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"If It Concerns Harnett, It's In THE NEWS"

## In and Out of Lillington

### COULDN'T BREAK EVEN

At the Ruritan banquet at Boone Trail on Tuesday evening of last week, Harvey O'Quinn was kept busy helping with the serving, consequently he got off to a late start with his eating.

While he was trying hard to make up for lost time, someone asked him how he was "making out."

"My bread, fish and coffee just won't break even," he answered, "I keep going back for more of something all the time."

### RURITANS? PURITANS?

Some town folks who don't know much about such things are slightly confused over the name Ruritan. They've heard of the Puritans—probably heard or read something about them while in school.

But—Ruritan? What are they anyhow? Of such is mass ignorance made!

Reminds us of the Catholic story. Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Moriarty went to confession and when entering the church, saw the Father was busy with an early arrival—a man. They could see but didn't hear:

"And what is your occupation?" inquired the priest.

"Acrobat," answered the man.

"Acrobat? What is that?"

The man turned a couple of "cartwheels," his feet flying over his head.

Whispered Mrs. Moriarty to Mrs. Murphy: "Let's go back home: the Father is giving severe penance this morning."

### WANTED—WPA

Leaves are beginning to fall, and there's much raking to be done. One civic-minded citizen of Lillington, who extremely dislikes to see streets littered with leaves, was heard to remark:

"If we only had the WPA with us now!"

### "SUDS" IN DUNN

It'll not be celebrated but will likely be considerably observed. This is "Suds Day" in Dunn.

This morning for the first time since last fall, beer can be legally sold in Dunn.

In addition to state regulations, which are very strict and, we hear, are being strictly enforced, the town officials have set up a set of rules all their own.

Dry Forces may not be willing to admit it, but if the regulating proves effective, it'll be a very hard matter to vote a ban on beer again.

### THE BIG SECRET

"What about that—?"  
No, not yet. It's a big deep, dark secret. Just as soon as the News hears something definite and official, all available facts will be given.

In the meantime, we're anxiously but patiently waiting. Everybody else will have to do the same, we suppose.

### STRAW HATS HERE YET

Regardless of whether there's an official date for discarding straw hats, some Lillingtonians are still wearing the summer lids, late cool snaps to the contrary notwithstanding.

Picking out a citizen who has a mind of his own about such matters, The Newsman approached Mr. John Sutton with:

"I'm keeping my eye on you and when you quit wearing your straw hat ('I'll take mine off too.")

Yep, Mr. Sutton still is wearing his alfalfa top-piece.

### "IN HIS NAME"

Realizing full well that great good comes from social community meetings, Rev. H. H. Cash, Methodist minister of Maners, was inspired by this happy thought when he prayed for a continuance of the community spirit in his invocation at the Ruritan supper a Boone Trail school gymnasium last Tuesday night.

Preachers of Rev. Cash's type are indeed an asset to any community.

### HAIL THE GANG'S ALL HERE!

Francis Church, Sanford Herald's subscription agent and countryside correspondent, had an unusual treat to come his way the other day when he met up with The News' agent, Mrs. Blanche Johnson.

"A good time was had by all" is the substance of Mr. Church's report of the chat in The Herald, in which he says:

"I had the pleasure Monday of meeting Mrs. W. B. Johnson, who is subscription solicitor for the newsy (See IN AND OUT page 2)

## Construction Continues Here Despite Material, Wage Hikes

### NO SLOWING OF BUILDING BOOM IN LILLINGTON

#### Apartment House Under Construction; Many New Homes

There may be a growing shortage of building materials of many kinds, and the cost of building may be rising like a hot air balloon, but you wouldn't know it from the looks of things in Lillington. Not only is construction work proceeding as usual here, but it is actually on the verge of what could be called a building boom.

At the present time the Turlington Construction Company along is building seven new homes inside the town limits, and during the past year the same company has erected eleven homes in town and two in Shawtown. Besides that, the Turlington Company is now working on two building jobs, and completed two more building jobs within the year.

Mr. Joel Layton, Jr. will soon be the owner of a new apartment house in Lillington. The foundations and footings are already in place and work is progressing on a modern four-family apartment building at the corner of 10th and M streets, a block from the water tower. Mr. Layton's new apartment house will be the first of its kind in Lillington.

Other than the houses mentioned as being built by the Turlington Construction Company, there are several homes that have been constructed by contractors from out of town. The new, modernistic home of Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Williford was constructed by a Raleigh contractor. Work on four new classrooms and a new home economics department at the Lillington school is being done by O. W. Godwin of Dunn.

As an example of how much building is going on in Lillington right now, a list of houses that are being built by the Turlington Construction Company has been secured. New homes being put up by them are for James Davis, Leon Kelly, Meredith Senter, W. T. Simmons, Jr., Jack Temple, Richard Bell, and Worth Byrd. In addition to that they are also now working on, at one stage or another, the offices of the building which houses the Turlington Company itself, and an addition to the AAA Building.

During the past year, to further show what a large volume of building is going on here, the Turlington Company alone also erected houses for James Morgan, Willie Dean, Adelaide and Margaret Shaw, Rupert Bradley, Lamar Simmons, Fred Holloway, Leonard Alfred, Joe Moss, and Carol Vaughn. Two more houses were built, one of which has been bought by Robert Womble and the other by Marvin Edwards.

Turlington has also built two houses in Shawtown during the past year, one for J. S. Spivey and the other for Robert T. Perkins.

Other work done by the company during the past year include the Community Building and Friendly Flower Shop.

Not only can the near boom in building be judged by the new homes (See CONSTRUCTION page 8)

### District President



Mr. C. W. Twiford of Goldsboro is president of the North Central District of the North Carolina Education Association which will meet at Goldsboro on October 10. The district includes 17 counties, of which Harnett is one. District NCEA department heads from the county who will preside at meetings of the departments are M. O. Phillips of the Coats School, Agriculture; and D. T. Stults of the Erwin School, District Principals.

### THIRTY MORE HARNETT BOYS ARE CALLED UP

#### Second Call For Induction Follows Close on Last One

The local draft board has announced its second call for inductees from Harnett county. This time 30 men are to report to Raleigh for induction on October 25. These 30 will come from the 86 who reported to Raleigh on September 22 for their pre-induction examination.

On September 25, 29 men were inducted from Harnett. They reported to Fayetteville. At the same time the local board received a notice that it was to furnish 83 more men for pre-induction examination in Fayetteville on October 18.

At the present time the local draft office is running short on its staff. Miss Helen Hofmann, who is the clerk to the board, has been called away to her home on an emergency. Miss Louise McLaughlin is in charge of the office in Miss Hofmann's absence.

The age groups that are receiving notices from the board is now down to the 21-year-olds, but as yet actual induction has not yet gone that far. Both 22-year-olds and 21-year-olds will receive the call during October, however.

### Revival Services at Chalybeate Baptist

Revival services will begin at Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church on Sunday, October 8, and continue through Sunday, October 15. Evangelist Rev. J. Ben Eller of Coats will preach and the music director will be Bennie Slaughter of Dunn. Hours of service: Sundays 11 and 7:30; week days 4 and 7:30. Rev. G. Scott Turner is pastor of the church.

### Boone Trail FFA Elects Its Officers

The following officers have been elected by Boone Trail FFA: President, Harrington Morrison; vice president, James Withers; secretary, Bobbie Hales; treasurer, Charles Stewart; reporter, James Hawley; advisor W. E. Awbrey. The Boone Trail chapter has 56 members.

### M. A. McLean Reunion Sunday, October 15

The M. A. McLean reunion will be held at the home of M. A. Taylor in Johnsonville on Sunday, October 15. All members of the clan are cordially invited to attend.

### PETE LONG IMPROVING

Mr. Pete Long of Lillington, who suffered a strained muscle in his leg recently, has been confined to his home here for the past week. Mr. Long is steadily improving, he expects to be confined to his home for another week or ten days.

## Harrington Postoffice Named for Harringtons

The Harrington, North Carolina, postoffice derived its name from the people who lived in the community and managed the postal station from the time it was established until it was discontinued.

Harrington is located a short distance from Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Upper Little River township. In early days in that community a name other than Harrington was rarely heard. It was Harrington here, Harrington there, and Harrington almost everywhere insofar as Harrington, N. C., was concerned. The definite date when the postoffice was established is hard to determine at this late day. But the famous newspaperman, John McL. Harrington, who managed the office and at the same time published a paper written altogether with pen and ink, was preceded as postmaster by William D. Harrington, father of the late William D., who was for years tax collector of Harnett county, and Mrs. Blanche Harrington Johnson.

William Sr. was a tax collector too, but not for Harnett county. It



This is the building, still standing, used for Harrington Postoffice

was in the days when all of Harnett was a part of Cumberland county.

Mrs. Blanche Harrington Johnson, efficient agent of The News in Upper Harnett, says "this goes way back." It was indeed "before her day."

John McL. Harrington followed William D. as Harrington's postmaster. Then followed Thomas Bragg McLeod (Ned McLeod's father), who

## Honkytonk Shows Aren't Allowed Here Any More

### CARNIVAL BAN ENACTED BY IRATE BOARD

#### Money Promised If Needed For Wells At Three Schools

A resolution denouncing carnivals as dangerous to the public welfare and banning them from the county was passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners at their first Monday meeting at the courthouse. Although there was some doubt from one or two of the commissioners as to how effective the ban would be, it was generally agreed that some action would be taken to test the new ordinance the next time a carnival came to the county.

This is the second time that such a ban has been enacted by the Commissioners in as many years. In 1949 the Board passed a resolution banning carnivals from the county, but shortly thereafter this ban was rescinded in order that a fair could carry out its scheduled run in Dunn, as the contracts had already been signed. The ordinance was not reenacted.

### RESULT OF AFFRAY

The resolution that was passed Monday, as the result of a recent shooting affray in Angier at a carnival there, reads as follows:

"Whereas, it is the opinion of the Board of Commissioners that the licensing of any carnival company will endanger the public welfare,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Tax Collector of Harnett County be and he is hereby directed to refuse to issue any license to any such carnival company pursuant to the provisions of Section 153-10 of the General Statutes of North Carolina."

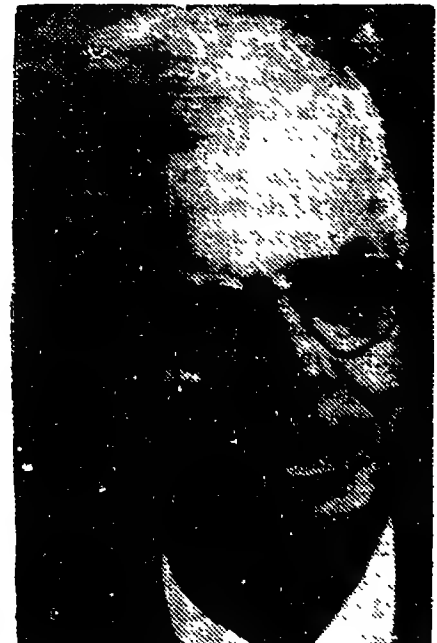
It was feared by some of the Commissioners that carnivals may keep right on coming to the county, avoiding the ordinance passed by them by merely changing their designation from a carnival to a fair or bazaar or some similar name. However, Mr. L. A. Tart, Chairman of the Board, stated that the next time any such show comes to the county he intends to give the ordinance a test.

### MAJ' CLOSE SCHOOLS

During the fast moving meeting, which lasted until nearly 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, Superintendent of Schools C. Reid Ross and the members of the County School Board appeared before the Commissioners and requested aid in meeting a water shortage crisis at three of the county schools.

According to the School Board three county schools, Shawtown, LaFayette and Coats, are facing the possibility of being closed down because of lack of facilities for water. There are deep wells at these schools, but in recent months the water table has dropped to such an extent that these wells do not furnish a water supply in quantity enough to serve the (See CARNIVAL page 2)

### To Conduct Services



Dr. A. Paul Bagby of Bule's Creek will conduct an evangelist meeting at Lillington Baptist Church October 8-15. The first service will be next Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock hour, and thereafter at 7:30 o'clock each evening. Dr. Bagby is an outstanding preacher and has served some of the strongest churches in the South. Mrs. Ruth Brown will be in charge of the music. The public is invited.

### BOONE TRAIL IS PREPARING FOR ITS ANNUAL FAIR

#### Attractive Prizes Offered on Exhibits In All Departments

The annual agricultural fair at Boone Trail School is definitely on the way. Scheduled for next Thursday, October 12, the fair's premium list has already been prepared.

Attractive prizes are held forth as inducement for exhibitors in all departments, which include products from farm and home ventures, animals and machinery.

### PREMIUM LIST

Swine: Chalmers Stewart: Mature boar \$3-1, yearling \$3-1, mature sow \$3-1, pig boar \$3-1, pig sow \$3-1.

Beef Cattle: Sammie Brown: (All breeds: Bull \$5-3, cow \$5-3, heifer \$5-3.

Poultry: Clarence Stewart: Pen old \$2-1 (1 male, 2 females), rooster \$1-50, hen \$1-50, pullet \$1-50, pen ducks \$1-50, pen geese \$1-50, turkeys \$1-50.

Farm Machinery: Sidney Thomas and Lloyd Stewart: \$20 to exhibit.

Household Exhibits: Mrs. Parker: \$20 to exhibit.

Community Exhibits: R. G. Banks and J. H. Withers: Community \$5-2, educational, all grammar school.

Corn: B. P. Ingram: hybrid \$1-50, hybrid white \$1-50, any other \$1-50.

Oats: B. P. Ingram: Any variety \$1-50.

Soy Beans (stalk \$1-50, yellow \$1-50, any \$1-50.

Apples (plate 5): Jim Pipkin: Winesap \$1-50, Delicious \$1-50, Golden Delicious \$1-50, any \$1-50.

Beaches: Jim Pipkin: \$1-50, grapes \$1-50.

Nuts: Jim Pipkin: Stuart pecans \$1-50, walnut \$1-50.

Potatoes (sweet): Levie Cameron: (1 peck): Porta Rico \$1-50, Nancy Hall \$1-50, any variety \$1-50.

Irish Potatoes: L. Cameron: cobler \$1-50, Red Bliss \$1-50.

Cow Peas: Herman Stewart: any variety \$1-50.

Peanuts: Herman Stewart: large \$1-50, small \$1-50.

Cured Hay: J. K. Stewart: soy bean \$1-50, cow pea \$1-50, alfalfa \$1-50, lespedeza \$1-50, any variety \$1-50 (See BOONE TRAIL page 8)

### Dr. Chas. W. Byrd Elected to Board



DR. CHAS. W. BYRD

At a meeting of the ex-officio members of the Harnett County Board of Health, held in Lillington Monday, Dr. Charles W. Byrd of Dunn was elected to the Board to succeed Dr. Paul G. Parker of Erwin, who died September 18 of a heart attack. Dr. Byrd will serve on the Board with Dr. D. C. Bain and Mr. William Carroll of Dunn and Mr. W. B. Bruce of Overhills.

Ex-officio members of the Board are Mayor C. S. Loving of Lillington, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners Lofton Tart of Dunn, and Superintendent of Schools C. Reid Ross of Lillington.

Dr. Byrd's term will expire in January, 1954.

## State Democratic Forces Are Rallying for November 7 Votes

Democratic forces of North Carolina are steaming into high gear with rallies being staged in each of the Congressional Districts. The rallies began last week, and attendance at the gatherings is reported as larger than ever in "off years."

The "off years" are so termed because there is no national and state election — these coming every four years, when presidential and gubernatorial choices are to be made.

Of more immediate concern to Harnett Democrats is the rally in the Seventh Congressional District, of which this county is a part. This gathering is scheduled for Friday, October 13, at 2:30 p. m. at Whiteville.

Hon. F. Eitel Carlyle, Congressman from the Seventh, is urging all Harnett Democrats to be at Whiteville on the 13th to participate in the rally. A large attendance is expected.

So far as local candidates are concerned—and this includes Representative Carlyle who represents Harnett in the national lawmaking body, there is nothing appearing on

the surface to indicate that the November voting will not be safely Democratic, perhaps with bigger majorities than ever before provided the voters take the time and trouble to go to the polls.

There has been heard some grumbling stemming from the June primary in which Willis Smith won over Frank Graham. Although Democratic leaders in the county are discounting it as "light talk," the rumor continues that some Democrats are so fretted that they will not wholeheartedly support the ticket. This number, however, is regarded as negligible.

E. L. Gavlin, Sanford Republican who is running against Smith, is said to be banking heavily on disaffection among Democrats so that he may cash into Smith's vote. Democratic leaders also discount that theory.

Consensus of opinion is that when the votes are counted on the night of November 7, the Democratic roll will show no dent. What the leaders are campaigning now for, however, is a high tally when the ballots are counted.