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

In and Out of Lillington

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TRAINING

Some five dozen Boone Trail students now know more about the heavens and earth than they would probably ever learn in their daily classroom lessons. They went to Chapel Hill last Thursday to visit the Planetarium and witness the Christmas pageant.

It would be a bit "previous," of course, for any of the students to pick out a "hanging around" spot on The Hill when and if they pursue their studies there, but it is a foregone conclusion that all of them who do eventually become students at the University will make the grade at the Planetarium first—and often.

FEWER HOGS LIVING

The swine population of Harnett county has greatly decreased since the advent of cold weather that has held its grip upon this immediate territory longer than usual.

In commenting on this, Harnett County's Tax Collector Duncan Ray remarked to The News the other day:

"A lot of hogs have lost their lives during this cold weather."

Then he inquired: "Do you like chitterlings?"

Duncan, who was born and reared in the country, replied to the same question: "No."

"IF I'M ALIVE"

A local citizen was telling about the questions put to him when he was taking examination for driver's license. One question, he said, was: "To whom must you report an accident if you have one?"

The dutiful citizen said he answered it this way:

"To the nearest officer of the law—if I'm alive."

"THEM DAYS GONE"

This is an old one but we'll tell it again for the sake of those who may not have heard it.

A certain local man (finish the story and you'll see why we can't mention his name) was approached by a friend with a request that he join the Wildlife Club.

"Let me talk to my wife about it," he said.

Next approach: "Well, how about that membership in the Wildlife Club?" (the friend asked).

"Guess I can't," was the answer.

"When I mentioned to my wife about joining the Wildlife Club, she shot back at me: 'Pipe down, big boy, your wildlife days are over!'"

HAD IT ON HIM

Names of prospects for contributions to the Boy Scout fund were being handed around to members of the Lillington Rotary Club last Thursday night, and when a certain name was called out, one club member sang out:

"Let me have his name, I owe him a bill and I know I can get a donation from him."

DOLL BABY NEEDS

Did you know a doll baby must have a comfortable bed just the same as real folks do? In the opinion of one four-year-old daughter of a prominent couple, they certainly must.

When asked the other day what she wanted Santa Claus to bring her, she promptly replied:

"A comfortable set of springs for my doll baby's bed."

"BIGGEST CHRISTMAS EVER"

Manager Van Hoy of the Fuquay-Varina Chamber of Commerce is authority for the statement that the up-and-coming Twin-Town "will have the best and biggest Christmas ever" this year.

Van Hoy lets it be known that lights, decorations, Santas, and all of the things that make a Christmas big and better are already installed.

"Now all that's needed is for the shoppers to come along and complete the scheme."

Note: Thousands of Harnett folks will do that very thing.

LOOK HERE, HOMEMAKERS!

Progressive homemakers are never completely satisfied with what they know. They are constantly seeking to learn more. That's what makes them progressive. You've got to be modern nowadays to get the best out of life.

This is by way of calling your attention to the articles on The News' Farm Page.

Particularly written for homemakers is an article that gives more (See IN AND OUT, page 2)

Pre-Christmas 'White Lightnin' Rudely Jolted By Harnett 'Law'

NOVEMBER IS BIG MONTH FOR STILL RAIDERS

Large Quantity Of Beer, Whiskey Taken With 23 Stills

Harnett County officers made a haul of large proportions during the month of November in their raids on stills in the county. Altogether they brought in 23 stills from raids in Lillington Township, Stewart's Creek, Aversboro, Buckhorn and Upper Little River. The officers also took four men along with them that were captured at the stills.

In one of the biggest months in a long time, the officers also discovered a large amount of the illegal liquor when they swooped down on the stills. The total amount of beer at all the stills came to a total of 4,350 gallons, while as much as 132 gallons of whiskey were found.

Constables Preston Porter and W. F. Bethune combined to make Stewart's Creek the Township with the most number of captured stills during November. Together they raided eight stills there and found a total of 1600 gallons of beer, with Porter making seven of the finds and Bethune the other.

A list of the officers and the stills they captured is as follows: Constable W. F. Bethune, 2 stills in Lillington, 750 gallons of beer and 50 gallons of whiskey; 1 still in Stewart's Creek, 200 gallons of beer.

Constable R. H. Butler, 4 stills in Aversboro, 700 gallons of beer; 4 stills in Lillington, 800 gallons of beer; 1 man, S. J. Clark.

Deputy Sheriff K. C. Matthews, 1 still in Lillington, 300 gallons of beer.

Constable O. R. Pearce, 1 still in Aversboro, 46 gallons of whiskey; 2 men, Troy Iver and Spugill McDougald.

Constable Wade Stewart, 1 still in Buckhorn, 36 gallons of whiskey; 1 man, Joe McKelthan.

Constable B. E. Sturgill, 1 still in Aversboro, no beer.

Constable C. C. McDonald, 1 still in Upper Little River, 200 gallons of beer.

Constable Preston Porter, 7 stills in Stewart's Creek, 1400 gallons of beer.

Revival in Progress at Mamers Tabernacle

A series of services at the Full Gospel Tabernacle at Mamers began last Sunday night with Evangelist Rev. James Pope Sr. of Fuquay Springs preaching.

The services are being held each night at 7:30 through this week and next, with special singing at each meeting. Rev. S. M. Ellington is the pastor.

Men Of The Church Meet Wednesday

Men of The Church of the Lillington Presbyterian Church will meet at the church at 7 o'clock Wednesday night of this week. The dinner will be served by Circle No. 4.

All members are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship.

Biennial Ceremony Checks Out Old, Swears In New Officials

The law providing that incumbent county officials to hold office "until their successors are elected and qualified" went through the legal process Monday at noon when the retiring Board of County Commissioners took a last fling at the job of managing Harnett county, ending their session at high noon and leaving the Commissioner's chamber open for their successors who took office and repaired to the room to start out all over on another biennium of county government.

Chairman of the Harnett County Board of Elections H. C. Strickland of Angler was master of ceremonies, and the "swearing in" took place in the courthouse auditorium.

Retiring Clerk of Court Lee M. Chaffin administered the oaths. Members of the new board are: Lofton M. Tart of Dunn, reelected; Vice Chairman C. G. Fields of An-

'Comedy of Errors' Saturday



Love-making in the classic vein is demonstrated by Peter Pagan and Monie May, who supply the romantic interest in the famous Barter Theatre's production of Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors". The color-

ful and spirited comedy will be presented under the sponsorship of the Cape Fear Music Festival Association at Campbell College on Saturday, December 9th at 8:00 o'clock. Tickets available at door.

TAX PAYMENTS RUNNING CLOSE TO LAST YEAR'S

Collector Ray Gives \$408,983.09 Amount Collected to Date

In his report for November, submitted to the County Commissioners Monday, Tax Collector D. P. Ray showed that tax payments for 1950 are running close to the record of payments to the same date last year. Collections to November 30 of the \$651,058.92 levy for 1950 were only .10 per cent lower than at the same time last year.

Payments to November 30 were \$408,983.09, or 62.82 per cent of the total levy. Last year at the same date they were 62.92 per cent of the levy. Balance on the books is \$242,075.83 as of December 1.

Collector Ray took in \$54,146.86 during the month of November, including \$5,162.72 in delinquent payments.

Current tax payments were \$48,984.13. Other revenue was \$58,391.70. In items as follows: General county fund \$8,046.19; county school fund \$10,386.42; old age assistance \$13,854.50; aid to dependent children \$8,807.62; veteran farmers training program \$13,364.02; child feeding program \$3,822.70. Total receipts were \$112,538.55.

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15 MEN WERE INDUCTED INTO ARMY THURSDAY

Former Clerk of Court Chaffin's Son One of Group

The draft board and the army called 15 more Harnett County men into the service last Thursday, November 30 as a new call for pre-induction examinations came through to the local office. The pre-induction order which came last week called for 65 more men to be sent for examination on December 15.

Robert Chaffin, son of L. M. Chaffin who retired as Harnett's Clerk of Court Monday, was one of the 15 men inducted Thursday. Chaffin received notice from his local board some weeks ago that he had passed his pre-induction examinations.

The list of the 15 men inducted as released by the local draft board is given as follows:

Alton Luther Warren, Dunn R-4; Wm. Howard Altman, Dunn R-4; Robert Johnson Chaffin, Lillington; Marshall Gene Stewart, Coats; Moses Lee Talton, Angler; Romie Monroe Langdon, Jr., Lillington R-2; James Alexander Holder, Broadway R-1; John Wesley Elliott, Bunlevel R-1; Johnny Martin Cox, Olivia; Nathan Burnett, Angler R-2; Roland Carr Godfrey, Broadway R-1; Hugh Shelton Norris, Erwin; Carlton Erwin McLean, Coats R-1; Charlie Hugh Matthews, Dunn; Jack Harrington Avery, Erwin.

Harnett Duke Alumni Meet In Erwin

The Harnett County Duke Alumni Association held their annual meeting at the teachersage in Erwin last Thursday night.

The Association elected James Snipes of Dunn as president, Rev. W. M. Latta of Erwin, vice president, J. R. Cathey of Erwin, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Henry C. Tarlington, representative to the Alumni Council.

Clarence (Ace) Parker, Duke All-American grid star of 1936, delivered the main speech of the evening. He reviewed the past football season of the Duke Blue Devils and discussed the Duke expansion program.

Parker stated that the school would depend heavily on its alumni for the funds to be used in the expansion program. At the close of his talk, Coach Parker showed movies of the Maryland-Duke football game.

The meeting was presided over by the retiring president, Mrs. Gilbert Woodworth of Erwin.

Service Officer Gives November Report

L. B. McLean, Harnett County Service Officer, has submitted the following report of his activities for the month of November:

Letters in 71; letters out 89, long distance calls 38, field trips 26, interviews 292, education 1, on-the-job training 20, compensation & pension 6, loans, P.L. 346 & N.P. 277, hospitalization-10, burial benefits 1, legal or business advice 281, commitments 4, out-patient treatment 33, miscellaneous 297; total 1430.

New Executives Take Over, Organize, List Appointees

LILLINGTON IS GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Streets, Stores and Homes Decorated For Yuletide Season

Santa Clause is just around the corner, or rather, he is just above the chimney, and Lillington is making elaborate preparations to greet him in grand style. Some of the stores began fixing the "Christmas Look" in their windows a week ago, and this week still more are joining in the holiday spirit.

Tuesday morning this week Worth Byrd and his electricians got out the town's Christmas equipment and began putting up the decorations and lights on the streets that are a traditional part of the annual seasonal activities. Mr. Byrd said that he hoped that he will have the job of putting up the decorations and lights completed by Wednesday night.

The citizens of Lillington are hustling around getting ready for Christmas also. Many home are being decorated and next Tuesday the Junior and Senior Women's Clubs and all other women in town are invited to inspect five homes that will be specially decorated for the event.

Merchants are working overtime trying to satisfy all their customers at this, their busiest time of the year. As always the Lillington stores have gotten their stocks filled in advance so that they will have wide selections and the people are taking advantage of that. Merchants still look for that traditional last minute rush, however, and are urging as many people as can to shop now instead of waiting until the Christmas Eve pinch is upon them.

All of the citizens of the town are joining together in issuing a cordial invitation to visit Lillington during this Yuletide season.

You Won't Want To Miss This, Folks!

Mr. and Mrs. Hesikiah Stephen-fetcher announce the engagement of their daughter, Hepsiabah (Grady Johnson), to Mr. Isabod Trimble-dunk (Mack Norwood). The wedding will take place December 14, 1950, in Lillington High School.

The bride will announce her attendants in the next issue of The Harnett County News.

SQUARE DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

A square dance will be held at the Community Building Friday night, December 8, from 8 until 11, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club. Proceeds from this dance will be given to the Community Building Fund.

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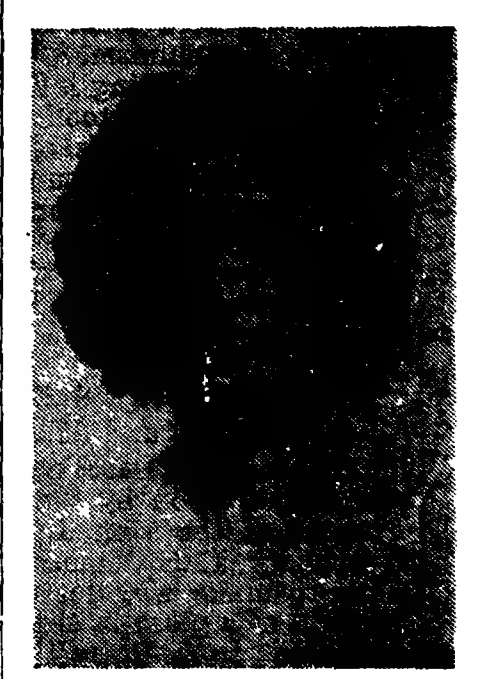
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Sees 'Em Come and Go



MRS. INEZ HARRINGTON

Harnett's Register of Deeds, who took office in 1936, has just seen the eighth Board of County Commissioners, to which she is clerk, take up the reins of office. Incidentally, in all of the sessions of the Commissioners since she has been clerk, Mrs. Harrington has not been absent one time.

January Jurors Have Been Drawn

The following are to serve as jurors for the Criminal Term of Harnett Superior Court which convenes January 8:

Aversboro: Arthur B. Norris, Gordon Baker, Wallace McLamb, Eugene Lucas.

Barbecue: A. J. Coleman.

Black River: K. L. Gardner, M. C. Hockaday.

Buckhorn: Charles M. Carroll, Sherwood Truelove, Alton A. Olive, M. L. Lee, O. O. Tutor, J. B. Dewar.

Duke: Walter M. Vann.

Grove: Herman F. Ennis, Earl Avery, Tom H. Wilmoth, Otis Clifton Harmon, Eugene Ferrell.

Lillington: J. J. Stone, Garland F. Stone, J. L. Hamilton.

Neill's Creek: Oscar Tysinger, Bernice Pollard.

Upper Little River: J. D. Brown, Jr., T. R. Spence, Fred McDonald, B. F. McLean, Thelma E. Suggs, Alex Womack.

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3 NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS ON COUNTY BOARD

All Day Session Marks Initiation Of New Members

The new Harnett County Board of Commissioners officially met for business for the first time after their swearing-in to office Monday at 1:30 on Monday afternoon. And they stayed there until 5:30 that afternoon for one of the longest afternoon sessions the board has seen in some months.

The new members of the Board were not entirely lost, however, as two of their number were members of the former Board, and two others, Mr. Robert Pate and Mr. B. P. Ingram, have been commissioners in the past. The old board, which did not retire until 12 o'clock noon on Monday, carried on business as usual during the morning and then went into the courtroom at noon for the swearing-in exercises.

TART REMAINS CHAIRMAN
In an executive session called immediately when the new board went into its first meeting resulted in the electing of board officers and committeemen and the appointment of county appointees. Mr. Lofton A. Tart, chairman of the retiring board, was selected again by the new board to serve as chairman. Charles G. Fields, the other member of the retiring board, was chosen as vice-chairman, a position he also held with the other board.

APPOINTMENTS
W. A. Johnson was appointed as County Attorney the same position he held with the former board. Robert (Bob) Pate is the new purchasing agent for the County Board. The County Home Committee is composed of Mr. Tart and new commissioner B. P. Ingram. The still committee has Mr. Fields and new commissioner Worth L. Byrd as its members. The courthouse committee has as its three members commissioners Ingram, Byrd and Pate.

Appointments to county offices came next on the agenda in the executive session. All appointments were at the same salary that the positions carried heretofore. J. R. Mason was reappointed as superintendent of the County Home for one year; Berles Johnson was reappointed; Herbert D. Carson, Jr. was reappointed as Auditor for one year; and M. O. Lee was reappointed as Vice-Recorder to serve at the pleasure of the board.

BOOKS TURNED OVER
After the executive session was brought to a close the new board began on its regular business. The first activity was to hear a report of Thurman Ennis, CPA from Dunn, in which he gave an account of the findings of an audit of the books in the Clerk of Court's office. Ennis said that he found that the books balanced and that all accounts were in order. On the basis of that audit new Clerk of Court Robert Morgan accepted the records of the clerk's office turned over to him by outgoing clerk Chaffin.

Clerk Morgan then proceeded to swear into office the three appointees of the board, Berles Johnson, John R. Mason and Herbert Carson, Jr. Morgan then told the board members that when he becomes accustomed to the duties of his office he will begin a campaign to settle up all the accounts in the office in accordance with the last report of the Grand Jury. Morgan said that he would receive advice in this activity from the Clerk of Court of Wake County.

NEW CONSTABLE
Angus Cameron appeared before the board on the behalf of William Burton Castleberry in a request that Castleberry be appointed as constable in Barbecue Township. The office was left open when no one was elected to it in the last election. The Board appointed Castleberry to the post for a two year term.

The board then drew a 30 name jury list for the one week term of criminal court which will begin January 8, 1951.

The board discussed at some length the power granted to it to give disabled World War II veterans (See EXECUTIVES, page 2)

increase of 715 as compared with October of last year. Deaths from this type of accident reached an all-time high of 63 during October 1950. Six persons were killed when their motor vehicles struck fixed objects. During the same period last year no fatalities resulted from this type of accident. Fatalities resulting from motor vehicles running off roadway increased 26 per cent over the same period of 1949.

More than half of the drivers involved in accidents were guilty of at least one violation. Of the 4,547 drivers involved in accidents, 164 were driving intoxicated at the time of the accidents. Driving on the wrong side of the road accounted for 513 accidents while 397 drivers were guilty of speed violations.

During October, 23 pedestrians were killed and 103 injured in 118 accidents involving pedestrians. This (See AUTO DEATHS, page 2)

Auto Deaths During October Highest in One Month Since '41

Motor vehicle traffic accidents brought death to 119 persons during October, the highest figure for any month since 1941, the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

One hundred and fifty-two persons were killed in October of 1941. October, 1950, also marked the first time the fatality figure has passed the 100 mark since 1946 when January of that year saw 101 killed, and December, 1950.

October of this year listed 1,174 persons injured in 2,860 reported accidents. This marks an increase of 20 per cent in injured and 16 per cent in reported accidents over October 1949.

Collisions between motor vehicles and with fixed objects, and motor vehicles running off roadway accounted for most of the increase of injuries and reported accidents. Collisions of motor vehicles showed an