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Mary Lou Ellen Named Teacher of Year Nominee

Mary Lou Ellen, science teacher at Harnett Central High School, has been selected as the Harnett County nominee for the Teacher of the Year award.

Ms. Ellen's selection was announced Wednesday by Shirley F. Johnson, president of the Harnett County Association of Classroom Teachers (ACT). She was selected from nominees submitted by schools in Harnett County by a committee composed of two teachers, one ACT representative, two principals and one supervisor.

Ms. Ellen attended East Carolina University and N.C. State University. She received her BA degree from Meredith College and her Masters of Education in biology with a concentration in degree from Campbell University.

Ms. Ellen belongs to several professional organizations, including the National Education Association, the N.C. Association of Educators, ACT, the N.C. Science Teachers Association and the N.C. Academy of Science.

She has also participated in or

held the following positions:

Coordinator of the Science Department at Harnett Central, student council advisor, junior class advisor, safety committee chairman at Harnett Central, Harnett Central faculty representative to Harnett County OSHA Safety Committee, Instructional and Professional Development Committee of ACT.

Also, N.C. Zoological Park Science Curriculum Study, Principal's Advisory Committee, member of the Teachers' Advisory Committee to the Superintendent, Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, coordinator of Science Curriculum Guide Strategies Program, Governor's School nominating committee and Senior Citizens Committee.

Also, FHA recognition and appreciation, workshops in embedding in bio-plastic, micro-techniques, skeleton preparation, safety instruction for teachers and schools in laboratory safety and preparation for the world of work.

Ms. Ellen, a member of Memorial Baptist Church of

Buies Creek, has taught adult classes in personal improvement and personal sewing skills.

She has published articles for local newspapers and for The Biochemists and has given considerations for developing a manuscript on "Pelagic Expeditions" for The American Biology Teacher.

The county selection of the teacher of the year is the first step in the selection of the N.C. Teacher of the Year and the National Teacher of the Year, the oldest on-going awards program honoring classroom teachers now in its 27th year.

In advising North Carolina school units of the teacher of the year (TOY) search, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. A. Craig Phillips said, "The North Carolina TOY is an ambassador for education and represents the finest in teaching as a profession."

Ms. Ellen will compete for District 10 Teacher of the Year honors in January. At this time, she must present a scrapbook outlining her teaching career

and philosophy of education to the District 10 selection committee, which will include a lay citizen, an ACT member, a parent, a student, a central office staff member, two classroom teachers, a school board member, a principal, a representative from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and a media representative.

This committee will review the presentations, interview the nominees and select one teacher to represent all the teachers in the district to vie for N.C. Teacher of the Year, a position currently held by Jo Ann Norris, a first grade teacher at Garner Elementary School.

Other nominees and the schools they represented in the Harnett County TOY competition were Blanche O. Dupree, Buies Creek Elementary School; Phyllis H. Edwards, Harnett Middle School; Catherine Jeffries, Angier Middle School; Cynthia L. Long, Shawtown Primary School; Reubin A. McNeill, Lillington Middle School; and Glenda B. White, Anderson Creek Middle School.

around town

by Steve Plummer

TOBACCO GROWERS MEETING

A tobacco growers meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the county office building in Lillington at 2 p.m.

Specialists from N.C. State University will be on hand to discuss the many phases of producing a profitable and quality crop. All tobacco producers are urged to attend.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Fellowship Baptist Church choir will conduct its Christmas cantata Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at Summerville Presbyterian Church.

The program will be "A Night to Remember," by Harold Decou. A fellowship hour will be conducted after the service. The public is invited.

WEEKEND REVIVAL

Antioch Baptist Church in Marners will conduct weekend revival services Friday through Sunday evenings. Services will be conducted at 7 p.m. each evening and at 11 a.m. Sunday morning.

The visiting minister will be the Rev. Martin Groover, pastor of the East Columbia Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C. The public is invited.

A picnic lunch will be served at the close of the morning service Sunday. Each family is asked to bring a picnic lunch.

SINGLES SUNDAY SCHOOL

The singles Sunday School class at Lillington Baptist Church, taught by Cheryl Kapp, meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the educational building.

In addition to the classes, the group participates in various kinds of outings and social activities. One Sunday night each month is spent meeting with the singles class of Buies Creek Baptist Church at the home of Dan Cook.

Persons interested in more information should contact Roberta Womble at 893-3243.

KIDS NEEDED FOR PARADE

The Lillington Christmas Parade is coming this Saturday and one precious commodity is needed by several organizations who plan to participate in the event - kid power.

Children interested in participating in the bicycle brigade should contact the folks at Southern National Bank for information and registration. The bike brigade has always been one of the more popular features of the annual march, so if you are a kid with a bike, let them hear from you.

The Lillington Kiwanis Club also needs some kids who want to ride a float in the parade. The group is looking for about 12-15 young people between the ages of 10-15.

Interested riders should dress in winter outfits and report to the Forest Hills Shopping Center at 9:30 a.m. Saturday to board the floats.

Riders will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, but all the other kids who wish to participate can walk along side the float during the parade. Adult supervision will be provided by the Kiwanis members.

GRAND THANKSGIVING

Judging from the number of folks who visited or had visitors during last week's turkey day celebration, a lot of people in the area had a big, enjoyable day. However, we're willing to bet that there is one little girl out there who had a bigger day than most.

She's two-year-old Page Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thomas of Bunnlevel, and when she met the rest of her family at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ray Thomas of Rt. 1, Bunnlevel, we're certain that she got all the attention from her grandparents she could want.

You see, lucky Page figures you can't have enough grandparents, so she has 10 (that's right, grand 'em, ten, the big one-oh), four grand parents and six great-grandparents.

In addition to the Thomases, there are her other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Bataille of Greensboro. Then there's the great-grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Jones Gilchrist of Lillington, Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Wilson of Greensboro and Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Thomas Sr., also of Lillington.

Now, as if those folks weren't enough, the Thomases had even more family members over for dinner.

Among these guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thomas and son Will of Raleigh, Tim Thomas of Lillington, Donna Thomas of Lillington, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Johnson and children Ronald Ray, Jeffrey and Maria of Lillington, Mrs. Phillip Page and daughter Julie of Lillington, Mrs. Yvonne Casto and daughter Kim of Fayetteville, Mrs. Elaine Womack of Lillington, Brenda Gilchrist of Greensboro, Mrs. Barbara Ray and daughter Monica of Lillington, the Rev. and Mrs. Neil Ray and children Ward and Beth of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Cannady of Bunnlevel, Mr. and Mrs. George Sherrill of Lillington, Joy Phillips of Lillington and Barbara Gardner and Angie McLean, both of Angier.

Whew - that's enough people to start your own county. Anyway, if Page is happy at Thanksgiving, I bet she's delicious at Christmas.

AREA HOLIDAY EVENTS

I mentioned in last week's column that I was going to mention in this week's column several events going on in the area in the next few weeks to commemorate the upcoming holiday.

Well, get your pencils out and write this down, 'cause I'm only going to say it once:

The town of Broadway and the Broadway branch of The Carolina Bank will conduct its Christmas parade Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. Rain date is 6 p.m. Dec. 5. Theme of the parade is 'An Old Fashioned Christmas in the Town of Candies.' Trophies will be awarded for best church float, best commercial float and best marching band. Dunn's parade will be held Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Erwin will start its own parade at the same time Dec. 6.

The N.C. State Ballet Company will present the "Nutcracker Ballet" Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

The O'Berry Center in Goldsboro will host its annual parade Dec. 7 at 1:15 p.m. The event is held for the enjoyment of the mentally retarded residents of O'Berry and for the patients of Cherry Hospital and is one of the largest in this part of the state. Last year they had 75 entries and over 1,000 participants. Anyone interested in participating should call Frank Farrell at 731-3502.

The eighth annual Candlelight Tour of six restored homes in Raleigh's historic Oakwood will be conducted Dec. 15-16 from 1-7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 adults, \$2 students. Persons interested in the tour should stop at the Oakwood-Mordecia House first on 418 Person Street. Tickets and tour guides are available there. For more information, call 737-2775 or write Ronald Ellis Jr., 517 North East Street, Historic Oakwood, Raleigh, 27604.

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MARY LOU ELLEN

Financial Aid Workshop Set

The guidance department at Harnett Central High School will present a financial aid workshop for parents Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The program is designed to acquaint parents of college-bound students with the various

sources of financial assistance and means of applying for them.

Ms. Paula Abramson, coordinator of scholarships at the UNC-Chapel Hill financial aid office, will be available for more information.

Sirena Byrd to Lead Local Christmas Parade

Sirena Byrd, the Lillington Chamber of Commerce's "Woman of the Year" for 1979, has been named the honorary chairperson of the annual Lillington Christmas parade.

The yearly holiday event, the traditional kick-off of the Christmas shopping season in Lillington, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. The march will begin forming in the Forest Hills Shopping Center parking lot at 10 a.m.

The appointment of Mrs. Byrd as co-chairperson of the event continues a Chamber practice begun last year when Dr. J.K. Williford, the 1978 winner of the Distinguished Service Award, headed up the Yule march. The Chamber will name as honorary chairperson each

year the citizen honored for outstanding service at the annual banquet in January.

Over 50 entries have signed up for this year's parade. A \$100 cash award will be presented to the best non-commercial float and \$50 will go to the float that comes in second. A trophy will be awarded to the best band.

Six bands have committed themselves to this year's march. They are from Western Harnett, Harnett Central, Dunn, Erwin, Coats and Fuquay Varina.

The Erwin band has just returned from an appearance in the Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia.

Marcelle Brown, chairman of the parade, said he expects this year's event to surpass all

previous parades held in Lillington.

"Things got off to a slow start this year in regards to the number of entries in the parade," he said, "but they have really picked up in the past week and we expect another great performance."

Brown said that while he was pleased at the total number of units in the parade, he was concerned that there would not be enough clowns to please all the children who have come to expect a large group of the merry-makers in the Lillington march.

"We're hoping that some people will show up for the parade dressed in clown costumes or funny outfits like they've done in the past," he

said. "Otherwise, we're just not going to have very many."

Requests have also been made for more participants in other units, such as the bicycle brigade. Children interested in decorating a bike to ride in the parade should contact Southern National Bank to pre-register.

The Lillington Kiwanis Club has also asked that children between the ages of 10-15 who are interested in riding the club's float to be at the parking lot by 10 a.m. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

Among the entries signed up in the last week are:

Several horsemen, including Jack and Eunice Webb and Paul Hinkle, Flatwood Volunteer Fire Department, Lillington Middle School cheerleaders, Harnett Twirlers (square dancers).

Also, Miss Central Carolina Technical College, Deborah Allen, Little Miss Crepe Myrtle, Angie Gray, Western Harnett ROTC unit, Lillington Baptist Choir.

Also, Harnett Central Future Farmers of America float, FFA Sweetheart Deborah Harper, Fuquay Varina Homecoming Queen Cathy Tutor, Cool Springs Union Methodist Church float.

N.C. Rep. Bob Etheridge, Harnett County Sheriff Lewis Rosser, Harnett County Board of Education, Harnett County commissioners and Lillington officials.

Also, Cub Scout Pack 61 of

Lillington, Donald Duck, Rabbit, Mickey Mouse and the farm entries, which include machinery, tractors, combines and more.

The parade will exit the parking lot by the Summerville-Marners Road and will enter Front Street from there.

After continuing down Front Street, the unit will turn right onto Main Street and continue down to Killigrey Street, where it will turn right again.

The parade will turn back to the right onto 11th Street and will disband in the parking lot of Lillington Middle School.

Lillington Police Chief Lincoln Neal said all through traffic in town will be detoured during the duration of the parade.

Demos to Hear Carter

Harnett County Democrats will see and hear President Jimmy Carter announce for re-election at a county announcement party next Tuesday night at Howard Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn.

The announcement party here will be one of thousands being held throughout the nation to give Democrats an opportunity to gather in fellowship and watch the President's announcement dinner on television.

Plans for the coffee and doughnut gathering here were announced by Hoover Adams, who served as a member of the State Steering Committee for Carter four years ago and is now a member of the National Finance Council of the Democratic Party.

In announcing the event at a meeting of Harnett Democratic

Women at Heath's Steak House Monday night, Adams told the group, "President Carter is going to announce for re-election at the Capitol Hilton Hotel in Washington next Tuesday night, but he's also going to announce at Howard Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn via television."

He urged the Democratic women and all other Democrats to attend the event Tuesday night, beginning at 8 p.m., right after the weekly Rotary meeting.

It's going to be a very informal affair—no program, no speeches except the one by President Carter on television.

Mrs. Katie Morgan, wife of U.S. Senator Robert Morgan, members of Harnett's legislative delegation, county officials, city officials from various

towns within the county and other party dignitaries are expected to attend.

"We're going to hear the President, have a lot of fun and fellowship, enjoy refreshments and show our support for President Carter," said Adams.

He said the entire banquet room has been reserved for the occasion and expressed hope that it will be filled to overflowing.

"If you can't come for the entire evening, at least come by for a few minutes and have some coffee and doughnuts," he urged.

Adams pointed out that enthusiasm for President Carter has grown immeasurably ever since Senator Kennedy announced.

"No invitations will be mailed out," he said, "We're just inviting everybody to come."



HARNETT DEMOCRATIC WOMEN heard from former state party chairman Betty McCain Monday night at a dinner at Heath's Steak House in Dunn. Seen here, l-r, are Linda Hayes, first vice president and

program chairman, Mrs. McCain, Bill Shaw, Harnett County commissioner and Annie Drane of Lillington, club president. (Photo by Tim Ledford)

Local Phone Connection Is Discussed

By EILEEN MYERS

Local phone connection between Angier and Lillington is a possibility for the future only if both towns exhibit support and interest.

This was the consensus of opinion expressed Monday night at a public meeting on the subject. The object is to do away with long distance rates between the municipalities by eventually attaching a small added amount to phone subscribers' bills.

Approximately 30 persons attended the open meeting held in Angier Town Hall. Among those were civic, county and local officials, police and rescue representatives, private citizens and a representative of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph.

The meeting was called jointly by the chambers of commerce for Angier and Lillington. Rudy Brown, Angier Chamber president, presided.

"I believe if we are able to get the civic clubs behind us and receive the endorsement of the two governments, we can get this thing

through," Brown commented in opening the meeting. He outlined nine objectives to be considered in requesting the local phone service change:

- To better the emergency, police and medical services.
- Bring about county-wide unity.
- Tie the consolidated school district together.
- Connect two municipalities.
- Maintain better service to Metro-Water System.
- Local availability to the new airport at Buies Creek.
- Easier access to Campbell University in Buies Creek.
- Locally connect businesses in Harnett County.
- Connect another portion of the county to the County Seat.

Presents Study

Charles Dorman of Carolina Telephone presented a study to the group, done in advance of such requests for rate changes, that

showed that, while Angier is a good candidate for a local rate change, Lillington is not.

The study, compiled during January of this year, regarded the feasibility of the extended air service (local exchange) for the two towns and also helped to determine what new rate to charge, should the change take place.

Dorman presented the following figures:

- There are 4,051 main phone subscribers in Lillington; there are 1,960 in Angier.
- Of the Lillington customers, only 860, or 21.1 per cent, place long distance calls to Angier that month. This amounted to 4,048 total calls.
- In Angier, 784 callers place 4,474 calls, or 2.28 calls per Angier customer. This represents 40 per cent of Angier's subscribers needing to call long distance to Lillington.

"From this, we (the phone company) can conclude that Angier

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