington Mills manages to keep its employees satisfied with their pay and working conditions. The complaint then went on to explain that the company raised its wage scale and improved its working conditions before the labor leaders got around to registering a kick.

Mr. Harden emphasized in his talk that good wages and good treatment bring amicable relations between employer and employee.

HARNETT GETS TWO INDUCTIONS IN EIGHT DAYS

20 More Men Will Receive Orders To Report on Dec. 7

The local draft board office has reported that it has received another call for men for induction into the Army, which will bring the number of inductees up to 36 for the eight-day period from the end of November to the 7th of December.

The latest order is for 20 men to report on December 7. These inductees will receive orders to be at the local board office in the Allied Building in Lillington at 8 o'clock on the morning of December 7. From there they will leave for Fayetteville at about 8:30 o'clock.

Up until this week the last call for inductees from this county had been for 16 men to report on November 30. These draftees will also be sent to Fayetteville for induction.

So far, no pre-induction call has been received by the local office for the month of December.

Cub Scouts To Pick Up Rummage for Sale

All persons who have used clothing for the Cub Scout rummage sale are urged to bring their goods to the sale and it will be picked up before Saturday.

TWO HIGHWAY CRASHES ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Patrolman Has Busy Time; Canady Brick Truck in One Wreck

State Highway Patrolman George Carroll stationed in Lillington, had a busy time last Friday night when he went to investigate two separate auto crashes within two hours. The first happened around 8:30 p. m. on the outskirts of town, and the other was at about 9:40 was near the Cumberland County line.

A truck used to haul brick was involved in the earlier wreck when a truck owned by E. T. Canady of Bunnlevel and a 1941 Buick sedan smashed fenders. The Buick was going west on the C. C. Road and was driven by Sandy L. McNeill, Negro, of Fuquay R-2. The Canady truck, 1948 Ford driven by Lacey Moore, Negro of Bunnlevel R-1, was coming out-12th Street. The two vehicles met at the intersection of the C. C. Road and 12th Street at the Green Heights Grill. The brick truck was not loaded at the time.

Later in the evening, at about 9:40 p. m., Patrolman Carroll was called to investigate a wreck on Highway 210 about 2 miles north of the Cumberland County line. There, a 1949 Kaiser sedan, driven by Thomas A. Gulton of Lillington, and a 1950 Chevrolet convertible coupe driven by Louie Laven of Fort Bragg, had collided.

Laven, who was traveling south, attempted to pass a car, according to Carroll's report, and could not get back into the right lane completely before the cars had made contact.

Scout Officers Named For Harnett District

J. K. Bruton, an official of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company, has been reelected chairman of the Harnett County Boy Scout District for the coming year. The election took place at a combination supper and business meeting of Harnett Scout leaders.

Al C. Wullenwaber of Dunn was elected vice chairman of the organization and Rev. William M. Latta was renamed county Scout commissioner.

Homecoming at Ephesus Church

There will be a Homecoming Service at Ephesus Presbyterian Church today (Thursday). A picnic lunch will be served at 11 o'clock.

In the afternoon a Harvest Sale will be held. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Prizes Awarded For 1950 Feats In Production of Corn

7 REPRESENT HARNETT AT SCHOOL MEET

Chapel Hill Site Of Meeting Of State Education Leaders

Seven Harnett County men represented the school system of this county last week when they attended a State School Board meeting at Chapel Hill. Chairman of the County Board Sidney G. Thomas and Superintendent of Schools C. Reid Ross headed the local group.

The Hon. Thomas Banks, of Wake County, president of the State School Board Association, presided over the meeting which was held last Thursday, November 16. During the afternoon session Mr. Banks lead a discussion on a legislative program that the State School Board is working on to present to the next general assembly.

President of the Greater University of North Carolina Gordon Gray was on hand to give the welcoming address to the visiting educators. Mr. Gray was introduced by Chancellor of the University at Chapel Hill Dean Robert B. House.

Main address of the day was made by Walter D. Cocking, chairman of the board of editors for "The School Executive" magazine.

Harnett men other than Thomas and Ross, who made the trip were A. C. Barefoot, chairman of the Angier District Committee, G. P. Carr, principal of the Angier schools, A. B. Johnson, principal of the Dunn schools, and D. W. Denning, Jr. and J. D. Currin, Angier District school committeemen.

Ralph Johnson Gets Purbred Heifers

Ralph Johnson of Kipling obtained five bred Angus heifers from the Pate sale held at Laurel Hill. These heifers will be used as a foundation for starting a small beef herd of commercial cattle. Mr. Johnson plans to use a registered bull.

He has already seeded some 10 to 12 additional acres of Ladino clover and fescue pasture.

Cameron Harrington of Broadway R-1 is planning to add several head of bred heifers to his herd of Hereford beef cattle this fall. He has about 15 head and plans to build this up to around 25 or 30 head.

Prayer Meeting at Woodside Church

There will be prayer meeting at the Woodside Methodist Church in Marners on Thursday night at 7 p. m. This is a special service and there will be a special message.

Brother Will Stephens and Rev. James Faucett will both be present. The public and members of the other churches of the Charge are invited to attend this service.

N. C. Voters Show Change In Attitude Toward Changes

A wise person changes his or her mind; a fool never. That old saying packs a lot of something—truth maybe.

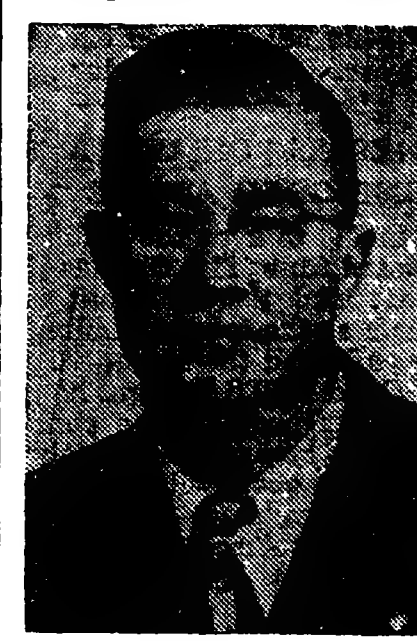
Anyway, it's very evident that a great majority of North Carolinians have changed their minds about changes—in the State Constitution, that is. For some several election times proposed changes have been presented to the voters in one form or other. And rarely has a change in the age-old document been approved by said voters.

But in 1950 the attitude of voters is, like many other things, different. The voters want some changes—and there'll be some changes made because the total vote on November 7 was overwhelmingly in favor of each of the five Constitutional Amendments presented on the ballot.

Overwhelming vote favoring a change was that for protecting the fund for retirement of teachers and other state employees. It passed by better than 4 to 1.

And the amendment providing

To Speak Here Dec. 7



FRANK H. JETER

Frank H. Jeter, Agricultural Editor of State College Extension Service, will address Lillington Rotarians at their regular weekly supper meeting on Thursday, December 7, in the local high school cafeteria.

County Farm Agent C. R. Ammons will have charge of the program and will introduce Mr. Jeter.

SON OF LOCAL MAN APPOINTED TO LABOR POST

B. Harper Barnes Is Made Assistant Federal Solicitor

B. Harper Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barnes of Lillington R-1, has received an appointment as the new assistant solicitor for the Federal Department of Labor. A former resident of Wilson, Lillington and Graham, Barnes will be in charge of international labor affairs for the solicitor's office.

Barnes was educated in the public schools of Wilson and Lillington and attended the University of North Carolina where he was president of the student body. While at Carolina, he was also a member of the Golden Fleece and the Phi Beta Kappa.

In 1940 he joined the Richmond regional staff of the Labor Department and remained there until he joined the Navy in 1944. Since his return to civilian life, when he joined the Labor Department in Washington, Barnes has served as a litigation supervising attorney, special assistant to the solicitor, and chief of the legislative and bureau services branch of the solicitor's office.

Cotton Report

Up until November 1 only 5,247 bales of cotton were ginned in Harnett County from the 1950 crop, according to the latest cotton ginning report from the bureau of census of the Department of Commerce.

This 5,247 bales is 7,391 bales less than were ginned at the same time in 1949. Up until November 1 last year there had been 13,138 bales brought in.

WEAVER SPEAKS TO MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

Officers For Coming Year Elected; Corn Contest Prizes Given

The members of the Harnett County Farm Bureau heard an address by Mr. D. S. Weaver, Director of Agricultural Extension Service at State College, when they met for their annual get-together here last Friday. Dr. J. H. Hilton, Dean of the School of Agriculture at the College, was sick and unable to be at the meeting.

In his talk, Mr. Weaver told of the opportunities that the North Carolina farmer has. He compared the farms in this state with those in other states all over the nation, size of farms, opportunity for improvement, average income, and other pertinent comparisons. He emphasized the point that the Farm Bureau is an institution for farm leadership.

The program was opened by Mr. W. H. Rogers, President of the county bureau, who gave an account of the activities of the bureau in the county during the past year. Following that, the awards were made to the winners of the 1950 corn contest.

County prizes given, including the amount of the prize, the winner, and his corn average production for the contest acre, were: First, \$50, Carson Gregory, 151.68 bushels; second, \$20, Lenwood Jones, 125.57 bushels; third, \$10, T. B. Dewar, 117.3 bushels. First prize (five acres or more), \$50, Byrd Bros. Farm, 122.68 bushels; and second, \$20, Hassell Lewis, 118.

Veterans prizes went to Halford Bell, first, \$30, 138 bushels, and Roy Ellis, second, \$20, 122.24 bushels.

Township prizes in the corn contest, which were \$10 each, were awarded to the following: Averasboro, C. Glenn Miller of Benson R-2, 111 bushels; Barbecue, B. R. Tingen of Broadway R-1, 83.95; Buckhorn, Bobby Abernathy, 107.16; Grove, J. Sherrill Stephenson, Angier R-2, 111; Hector's Creek, M. C. Collins, 117.1; Johnsonville, Lyston Taylor, Cameron R-2, 55.62; Lillington, Wright McKay, Lillington R-2, 117.85; Nell's Creek, O. B. Ramer, Dule's Creek, 117; Stewart's Creek, F. M. Allen, Bunnlevel, 106; and Upper Little River, Clifton Smith, 81.

Nomination and election of officers for the next year were made after the awards for the corn contest were given out. President W. H. Rogers was reelected to the same office. Others elected were Vice-President, Carson Gregory; Secretary, Walter Rogers; and Treasurer, J. E. Womble.

Directors for the townships representing the Farm Bureau were: for Black River, D. W. Denning; Johnsonville, Grady Adcock; Upper Little River, Lloyd Stewart; Anderson Creek, Edwin Bain; Buckhorn, Jeter Jones; Lillington, J. H. Tart; Hector's Creek, T. L. Caviness; Barbecue, Alex Cameron.

Averasboro, P. G. Altman; Grove, Gerald Haynes; Duke, K. Raynor; Stewart's Creek, J. H. Williams; and Nell's Creek, Berles Johnson.

After the meeting in the Lillington school auditorium, the members and their guests went outside to the athletic field where a barbecue supper was served. A very large crowd attended the meeting inside and the supper served outside in the open despite the cold damp weather Friday evening.

Road Paving In Harnett

The State Highway Commission has finished another eight miles of paving in Harnett county under the \$200,000,000 bond issue program.

The following projects were completed during October: River Road from Hiram Stewart's Filling Station to Erwin via Lanier Farm, 5.5 miles; from Jonesboro Road to US 301 at Mary Stewart School, 2 miles; Cut off Road from NC 217 to NC 82 south Erwin, 0.5 mile.

More than 105 miles of new hard-surfacing have been added to Harnett county's road system since the start of the accelerated construction program last year, according to Geo. A. Coble, Sixth Division Highway Commissioner.