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## Around Town



AT A SUNDAY AFTERNOON GATHERING at the DAV hut in Bules Creek recently, several members of the national and state organizations were on hand for a Christmas party. Members of the Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary of the William M. Stone Chapter 74 were also present. Officers present for the occasion were, l-r: C.R. Dever, 3rd District Commander; Alde; Thurman Brown, Aide to National Commander; Raymond W. Cothren, State Senior Vice

Commander; Lawrence Melasner, N.C. Dept. Chief of Staff; Lorraine Hough, 3rd District Commander; Jody K. Harrington, DAVA Junior Commander; Mrs. Margaret Peyton, State Senior Vice Commander; Leo Milanese, N.C. V.A.V.S. Chairman; Opal Brown, State Junior Vice Commander; Sam Hayes, Chapter 74 Commander; J.D. Cormier, N.C. Dept. 3rd District Commander. (Photo by Lorraine Mize)

### DEADLINE REMINDER

We hope that all readers of this column have enjoyed a safe, happy and fulfilling Christmas and are looking forward to a bright and prosperous new year.

Reports released this week show traffic fatalities over the holiday at an all-time high. This is a tragedy that could have been averted. Please be careful this weekend while you are celebrating.

We will take this time to issue a reminder of our stepped-up deadline for next week's paper. Deadlines for all news and classified, display and legal advertising will be Friday at noon, same as last week. The News office will be closed Monday, Jan. 1 and will resume normal hours and deadlines Jan. 2.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** from the staff and management of the News.

### LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD

This will come as no surprise to faithful followers of the N.C. State Wolfpack, but others watching State's victory over Pitt in Saturday's Tangerine Bowl may have been surprised and delighted to see some local representation on the home team.

Wayne McLean, a record-breaking halfback when he graduated from Lillington High School in 1977, has been getting a lot of playing time in the Wolfpack backfield this year, despite playing behind one of the best runners in collegiate history, Ted Brown.

McLean gained a lot of experience with the team this year, filling in for All-American Brown when his numerous injuries kept him off the field. Saturday McLean gained some national television exposure to go along with that experience as he contributed to State's bowl victory. Congratulations, Wayne, the whole town is proud of you.

### AWARDS BANQUET

This year's annual Lillington Chamber of Commerce/Jaycees Awards Banquet will be held at the Harnett Central High School cafeteria on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. Make plans now to attend.

## Manhunt Underway for Suspected Murderer

A search was still underway Tuesday morning for Lester Whitted, of Harnett County, about 35, wanted in the shooting death of one man and the knifing of another at the Twin City Laundry in Jonesboro Friday night.

Harnett Sheriff Lewis Rosser reported this morning Whitted hadn't been apprehended. Sheriff Rosser said, "We believe he had gone into hiding."

Timothy Scott Pittman, 28, of Rt. 11, Sanford, died in the emergency room at N.C. Memorial Hospital about 11:30 Friday night. Pittman was the assistant manager of the laundry where he was shot to death.

Laundry Manager Wayne B. Tetterton, son of owner Bill Tetterton, was cut across the neck. He is progressing satisfactorily at Lee County Hospital, a spokesman there said.

Whitted, a resident of the Johnsonville Community in Harnett, is charged with murder and with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Police were called to the laundromat at 8:20 p.m. by an unidentified person who stated he had heard gunshots in the rear of the building.

Upon arriving, police found the front door to the building locked and called owner Bill Tetterton to unlock the door. Meanwhile, an officer found a door on the east side of the building open, and officers entered by that door.

Tetterton and Pittman were found lying approximately 15 to 20 feet apart in the rear of the building, according to Lee County rescue squad workers. The squad transported the two men to the Lee County Hospital emergency room and later

transferred Pittman to N.C. Memorial in Chapel Hill. The medical examiner in Chapel Hill listed the cause of Pittman's death as gunshot wounds. Pittman had been shot three times.

No motive for the shooting has been advanced by the Sanford police. No witnesses were present at the scene, according to police, and no details of the shooting are available. Though only one warrant has been issued, police said they have not ruled out the possibility of another suspect. No weapon was found at the scene.

## Lee-Harnett Grant Request to be Reviewed

Lee-Harnett Mental Health Center's Alcohol Program

grant application will be under review when the Cardinal Health Agency project evaluation committee meets January 10.

The Center has requested \$275,109 from the Cardinal Health Agency, a federal agency which must approve all construction of medical facilities and expenditures of federal funds.

Jack Brock, Harnett County manager and commissioner said from his hospital bed, he "anticipates no problem with approval." Brock said he would do everything possible to see that Lee-Harnett gets the funds.

Final approval will be given at the board of directors meeting at 7 p.m. January 10.

The agency will also review Southeastern Medical Services application for \$273,643 for the Rural Health Initiative program and Cape Fear Valley Hospital's application for a three million dollar expansion of ancillary services.

Public hearings will be conducted on each of these projects prior to the committee's review. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.

## Plates, Stickers to Go On Sale January 3

The beginning of a new year can mean a lot of things to a lot of people, but to all owners of motor vehicles in Lillington and North Carolina, it means renewal of validation stickers and license plates.

Validation stickers and plates for 1979 will go on sale across the state on Jan. 2. All vehicles must display the new plates or stickers by midnight Feb. 15.

Sales will be conducted in two locations in Harnett County: One at the Lillington Chamber of Commerce office in the Town Hall on Main Street, and one at Dennis' Cadillac-Olds Co. on South Clinton Avenue in Dunn.

According to Elbert L. Peters Jr., Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the N.C. Dept. of Transportation, renewal cards necessary for obtaining a 1979 sticker or plate were mailed Dec. 18 and should be received by Dec. 29. Anyone not receiving a renewal card should notify the Division of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh by mail at 1100 New Bern Avenue or by telephone at 733-3025.

"It will take from 10 days to two weeks to obtain a card and new plates or stickers must be displayed by midnight, Feb. 15," Peters said.

Emily Terrell, secretary of the Lillington Chamber of Commerce, issued the following instructions to Harnett County motorists:

"Check renewal cards for correct information," she said. "Be sure to enter the required insurance information on the back, sign it, and bring or send your card to the Chamber office."

With the exception of some special classifications, 1979 automobile licenses will be renewed with a validation

sticker to be affixed to the upper right-hand corner of the current plate, over the 1978 sticker. Care should be taken to place the sticker exactly as instructed to prevent accidental removal.

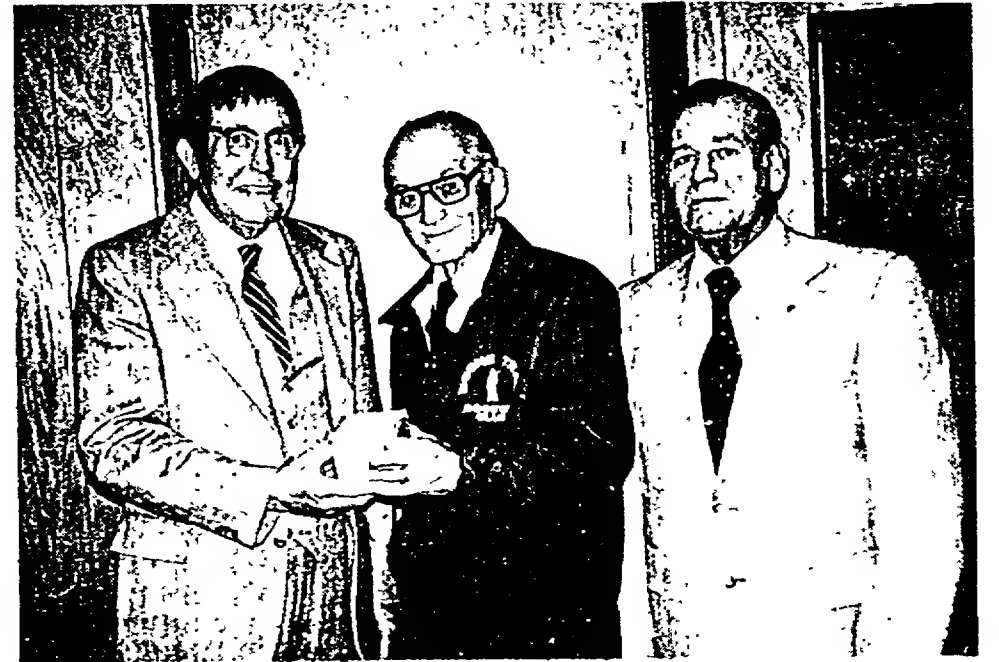
An annual license plate will continue to be issued for all other classifications, including trucks.

Any newly acquired vehicle will be issued a plate and sticker unless a plate is to be transferred.

The division of Motor Vehicles is launching a new communications program this year to encourage vehicle owners to purchase the license plates or stickers before the end of the

renewal period. Carrying the slogan "Get Yours Early," posters, counter cards and public service announcements will convey this message.

"We feel this program will aid in the reduction of waiting-time and provide better efficiency at our offices," said Gonzalve Rivers, Director of Registration.



PLANNING BENEFIT FOR INGRAM - An appreciation and benefit dinner for State Insurance Commissioner John Ingram to help him pay off his U.S. Senate campaign debts will be held at the Community Center in Lillington on Friday, Feb. 2 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Barbecued chicken with all the trimmings will be served for a \$5

contribution. Pictured here with the tickets are, left to right, J.D. Stewart of Dunn and Carl Clayton of Western Harnett, his two co-chairmen, and Chalmers Stewart, prominent Western Harnett Democratic leader. Tickets will be available in advance and at the door.

SHOWN RECEIVING \$10 in pennies is Jaycee member Victor Quick. The pennies were collected by the Cavalier 4-H Club in Lillington for Camp Sertoma, a summer camp for crippled children in North Carolina. Presenting the pennies to Quick were Thomas Wyatt, vice-president of the club; Richard Wyatt, reporter and Jimmy Penny, a member of the 4-H club.



## Ruritans Install New Officers



NEW OFFICERS for the Neills Creek Ruritans Club were installed last week at the Western Sizzler restaurant in Dunn. The swearing-in ceremony was held during the club's annual Ladies Night dinner. On hand as installation officer was Lewis McNeill (left) of Red

Springs, a former district governor. With him are, first row, l-r: Tommy Coats, president; Rudolph Blanchard, director; Randall Johnson, treasurer. Second row: Robert Stancell, secretary; David Milton, vice president; and Douglas Johnson, director.

The Neills Creek Ruritans Club observed their annual ladies night and installation of officers at the Western Sizzler in Dunn, recently with out-going president Cary Stewart presiding.

Guests included District Governors Jim Randolph and wife, Charlene; past district governors Richard Matthews and wife, Georgia, and Lewis McNeill and wife, Nell.

President Stewart welcomed the ladies and guests. Each lady was presented a gift from the club by National Director A.J. Stephenson, who thanked the ladies for their active support for the club.

Officers for 1979 were installed by Lewis McNeill in an impressive ceremony. Entertainment was provided by the Flatland Boys, and outstanding bluegrass group.

### Photography

## An Interesting Course Offered

Photography for Baxley Thomas is not just a hobby, it's also a career.

Baxley is photography instructor at Harnett Central High. Photography is among the latest additions to the high school curriculum which has been offered in the recently consolidated high school.

Photography was first offered in the fall of 1977. Thomas helped organize the first class because of "an interest" in photography.

The first photography class at Harnett Central in 1977 totaled 104 students. In 1978, the course was restricted to Juniors, and Seniors, and now it consists of 54 students - 8 advanced and 46 beginning students.

Photography is an elective course. Its benefits are the credit and experience a student gains from being a part of the

classroom and darkroom instruction.

Baxley credited the keen interest in photography to the end result that "it is something from which a student can see physical and lasting results."

Some of his students, he added, have expressed such interest in photography that they have invested as much as six to seven hundred dollars in personal cameras.

Being a photography instructor also involves extracurricular activities for Baxley. He or his students develop their skills and talents by taking pictures for the Harnett Central annual Trojanni, for the school newspaper The Trojan Truth, and for your community newspaper "The Angier Independent."

On several occasions, Baxley or one of his students have conscientiously sent pictures to our office of events and

"happenings" at Harnett Central. We are deeply appreciative of this service in the Angier Independent Office.

Baxley has been a photography enthusiast for just a little over four years. The birth of a son and wanting to record his growth visually spurred interest in the hobby.

Over a period of time, Baxley's interest and qualifications have developed to where he and three other friends now own a private photography studio.

Photography is not Baxley's only interest. He is also an avid ham operator, having recently been licensed Novice. He has learned the Morse Code and also passed the Federal Communication Commission Code and Regulation.

In addition to supervising a photography class, Baxley is also an instructor in the Physical Science Department.

# NEW YEAR GREETINGS