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Fireman Elect New Officers

The Harnett County Fireman's Association (HCFA), founded in 1973, has recently reorganized to assume a new role in promoting community awareness in fire prevention.

Originally established to coordinate unified action between Harnett County's fire departments, the role of the organization has expanded to include education of local communities in different aspects of fire prevention.

Representatives of the various county fire departments met in Bules Creek July 26 to elect a new slate of officers and to reaffirm the association's goals.

Officers and their departments are Jack Pace of Bules Creek, president; Cecil Pleasant, Coats, first vice president; Robert Hamilton, Lillington, second vice president; and Frankie Beasley, Angier/Black River, secretary-treasurer.

The election was preceded with a general briefing on the association by Mike Richardson of Lillington, followed by comments by Tommy Harvell of Bules Creek. Several county fire chiefs were also on hand to encourage interaction between the HCFA and the Harnett

County Fire Chief's Association (HCFA). HCFA officers were introduced to the HCFA at the chiefs' August meeting at the Bunn-level Fire Department, featuring a barbecue chicken supper.

Chief J. W. Walker of Bules Creek, presiding officer, introduced the HCFA officers to the association. The HCFA pledged its support to the new officers in establishing proper safeguards for the protection of county residents from loss of life or property by fire.



RECENTLY ELECTED officers of the Harnett County Fireman's Association are, l-r: Jack Pace, president; Cecil Pleasant, first vice president; Robert Hamilton, second vice president; Frankie Beasley, secretary-treasurer.

Gov. Hunt Will Visit Harnett On Tuesday

Governor James B. (Jim) Hunt, Jr. will make five public appearances in Harnett Tuesday on his first visit back to the county since his election as the state's chief executive.

The popular young governor is coming back to Harnett to deliver the principal address at the Precinct Appreciation Dinner to be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Harnett Central School, between Lillington and Angier.

Harnett County Young Democrats, headed by President Sue Roberts of Lillington, are sponsoring the dinner and the governor's visit to Harnett.

Oscar Harris of Dunn, the governor's representative in Harnett and Mrs. Gerald (Linda) Hayes, who served as Hunt's woman's manager in Harnett, are serving as co-chairmen of the dinner.

They announced Governor Hunt's Harnett schedule, as follows:



GOV. JAMES B. HUNT, JR

5:15 p.m. Governor Hunt will visit the new Boone Trail Medical Center at Marners.

6:00 p.m. He will speak at the dedication of the splendid new Barbecue Park.

7:00 p.m. He will be the featured speaker at the Precinct Appreciation Night dinner at the new Harnett Central School.

State Representative Bob Etheridge of Lillington will preside at the dinner honoring Harnett's 22 precinct chairmen, vice chairmen and other party workers.

U.S. Senator Robert B. Morgan, Congressman Charlie Whitley, members of the Council of State and many other state, county and local VIPs will be on hand for the affair.

The invocation will be given by State Appeals Court Judge Gerald Arnold, the county's top-elected state official.

Mrs. Annie Drane of Lillington.

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Thieves Part of Ring?

by STEVE PLUMMER

Members of a jewel theft ring, operating up and down the eastern seaboard for the past several months, may have been involved Friday in the heist of several thousand dollars worth of diamond jewelry from a Lillington firm.

Lillington police chief Lincoln Neal said this week that a report from the State Bureau of Investigation has confirmed that the method of operation of

the thieves who struck Gregory's Jewelers in Lillington is similar to that of a band whose movements have been traced by law enforcement officials for several months.

The crime ring has struck in several states in the last few weeks, including twice in South Carolina and once in Hickory last week.

Neal said that although several members of the ring have been identified by various

state law agencies, no one has been able to determine the whereabouts of the group because no description of the escape vehicle has ever been made in any of the thefts pulled off by the ring.

In the Lillington heist Friday, the only witness did not see where the thieves went after leaving the store on foot.

Dorothy Gregory, who reported the theft to the Lillington Police Department immediately after the thieves left the store, described the group as two black males and two black females, all well-dressed and mannerly.

According to Mrs. Gregory's report to the police, she was first approached by one of the couples on Thursday when they came into the store and paid her five dollars to lay away a wristwatch.

The couple returned Friday around the same time of day, she said, just after her son Glenn, the only other store employee, had left for lunch.

While Mrs. Gregory was occupied with the couple, a second couple came in the store and wandered over to the glass display case where the diamond jewelry was kept, she said.

Mrs. Gregory told police that although she was busy with the first couple, she kept noticing that the second man

was edging closer to the back of the display case.

She said he then scooped up two velvet-lined display cases filled with diamond rings and walked out of the store, followed immediately by the other three persons. It was then that she called the police.

Neal said Mrs. Gregory did the right thing in not attempting to stop or chase the couple because the SBI said the members of the jewel theft ring were reported to be armed and dangerous.

Information on the value of the stolen jewelry was not released.

In an unrelated incident reported by the police department, Mrs. Sybil Baldwin, Lillington town clerk, told police that a lawn mower belonging to the town was removed from its storage area in the town's fire department.

According to the report, William McCormick, a town employee, said that Ed Howell, Lillington recreation director, borrowed the mower Aug. 7 and returned it to the fire station on the same day.

It was discovered to be missing on Aug. 9 by McCormick. A Wizzard, three and one-half horsepower model, the machine is valued at \$114.40.

In a separate incident, Lillington policeman Fred Frye arrested a Goldston resident Aug. 8 for possession of marijuana.

Frye reported arrested Baxter Goldston Jr. at the intersection of Main and Duncan streets after receiving a report from the Harnett County Sheriff's Department to

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KEITH McLEOD, a farmer on Rt. 1, Coats and Harold Lloyd, Harnett agriculture extension agent, examine the plowed-up roots and stalks of harvested tobacco. McLeod

destroyed the roots and stalks as part of the R-9-P program for increasing tobacco performance. (Photo by Steve Plummer)

R-9-P Means Millions

No tobacco program pays off as well in Harnett County as R-9-P, a magic formula that could mean the difference in millions of dollars in leaf yields.

R-9-P, according to Harold Lloyd, Harnett County agriculture extension agent, is a campaign designed to reduce or eliminate nine critical tobacco pests.

The nine pests include four diseases - root-knot, mosaic, brown spot and vein banding; three insects - hornworms, budworms and flea beetles; and weeds and grasses.

Lloyd said in an interview this week that results of research and demonstration tests show that total stalk and root destruction, followed by the burying of all crop refuse beneath the soil, increase the performance of future crops by an average of \$212 per acre.

In Harnett County, where there are about 12,000 acres of tobacco, Lloyd said this difference in performance could amount to an additional \$2.5 million each year.

Lloyd stressed that the success of the program depends upon each tobacco producer partici-

pating in the complete destruction of stalks and roots and the burying of crop refuse.

He said one farmer within a community who leaves stalks standing in a field can provide a breeding area for enough disease, insects and weed pests to spread to his neighbor's farms.

The program should be implemented immediately after harvest said Lloyd, who recommended that R-9-P also be practiced in fields where tobacco is to follow a winter cover crop of oats, rye or a mixture of the grains.

Around Town

By STEVE PLUMMER

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Pleasant Union Christian Church on Rt. 1, Lillington will sponsor its annual Youth Conference Aug. 17-19. The theme of the conference will be "Knowing the Lord and Making Him Known."

James M. Huckaby, director of athletics at Baptist Bible College in Pennsylvania, will be the special guest speaker. Huckaby, named the NCAA Division II basketball coach of the year in 1976 and 1979, led his team to the Division II national championship in 1979.

The meetings will begin Friday at 8 p.m. with special music and junior speakers. Saturday's meeting will be held at Cape Fear Christian Academy at 4 p.m. in the gym. Games, a cookout and a service are planned. Sunday's 11 a.m. service will be conducted by Huckaby, with a special dinner for the youth set for 12:30.

The public is invited.

BLOODMOBILE DRIVE

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Lillington Thursday, Aug. 23 from 12-5:30 p.m. The visit is sponsored by the Lillington Lions Club.

Harnett County finished the 1978 fiscal year 1,300 pints short of last year's quota, but collected over 95 pints in the bloodmobile's last visit of the year in Lillington in June.

We are really proud of Lillington and the effort made

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MBA Awarded Contract

Robert Mainhardt, president and chief executive officer of MBAssociates, announced today that Congressman George S. Miller has received word from the Department of Defense that MBA has been awarded a production contract for AN/ALE-38 aircraft dispensers.

The contract, valued at almost \$5 million, was awarded by the U.S. Air Force, Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center, Robings Air Force Base, Georgia.

This equipment, which was designed and developed by MBA and was combat-proven in Southeast Asia, has been selected by the U.S. Air Force and several foreign forces as the standard means for producing protective chaff corridors to shield aircraft from radar-guided anti-aircraft weapons.

MBA will produce the chaff dispenser equipment at its headquarters facility in San Ramon, California. The production order will take over two years to complete. This order puts MBA's growing backlog at almost \$13 million.

On July 26, MBA reported first quarter fiscal year 1980 net income of \$212,276, up 93 percent from the same period of the preceding year. Earnings per share were 17 cents, including a non-recurring gain of 10 cents per share from the exchange of some industrial property.

On June 29, MBA announced seven new divisional vice president positions and the election of Thomas C. Archer, vice president and chief financial officer, to senior vice president

of the corporation.

On June 19, MBA announced the award of an \$1.3 million contract for cold smoke practice bomb markers, which increased the company's growing backlog.

On June 7, MBA announced that its fiscal year 1979 sales and earnings were up 14 percent and 140 percent, respectively, on sales of \$14.4 million, earning 46 cents per share, including a non-recurring gain of 12 percent per share on the sale of some of its industrial property.

MBAssociates, with corporate headquarters in San Ramon, Calif., and two other plant locations - North Carolina and Arkansas - is involved principally in the manufacture and sale of advanced technology systems and components in

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She is 4-H Volunteer Leader of Year

Betty Sullivan, 4-H club leader from Coats, was awarded the Adult Volunteer Leader of the Year for the South Central District.

Mrs. Sullivan's name was submitted by Harnett County's assistant home economics extension agent Wanda Hardison. In her statement to the nominating committee, Mrs. Hardison said Mrs. Sullivan was a dedicated and sincere Harnett County 4-H volunteer.

The 15-member 4-H club from Coats has raised over \$70 for Easter Seals, donated clothing to their local fire department, cleaned the local cemetery and conducted a group discussion on "Youth Looks at Aging."

Mrs. Sullivan and her club members have attended many 4-H activities including the County Demonstration Workshop, all county council meetings and district activity day.

They also participated in National 4-H week by presenting gift plants to hospital patients, making and presenting cakes to the Coats Community Fire Department, rescue squad and police department.



BETTY SULLIVAN

Association and worked with the Coats 4-H Environmental Awareness Special Interest program. She also worked hard to promote more parent participation in the group.

Mrs. Sullivan's reasons for being a 4-H volunteer leader are many, but they can be summed up by her love for young people.

"I enjoy working with young people and 4-H gives me the means and opportunity of doing this," she said. "To me, the greatest thrills I can ever have is to see a member of my 4-H club receive an award for his or her accomplishments through some 4-H activity."

"To see their smiles at accomplishments, to encourage and lift spirits when something goes wrong, to hear a simple 'thank you' from one of them," she said, "this is all I need to give me incentive to go on. 4-H is a great organization and I am happy to be a part of it."

Food Service Seminar

The School Food Service Division of the Harnett County school system held a workshop Aug. 6-10 at Harnett Central High School.

The workshop was directed by Jean Farrar, school food service supervisor of Harnett County.

Teachers, cafeteria managers and extension nutritionists attended the workshop to obtain materials and ideas on how to integrate nutrition into the elementary and pre-school curriculum.

The purpose of the workshop is to train teachers and food service managers in methods used to teach nutrition to students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Funds for future workshops depend upon the success of this program.

Methods of teaching nutrition, taught by the workshop, include puppet shows, word and visual association games and the women's favorite technique, Grand Jean and Nutri Bird.

Granny Jean and Nutri Bird plan to visit the schools during the upcoming school year. Harnett County children should expect their first visit Oct. 14-20 during National School Lunch Week.

Attending the workshop from the three pilot schools were:

BOONE TRAIL - Elaine Hedgpeeth, Jacqueline Powell, Hazel Wilson, Evelyn Walls, Meta Brown, Beth Womack, Mary Ray, Shelby Coleman,

Maggie Douglas, Nadine Griffin, JOHNSONVILLE - Jennie Williams, Joyce Dicker, Angela Farrar, Bonnie Bramberg, Sylvia Lee.

WAYNE AVENUE - Pat Core, Demans Broadwater, Olesie Hudson.

SOUTH HARNETT - Frances Morgan.

EXTENSION SERVICE - Jennifer Walker, Geneva Johnson, Clara Johnson and Susie Johnson.

These hand puppets are discussing the advantages of eating nutritional food. This is one of many exercises learned by the teachers and lunch room managers during a week long workshop in nutritional education. These exercises will be used in the classroom to teach children the proper nutritional values. (photo by Lorraine Mize)



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