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around town

by Steve Plummer

CHRISTMAS PARADE

It was another great year for the Lillington Christmas parade Saturday, a real tribute to Marcelle Brown, who has directed the parades for several years now and each one seems to exceed the one before.

The success of this year's parade can also be attributed to the bands and their sponsors, clubs who worked on or sponsored floats and all the other people who helped set this thing up, either directly or indirectly (and that statement my friend, is called 'covering all your bases').

Congratulations go to the Lillington Garden Club for capturing first place in the float competition. The members will receive \$100 for their efforts.

More congratulations are due the Friendly Extension Homemakers Club, who really cashed in on their entry. They won second place in the Lillington parade, good for \$50, and then went to Sanford that night and took first prize there, worth another \$200. Now that's not bad for a few nights of hard labor.

The visiting Erwin band won the trophy for the best band, another fitting tribute to this group of young people who represented Harnett County and North Carolina at the Gimbel's Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia.

Crowd estimates are not my forte so I always try to talk to people who might judge those type of things better than myself. According to these folks, the crowd on hand in Lillington for the parade was biggest of all time (I know, I know, we say that every year, but if you were downtown Saturday morning, you have no trouble believing it.)

Anyway, these folks estimated the crowd at over 5,000, which is about two and one-half times larger than the entire population of Lillington. Judging from those estimates, I feel safe in saying that Lillington's parade has gained a considerable reputation in the county and region.

Speaking of Marcelle, he gave me a list about a mile long of the number of people who helped in this parade, people who deserve recognition, and I agree with him 100 percent. Unfortunately, there is only space here for a few of them so I'll get in the ones I can and say 'thanks' to those I can't.

First off, there are the sponsors of the bands (and I bet all this time you were thinking that the bands showed up for our parade because they think we're so cool).

Well, we are cool, but we still have to pay. It still takes money to move those big band buses, money that the Chamber just plain didn't have, so a few civic-minded businesses footed the bills this way:

HARNETT CENTRAL, Lafayette Drug, Forest Hills Pharmacy; WESTERN HARNETT, T & J Motors; FOUQUAY, Roy Wheeler Tire Sales of Maimers; DUNN, J.E. Womble and Sons Inc.; ERWIN, Layton's Supply; and Coats, Bob Womble, insurance representative of Farm Bureau.

Special thanks also to Fred Sexton of Sexton Motor Sales and Casey Fowler of Lillington Tractor and Implement Co., the two firms that furnished most of the cars and tractors seen in the march.

Also, appreciation goes out to the members of the Harnett County Shrine Club, who performed almost all of the driving.

Finally, one last note: Local photographer Dan Roberts shot an 8mm movie of the parade to save for the future, so that when we are all old and gray and we're sitting at the 99th annual Chamber of Commerce awards banquet, we can look back at the 1979 Christmas parade on film and say intelligent things like "What, no cartoon?" or "Where's my glasses, I can't see a darn thing!"

JUST PLAIN LUCKY

Speaking of dumb comments and even dumber luck, guess who won the 1980 Monte Carlo raffled off Saturday by the Western Harnett Booster Club?

That's right, none other than Lillington's very own George Earl Womble, "Mr. Lucky," the "Man With the Golden Raffle Ticket," the same man who just recently said, "Gee, I really needed this brand new television I just won. My other one was starting to wear out."

Well, now George is going around saying things like "Gee, I really needed this new car, my other one was starting to wear out."

Actually, of course, I am kidding, George. Drive by the office and give me a ride. I'll be the one trying to start his car with the hand crank.

Bob Deaton, athletic director of Western Harnett, said over 400 people showed up for the dinner and drawing. Every 20th person whose ticket number was called won a prize.

I haven't received any official word on the amount of money made at the event, but I understand unofficially that the club pulled in between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross bloodmobile is returning to Lillington after about a two-month absence. The unit will be at the county office building next Tuesday from 12-5:30 p.m. Ya'll come.

I forgot to ask who the sponsors are for the visit, but since it's been the Lillington Lions Club for as long as I can remember, then I'm assuming that it is them again.

By the way, the bloodmobile had a real productive visit at Campbell Nov. 28 in a trip sponsored by the ROTC. Exactly 124 people showed up, 17 were deferred and 107 productive pints were drawn, including 38 (count 'em) first-time donors.

A one-gallon pin went to Danny Smith of Buies Creek.

In this visit coming up, I was told that the Red Cross will take all types of blood, but they are making a special effort to get O-negative and B-negative blood.

LILLINGTON MASONIC LODGE

Lillington Masonic Lodge 302 will conduct its annual widow's night banquet Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge. Tickets are available from Gary Turlington, Robert Coleman or at the door.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Just found this note buried under the pile of rubble on my desk:

Mrs. Helen Heller returned home last Thursday from Duke Hospital, but she had to return yesterday (Wednesday) for a checkup. Here's hoping that this issue finds you in good health once again, Mrs. Heller, and back at home.

LETTERS TO SANTA

As you kids who got everything you asked for last year well know, our publication of letters to Santa last year was a big success.

Kids around here were happy, their parents rushed out to buy newspapers that contained their kids' letters, which made us

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HAVE TREE, WILL TRAVEL — This unidentified youngster from Saturday's parade seems to have his holiday spirit well in hand. Towing his Christmas tree behind his bike, he goes off in search of a place to root. (Photo by Steve Plummer)

Scott Visits Harnett

BY NANCY BOUNDS

In a speech labeled "informative" rather than political, former North Carolina Governor Bob Scott Monday outlined for a group of Campbell University students the formula for producing too much government and bureaucracy.

Hinting that if he were elected to the top administrative seat he would reduce or retard the growth of government, Scott called Gov. James Hunt the "wrong man as governor."

"I'd like to change that," he declared.

His visit to Buies Creek sponsored jointly by the university's Department of Government and the Young Democrats, served two purposes. For an hour and a half in the afternoon, the candidate lectured to a group of students, mostly government majors, and answered questions sticking strictly to academic topics.

That evening, however, the politicking began and Scott met with Democrats from all over the county for a unity rally and campaign dinner.

A large crowd of party members showed up for the event including a group of young Democrats from Harnett Central High School. Scott said he expects to return to Harnett again when his campaign gets more underway.

Scott is challenging Gov. Hunt for the Democratic nomination. The winner of that primary will oppose Republican candidate I. Beverly Lake, Jr.

Scott, a native of Alamance County, served one term as governor from 1968 to 1972. Before that, he was lieutenant governor in 1964. A dairy farmer by profession, Scott has not been inactive during his vacation from politics, but has held a \$52,000 a year government job with the Appalachian region.

His father, W. Kerr Scott was also a dairy farmer and former North Carolina governor.

The younger Scott says he wants to get back into politics because he feels there is a "lack of leadership in the state."

"I want to slow down the growth of state bureaucracy. I realize I'm not going to be able to stop it, but my campaign theme will be 'Not more government, but better government.'"

A Word From Hunt

Scott was not the only speaker during the afternoon forum at Campbell.

A representative from Gov. Hunt's office, Mrs. Peggy Stamey, was also given a chance to speak but was cut short when Campbell professors felt her talk was getting "too political."

"This is strictly an academic

session for government majors Continued on page 2

Alphin, Stewart Will Lead Harnett Co. Board Again

BY JULIE FARNSWORTH

Harnett County Commissioners Monday re-elected Chairman Jesse Alphin and Vice-Chairman Lloyd Stewart to their present positions for another year, scheduled tax listings and unanimously approved a resolution declaring their support for President Carter's action in freeing American hostages in Iran.

Unanimously re-elected by board members in the annual reorganization meeting, both Alphin and Stewart completed their third year as Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Alphin, a five-year board member said, "It is a real honor to serve and the county can be proud of the board members with their diverse abilities."

In other county business, Commissioners scheduled voting tax listings for Jan. 2 through Feb. 4. During that time, tax lists will be stationed in various parts of the county. Residents must list their taxes in Lillington after Feb. 4.

In another approved motion,

BY NANCY BOUNDS

Harnett County school board member Carrie Carroll announced Monday night that she will not be resigning in February as she had indicated earlier but instead will go off the board in December of 1980 when her term expires.

Mrs. Carroll had planned to resign early next year because she is getting married and will be moving from the Averbosboro township, the area she represents.

Her new home will be in the Keith Hills subdivision in Buies Creek. Mrs. Carroll told the board last night her home will not be completed as early as she had thought, so her move will be delayed.

She chaired the school board meeting last night in the absence of chairman Hoke Smith who could not attend.

During the brief session, the

board approved a one-day trip to New York City, Saturday Dec. 8, for 47 students from Harnett Central High School.

The trip will not interfere with school time, but needed the board's approval so school insurance policies would be in effect.

Jerry Ennis, principal of Harnett Central, told the board in a letter that he felt the trip would have a great deal of "educational value."

A similar excursion was made last year and according to the principal, the results were significant.

This year's tour will cost \$85 per person, a price which includes round trip plane fare, breakfast, and a bus tour of the city. Virginia Currin and Janice Johnson are sponsoring the group and will act as chaperones along with other parents.

It was announced that the

in-school suspension program will begin January 3 even though funds have not been finalized. The money is expected to be appropriated soon.

In other business, the school board agreed to ride in the Angier parade Monday night, December 10, and approved an application for \$51,302 from the Elementary Secondary Education Act.

The monies, if granted, will be used for instructional materials in Harnett school libraries.

All school administration offices will be closed the week of Christmas. Four of those days are holidays and the fifth will be a vacation day taken by all staff members.

The board also agreed to pay employees on December 20 and slated January 21 as the mid-month board of education meeting.



JESSE ALPHIN

Commissioners declared their support for actions taken by President Carter to free the 50 American hostages held in the embassy in Tehran.

The resolution states, "The Harnett County Board of Commissioners unanimously supports the action of the President of the United States in his efforts to free American hostages in Iran, and in his



LLOYD STEWART

support of the Iranian oil embargo . . ."

The declaration also requests the support of other United States citizens in solving the Iranian conflict.

County Commissioners allocated \$113,535 for the Dunn-Erwin-Coats High School architecture and landscaping.

The county has a capital reserve fund of \$1 million plus

interest the money has earned. The approved budget amendment for the third high school would allocate money from the county's \$1 million dollar purse to be appropriated next June.

Alphin said, "We will keep the capital reserve fund intact as long as we can build on it and they wouldn't need the money right away in a lump sum. We will give the money as it is needed."

According to building plans, the proposed school would be completed by 1984 or 1985.

In other appointments, Commissioner Rudy Collins was named to the library board replacing Commissioner Jack Brock.

Commissioners approved two new members of the county library board; Grace Black of Lillington and C. Gordon Springle of Angier. They also approved Margaret Brewington of Dunn to become a member of the Aging Advisory Committee. All other committee appointments remain unchanged.

Three Area Men Named to Campbell Board

Three leading Harnett Countians, Dr. Tom Freeman of Dunn, Carroll Leggett of Buies Creek and Washington, D.C. and T. Lamar Simmons of Lillington, have been elected by the Baptist State Convention to serve four-year terms as

members of the Board of Trustees of Campbell University, to begin January 1.

Dr. Freeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dunn, has served two recent terms as president of the Baptist State Convention.

He has been active in the development of Campbell since assuming his present pastorate in 1962, when Campbell was in transition from junior-to senior-college status. The school became a university in June.

He served first as trustee of the school during the administration of President Leslie H. Campbell and has served the school since in various other functions.

After a campus fire destroyed an older religion building, he initiated "Operation New Hope" to underwrite the present Taylor Hall of Religion.

He has served on Campbell's Advancement Council and was the organizing chairman of its Committee of Ministers. Campbell awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, in 1972.

He is returning to the trustees by re-election after a constitutionally required interval between terms. He will be serving on the committee on student affairs.

Leggett, who will be serving on its committee on investments, is also returning to the board after a required interval of absence.

A magna cum laude graduate as second-high student of Campbell's first senior college class in 1963, he had edited its



T. LAMAR SIMMONS

student newspaper for three years and had served as an officer of the student government association.

Since his finishing at Campbell and subsequent graduation with honors from the Wake Forest School of Law in 1968, he has been employed principally with U.S. Senator Robert Morgan and currently serves as his chief administrative assistant in Washington, D.C.

Leggett was president of Campbell's Alumni Association in 1971 and 1972, and he received its service award in 1978.



REV. TOM FREEMAN

Lamar Simmons, an executive in radio, motel and restaurant businesses in the two Carolinas and Kentucky, has served repeated terms as trustee and deacon of Lillington Baptist Church.

He accepted membership on Campbell's Presidential Board of Advisers in 1971 and was elected its vice-chairman in 1972. Elected for a first term to the Board of Trustees in 1976, he served as its representative on Campbell's Advancement Council.

Most recently he has been co-chairman of the Founder's



CARROLL H. LEGGETT

Council of the Campbell University School of Law.

He will be three-re-elected trustees will be formally installed with six other newly elected or re-elected members at a meeting of the board on Campbell's annual Founder's Day, January 15.



MANA OF THE HOUR—No Christmas parade is complete without Santa Clause making an appearance and he didn't disappoint the boys and girls of Lillington. Santa was on the last float in Saturday's parade, throwing candy to the children along the way. (Photo by Steve Plummer)

10 Days
left until Christmas