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## around town

by Steve Plummer

### LMS STUDENT BOOSTERS GAME

The Lillington Middle School Booster Club is sponsoring a basketball game featuring a team of its own against the school's regular team.

The game will be held Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. in the LMS gym. Admission is 50 cents and all proceeds will go to the school athletic fund.

A raffle for five basketballs autographed by members of teams from Carolina, State, Duke, Wake Forest and Campbell will be held during the game. Tickets are 50 cents each.

The game should be a lot of fun for those of us who enjoy watching athletic, energetic young ballplayers compete against fired, wheezing and slightly paunchy older men.

Howard Hood, president of the Booster Club, has expressed the club's appreciation to all the people who support the school and its fund-raising projects, and he urges everyone to attend the game.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Two concerts of Christmas music will be held at Antioch Baptist Church in Mamas on Sunday, Dec. 16.

At 11 a.m., the Youth I and II choirs and the adult choir, under the direction of Ronny Byrd, will perform. Byrd will also lead the congregation in several songs of the season.

At 7 p.m., the Young Musicians will present a selection of Christmas songs from the program, "Wow, It's Christmas." A brief message from interim pastor Donald Myers will precede the concert. The public is invited to both performances.

### HOLIDAY HAPPENING

A Sunday Happening, renamed a Holiday Happening for this occasion, will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Harnett Central High School.

The event will primarily feature the Harnett Central band in the presentation of its Christmas concert, but the high school's chorus will also perform and the fine arts department will be involved too.

It's going to be a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon, so why not give it a try?

### NEW OFFICERS FOR RURITANS

The Johnsonville Ruritan Club installed its new officers and presented the club's top award at the annual ladies' night meeting Dec. 3 at the White Horse restaurant near Carthage.

Ruritan zone governor Rupert Spivey of Lemon Springs installed the new officers, who included Ellis Stewart, president, D.A. Clark, treasurer, Jim Randolph, vice president and Rob Anderson, secretary. Anderson, unfortunately, was unable to attend the meeting.

Al Graham was presented the club's Community Service award. Humorist Richard Matthews of Fayetteville entertained the group. The Rev. Charles Huggins gave the invocation.

Welcomed as new members were Randall Mosley, Dave Sawyer and Don Driver.

### GOSPEL SING

A gospel sing will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Union United Methodist Church. Featured group will be the Sentinels. The public is invited.

### TUTOR PROGRAM

A tutor program for students in grades 1-12, covering any subject, is being conducted at the First Baptist Church.

The program meets Mondays from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The program features qualified teachers and is open to anyone who needs some extra help.

### THIS'N THAT, HERE'N THERE

Some idle chatter from the Nail Keg Gang: Saw Roy B. Harvell, former owner and operator of the old FCX store, the other day and he said he is working for an outfit in Raleigh now.

The company is Senator-Sanders Tractor Corporation on 1145 S. Saunders Street. The company is a Ford representative and they sell all kinds of agricultural and industrial equipment. They also rent and lease equipment and have all kinds of lawn and garden tractors.

Next time you're in that part of the capital, drop in and see him. The November issue of Carolina Country, the monthly magazine published by the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives Inc., features a photo of Raven Rock on its cover.

The photo is from the new book "North, Carolina," published by Graphics Arts Center Publishing of Portland, Ore. The photographer is James P. Valentine of Highlands, whose photos accompany the writings of Marguerite Schumann of Chapel Hill.

Also in the same issue is a brief write-up on Ken Barbour of Raleigh.

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INVESTITURE SERVICES were held Dec. 6 at South Harnett Primary School for Brownie Troop 490. Leaders of the troop are Anita Waller, Pat Morse, Kathy Roth and Natalie McAdam. Members of the troop are, l-r, front row: Tracey Benny, Carri Coulter, Anita Elliott, Carla Gelflin, Angela Iverson, Michelle Locklear. Second row: Cheryl Lynn, Shawna McAdam, Sham Mason, Destree McCormick, Tracey McLamb, Monika Morse, Kelly O'Dorizzi. Third row: Alison Mason, Nicole Phair, Rapunzel Phair, Lynae Skoog, Melanie Skoog, Dalsey Smith, Ina Waller, Raquel Walker, Dena Weber. (Photo by Steve Plummer)

# Proposed Truck Route Creates Stir

BY STEVE PLUMMER

For a public hearing that drew only seven local citizens, last week's meeting with officials of the N.C. Department of Transportation in Lillington has gotten some community leaders in a bit of a stir.

The Dec. 4 hearing was conducted to explain the highway department's plans for improvements to Tenth and Duncan streets between Front and Main streets in Lillington.

The proposed improvements are for the creation of a truck bypass of the Lillington central business district on U.S. Highway 421, a project that has been on the boards for over a year.

The conflict stems from the interpretation of the extent of the improvements. Tuesday night's report by DOT officials indicated that the new route is designed to accommodate only the northbound truck traffic on U.S. 421.

Local officials claim the original study proposed a mandatory truck route for both north and westbound traffic.

Highway officials said Tuesday that in order to create such an avenue, an additional \$100,000 would be required to modify a steep grade in the median at the Duncan and Main streets intersection near the Cape Fear River.

Total cost of the current project proposal as presented by DOT officials last week is \$520,000, which includes roadway costs and the installation of railroad and traffic signals that are required on Tenth Street and at the Duncan and Main street intersection.

The local representatives are in favor of the highway department appropriating the extra \$100,000 and completing

the entire project at once.

While local opinion seems to be unanimously in favor of the creation of a mandatory truck route for north and westbound traffic, there are indications that opinions are divided on the best method to achieve such a goal.

Local sources also indicated at presstime this week that the whole matter would be brought up for discussion at Tuesday night's meeting of the town board.

Town board members have gone on record as being in favor of the highway department's proposals for the truck route, but at least one of them has said this week that the plan presented last week may not have been the same plan they approved earlier this year.

Town board member Mar-

celle Brown said he was unaware of the conflict until Monday morning, when several government and civic leaders, including N.C. Representative Bob Etheridge of Lillington, Leo McDonald, president of the Lillington Area Chamber of Commerce and Steve Skinner, co-chairman of Project LIP, met informally to discuss the situation.

"My understanding of the situation before was that a two-way truck route by-pass was going to be constructed to relieve north and westbound truck traffic on Main and Front streets," Brown said. "I did not think that it was going to be the plan they (highway officials) presented last week."

"I think the town board Tuesday night should vote to approve the plan as it now

stands but make it clear to the highway department that we feel Lillington will benefit more from the original plan," Brown said, "and also make it clear that we support the proposal that they go ahead and get the extra \$100,000 and do the whole thing at once."

McDonald said this week that he was planning to attend Tuesday's town board meeting to make a statement on the DOT proposal.

He said that while he was not going to be speaking on behalf of the Chamber directors, he plans to present the proposal to them at their regular meeting later this month and issue a statement then.

"I want to make it clear that we're not working against anything," McDonald said. "There's been some talk going

around that we're trying to shoot down this whole thing and that's not true."

"All we want is to get approval for what was in the original plan as it was explained to us," he said.

Skinner, who said he would be unable to attend Tuesday's meeting because of a conflict, agreed with McDonald.

"We see the alleviation of the truck traffic problem as the key to any success for LIP and we think that the best way to handle it is to implement the original plan," he said.

"We understood that the plan would call for a mandatory two-way truck route for trucks traveling north and west on U.S. highway 421," he said. "In reviewing the project report as approved in July of 1978, that was clearly the original inten-

tion."

"At the public hearing last week, we found that the grading problem would prevent such a plan unless it was corrected and since it was going to cost an extra \$100,000, the plan had been amended for northbound truck traffic only."

"We are urging local government officials and residents to write to DOT and encourage them to go ahead and spend the necessary funds to get the project done right," Skinner said.

Skinner said he discussed the matter with Lillington Mayor Frank Lewis last Thursday and the mayor agreed to look into the matter.

According to Skinner, the mayor reported that he did not want to jeopardize funds, but he promised to check to see what could be done.

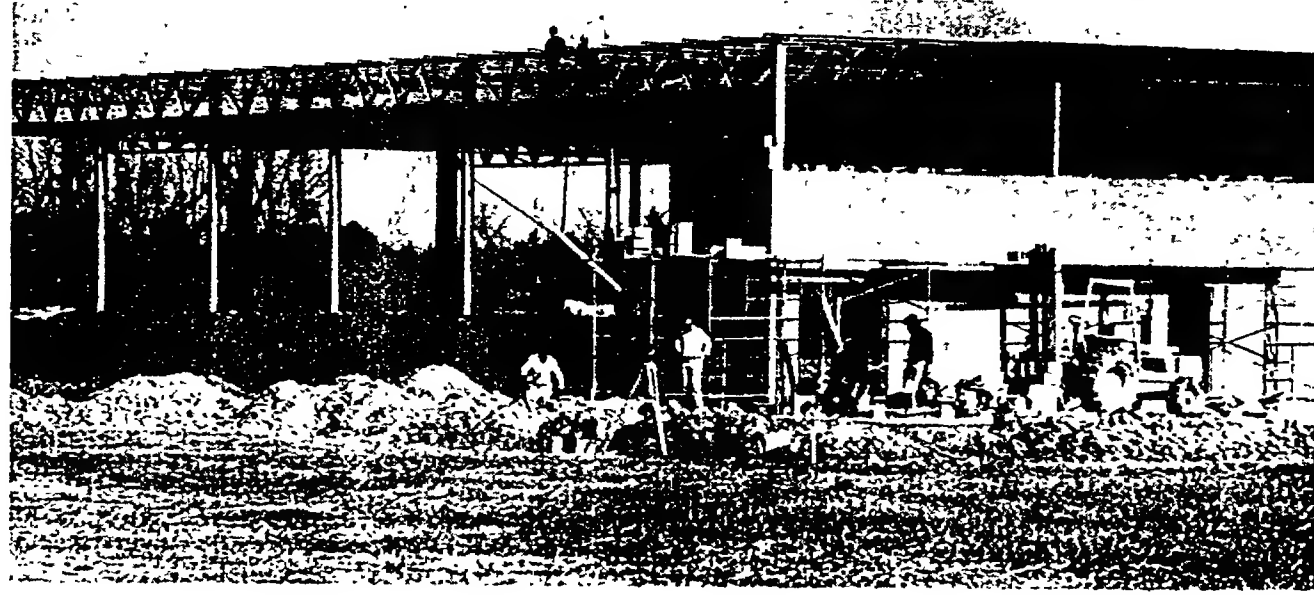
The original plan that Skinner referred to is the project planning report and environmental assessment, which was submitted last summer by the Planning and Research Branch of the Division of Highways to the highway department's planning board.

The report, which was approved by the planning board in July, 1978, recommended "that a truck route for US 421 traffic be provided along portions of Duncan Street and Tenth Street." Estimated cost of the entire project was set at \$265,000.

Under this plan, \$280,000 was estimated for roadway improvements, \$25,000 for train signals and \$10,000 for traffic signals. Right of way was to be provided by the town.

In the plan presented by DOT officials last week, the

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THE CONSTRUCTION SITE of the new industrial shell going up on Prison Camp Road has been scurrying with activity lately. Tony Tucker, Harnett County planner, said this week that several "hot prospects" are interested in locating a business at the site, with one such interested party scheduled to make a definite decision within the next two or three weeks. Once the walls and roof have been completed, no further construction will be done on the building until a business has made a commitment to locate there. (Photo by Steve Plummer)

## Tobacco Farmers To Vote

## Harnett Gets Allocation

Congress has allocated, to date, \$250 million dollars to the Community Services Administration for the Energy Crisis Assistance Program (ECAP) in North Carolina. Available funds for the state total \$4,908,796.

According to Jerry Bullock, Director of Community Development for Harnett County, \$7,000, annually (or less) would be eligible.

Mr. Bullock says people wishing to apply will need to bring to the Community Development office any unpaid fuel bills or bills relating to heating needs, also proof of income; such as Social Security Checks, pay check stubs, letters of verification of income.

Persons having any questions concerning the Fuel Program can contact Harnett

Flue-cured tobacco farmers will vote Dec. 18 to determine whether marketing quotas and price supports will be continued for the next three years.

The law requires that two-thirds of the growers voting must favor quotas if the program is to continue through 1980-82.

If growers vote "yes", acreage-poundage marketing

quotas will continue in effect for the next three years and price support will be available to producers who qualify.

If growers vote "no" there will be unlimited production, there will be no price support and there will be a similar referendum in 1980.

All growers 18 years of age and older who were engaged in tobacco production in 1979 are eligible to vote.

Polling places will be located at the following places:  
Anderson Creek-Anderson Creek Fire Department  
Averasboro No. 1-Mary Stewart Community Building  
Averasboro No. 2-Elton Warren's Mobil Station  
Barbecue-Benhaven Community Building  
Black River-Angier Town Hall  
Buckhorn-Spence Harring-

ton's Store  
Duke-Erwin Town Hall  
Grove No. 1-Ennis Agri-Supply  
Grove No. 2-Coats Fire Department  
Hector's Creek-D.R. Smith & Son  
Johnsonville-B&W Grocery (Wooten's Store)  
Lillington-County Office Building Auditorium  
Neill's Creek-C.M. Johnson's

Store  
Stewart's Creek-Bunlevel Food Center  
Upper Little River No. 1-Mamas-Wesley Brown Building  
Upper Little River No. 2-Thomas Farm Service  
Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. All growers are urged to vote.  
The community committee-  
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NEW OFFICERS of the Boone Trail Ruritan Club were installed at the Dec. 6 meeting held at Rambeant's Restaurant. About 50 members were present for the installation of the officers, who will lead the club in 1980. Seen here are, l-r, Winfred Cummings, director, Vernon Cox, treasurer, Thurman Rogers, secretary, Chalmers Stewart, vice president, Johnny Holland, director, Frank Stewart, president. About 24 club members are making plans to attend the national Ruritan convention in January.

## Nutrition Program Underway in Harnett

BY JULIE FARNSWORTH

Next time you put a bottle filled with fruit juice in your child's mouth while he is napping, think again. The sugar in the juice may form a small black ring on your child's teeth and cause decay.

Next time you're reaching for a piece of chocolate cake, think again. Just because you are pregnant and crave chocolate cake does not mean that is what your unborn child needs.

Pregnancy and prenatal care have been shrouded in myth

and mystery for hundreds of years and some falsehoods continue.

But a nutritionist in Harnett County is working to dispel the folklore and culture-bound traditions.

Mike Freeman of the Harnett County Health Department recently started a supplemental food program for women, infants and children, (WIC), which began Dec. 1.

WIC will provide a food package and health-care plan

for children less than five years of age.

"A WIC client will receive a food prescription, nutrition education and a check-up," Freeman said.

A food prescription will be the "food instruments" which look like checks given to WIC clients to purchase milk, cheese, eggs, juice or infant formula from area grocery stores participating in the program.

"For nutrition education I go over their diets to see what

they are lacking or I look for improvements. I'll monitor their nutritional status."

To qualify for WIC, a person must be a nutritional risk but a check-up is mandatory. The height and weight of a person is noted and a blood test is given.

"We don't require any more than that, but we feel just doing those three things is a disservice so we work with the health department in giving a complete check-up."

"Some women will automatically meet WIC criteria.

Women who are pregnant and less than 18 years of age or who are more than 35 could be clients, or women who have had more than four pregnancies. But there is no income criteria for WIC clients, you just have to be a nutritional risk."

As a part of a person's total health care, WIC is not a separate program but one which works with the health department.

"The person is responsible and has to do her part. She has

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