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In and Out of Lillington

REARIN' TO GO
We were in deep conversation with Gary Turlington the other day. Gary is the good looking son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Turlington and is at that grand old age of just entering the first grade in school.

Gary has all the necessities for his entrance into school life, a book sack, crayons, pencils, ruler, and a notebook. The other thing needed for a youngster to begin school is the frame of mind, and Gary has that too. He's all ready to go, he says. He pointed to his vaccination on the left arm, "and I've already been vaccinated," he continued.

We can see right now that Gary is one first grader who is going to wade right in and tear his lessons apart.

BOUND FOR SCHOOL

Speaking of the opening of school and the first grade, Lillington is going to have some kind of a big beginners class in its school this year. We heard the other day that there were about a hundred children who attended the pre-school clinic last spring who will be entering the Lillington school this fall.

Of course a great many of that number come from the routes around Lillington as well as from in town itself. But that just goes to show you that the number of pupils attending public school is still on the increase.

The present building program underway in the county schools is designed to take care of this ever increasing enrollment of students. If the increase in 1951 is as great as it is this year those building additions will really come into hard-needed use.

PAY HERE

Maybe it's just to let people know where to pay their money, or maybe it's just to brighten up the office a bit. But there is now a neat red sign in Tax Collector D. P. Ray's tax office that says "Harnett County Tax Collector."

It's a right neat looking sign with red letters against a white background, with a red border framing the lettering. Could be that it puts the people who come in in a better frame of mind to pay their taxes.

We understand that Tax Collector Ray used to carry the sign in the car with him when he went to Dunn, and that recently he decided just to move the sign out of the car into the office.

DOG TIRED

The tired dog situation seems to be somewhat better in recent weeks over what it has been in the past. But there is still a lot of room for improvement.

Not long ago Mayor Charlie Loving and some of the town's citizens made some remarks to the effect that something would have to be done if the dogs continued to run around in great numbers and cause a fuss day and night. The News carried some stories and editorials about the situation. Since that time things have gotten a little quieter on the matter.

But still, people around Lillington don't have to look very hard to see the night prowlers still roaming around most any night. And some days right in the middle of the day the canines can be heard carrying on their screeds.

It seems that it might not be quite as bad as it was before, and not as many threats are heard as before, but it's not nearly so good as it could be or ought to be.

NEW PIANO TEACHER

Lillington will have a new piano teacher this fall. Betty Shuford, wife of Harry Shuford of The News staff, is going to begin giving private lessons on the piano in their apartment in a few weeks.

Mrs. Shuford was a piano and music education major at the Woman's College at Greensboro, and is the daughter of one of the best piano teachers in Raleigh.

As soon as it is possible Mrs. Shuford will begin to get her class together. Anyone who wishes to have a son or daughter take piano from Mrs. Shuford may get in touch with her at the garage apartment across from the Baptist Church, or with Harry Shuford at The News office.

IN THE DARK

A man brought us a letter he received recently from an out of town concern and wanted to know what (Continued on page 2)

Sheriff Has Male Clerk In Office

ROGER MANN GETS POSITION; BEGAN WORK ON MONDAY

Fund Shifting By Commissioners Gets Results This Week

The sheriff's office now has a male clerk to keep the office, something that has long been sought after by Sheriff W. E. Salmon. The new clerk, Roger Mann of Lillington, began his duties on Monday of this week.

The Sheriff said he is pleased that he now has a man working in his office as there are some duties that a clerk in the office should tend to that a female clerk would be unable to do, such as releasing prisoners from the jail and serving papers.

For some time now the Sheriff has tried to impress upon the County Board of Commissioners the fact that the office needs a male clerk, who could even be sworn in as a deputy if the need arose. It has been evident that if such a person were to be employed that a larger salary than the \$1200 formerly paid to the clerks would be needed for the job.

At the first Monday meeting of the Commissioners in August the Commissioners finally arrived at what appeared to be a solution to the problem by transferring \$1050 in the Sheriff's budget set aside for a special deputy to the clerk's salary. This combination gave the office the amount of \$2250 for a salary for the male clerk.

Mann, well known in this section, worked with the Northam Motor Company before he took the position in the Sheriff's office Monday.

Sheriff Salmon said Monday that he is of the opinion that he will find it of real advantage to have the male clerk in the office. As yet, he said, he has no plans for making Mann a deputy.

LOCAL SCHOOL WILL HAVE TWO EIGHTH GRADES

Many Improvements Made At Lillington School Since Last Session Ended

Principal H. H. Hamilton has announced that the Lillington school will open Tuesday morning, August 29, at 8:30 and will run for the remainder of the week on short schedule.

There have been some improvements made in the cafeteria since school closed in the Spring. Plastic dishes have been secured, the walls have been painted and the floor covered with tile. The room where the agriculture classes used to be held has been painted and equipped with new desks and blackboards for one section of the sixth grade. More than 200 volumes have been added to the high school library. The work on the new Home Economics department and classrooms is progressing nicely.

There will be two teachers in the eighth grade this year which eliminates the combination grade that has been held for a few years in the past.

Dunn Market Opening Indicates Good Season

From the opening day sales at Harnett County's only tobacco market there are signs that this year will see one of the best seasons in years for tobacco farmers. The first day of sales, Monday of this week, went very well, with 475,666 pounds of tobacco being sold on the floor of the warehouses.

Joe McCullers, sales supervisor of the Dunn market, reported that the 475,666 pounds of tobacco brought a return of \$283,590.22. This figures to be an average price for tobacco on the Dunn market of 58.8c. This is a high figure for the average price, and Dunn warehousemen say they are looking for prices to continue good.

Farmers who sold in the Dunn warehouses on the opening day came away well pleased with the returns their tobacco was bringing. There was some very good tobacco grown in this section this year and the farmers were expecting that their leaf would get a high price. Indica-

DISTRICT OFFICER VISITS LILLINGTON LEGION MEETING

Commander T. L. Smith Makes Short Talk At Fish Fry At Hut

Mr. T. L. Smith of Siler City, Commander of the 16th District of the American Legion made an official visit to the Lillington Post number 28 to attend a fish fry last Friday night. The local members had been looking forward to having the commander as their visitor for some time and had made extensive preparations for the meeting at which he was present.

Commander of the local post, Casey Fowler, presided at the meeting which was a dutch supper affair at the new Legion Hut on Little River. All veterans, whether members of the local post or not, were invited to attend. There were members of some of the other posts in this district of the Legion present, as well as a very good attendance from members of the local post.

Commander Smith made a short talk during the meeting. He did not try to explain policies of the Legion or its present goals, but rather went into the organization of the Legion. His talk was heard with great interest by those present and the visit by the commander and the fish fry were all termed a big success.

ALL IS READY FOR VISIT BY GRAND MASTER

Location of Mason Supper Changed To Local Baptist Church

The Lillington Lodge 302 of the Order of the Masons has laid out final plans for the forthcoming visit next Tuesday night, August 29, by Wallace Caldwell of Chapel Hill, Grand Master of the Masonic Temple in North Carolina. The location of the dutch supper and following meeting has been changed, however, and now plans are for the activities to be held in the Baptist Church instead of at the Lillington school.

Caldwell announced in July that he had chosen the Lillington Lodge as the site of his official visit to this district of the Masonic Organization. This is considered to be quite an honor for the local organization and plans have been underway for the event since the announcement was made.

Work is being done on the cafeteria of the Lillington school and so the dutch supper has been moved to the basement of the Baptist Church. After the supper is over the regular meeting will be held upstairs in the auditorium of the church.

The dutch supper and meeting will be open to Masons only, and all Masons from the 14th Masonic District are urged to attend. Tickets for the supper are on sale at \$1.25 each and can be obtained from Carl Kelly.

LOCAL DRAFT BOARD WARNS DELINQUENTS

All Men Who Don't Report or Follow Rules Taken First

The local draft board for Harnett County issued another warning this week aimed at men who do not follow the directions of the board. "These men will be the first taken when a call for inductees comes in," said Miss Helen Hofmann, clerk to the local board.

These persons who will feel Uncle Sam breathing down their necks before any of the others are termed "delinquents" by the draft board. They can get into that status in a number of ways, all of which have to do with failure to comply with the regulations of the draft laws.

The two most common ways that young men become delinquent in the eyes of the draft are in failing to report their changes of address and by failing to report when called to pre-induction examinations. All delinquents, whether they were previously in that classification or not, are classified as 1-A.

A man can also become a delinquent by failing to observe any other regulation, such as failing to appear before the board when he is summoned, failing to report when he is called for induction, failing to return his questionnaire in the specified period of time, or by violating any other rule laid down.

What happens to a delinquent? No matter what classification he has been in he is immediately placed in 1-A. Then, when the draft board receives a call for draftees the delinquent is among the first group to be sent after he has been declared to be a delinquent. He is not sent for a pre-induction examination, nor is he given the usual 21 day period of grace before he is inducted. He is taken immediately when the draft board gets a call for men.

What happens if a delinquent does not show up when he is called for induction? It then passes out of the hands of the local draft board. If a person is classified as delinquent and then does not report when he is called for induction, the local draft board turns his name over to the F.B.I., and they take it from there.

Harnett County did not have a very high number of delinquents when the first call for pre-induction exams was made. As a matter of fact the local board reports that nearly all of the men who were called on August 14 showed up for their exams. Those who didn't, of course, were placed on the rolls of the delinquent. This high rate of compliance compares very favorably with some counties in the state in which not more than about half of those called reported.

All men will receive equal treatment at the hands of the local board, but Miss Hofmann wants all those who are registered for the draft to know that those who become delinquent by their failure to observe the draft regulations will be the first ones to be called up when a call for draftees is received.

John Spears Is Commended By Highway Association

John Spears of Lillington last week received a commendation for outstanding service by the Lafayette Highway Association at its annual meeting held the 16th of August in Sumpter, S. C. Spears, who has worked with representatives of the association was named as one of the individuals who have made important contributions of service.

The Lafayette Highway Association has as its principal interest the encouraging of more traffic on the "short cut" route through the South, Highway 15-A as it goes through Lillington is a part of this route.

Mr. Spears has been a member of the association for three years now.

Broadway Legion To Give Fish Fry

A fish fry will be sponsored by the Broadway American Legion Post at the Legion Building on Friday night, August 25, from 6:30 to 9:00. "Drive-in service" will be offered to those who wish to take plates home. Proceeds are for the Legion Building Fund.

SUNDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest H. Shuford II, of Arlington, Va., visited with Mrs. Shuford's mother, Mrs. Hugh McD. Ray of Lillington R-3, last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Shuford is the former Miss Grace Ray.

Cement Shortage Slows School Building Work

TEACHER LISTS FOR THREE MORE SCHOOLS GIVEN

Benhaven, Buie's Creek, Boone Trail Chose Aug. 29 Date

Three more schools in the county have released their faculty lists for the 1950-51 school year and their opening dates for the first semester. All three of them, Benhaven, Buie's Creek and Boone Trail, have chosen the opening date, August 29, as the day to open their doors. All three have also scheduled teachers' meetings for August 28, the day before school opening.

The lists of faculty members, opening dates and teachers' meetings are given as follows:

BOONE TRAIL

The Boone Trail school, which opens Tuesday August 29th, will hold its first teacher's meeting Monday, August 28, at 2:30 p. m.

The following will serve as the faculty:

Mr. R. G. Banks, Principal, Mrs. Mariana P. Cameron, Miss Elsie S. Stewart, Mr. Green Titus Rogers, Mrs. Ruby L. Parker, Mr. W. E. Aubrey, Miss Alice E. Lee, Mr. Jack A. Cashion, Mrs. Louella E. Thomas, Mr. Marvin Slaughter, Mrs. Lydia O. Powell, Mrs. Rachel Steele, Miss Julia E. Rogers.

Mrs. Mary P. Ray, Mrs. Allegra H. Patterson, Mrs. Esther Johnson, Miss Beattie McNeill, Mrs. Gertrude Biggs, Mrs. Ossie P. Patterson, Miss Vera McLeod, Mrs. Willo Sitterton Banks, Miss Valeria Womack, Mrs. E. J. Pipkin.

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SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS GET FINAL O.K.'s

White Drivers Get Certificates Here From State Man

A school for school bus drivers was held here Monday at the County School Garage, with seven white drivers applying for their certificates. Mr. O. D. Griffin, a representative of the State Highway Safety Division, the School Bus Certification Division, was on hand to conduct the tests for drivers.

The school held on Monday was for white drivers only, and a similar class for Negro bus drivers will be held here on Thursday, August 31. There are 88 school bus drivers for the county this year, 66 of them being white, 21 Negro, and one Indian. The regular school for the drivers was held last spring, and at that time the tests were given for most of the drivers. Since that time, however, some of those applying have reached the age at which they can receive certificates or have become eligible for some other reason. These are the ones for which the school was held Monday, and for which it will be held the 31st of this month.

Sales Supervisor



Jesse Jones, popular business man and civic leader of Fuquay Springs, will again serve as Sales Supervisor for the Fuquay - Varina Tobacco Market this season. The Fuquay-Varina market will begin sales on Monday, August 28.

Jones predicts another good season for his market and issued a cordial invitation to farmers to sell their crop on "The Friendly Market."

FIRE BREAKS OUT AT COUNTY HOME FRIDAY

2 Rooms Damaged Before Volunteers Extinguish Blaze

The Lillington Volunteer Fire Department rushed out to the Harnett County Home Friday evening and quickly put out a small fire that could have turned into a major disaster. There were no injuries resulting from the blaze, and the fire itself was confined to two rooms in the Negro section in the left wing.

The cause of the fire is still unknown and it was found that the wiring in that part of the building is in good condition, eliminating that as a possible cause. Speculation is that it was started by a careless smoker, or by the careless use of matches in one way or another.

Superintendent of the County Home Prentiss Parker said that it is fortunate that the blaze was discovered in its early stages. Otherwise, he said, there probably would have been a very bad fire. As it was, the fire had made such headway when it was found that Parker deemed it advisable to put in a call to the Dunn Fire Department. When the engine from the Dunn Department arrived, however, the local volunteers already had the fire extinguished. Prompt action on the part of both Parker and the local volunteers is given credit with being the big factor in heading off the fire before it could reach the proportions where it would have been necessary for more fire apparatus to be on hand.

The fire was discovered and the call put into the fire departments at about 5:30 Friday afternoon. When the Lillington truck arrived on the (Continued on page 8)

FOUR PROJECTS ARE HALTED AS SUPPLIES STOP

Nearly All Other Building Jobs Are Still Going Ahead

Work on some of the school building projects that have been contracted has been slowed or halted as a result of a shortage of cement. Contractor R. M. Turlington, who has seven of the contracts let to date, says that four of these projects are now standing idle for the lack of this important building material.

When asked what progress was being made in connection with the building program Turlington said that right now no headway at all is being made in some cases. "We can't get the cement to pour the foundations," he said. However, he stated that in two of the projects, Shawtown and Mary Stewart, the foundations have been poured with cement that was on hand and the brick work has begun.

In the Erwin school project the foundations have not been completely dug in readiness for pouring the cement. But the other four, Angier, Coats (two projects), and LaFayette, have gotten as far along as having the foundations dug and have stopped there.

Turlington said that he thinks the shortage of cement is only a temporary thing, although he admitted that he doesn't know when he will be able to get any more with which to continue work on the four buildings where work has now come to a standstill. The usual thing is for a contractor to get his cement as a project progresses, but lately they have been ordering it for complete projects or even contemplated projects so they will have it available. This is the cause of the shortage of ready cement.

When contacted regarding the matter of work stoppage, Superintendent of Schools C. Reid Ross said that Turlington had spoken to him on the subject and that he (Ross) did not believe that the building projects would be seriously hampered by the cement shortage. What it all (Continued on page 8)

13-YEAR-OLD ELECTROCUTED AT SPRING LAKE

Albert Hilton Falls On Charged Fence; Termed Accidental

A 13-year-old boy, Albert Carnegie Hilton, son of Sgt. and Mrs. George A. Hilton of Spring Lake R-1, was electrocuted last Saturday when he fell across a home-made electrically charged fence. A coroner's jury, headed by Coroner Grover Henderson, termed the death as accidental electrocution.

The accident occurred when young Hilton, who was wading in a creek, fell across the fence, according to a companion, Larry Matthews, 8. Matthews said that Hilton had jumped on an old automobile tire and had lost his balance and fell against the fence.

The fence was charged by a regular electric outlet from the house, with a lightbulb acting as a circuit breaker to reduce the charge. However, Hilton was standing in water at the time he came into contact with the fence and served as a conductor for the electricity.

Matthews ran for help and the current to the fence was cut off. Efforts to survive Hilton failed, however, and coroner Henderson was called into the case.

The coroner's jury brought in a recommendation that the use of home-made electrical fences, such as Hilton was electrocuted on, not be used in Harnett County unless they receive the approval of an electrical inspector.

Funeral services for Hilton were held Monday from the Clayton's Chapel Baptist Church in the Spring Lake section. Rev. O. W. Pulley officiated. Burial was in Harnett Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, Sgt. and Mrs. George A. Hilton; four sisters, Hazel Louise, Catherine May, Ruth Lee and Stella Victoria; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hilton, Smithfield, Pa., and Mrs. Mandy May Meadows, Smithfield, Pa.



Raleigh, N. C., August 23.—North Carolina probably will lose one seat in Congress, despite early reports to the contrary.

The latest check on population gains and losses shows that the Tar Heel state is below the national average in gains.

Although the state picked up from 3,500,000 to more than four million noses-counted this year, the percentage gain is a flat 13%. The national average gain is 14.3%.

Virginia and Florida are the only two southern states that are even up to the national average. Seats in Congress (referring to the House, of course) are assigned on the basis of population. But any reshuffling is done on the percentage of gain and loss.

Thus, the folk on Capitol Hill here are hearing that North Carolina will lose one seat because—although we picked up nearly a half million population—our gain is below the national average.