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

## In and Out of Lillington

### BAD TIME TO DIET

Folks under doctor's orders to cut down on the "eats" are experiencing a bad season right now—a mighty bad season.

Almost any day or night there's a barbecue, fish fry or chicken supper on tap—sometimes there's more than one at a time.

### MOWING 'EM DOWN

The Fort Bragg soldier who made a charge into town the other night with his cor going as if it were on a charge against Red Chinamen, won for himself the title of mower-downer.

People who saw the wild driver told The News he had his head hanging out the window, and the car going ahead at full speed as he struck one parked car, then another, until he had put five of them out of commission.

He was charged with reckless driving—his driving was reckless, to be sure.

### LONG-NEEDED SPRING RAIN

First spring rain of the season to come Lillington's way fell last Thursday.

Starting at a slow drizzle, the season's turner-upper put such pep into growing things that you could almost see them popping.

All winter the rain has been rather on the shortage side, and the first spring rainfall was welcomed heartily by gardeners and flower-lovers.

### PLANTBEDS LOOK GOOD

Harnett farmers are not expecting to be forced to travel long distances to buy tobacco plants this year.

As of now, the plantbeds are fairly thick with healthy looking plants, and groups can be seen clearing out the weeds.

Only thing dreaded now is the appearance of blue mold. Farmers are hoping there will be none of the damp, warm weather that brings the disease into more deadly form.

### TALL FISH STORIES

This is the season for fish yarns, and many can be heard.

One fellow has already brought up a whopper—yarn, we mean.

He says that he had some very, very small minnows he was using for bait. "And, do you know," he avers just as solemnly as if he were telling the truth, "a whole school of fish thought those little minnows were children of their families and came darting up to rescue them, with the result that we caught the whole doggone school of them."

### THEY'RE CURE-ALLS, HE SAYS

Speaking of cure-alls, one generally thinks of patent medicine of some kind or other.

But that wasn't what Mr. Dayton Smith of Kipling meant when he was in The News office last Thursday and placed an ad for his Henry Vain Oil-Burning Curers.

"They're cure-alls," he said, "if you mean tobacco. They're the best in the world."

### CAN'T MISS SUPER

The other afternoon we asked Andrew Jackson in the post office what he had done two nights before. "I went home," Andy said, "and lay down," he continued. "And died," Rupert Bradley finished it up for him.

That's right, I died until the next morning," Andy summed it up. "Of course I got up long enough to eat supper," he hastened to add, "but then I went right back and died again."

### FALSE ALARM OPTIMISM

Last week some of the school children in town were really on the gay side. The word had gotten around that school would close on May 1 so that the army could take over the building in their maneuvers they are planning to hold this summer.

Superintendent of Schools C. Reid Ross says he hates to be a kill-joy, but there's nothing to it kids, nothing to it.

### CREEPY

It seems like this flu that has hit Lillington and surrounding territory is a creepy sickness. It doesn't stay long in one place but just keeps on (See IN AND OUT, page 2)

## Runaway Couple Celebrated 55th Wedding Anniversary

Love for each other and supreme faith in their partnership prompted Z. H. Clayton and Mollie Cozart of Person county to run away 55 years ago and get married.

The wedding ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace in "the middle of the big road" at a spot in Durham county.

They moved to Harnett county several years ago and have lived since that time near Boone Trail School in Upper Little River township.

On Sunday, March 11, they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Mr. Clayton is 77 and Mrs. Clayton is 75.

Proof that the Claytons are still happy in their union was manifested at the celebration when they had their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with them to participate in the enjoyment of the occasion.

They have three children: Mrs. Henry Clayton of Broadway, Mrs. J. H. Garrett of Lillington and Mr. Slim Clayton of Rougemont; also five grand-children, D. C. Clayton of Rougemont, Carl Clayton of Broadway, Bernard Clayton of Broadway, Mrs. Clifton Dean of Lillington and



Mrs. Ben Taylor of Lillington, and Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Clayton

and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton were recipients of some nice gifts. A feast was spread and many friends were in attendance, not only from Harnett but from their home county county of Person.

Everyone wished for the happy couple many more enjoyable anniversaries.

## COMMISSIONERS HUM THROUGH FOR SHORT DAY

### Complete Business Transactions And Adjourn at Noon

Harnett County's executives made it a short day Monday. Going into session at 10 o'clock, they moved from one matter to another without undue interruption till the last item was gone over and adjourned at noon.

"I don't see why we can't do it every time," remarked one member of the board after adjournment.

Most of the matters considered, besides approving a pile of bills, were road petitions which were endorsed and forwarded to the Highway Commission.

Following is the summary of the meeting's business:

The Board met with C. G. Fields, Vice Chairman, B. P. Ingram, Worth Lee Byrd and R. L. Pate present. Chairman L. A. Tart being absent on account of illness. Present also were County Attorney W. A. Johnson and Clerk to the Board, Mrs. Inez Harrington.

The reports of Clerk of Court Robert Morgan, Register of Deeds Inez Harrington, Tax Collector D. P. Ray, Jr., and Veteran Service Officer L. E. McLean were approved and ordered filed.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ingram, seconded by Commissioner Byrd, the county was authorized to sell its interest in 2 lots in Dunn, the same being the property acquired under Tax Foreclosure Judgment No. A-903 to Cater Ham for \$155.24 and Vice Chairman was authorized to execute deed, attested by Clerk conveying the county's interest in said lots to Cater Ham upon receipt of \$155.24.

Commissioner Byrd moved, seconded by Commissioner Ingram, that Geo. Thomas, colored, of Black River Township, be allowed an increase of \$25 per month up to July 1st on account of physical disability. The motion carried.

Commissioner Byrd moved, seconded by Commissioner Ingram, that George Baker, fugitive R-1, be relieved of poll tax permanently on account of disability suffered during World War II. He being a World War veteran.

The following road petitions were approved and ordered forwarded to State Highway & Public Works Commission:

(1) Road leading south from A. L. Scawell home to the intersection of Highway running west from Olivia. (Petition given to Mr. W. B. Olive).

(2) 7-10 mile in Barbecue Township by Morris Chapel Church to Lee County line. (Petition given to Mr. A. A. Cameron).

(3) That certain road in Grove Township which runs from Green Ford Creek to Angler-Benson road crossing to H. P. Young's residence known as Green Ford Church road, a distance of 9-10 mile. (Petition mailed to Geo. S. Coble).

(4) That road leading through Wonder Town east of Erwin and crossing the old Taylor place to Casper Tart's line, a distance of about 300 yards. One end of the road is now being worked and maintained by the State, and a new road through the old Taylor place from Highway 421 and intersecting with the above

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## Mayoralty Race Eliminated But Ten Named Council Candidates

### Land Sale Nears With Almost \$100,000 Still On Tax Books

Harnett's Tax Collector D. P. Ray showed in his report to the Commissioners for the month of March that \$96,837.54 still remained on the tax books as of March 31. This represents 14.80 per cent of the \$653,020.88 original levy for 1950.

Collector Ray took in \$77,867.40 in March, made up of the following receipts:

Current taxes \$15,861.58, delinquent taxes \$1,596.38, real estate sales \$155.24. Other revenue: general county fund \$6,858.75, old age assistance \$13,890.25, aid to dependent children \$9,112.50, county school fund \$13,938.39, veteran farmers training \$11,362.24.

Collections of the 1950 levy up through March 31 was \$56,383.31, or 85.20. The collections reported to the same date last year were a little higher, 86.40 per cent.

Next week the delinquent list will appear in the newspapers and the sale is scheduled to come off on the first Monday in May.

### CITIZENS CONFER ON PROPOSAL FOR WAREHOUSE HERE

#### Interested Parties Anxious to Locate Tobacco Warehouses

At a meeting of citizens in courthouse auditorium Monday night, upon adjournment of the nominating mass meeting, there was discussion of a proposal submitted by interested tobacco warehousemen to establish a tobacco sales market at Lillington.

W. A. Johnson, representing the local Chamber of Commerce, stated the proposal, which called for co-operation on the part of local citizens. It was stated that suitable building space can be obtained at a reasonable figure for two large warehouses.

It was proposed that local participation in the project be given more as a goodwill gesture than as a money-making enterprise. Under the plan, two or three methods of procedure were suggested: Partnership, ownership and lease, or grant of sites.

The entire matter will be discussed next Monday night at 8 o'clock in the courthouse auditorium with Mr. King Roberts and associates of Fuquay Springs present. Mr. Roberts has expressed desire to locate tobacco warehouses here. He is at present engaged in warehousing at several other points.

It was explained at the meeting that if warehouses are located here, this would be the last point north and west of the Border Belt that could enter that Belt.

If the warehouses are established here, it was assured that both buyers and graders would be here.

It is the general feeling that tobacco farmers, especially those in Harnett county, will welcome a centrally located selling point at Lillington if they can get sales along with other markets in the Border Belt.

It is urgently requested that all business people of Lillington and surrounding territory, and especially farmers, attend the meeting here next Monday night.

### MAYOR LOVING UNOPPOSED FOR ANOTHER TERM

#### Old Board and Five New Candidates Are Nominated

At the regular biennial mass meeting, held Monday night in courthouse auditorium to nominate candidates for mayor and councilmen for the town of Lillington for the next two-year term, Mayor Charlie Loving was renominated unopposed.

When the Mayor arose to ask release he was shouted down. Citizens attending the meeting would hear of no step-out, neither did any one of the couple dozen present express any desire that an opponent be named.

For the five councilmen posts, the incumbents were nominated in a group, and five new names were added to the list to go on the ticket for the May 7 election.

Mayor Loving opened the meeting at 8:20, stated its purpose, and called Henderson Steele to act as chairman. Mr. Steele called Attorney W. A. Johnson to act as secretary.

When nominations for Mayor were called for, Dewey Johnson nominated Charlie Loving and the nomination was seconded by Sidney Howell. A motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by J. O. Sutton, closed the nominations and Mr. Loving was declared the unanimous choice to succeed himself.

J. O. Sutton nominated the incumbent five members of the council board, and Dewey Johnson gave it a second.

Other nominations for councilmen were:

M. B. Stewart nominated Venable Baggett; second by Sidney Howell.

Sidney Howell named W. H. (Billy) Byrd; second by Talbot Stewart. Mr. Byrd asked Mr. Howell to withdraw his name, but he was refused.

Mr. Byrd named K. C. Mace; second by M. B. Stewart.

Mr. Mace named Sidney Howell; second by W. H. Byrd.

Sidney Howell named Dewey Johnson.

On motion the nominations were closed.

The above five nominees will go on the ticket with the incumbents, H. H. Hamilton, Joel Layton, Paul Phelps, Grady Johnson and Casey Fowler.

It was announced by the chairman that upon adjournment all those present were asked to remain for discussion of a business proposal by the Chamber of Commerce.

### Boy Scouts To Collect Scrap Paper

The Boy Scouts of Harnett County will conduct an all-out scrap paper drive throughout the county on Sunday afternoon, April 22.

All kinds of paper, especially old magazines and newspapers, are wanted.

Lillington Scouts will collect in and around Lillington.

All citizens are urged to save their paper and place it on their front porch or curb so that it can be picked up by the Scouts.

Paper will be loaded in a box car at Erwin and the money from the sales will be used for the benefit of Scouting in Harnett County.

### SCHOOL BOARD'S NEWEST MEMBER NOW CONFIRMED

#### A. C. Barefoot of Angier Takes Place of W. M. Pearson

Harnett county's Board of Education now has one new member. He is A. C. Barefoot of Angier, who by virtue of his election last November and confirmation by the 1951 General Assembly becomes a member of the board to take the place of W. M. Pearson of Chatham Springs, who retires after rendering valuable service to the county's school system.

Another member of the board, Charles C. Skinner of Dunn, was also elected last November, his term having expired. He was also confirmed by the present General Assembly.

As now constituted, with its new member and reelection of Mr. Skinner, the board will assume office for the new term on May 1st.

Other members of the board are: Sidney G. Thomas of Broadway R-1, chairman, W. E. Nichols of Coats and J. Robert Baggett of Lillington. Mr. Skinner represents the First district composed of Averasboro township; Mr. Nichols represents the Second district composed of Duke and Grove townships; Mr. Barefoot represents the Third district composed of Nellie's Creek, Hector's Creek, Black River and Buckhorn townships. Mr. Baggett represents the Fourth district composed of Lillington, Stewart's Creek and Anderson Creek. Mr. Thomas represents the Fifth district composed of Upper Little River, Barbecue and Johnsonville townships.

### Monthly Report Of Service Officer

Letters in, 104; letters out, 102; long distance calls, 65; field trips, 45; interviews, 394; on the job training, 12; compensation and pension, 15; loans, P.L. 346 & N.P., 354; hospitalization, 3; legal or business advice, 335; out patient treatment, 2; miscellaneous, 393; total 1873.

### New School Head Comes With Qualification, Experience

When the Harnett County Board of Education selected Glenn T. Proffitt to succeed Reid Ross as superintendent of the county schools, there was both qualification and experience to back up the board's choice.

Proffitt, although known in Harnett as a man capable of heading the county's advanced school system, has even greater qualification and wider experience than most people here know about.

Here is a brief summary of Mr. Proffitt's training, experience and extra activities:

Training: All formal school work done in North Carolina—high school, undergraduate and graduate work. Holds an AB degree from the University of North Carolina with a major in mathematics and an MA (1933) with a major in administration and supervision. Special work done at various times in summer school and other classes at the same institution.

Experience: One year Wilkes county, 7th and 8th grades; one year Robeson county (Indian school), mathematics and science; three years Wilkes county (North Wilkesboro), teacher of mathematics and assistant coach; four years Sampson county (Clinton high school), principal and coach; twelve years Harnett county (7 LaFayette, 3 Dunn, 2 acting superintendent); five years Orange county (one year assistant superintendent, four years superintendent).

Extra Activities: Active in the Baptist Church as Sunday school teacher and deacon, Dunn and Dule's Creek, Masonic Order, Past Master, Mount Pleasant, No. 573, and University No. 408, Scottish Rite, and Shrine. Member Rotary Club, Dunn and Lillington, Lions Club, Hillsboro. Actively connected with various organizations as Red Cross, Boy Scouts, League for Crippled Children, March of Dimes, etc.

He is married to Edna Queener of Knoxville, Tenn., and they have one child, Bobby, age 4.

### DARDEN MAKING VACCINATING ROUNDS IN APRIL

#### Warns All Owners of Dogs of Penalty For Violation

Dr. T. E. Darden of Dunn, Harnett County Rabies Inspector, is this week making his annual rounds for treating dogs against rabies. He is warning all dog owners of the penalty for violation of the law which requires that all dogs be vaccinated against the disease.

The cost of the treatment is only a dollar per dog.

Dr. Darden started out Monday at Godfrey's Service Station and will wind up at Mammors on April 7.

Tag and certificate are furnished free with each vaccination.

Warning is given that the law is to be rigidly enforced this year and that a penalty of 50 cents will be added May 1st.

Dr. Belmont Kittrell of Dunn, assistant inspector, also is making his rounds and will visit other points in Harnett county not covered by Dr. Darden.

### ASSOCIATIONAL WMU WILL MEET FRIDAY AT ERWIN

#### Guest Speakers Will Be Miss Marie Ephley and Miss Irene Chambers

On Friday, April 13, the women of the Little River Association will meet at the First Baptist Church in Erwin in annual session.

The opening session will be held at 4 p. m. and the night session will close at 9 o'clock.

Supper will be served by the women of the two Baptist churches in Erwin.

Guest speakers will be Miss Marie Ephley, state field worker, and Miss Irene Chambers of the Home Mission Board.

It is hoped that delegates representing the 28 churches of the association will be present.

### TALENT SHOW AT SANFORD; AUDITIONS NOW

#### Cash Prizes Will Be Awarded All Winners In Show May 4-5

Sanford, April 4.—A talent show featuring amateurs throughout Central North Carolina will be held here on May 4-5, sponsored by the Sanford Junior Chamber of Commerce, T. B. Buchanan, chairman of the Jaycees' publicity committee, announced today.

Auditions for the show will be held each Thursday night during the month of April at the studios of WNSN and WWGP, Sanford radio stations.

The Sanford Jaycees urge all persons interested in performing in the talent show to arrange for an audition as soon as possible at either radio station, for any Thursday night during the month of April.

Musical instrumentalists, singers, dancers, comedians, hillbilly bands, quartets, trios and all other entertainers are welcome to enter the talent contest and compete for top honors. Chairman Buchanan said...

Cash prizes will be awarded all winners in the show May 4-5.

## Jurors Drawn Monday for Two May Terms of Superior Court

Jurors were drawn by the Board of Commissioners Monday to serve for the two May terms of Superior Court. The first term begins May 7, the second term May 21.

### FIRST TERM

Grove: Sherrill V. Creech, Everett Barne, W. H. Lee, Myatt A. Coats, Chester Lee Matthews.

Lillington: P. W. Matthews, Edwin R. Davis.

Duke: L. C. Barbour, L. C. McLaurin, Hubert E. Miah, Zola E. West, Jeff Suggs, R. F. Avery, William McK. Pate.

Upper Little River: T. L. O'Quinn, Ernest W. Holder.

Black River: Rexwell Adams. Barbecue: D. C. Lamb, R. H. Olive.

Anderson Creek: J. O. Powell, E. L. Hill.

Averasboro: Jesse J. Griffin, D. A. Blackmon, R. B. Sykes, M. B. Barefoot, H. O. Gregory, J. Walton Lee, John R. Lewis, Edward Ennis.

Johnsonville: Ralph H. Cox Jr., Robert H. Graham.

Buckhorn: J. S. Collins, Aldo Wilson, L. M. Ashworth.

### SECOND TERM

Black River: Marshall L. Price, Stedman Ray, R. L. Fowler, Clyde Tart, Milton G. Coats, O'Neill Campbell.

Averasboro: Luby Naylor, J. P. Ashley, Guy T. Hardee, W. R. Lewis, James Alton Stewart, Wilbert Lee.

Stewart's Creek: Charley Honeycutt, Hubert D. Byrd Sr.

Grove: William A. Pleasant, Fred Turlington, Thomas W. Parrish, Henry G. Powell, Garland Whittington, J. C. Whittington, Floyd Godwin.

Buckhorn: A. C. Holly, Cecil Mann.

Barbecue: W. G. Cox, D. B. Holder, Malcolm McFarland.

Lillington: James H. Tart, Roger M. Mann, Lonnie Stone.

Neill's Creek: Hayward Barnes, J. C. Harman, Louis G. Upchurch, C. Y. Connell, Ashley E. Stewart, Kyle Gregory, P. L. Parrish.

Upper Little River: E. L. Byrd, H. E. Buchanan Jr., Bruce Badgett, James A. Withers.

Hector's Creek: J. F. Andrews. Anderson Creek: Hugh W. Blacklock, Delman Lee. Johnsonville: Aubrey Cameron.

## Erwin Mill Workers Are On Strike

More than two thousand workers in the two cotton mills at Erwin went out on strike Monday, in cooperation with other Erwin mills and plants at other points throughout the state, after negotiations between the workers' representatives of the Textile Workers Union and mill management failed.

Besides increase in pay, the workers are demanding other considerations, all of which have been published in The News.

The strike make idle around 2,400 people at Erwin.

At present there is no indication that the strike will be settled any time soon.

### Three Harnett Girls Honored at Meredith

Miss Ann O'Quinn of Lillington, Miss Linda Stewart of Buil's Creek, and Miss Jean Dula of Kipling were chosen from a group of physical education students at Meredith College to assist in sports and recreation demonstrations for the ninth annual alumnae seminar March 30-31.

Miss O'Quinn was also chosen as one of the four members of the student Grand-daughters Club to serve refreshments at the coffee hour given by the Wake alumnae chapter in honor of visiting teams.