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

in and Out of Lillington

SERIOUS THREAT

Heard a little girl and a little boy talking outside the office door one and Harnett County is joining in afternoon last week. Evidently the the nation wide effort for support little boy was going somewhere for this life-saving cause. The entire down the street and she didn't want month of April has been designated him to.

"Do you know what'll happen if you go?" she asked him.

And without walting for an answer she told him in a hushed voice "The bad man'll gct you."

FREE AD

In Ray Johnson's barber shop yesterday we saw a sign; "For sale, lishing worms, red-wigglers, Esso Station, Buie's Creek."

This good newspaper is always willing to help out a fellow who is trying to holp out a fisherman.

WIRE-GRASS

Whoever put across wire-grass production in this country is deserving of nothing better than being shot at sunrise, midday or sunset. It's a curse and a scourge.

Says Napoleon McDougald, our gardener helper-outer: "If you bu r that stuff, be careful where you throw the ashes, 'cause they'll shore come up."

REMINDER OF OLD DAYS

The passing of Nat Townsend brings back memories of days when Harnett County was beginning its expansion program. Folks here didn't realize the old county was embarking on an expansion program. in fact there was no set program. It simply wasn't planned. Things began moving forward in a way that bespoke the advancement we see today.

The reason Townsend's death brings back the memory so keenly is that he with his law partner, the late Judge Clifford, were part and parcel of the forward movement. They were among the leaders who saw great things for Harnett County,

The modern schools and roads, the phenominal development of farms and homes - all of it was started back there in the days when this county was, as the saying goes. bursting at the seams. There are they can't burst, Harnett is rated as one of the most progressive in the

Harnett owes much to its leaders of three decades ago.

WANTS TO READ THE NEWS

One of the newest as well as one of the youngest of The News' subscribers is Master Nelll Flemmon Lawrence Cameron. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Flemmon McDonald of Lillington R-2, who came into the office recently REPORT IN ON with his Aunt Claudia.

said he would be looking for the BUS ACCIDENT The News' mailing list, Master Neili very next issue.

"And when can I expect it to reach me?" he wanted to know. Master Neill is one of the brightest chaps ever to visit The News office.

HARD TO PLEASE

It looks as if people are getting harded to please every day in this modern age. Right now we have in mind the goings on in Superior Court.

During criminal court the spectators usually pack into the courtroom and stand in the aisles but in civil cour: there is usually all the seating space empty you could ask for. The first of last week we noticed a case going on in civil court with two opposing lawyers that would have drawn a packed house during criminal court. In the trial they were on, however, there probably weren't enough spectators present to fill two rows.

"BOX CARS" ON HIGHWAYS While the legislature has been in session we have heard more about the hage trucks on the highways than ever before. Just the other day ns we were among a group at the 'Square" talking about the things. up rolled one of them that looked

passing it on the highways. Taking up all the half of the road it is supposed to take, and the operator usually running just as near, Mr. Tart Out sometimes over, the middle line as possible, these monsters are enough

as if a mere passenger car would

have not a Chinaman's chance of

to give a motorist the creeps. they can't creep.

CANCER DRIVE IN FULL SWING **NOW IN HARNETT**

Drive Chairmen Are Shooting at Goal of \$1800 For Harnett

The American Cancer Society has begun its annual drive for funds, for the drive and already half of the time has clapsed.

Mrs. Meredith Senter and Mrs. H. F. de Court are co-chairmen of the drive in Harnett and theirs is the important jobs of pushing their organization toward reaching the goal of \$1800 that has been set for the county. Drive chairmen for the different communities have been named and the campaign is now underway in carnost.

cer Society are Mrs. Grady Johnson, LAFAYETTE HOME county commander; Mrs. W. A Johnson, drive treasurer; Dr. A. W. MAKERS STAGE Pecde, medical adviser; and Mr. C. Reid Ross, educational chairman.

State chairman for the 1951 drive, Major Gen. Ira Wyche, U. S. Army, retired of Pinehurst, touched off the campaign shortly after his appointment to the position last month oy Issuing a statement urging generous donating to the cause on the purt of citizens.

In his statement calling for a successful drive, the General stated that "The great educational campaign being carried on by the American Cancer Society cannot be done without quet in the school library on April adequate funds. The source of these of funds is the good will of our citi-

He continued by urging that people not leave the success of the drive barbecue meal the parents were in- Johnson. Mayor Charlie Loving is graduate of Duke University and April 23 and 24. The show starts at beast" almost everybody who climbup to the local chairmen and work- vited to the auditorium for the re- the only candidate for mayor, ers. Instead, he asked that during mainder of the program. April "Every citizon take the initiaorganization or not, and be sure to Woman in the Shoe." The old woman make his contribution."

that every citizen will consider the ette Bradley Ragsdale. The winners opportunity of giving to this drive a privilege which allows him to contribute not only to the savings of dee, Peggy Johnson, Lola Tucker. thousands of lives, but also to our national strength."

Here in Harnett County the local drive chairmen are: Coats, Mrs. Sanford, Mildred Holt. Hayward Roberts: Dunn, Rev. A. Austin Amerine; Erwin, Mrs. L. W. newer and stronger seams now, and Griffin; Buie's Creek, Mrs. Elijch Dean: Angler, Mrs. A. L. Overby; Kipling, Mr. and Mrs. Gienn Johnson; Chalybeate Springs, Mrs. land, Lois Smith, Shirley Baker. Frank Motley; Shawtown, Prof. J. S. Spivey; Bunnlevel, Mrs. David Bialock and Mrs. William B. Byrd; Brown, Frances Smith. Mamers, Mr. R. G. Banks; Anderson-Creek, Mrs. Janie Marsh; Lillington, (y Ross Medlin, Frances Hayes, Mrs. Leon Kelly; and Olivia, Mrs.

After having his name placed on FIRST SCHOOL

volving a Harnett County school bus Guy Daves, Mr. Henry Rawls, Mrs. IN WASHINGTON occured on Thursday, March 29, Sue Betty Gardner, Miss Sully Moore, when a cur struck a Shawtown bus and Mr. Parker. on 15A about two and a half miles south of Lillington.

No one was injured in the crush which did only small damage to the Recruiting Officer bus and not much more to the car that hit it.

A report on the accident has been made by school authorities and has

The wreck occured when a Shawa student, was hit in the rear by a duty the 1st of May Sgt. Pickett will appointed a special Superior Court Session Sunday a. m. 1940 Ford driven by Mrs. Carpy return to his regular rounds which judge and served 1927-80, and serve to the report the bus was slowing The News. for a stop to discharge students and Mrs. Pholps apparently did not Pickett has left word that anyone notice the stop flag out. Damage to who wishes to enlist in the Army, the bus was mostly confined to the Air Borne or Air Force can go to rear emergency door.

transportation and supply for the for this area. county schools, commented on the matter that so far this year the schools have been very fortunate in "Spirit of Liberty" its school bus accident record.

When minor accidents like this At Buie's Creek one do happen however, he observed, generally the car is damaged much more than the bus and the students in the school auditorium, the stuare usually unhurt. Both the car and dents of Buie's Cree!: school will S. entered World War II. the bus in this accident were travel- give a pageant on " ald Peace." ing a comparatively slow speeds.

Lofton Tart of Dunn, chairman of will participate. the Board of County Commissioners, The pagesnt gives the history of Belle Ramseur of Mullins, S. C. of Equalisation and Review.

Located Here



Mr. Roberts is now stationed in illington as representative of the will move his family here as soon as he is able to find living quarters.

FASHION SHOW

Parents Invited To Barbecue Feast And Entertainment

The LaFayette Chapter of the Future Home Makers of America entertained their parents at a ban-

The highlight of the progrem was tive whether contacted by the local the fushion show entitled "The Old vas Lena Faye Smith, the neighbor, In conclusion, he added "I hope Rozelle Tutor, and the planist Jeanof the fashion show were:

Cotton School: Mary Joyce Har-School: Lois Smith. Patsy Stephens, Barbara Stephens.

Sun Dresses: Polly Lewter, Faith Suits: Annie Laurie Johnson, Bet-

ty Smith, Anne Lawrence. Sunday Cotton: Grace Newton, Betty Jo Bailey, Lida Belle Tucker. Sunday Silk Dresses: Shirley Hoi-

Play Clothes: Billie Dean, Joyce

Evening: Evelyn Sherman.

Palamas: La Verne Wilborn, Bet-The judges of the fashion show were Mrs. Ruby Parker, Miss Lorraine Vail, and Miss Margaret Rus-

The remainder of the program consisted of special songs, by Polly Prince, Shirley Holland, and Lois NAT TOWNSEND Smith, a recitation, "She Says She

Studies," by Polly Lewter. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs.

Annie Laurie Johnson is the

Chapter Reporter.

On Furlough Now

been turned in to the Highway Pa- Air Forces recruiting officer for Har- age. nett County, left the county on last Friday to begin a furlough that will nett County in the legislature for Legislature Ends town bus driven by Fletcher Price, last until May 1. On his reurn to two terms, 1921-23, and was later Pholps of Lillington R-2. According have previously been published in ed as executive counsel for the late

During his period of absence, Sgt. 207 Franklin St. in Fayetteville, day. Mr. C. H. Hood superintendent of which is the recruiting main station

> On Friday, April 20, at 7:30 p. m., The pageant is an outgrowth of Myrtle Wade Townsend of Washing- Does Little Damage classwork done in the school.

The script was written by mom-

folk dances highlight the program. Wade.

LAYTON TAKES NAME OUT OF **COUNCIL RACE**

Joel Layton, Jr., Has Withdrawn From May Election

Joel Layton, Jr., local businessman and member of the Lillington town board for the past eight years, his withdrawn his name from those that will be voted on in the council election on May 7' He announced his decision not to cun for alderman again on Monday morning of this

His only reason for the unexpected move was that he had been on STATE LEGION Carolina Power & Light Co. to look the town board for eight years now. after any trouble that may occur in the company's service system. He od. "I've served on four boards and HEAD TO BE AT lunder two mayors, Sutton and Loving", he continued, "and I think MEET IN DUNN that's long enough."

While he was about it, Layton made the observation that the present board was as smooth a one as he had ever scen. "We all worked together", he said, "and when we wanted something done we got it done without any fuss,"

During his eight years on the to take his place.

ing convention.



DIED LAST WEEK

Practiced Law For Long Time In Harnett County

Judge Newman A. (Nat) Town-

Judge Townsend represented Har

Governor O. Max Gardner 1930-31. Funeral services were held in Washington Thursday at 3 p.m., with

Before beginning the practice of law in Washington he served for hine years in the Department of Justice as chief legal consultant to the Assistant Solicitor General. On several occasions he acted as solicitor general. He framed many presidential executive orders, notably those dealing with air bases and supplying destroyers before the U.

ton: two sons, Newman A. Townsend, Jr., of Atlanta and Second Lt. restille, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Campbell, Negro, on Ross Road.

Legion Commander



Dunn Post To Have Supper and Ladies Night; Many Guests

Hugh Q. Alexander, commander of board Layton said he had put time the department of North Carolina of and energy into it and he had en-the American Legion, will be one of loyed doing it, but that now he the distinguished guests at a supper thought it was time for someone else meeting of the Lunn Post No. 59 on Thursday night, April 19. At the Venable Baggett announced his same meeting the new officers of withdrawal soon after the nominat- the Dunn post will be installed for the coming year.

With Layton and Baggett out of Alexander, a 38 year old attorney the race for town council there are from Kannapolis, is a veteran of for farmers in Harnett, Johnston. eight condidates for the five offices. World War II with 44 months in the Cumberland and Sampson counties. The eight now running are H. H. Navy. He has served two terms in This is the fourth year that the four-Hamilton, Paul Phelps, Grady John- the state General Assembly and has The welcome was given by Gene-son, Casey Fowler (all four incum- held Legion posts from Commander vieve Johnson, Mr. Guy Daves gave bants), W. H. (Billy) Byrd, K. G. of the Kannapolis post to the Na- and show, including hogs, will be out the invariable transformation the invocation. After a delicious Mace, Sidney Howell, and Dewoy tional Legislative Committee. A held next Monday and Tuesday, from civilized human to "snarling the University of North Carolina 9 u, m. Thesday and the sale at 1 ed to the steering wheel of an au-Law School, he has maintained a p, m, the same day. Site of the show tomobile, "It's going to kill us all if law office in Kannapolis since 1937, and sale will be the New Big-Four we don't stop it," he declared, "but except for the time he served in the Warehouse in Dunn.

meeting in Dunn will be a big boost four counties. County Agent C. R. in his 45-minute speech. Whether to the ceremonies to be held, which Ammons says that the outlook for he was tipped in advance that it was include ladles' night with legion-, the event next week is very good, to be a fun session did not appear, naires and veterans and their wives and he is working to make it oven but the speaker proved himself an from all over the county invited. A better than the one last year which excellent chimer-inner. dutch supper will be the opening was termed very successful. event at the Legion Hut in Dunn, which is located on West Broad St.

Another dignitary to the present SANFORD NFLA is T. L. Smith of Siler City, who is evening will be a speech delivered by Claude Pope of Dunn, county and MORNING, APR. 20 district winner of the recent Legion sponsored oratorical contest. Pope, who reached the 3rd division finals. will give his winning speech.

Mr. Paul G. White of Dunn, rebe installed are O. W. Godwin, Jr., first vice-commander; A. L. Poarch, ty clerk. second vice-commander; Earl Lever, adjutant; E. T. Quigly, sergeant-at-Roy A. Brown, historian; Raiph bia, S. C., in the counties of Harnett, year. Various members who attend-Wade, service officer; and Carl Fit-Chett, Jr., athletic officer. W. M. "Kye" Hudson is the retiring commander.

Every Legion post in Harnett County has been notified that all send, former Harnett lawyer who their members are invited to be in for the past 17 years had made his Dunn Thursday night for the supper home in Washington, D. C., passed and meeting, as well as all veterans away last Wednesday following a even if they do not belong to the Sgt. Winfield Pickett. Army and short illness. He was 70 years of Legion. Tife wives of the Legionnaires and veterans are also invited.

The North Carolina General, Ascometery in Dunn at 11 a. m. Fri- for adjournment at 11 p. m. Satur- meeting. day night the clocks in both House and Senate were stopped at that hour, but actual adjournment came is celebrating its thirty-fourth anniover an hour later.

During the three and a half month 000 appropriations for the budget owners of their farm homes. while at the same time holding fast against any major tax incleases.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fire Saturday Night

bers of the Buie's Creek school fac- Ben O. Townsend, and one daughter, pa tment answered a call late Satulty. Every student in the school Mrs. William P. Mochrane of For- urday night to the house of David

And they do that very thing, only is able to be out again after several our country and culminates in the Townsend married the dormer scene shortly after the alarm was have recently been initiated as memin too many instances, they don't weeks illness. He was here Monday story of the United Nations; Colorful Myrtle Wade of Dunn; daughter of turned in and was able to put out bers of the Tau Chapter of Phi give 'em the creeps, they fix 'em so to attend the meeting of the Board costumes, songs, choral reading and Dunn's first mayor, the late J. J. the small fire before much damage Sigms Pl, national education frater-

Schoolmasters In '50-51 Final Meet

Injunction

The management of Erwin Mills has obtained an injunction against the striking mill workers, restraining them from crowding

the gates at the mills in Erwin. The order is returnable before Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford, who granted the injunction, on April 28.

The mill management says that some of the workers are returning to their posts in the mills.

Commissaries have been set up in Erwin to distribute food to the strikers.

ANNUAL STOCK SHOW AND SALE **OPENS MONDAY**

Four-County Event Again in Dunn For Two Day Exhibition

The annual Four-County Baby Beef and Fat Stock Show and Sale will open Monday April 23, in Dunn county event has been held.

The show is open to anyone who The presence of Alexander at the is farming and living in any of the

the Legion. One of the events of the

The stockholders of the Sanford hold their annual meeting at 10:30, Friday morning, April 20, in the Lee cently elected as the new command- County agricultural building, South er of the post there, will be installed Steele St., in Sanford, it was ancollector and formerly deputy coun-

The organization makes longterm farm loans through The Fed-

expected to attend the meeting. are units.

Annual reports on the organiza- retary Hood. sembly called it quits in Raleigh at tion's progress are to be made to the lt was an excellent session, braced exactly 12:17 a.m. Sunday morning stockholders at the meeting Friday, by one of the Angler cafeteria's this past week-end after having wad- and one member is to be elected to satisfying meals. Everyone regretted ed through a 102 calendar day ses- the board of directors. Each mem- it was the last session of the year. graveside services at Greenwood sion. By a joint resolution calling her has one vote in the business

Having been chartered by Act of Killed in Action Congress in 1917, the Sanford NFLA

Mr. Ray said several association duty. members from Harnett would attend the Sanford meeting, and that the public also is cordially invited.

William N. Mason The Lillington volunteer fire de- Joins Fraternity

William N. Mason of Lillington was one of thirty students at East The fire department was on the Carolina College in Greenville, who nity for men students.

HUMOR, FUN AND GIFTS ARE ORDER OF THE MEETING

Assistant Attorney General C. Beckwith Is Guest Speaker

Flarnett County Educo Club, in ctaging its final meeting of the 1950-51 school year, resolved the event into a veritable love feast nacked with humor, fun and gift-presentations, at the Angler school cafeteria Monday night. The invited guests joined heartily in the merrymaking, appreciative of the spirit which murked the approaching end

of the annual grind of school work, First on the program, following the sumptuous feast prepared by the ladies in charge of the cafeteria, President Torrey Johnson recognized guests which included, besides wives of members, representatives of the press and others closely interested in school work.

Speaker for the occasion was Clifton Beckwith of Raleigh, assistant attorney general. He was introduc-

ed by Supt. Reid Ross. Mr. Beckwith's talk was mostly on the humorous side, declaring at the start he had no particular topic, but finally landing one he called "Us." The baby beef and gat stock sale From this simple text he pointed none of us seems to care. At least,

That was the only serious note

President Johnson called on Chairman Tom Banks of the Athletic Committee for report of the Field Day program. Chairman Banks explained that the event will be held at night, May 10, at Buic's Creek. Details are to be announced later. Principal Hai Smith of Coats.

chairman of the nominating committee, gave the nominee list for National Farm Loan Association will officers of the club for the ensuing year: President, A. B. Johnson of Dunn; vice president, Johnny Pecora of Erwin: Secretary, C. H. Hood of Lillington. Pecora succeeds J. V. to office at the Thursday night core. nounced today by D. P. Ray, Jr., the Fowler of Benhaven. The club remonies, as will the other new offi- association's director in Harnett fused to let Mr. Hood, who has been cers for 1951-52. Other officers to County, and who is also county tax secretary for several years, turn loose his job. Election of the nomi-

nces was unanimous. Supt. Ross expressed the club's appreciation for Torrey Johnson's eral Land Bank of Columbia, Colum- excellent leadership during the past Chatham, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, ed the NCEA meeting in Asheville Randolph and Richmond, and mem- gave exhibarating reports of the bers from throughout that area are "time they had." Then, in something of a sympathetic note for Henry S. Johnson, Director of In- Principal Hamilton of Lillington in formation for the Farm Credit Ad- his not being able to go to the ministration, will address the stock-| mountain session, Supt. Ross stepholders. He has been a leader in ped over to Principal Hamilton and agricultural credit for many years presented him with a very "loud" and is widely sought as a speaker on necktie, which he said was sent to such subjects throughout the south- him by a "very pretty girl" in Asheeastern states. He has taken an ac- ville - after first snipping Hamiltive part in the development of the ton's cravat close to the collar. That nation-wide farmer-owner coopers- afforded the fudicrous aspect of the live credit system of which the land gift presentations, and other gifts banks and the farm loan associations went to the head office force, and a funny-looking corn-cob pipe for Sec-

The Department of Defense has versary this year. It has served far- announced that Private Edward M. mers in Harnett and other counties Smith son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. session the Legislature passed a continuously since that date, and has Smith of Erwin, has been killed in record high of more than \$560,000,- helped many hundreds to become the action in Korea. He was previously reported injured and returned to

Pegged at 50.1

The Agricultural Department has announced that the 1951 fluecured tobacco crop will have a loan minimum of 50.1 cents a pound.

This is 5.1 cents a pound over the 1950 minimum loss value, which was 45 cents a pound; Other types of tobacco. were pegged at a little less them the