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TWENTY CENTS



RSVP LAYETTES - Members of the Retired Senior Volunteers Program at the activity center in Lillington have recently completed layettes for distribution to Health Department clients. Shown here Mrs. Martha Dickens,

Mrs. Pato McKee, director of nurses at the Health Department, and Mrs. Mamie Morrison as they are presenting the layettes. (Photo by Steve Plummer)

around town by Steve Plummer

LMS CHICKEN DINNER

A fried chicken dinner will be held Friday at Lillington Middle School cafeteria, with the proceeds to go to the school's athletic department.

Tickets are \$2.50 and serving times are from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and again from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Diners may eat in the school cafeteria or take orders out.

Support the young Cavaliers and their fine athletic program while enjoying some good eatin' Friday.

HAUNTED HOUSE

Preparations are in full swing for the first-ever Lillington Kiwanis Club Haunted House, which will be open Oct. 25, 26 and 27.

The house, which lends itself perfectly to the horror theme, is at the intersection of Ninth and Harnett streets, just behind the Board of Education building.

Visitors will be taken through several rooms before being allowed to exit out the back and all the rooms are guaranteed to raise a chill and provoke genuine screams of fright.

Admission is cheap, only a dollar, and the tour is going to be worth a lot more. In fact, you might say it will be worth a dollar a holler (you might say that, but you'd probably little silly).

Group night is Thursday for all civic and church groups of 10 or more. Groups that qualify can enter for half-price.

The house will open each night at 7 p.m. and will operate a long as people want to attend.

RAVEN ROCK ACTIVITIES

An outdoor photography seminar will be held Saturday at Raven Rock State Park, beginning at 2 p.m. Instructors will be Baxley Thomas, a photography instructor at Harnett Central High School, and Dr. Eldon Sloan Jr., a photo enthusiast.

The seminar will begin with a short discussion period in the parking lot and will continue with a hike through the park. The class will be open to everyone with any type of camera, but emphasis will be placed primarily on the operation of the 35mm. Admission is free.

Also at the park, on Nov. 3-4 at 2 p.m., geology hikes will be conducted, led by Dr. Robert Perkins, a geology professor at Campbell University.

Emphasis will be placed on the unique geological structure of the park. Again, no registration is necessary and no fee is charged.

CHICKEN DINNER

A chicken dinner will be held Saturday, from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., at Union United Methodist Church.

The event, sponsored by the Union United Methodist Women, will feature dinners for three dollars per adult tickets and two dollars for children.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Harnett County Library is featuring 11 great feature films this year, pulling out some past greats from some of Hollywood's finest efforts.

This week's movie shown Wednesday at 7 p.m., was "Strike Up The Band," a musical comedy featuring Mickey Rodney, Judy Garland and Paul Whitman. Other great films will be shown later. Continued on page 8



WESTERN HARNETT DEMOCRATIC LEADERS - Among Western Harnett Democratic leaders participating in the Democratic Funding Club drive are, left to right, George Fitzpatrick, Linda Holder,

Johnny Taylor Jr., Georgia Lee Brown, Jim Randolph, Carl Clayton, Vernon Cox, Chalmers Stewart, Joe Bowden, County Commissioner Lloyd Stewart, Refus Harrington and Sheriff Lewis Rosser.

Byrd Wins Campbell Scholarship

Marshall Andrews Byrd of Bunnlevel has been awarded an E. Willard Berry Scholarship for the 1979-80 school year at Campbell University.

E. Willard Berry Scholarships are awarded to students of merit in the Department of Geology at Campbell. The awards are renewable annually, subject to satisfactory academic achievement.

A graduate of Lillington High School, Byrd is a junior majoring in geology at Campbell.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie M. Byrd of Bunnlevel.



MARSHALL A. BYRD

Carl Clayton Heads Western Harnett Drive

Carl E. Clayton, a prominent Democrat and resident of western Harnett, will head the county area's drive of the county's Democratic Funding Club.

Clayton is second vice-chairman of the Harnett Democratic Executive Committee that established the Democratic Funding Club in September.

Clayton is one of three area chairmen heading up the drive. Leo F. McDonald, a Lillington businessman, is heading the drive in central Harnett and Clarence E. McLamb, a retired businessman and former county commissioner, heads the drive in eastern Harnett.

"Western Harnett has a long history of solid support for the Democratic Party," Clayton said. "I expect that our area will have a higher percentage of Democrats participating than the other areas."

Clayton said the fact that the annual dues of \$25 can be paid at times selected by the members should increase participation in the club.

Clayton is active in Antioch Baptist Church, having served as Sunday School teacher for the past 20 years and as a member of the nominating committee, the Baptist Witness Foundation.

Citizens Concerned About Open Mining

By JULIE FARNSWORTH
Harnett County Board of Commissioners Monday night voted unanimously to refer a request for support from the Concerned Citizens for Open Mining to the Planning Board for further study.

A spokesman for Concerned Citizens, King Roberts of Erwin, detailed his groups' complaints to the commissioners and the capacity crowd.

Roberts, who said he speaks for future generations, voiced his concern about the mining interests of companies in the area, such as Becker Sand and Gravel, which operates in Lillington.

"I am concerned about good farmland being dug up in this state. We're gonna need it and this county is losing a lot of taxes, and once the land is dug up nobody will want to pay taxes on it," Roberts said.

He added later, "As long as there is a breath in my body I will fight it."

Chairman Jesse Alphin responded, "I agree with you 100 percent. I don't know our position, but we have to take a second look. I am beginning to see that."

The Concerned Citizens said the state mining law, enacted in 1971 and later amended in 1975, was ineffective and had "loop-

holes" which allowed miners' interest to sidestep the law.

The purpose of the law was to tighten rampant mining interests that may have occurred if a law did not exist.

Some 2,500 acres of North Carolina have already been mined.

Concerned Citizens was supported by former state senator W.W. (Bill) Staton, a Sanford attorney.

"I am empathetic in this matter and am here to support Roberts," Staton said.

In other county business,

commissioners unanimously voted on the following:

•Updated the memorial monument on the courthouse square by adding about 30 names of military personnel who died in the Korean and Vietnam wars;

•To study bids for a new heating and cooling system costing somewhere between \$75,000 to \$125,000 for the courthouse;

•To study a request for money from the Harnett County Historical Society Foundation Campbell House Project. Campbell House was

built in 1890 by J.A. Campbell, founder of Campbell University;

•Appointed Keith Finch to the airport committee;

•To study a proposal for a special rescue district composed of Buckhorn and Hector's Creek Townships.

•Approval of a \$30,000 budget for the Women, Infant and Children's Nutrition Program, (WIC), which would begin December 1.

•Approval of the budget for the health department, civil preparedness office and the library.

Subdivision Annexed by Town Council

by STEVE PLUMMER

The Lillington Board of Commissioners Oct. 9, after having heard no opposition during previous meetings or public hearings, adopted an ordinance of annexation for the Paris subdivision.

The ordinance for annexation of the area, located just north of Lillington on U.S. highway 421, will take effect Dec. 31. At that time, the town will take over

responsibility for providing sewer and water services to the area, as well as the other services provided by the town to all its citizens.

In a related item, the commissioners also voted Tuesday to implement a change order with the Wham and Hunt Construction Co. to allow for the installation of water lines to the subdivision at a cost of \$28,649.

In other business, the town

council:

-Adopted a resolution to allow the paving of Lofton and Third Streets. The area to be surfaced includes the street from Second Street to the dead end and on Third Street, the area from Lofton Street to East McNeil Street Extension (Prison Camp Road).

Property owners whose land fronts the streets scheduled for paving will pay for the cost of

the surfacing over a five-year period, which will be assessed each year at the same time as the ad valorem taxes.

The city will bear the cost for the paving of the intersections.

-Adopted a proposal for the preparation of a study for the employment of a town manager, complete with a description of the duties expected of the manager. The proposal also instructs the town to seek the

employment of a qualified person for the position upon completion of the study.

-Voted to renew the franchise for service in Lillington by N.C.

Natural Gas. The new franchise will be for 20 years.

-Reappointed Frank Hockaday to another three-year term on the Alcoholic Beverages Control board.

Metro Water Good For Healthy Teeth

Customers of the Northeast Metropolitan Water District are not only assured of a plentiful supply of water—they can also expect fewer cavities.

That's because the Metro District has been pumping fluoridated water since it began operation almost two years ago.

Rodney Tart, district supervisor, said the district began pumping the treated water after it took over the operation of the Lillington water plant. The Lillington plant had previously treated its water supply with the chemical, which is recommended by dentists as an aid in preventing tooth decay.

"This is an added service of the metro water district," Tart said. "We wanted to make an announcement about the fluoride so customers who are currently using supplemental fluoridation can discontinue its application."

Tart said a number of the customers in the public and private sector of the community have responded enthusiastically

to the treated water. He said all metered customers of the system will soon receive a memorandum in the mail notifying them of the fluoridation treatment.

Although Lillington was using fluoridated water prior to its takeover by the water district, the other towns on the system, Angier, Coats and Buies Creek, were not. Tart said many small towns do not use the process because the state board of health requires that a trained operator supervise the process. Most small towns cannot afford a trained operator, Tart said, or the equipment necessary for the treatment.

"The benefits of fluoridation are especially significant in the growth process of infants 0-3 years old," Tart said. "Their teeth are being cared for as they develop, not just when they begin to show through the gums. It is important to care for the teeth before any real
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ARE YOU FOR REAL? This youngster seems to be asking of the lion in a scene from the Oct. 6 Shriners parade in Lillington. Hundreds of

people were on hand for the afternoon event, staged by the Sudan Temple. (Photo by Steve Plummer)

Refugee Family Due to Arrive In Lillington 'Any Day Now'

A five-member refugee family from Viet Nam has still not arrived in Lillington but Burk Holland, director of the Department of Chaplaincy and Language Ministries of the Baptist Home Missions Board, said they were expected in the country any day now.

Anne Marie Steele a member of the Women's Missionary Union of the Lillington Baptist Church, which is sponsoring the family, said preparations were almost complete.

"The house has been painted inside," she said, "and we've collected most of the items needed for the family."

"The only items we still need are window shades, pillows, large rugs, highchair and warm

heave crib blankets," she said.

The family is of an ethnic Chinese heritage. The father is Tac Hong Ho, 25 and his wife is Ung Ca Denha, 23.

They have two children of their own, a three-year-old girl and a boy about six months old. The family also includes Tac Hong's sister, who is seven.

"We've been overwhelmed by the response of people," Mrs. Steele said. "Everyone here is just looking forward to their getting here and becoming a part of the community."

The drive to get the Tac Hong family in Lillington began several months ago when the Lillington Baptist Church's W.M.U. decided to take on the responsibility.

The group will sponsor the family in Lillington for about six months, finding them a home, jobs, schools and other necessities, as well as teaching them English.

The young women's circle of the W.M.U. first conceived of the idea in March, after learning of the plight of the "boat people." The Southern Baptist Home Missions Board is the Baptist Church organization that helps locate sponsors throughout the country.

Once the family is established in a community, they may decide to move away to an area where they feel more comfortable. At that point, the sponsors are no longer responsible for them.



COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN ED MCCORMICK (left), CARL CLAYTON