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

In and Out of Lillington

WRONG SATCHEL

Folks around here have been talking quite a lot about "the little black satchels"—you know, the kind that the political hand-outers carry.

The other day a fellow walked into Tax Collector Dunc Ray's office and, noticing a black handbag on a desk, yelled out:

"Where's the man whose black satchel this is?"

About that time a lady clerk picked up the bag and tucked it away into a drawer. It contained her lunch money, social security card, and maybe some few other small items.

"I need a new handbag anyway," she said, "I never did like this black one."

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CONSIDER THE WANT ADS

If there are any householders in or near Lillington who have apartments for rent, they will do us a double favor if they will adopt the Want Ad method of un-vacating them.

It's getting to be quite a bother to tell so many visitors to The News office that we know of no apartments for rent.

Thank you.

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SHOT HIS WAY OUT

Many people are finding interest in the story of "Carbine" Williams, who while an inmate of State Prison invented guns that would shoot better and faster and more accurate than other guns.

The U. S. government adopted the guns and bought 8,000,000, some of which are now being used against the Reds in Korea.

It goes to show that a human being never drops so low in the scale of society that he can't stage a comeback—provided of course there's something in him to start with.

You might say Williams literally shot his way out of prison—though in a nice sort of way.

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WE AGREE WITH JESSE

Chamber of Commerce Manager Jesse Jones of Fuquay-Varina was a visitor in The News office one day last week, and of course if you know Jesse you will understand very well that he had quite a few words to say in praise of his twin-city.

Folks in this office liked every word of it, too, because they know Fuquay-Varina is one of the most up-and-coming places in this section of the country. There's one big reason—and it's not necessary to state any all of them—the people in Fuquay-Varina are the get-together, pull-together kind who, when they undertake anything, see it through to success.

If you know Fuquay-Varina and its people, it's an easy matter for you to agree with Jesse Jones in what he says about the place.

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HARNETT FIRSTS

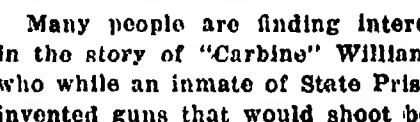
Perhaps few people in Harnett county know that Senator Willis Smith appeared in his first lawsuit in the courthouse here. In a letter to The News, Senator Smith tells about it, and how his friend, the late Attorney J. R. Baggett saved him when he was about to lose his case.

That makes two illustrious lawyers who started out on their great careers with "firsts" in the Harnett courthouse.

Judge W. C. (Buck) Harris pre-

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At Anderson Creek Tonight



FRANK JETER

Frank Jeter, agricultural editor at State College, will address the Anderson Creek Ruritan Club at its meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock.

They Got Their Start In Courthouse Here



In a letter to The News, United States Senator Willis Smith, having read in The News about the proposal to build a new courthouse, says:

Harnett County News, Lillington, N. C. Gentlemen:

In looking over an issue of your paper the other day, I noticed that there is some suggestion of your county building a new courthouse.

This took me back a long, long time to my first Superior Court trial when I began practicing law, and I had my first trial in your Superior Court, although I tried my best to keep those present from knowing that it was my first. I succeeded, though, in disclosing that fact and but for the timely interference of my associate counsel, Mr. J. R. Baggett, would have lost the case.

My good friend, Chief Justice Devin, still razes me good naturedly about a break I made.

Anyway, if you should have a picture of your present courthouse, I wish that you would send it to me so that I may have it as a memento of my first effort at trying a lawsuit in a Superior Court anywhere.

With kind regards, I am, Sincerely yours,

Willis Smith.

In addition to Senator Smith, there is another imminent member of the Bar who had his "first" in Harnett county in starting out on his career.

He is Judge W. C. (Buck) Harris of Raleigh, who presided at his first Superior Court term in Harnett after he was elevated to the bench.



ROTARIANS HEAR TALK ON CURRENT STEEL MUDDLE

Prof. Tripp, Campbell Science Teacher, Relates Labor-Management Dispute

The trend of thought in government in this country in recent years has seemed not to be able to become stabilized, but has swung from left to right, then back again, according to the view of G. A. Tripp, professor of Science at Campbell College.

Professor Tripp was the guest speaker at the Lillington Rotary Club's regular weekly meeting last Thursday night in the school cafeteria. He was introduced by Dr. W. B. Hunter, who had charge of the entertainment program.

The speaker gave a brief resume of the current wrangle between labor and management, resulting in government intervention, in the nation's huge steel industry.

He then discussed the probable implications of government's seizure of the industry. If such procedure can be followed legally in peacetime.

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Women Voters League Wants To Know If Candidates Fitted

The N. C. League of Women Voters wants to know if the candidates for Congress are fitted for the jobs they seek, and a sharp questionnaire is being mailed to them.

Besides asking for various and sundry pieces of information concerning age, party affiliation, address, etc., the sharp question is put to the candidates:

"What particular training and experience have you had that would qualify you for this office?"

In a letter to The News, Mrs. Frances P. Hill of Durham, spokeswoman for the League, says:

"The answers to these questions, or the lack of answers, will be made public in advance of the Democratic primary May 21, so that voters may know the stand taken on certain issues by the different candidates."

The letter also says:

"The League of Women Voters of N. C. includes nine local groups within the state, located at Asheville, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Durham, Fayetteville, Greensboro, High Point, Raleigh and Winston-Salem. In these localities, the League plans to hold during May open meetings to which candidates running for local and state offices and for Congress are invited to appear and speak for themselves to pertinent questions."

FOUR PETITIONS FOR ROADS GET BOARD APPROVAL

Other Matters Taken Up and Considered In All-Day Session

In its all-day session Monday, the County Board of Commissioners considered and passed upon many matters, ranging from free peddler's license to approval of a \$95,000 budget for the county's schools.

Reports were received and approved from Inez Harrington, Register of Deeds; D. P. Ray, Tax Collector; L. H. McLean, Service Officer; B. H. Sellars and J. L. Bishop, Electrical Inspectors; Elizabeth Matthews, Acting Clerk of Court; L. K. Boston and Ida Hinnant, Negro farm and home agents.

The Board granted free peddler's license for one year to Desmond C. Duncan of Wake County, World War veteran.

The following road petitions were approved and filed for consideration of the State Highway Commission:

In Averasboro: The road known as Dunn-Long Branch Road to the Cumberland county line—4½ miles.

In Johnsonville: Extension of Highway 27 where it enters near Cypress Church road on the road to Cameron.

In Hector's Creek: From Kipling-Christian Light road to Buckhorn road—old Olive Branch road—1.5 miles.

In Stewart's Creek: From 15-A at right of Lost Taw to Pendergrass road—9.40 miles.

The board also received the Health Department budget from Dr. W. B. Hunter. It will be taken up at a meeting to be set when all other budgets will be considered.

The Board dropped the June court term jurors before adjourning.

The Board will meet in special session at 9 a. m. Tuesday, May 13.

Prayer Meeting

There will be prayer meeting at Mrs. Bessie Rogers, home near the Spring Hill church, Thursday night, May 8, at 7:30. Rev. James Faucett will be the speaker.

Buie's Creek's New Pastor



Rev. Weldon Johnson of near Durham has accepted Buie's Creek's call to the local Baptist pastorate, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. W. J. Angell January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and family will move to Buie's Creek about July 1. They have three children, a son, 7, and twin girls, 4.

He frankly admits that in returning to Buie's Creek he doesn't remember much of his early days there. "For I left there, I'm told, at the age of 15 months." His father, the Rev. Joel Johnson of Cumberland County, was in Buie's Creek high school to prepare himself for the ministry.

Mr. Johnson's college education began after service in the Navy in World War II. He graduated from Wake Forest in three years (with summer school) with Phi Beta Kappa rating. While there he was assistant to Dr. Reid in philosophy and to professor of biology.

This summer Mr. Johnson expects to complete three years' work in Duke's School of Divinity, with his B.D.

He is presently serving as pastor of Cedar Fork Baptist Church between Durham and Chapel Hill.

Supply preachers in Buie's Creek the last two Sundays were Dr. Carville Campbell, April 27, and Rev. Hartwell Campbell of Greenville, May 4. Both are native sons of the community. The Meredith president is the son of Mrs. J. A. Campbell and the late Dr. Campbell. The other and state offices and for Congress are invited to appear and speak for themselves to pertinent questions."

Friendly HD Club Meets Monday Night

The Friendly Home Demonstration Club will meet Monday night, May 12, at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Rex Johnson and Mrs. Jack Upchurch as hostesses, at the home of Mrs. Johnson.

New School Budget Lower Than Executives Expected

EXECUTIVES WILL SECURE PLANS FOR NEW COURTHOUSE

All Further Action, However, Subject to Approval by Voters

At its meeting here Monday, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution calling for securing plans for a proposed new courthouse by an architect.

Further than the resolution, however, the Board did not go. That will be left to the voters at an election to be called for the purpose of securing approval of the venture by a bond issue or otherwise.

The architect secured to draw the plans will be asked to submit them at the June meeting of the Board, together with an estimate on the cost of the building and of the equipment and facilities needed.

The resolution rectified the dilapidated condition of the present structure, its bad state of disrepair, and its inadequacy to afford ample space for the various offices needed.

It has been proposed that Harnett follow the example of some other counties and include a Health Center in the courthouse. By this means considerable aid can be secured from the Medical Care Commission, it is stated.

Members of the Commission Board were outspoken in their favor of the proposed new building, and stated that they had heard no one speak in disfavor of it. The only restriction they had heard mentioned, they said, was that the old building be torn down completely and a new structure erected.

The Commissioners are expected to take some definite action at the June meeting when the plans and estimates are received.

Candidate For the Supreme Bench



Judge Parker, who is well known and quite popular in Harnett County, having presided a number of times at sessions of Superior Court here, is said to be in the lead of all the candidates for Supreme Court Justice. Those with whom The News has talked express the opinion that Judge Parker will run far ahead of the other candidates in the Harnett primary May 31.

Closing Exercises At Coats School

Principal Hal Smith has announced the following schedule of commencement programs at the Coats school:

Sermon, May 18, 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. W. Lineberger, pastor First Methodist Church, Fuquay Springs.

Music Recital, May 20, 8 p. m.

Class Day Exercises, May 22, 8 p. m.

Graduation Exercises, May 26, 8 p. m., Speaker, Leslie H. Campbell, president of Campbell College.

Players Needed For Local Softball Team

An effort is being made in Lillington to form a softball team and all interested persons are requested to meet at the school ball park on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Male players from 16 years of age and up are needed to form the team.

He Doesn't Fish on Sundays--- Hasn't Since He Was a Boy

"I don't go fishing on Sunday—that is, not any more. I went once when I was a boy, and that was the last time."

The man speaking was Mr. Frank Byrd of Lillington, a noted fisherman. It sounded like a good story of human interest, and The News listened.

"Some of us boys knew where there was a hole that had almost dried up. It had been a good fishing hole, but for some reason the water had just about left it, and we wondered if the fish were still there.

"Well, it was on a Sunday, and we boys had got together. We didn't think it was any harm to go see the hole and find out if the fish had left before the water had got too low.

"So, when we got there, lo and behold the big fellows were swishing around in a little bit of slow water. The temptation was too great for us and we shed our Sunday clothes, got some brushes and cornered the fish at the edge of the water, picked them out, put them on a willow withe, and fastened them at the edge so that they would keep alive in the water.

"We dared not take them home, so we left them there. When I got home I couldn't withstand the temptation to tell my mother what big whoppers we had caught in the old fishing hole.

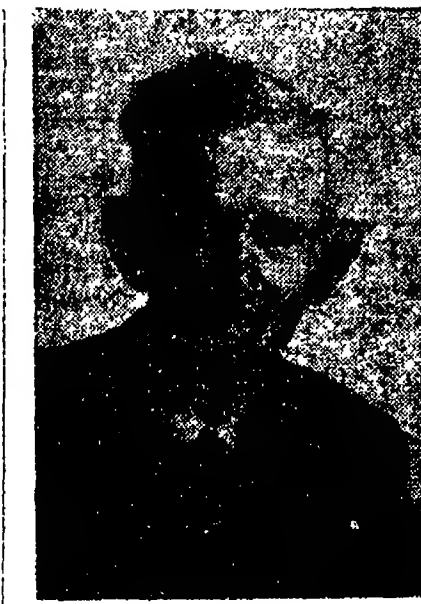
"She said: 'What did you do with those fish?'

"I told her.

"She said: 'Go get those fish and bring them home.'

"I went back to the fishing hole, and the fish were gone. A hog had eaten every one of them.

"Well, I knew where there was



another hole about the same size, so I went there and found the water had almost gone from that one too. But I caught a little string of small ones and took them home.

"My mother took them and dressed them. Then she sat down in front of me, reached out her hands to me—and simply wore me out."

Mr. Byrd had to stop a minute to reflect on that memorable occasion, then with a laugh:

"No, no, she didn't use a switch on me; but she gave me one of the worst and most complete tongue-lashings I've ever heard."

"Since that time I've never been fishing on Sunday, and I don't intend to ever go again." declared the old fisherman.

"Mr. Frank," as he is affectionately known, is a Spanish-American war veteran. He was 93 years old on his last birthday, Oct. 24, 1951.

CALLS FOR ONLY 3 CENTS RAISE OVER LAST YEAR

No Provision Is Made For Any New School Buildings

Harnett County's Board of Education submitted to the Board of Commissioners Monday a budget for the next school year that calls for only 3 cents increase over last year in the tax levy for schools.

After they received it, item by item and explained by Supt. Glenn Proffitt, the Executives expressed surprise that the increase asked for was so small; they thought it would "be a great deal more," they said.

Auditor Herbert Carson was present when the budget was presented, and he expressed the opinion that the increase could be met without any overall increase in the county-wide levy.

In the "current expense" portion of the school budget the amount asked for increased the rate 7 cents—from 12c to 19c, but in the "capital outlay" the rate was cut 2 cents—from 32c to 30c. The same was true in the case of the "debt service"—from 20c to 18c—thus leaving the overall increase for school purposes 3, making the county-wide rate asked for schools 67c as against 64c last year.

Supt. Proffitt explained that no new buildings had been provided for in the new budget, stating that it was anticipated that the 1953 legislature will make some provision for aiding the counties in acquiring new buildings.

The Superintendent did, however, emphasize the imperative need for additional buildings and facilities for the Negro schools. He said that if the next legislature should come to the aid of the schools, the Negro schools in Harnett County should get the lion's share of it.

He also stressed the need for new buildings at many of the schools, and stated that at some time in the near future this provision must be made. There are repairs that are needed also, and for some of these the Board of Education had provided for in the budget he was submitting for the 1952-53 school year.

The budget is quite lengthy, of course, since the School Board had gone into detail to state the needs for the schools as of now.

Also submitted was a budget for the Dunn District schools, which have a special levy of 15c only in that district.

The budget was tentatively approved. Final approval cannot be made until a report is received from Tax Supervisor Berles Johnson which will give the total valuations upon which the 1952 tax levy is to be made.

Terry Sanford To Talk To Democrats

Attorney Terry Sanford of Fayetteville, former YDC chairman, will address Harnett Democrats at their County Convention Saturday, May 17. Mr. Sanford is a graduate of UNC, a member of the State Port Authority, and was a Paratroop Captain in World War II.

All Democrats in Harnett County are urged by Chairman W. A. Johnson to attend the convention. Ladies are especially invited.

Precinct meetings will be held Saturday, May 10, to elect committees and delegates to the county convention.

May Civil Term Has Been Cancelled

Acting Clerk of Court Elizabeth Matthews was notified Monday morning that the May civil term of Harnett Superior Court would be cancelled due to the fact that Judge W. C. Harris, scheduled to preside, was ill and that no other judge was available.

The cancellation was not rec'd in time to notify all of the court attendees and jurors, some of whom came to Lillington Monday morning expecting the session to convene.

The May criminal term of one week begins on Monday, May 19.