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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 whale of a lot of money to be turned loose in a community in less than 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?

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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 ERTEL

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 fare ye-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.

SWIFTING 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.

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