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City Council Decides On Armory Rent

Varied Matters Come Before Council Here Monday Night

Armory rentals, holidays for city employees and street problems occupied Dunn's board of commissioners at their bi-monthly meeting Monday night.

The five commission members authorized City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs to make contracts for rentals and use of the Dunn Armory at prices ranging from \$25 to \$50 per night.

Effective Jan. 1 the new ordinance will go into effect after Jan. 1, the board voted.

Mayor Ralph E. Hanna presided at the meeting, which began at 8 p. m. in the Municipal Building.

The armory will be rented "for purposes" on available space as follows:

For boxing, wrestling and basketball: Per matinee, \$35; per night, \$50.

For dances: afternoon, \$35; night, \$50. Afternoon when in conjunction with a night dance on the same date, promoted by the same lessee, \$25.

All other forms of amusement or entertainment for which the armory is engaged for at least five consecutive days or nights within the fiscal year ending June 30: matinee, \$25; first night, \$50; each additional night, \$35.

Installation or removal of equipment for any event in the armory will set the lessee back \$12.50 per day, the commissioners ruled.

For use of the armory by the same lessee for as many as 10 days or nights over a period of 90 days, the fee will be \$25 each day or night.

Dining Room Rentals
Dining room rentals for private parties and events will cost \$5 per day or night.

City Manager Hobbs will be allowed to grant rent-free use of the auditorium for legitimate non-commercial purposes "of a public nature," including conventions.

The city will charge no fee for concession rights for the sale of soft drinks, candy, cigarettes and legitimate items. No beer, wine or liquor may be sold or drunk in the building, however.

No charge will be made for normal heating, lighting and water use, although charges for additional use will be made.

Mills To Give Colonial Hams

Erwin Mills, Incorporated, which each year presents its employees a nice Christmas gift, this year turned to Harnett County to provide the gift.

E. H. Bost, manager of the mills at Erwin announced today that the textile company will present its thousands of employees with a flavorful cured ham—one of the famous products of Colonial Frozen Foods Lockers, Incorporated of Dunn.

It was disclosed that the hams were purchased from Manager Al Wullenwaber several months ago, and since that time have been gaining flavor and growing more delicious with the passing of each day.

Mr. Bost also disclosed that as an extra Christmas gift, employees this year will have no December insurance premium to pay. This was due to the fact that benefit payments this year were less.

Manager Joe McCullers of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce said today that he felt continued on page 5



It's all sugar coating and no pill in this prescription for your ills. Vivacious Joyce Ann Grimes is not only good for headache and neuralgia, but has proved a great benefit for sore eyes and low blood pressure. Miss Grimes works as soda fountain and cosmetics clerk at Roycroft's Drug Company in Coats, she still finds time to run the Coats Teen Age Club, and even decorates a Christmas tree now and then. And she's adept at looking after her own interests—she told The Record's staff photographer, "Don't forget to mention that I'm single." (Record staff photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Erwin Mills To Honor Veteran Employees

25-Year Employees Will Be Guest At Big Banquet

Erwin Mills, Inc., at Erwin, will pay high honor to its veteran employees at the annual Twenty-five Year Club banquet to be held on Saturday night, December 16, at 6 o'clock in the Industrial Arts building of the Erwin school.

Plans for the event, which each year recognizes the long and faithful service of those who have been with the company for a quarter of a century or longer, were announced today by E. H. Bost, manager of the company at Erwin.

This is an event which is eagerly looked forward to each year by the members. Forty new members have passed the 25-year mark during the past year, and will be honored at the banquet this year for the first time.

Selected to deliver the address this year is Dean Herbert J. Herring, Dean Herring is an outstanding speaker and Mr. Bost said that he felt unusually fortunate in securing him for the occasion.

Dr. Frank T. DeVuyver of Durham, vice president and personnel director of the company will serve as toastmaster at the banquet. Also scheduled to attend the banquet are: President William H. Ruffin of Durham, Carl R. Harris of Durham, vice president; and E. M. Holt of Durham, general manager. All of these executives are well known to the people of Dunn. continued on page 7

The Daily Record Publishes First Edition This Afternoon

Dunn's Ward System May Be Doomed By Next State Session

Dunn citizens may have to use a new system for electing their mayor and city councilmen in the next municipal primary in May.

State Senator J. Robert Young said today that he is considering introducing a bill in the Senate which would abolish Dunn's ward system.

Under the plan being considered by Senator Young, commissioners would not be elected from a single ward, but would be elected at large. Citizens would vote on five of the candidates and the one receiving the largest vote would automatically become Mayor.

Senator Young pointed out that this system is now used in many towns and cities in the State.

PRESENT SYSTEM OPPOSED

He said that many citizens had conferred with him about the matter, expressing opposition to the system which prohibits more than one citizen being elected from a single ward.

"I believe citizens should be given an opportunity to elect the very best and ablest commissioners to represent them regardless of the ward in which they live," declared Senator Young.

Senator Young said several members of the present city council had discussed the matter with



SENATOR YOUNG

him and had voiced approval of the plan.

APPROACHED BY OFFICIALS
"In fact," he added, "one or two of the present commissioners approached me about it."

Senator Young pointed out that any man qualified to serve on the

Record Breaks Record Today

Today's edition of The Daily Record breaks all records for newspapers published in this area.

The circulation of The Record today—more than 12,000—is the largest ever put out by a newspaper in Harnett County.

More than 6,000 pounds of newsprint were required to publish it, and copies will blanket this entire section, with papers to be put in every home in the towns, on every rural route and in every mail box.

Incidentally, if you fail to receive The Record, please notify this office and you will be placed on the mailing or delivery list.

A circulation of 12,000 today means that more than 60,000 people will read this issue. Statistics show that every newspaper is read by at least five persons.

Historic Issue
Many people will want to save this first edition for historical purposes.

The Record has received requests for the first edition from many collectors; public citizens in many parts of the nation.

As soon as it rolls off the press, copies will go Air Mail Special Delivery to many of those who have requested it.

For the benefit of those in the Harnett area who visit New York, The Daily Record will be found each day on sale at the famed Crossroads of the World newsstand at Times Square—just outside The New York Times building.

Record Firsts

A number of citizens can proudly claim "Firsts" with The Record today.

More than 160 people wrote or phoned The Record asking that they be allowed to be the first subscriber.

Actually, four local citizens, Graham, Henry, Dr. Robert Jordan, Emmett C. Edgerton and Emple Hall, tied for that honor.

Herbert Taylor requested the first copy to roll off the press. The first check The Record received was from Dr. Jordan.

First merchant to request advertising space in the first issue was Ducas P. Ray of Lillington.

First subscriber at Lillington was Neil McK. Salmon.

First subscriber on Coats, Route 1 was J. C. Bayles.

City Judge A. R. Wilson of Durham was the first to write continued on page 4

Santa Coming On Saturday

A mammoth parade on the morning of December 9 at 11 o'clock will feature the Christmas festivities for Dunn, according to Joe McCullers, secretary of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce.

Three bands which have been invited to take part in the parade are the Dunn high band, the Harnett County Training School band and the Benhaven high school band. These musical groups will be augmented in the parade by approximately 50 floats which will be entered by merchants of the city.

Pearsall Is Chairman

Billy Pearsall chairman for the parade, states that a number of artistic ideas have been conceived by the merchants in preparation for the parade. An added feature will be the actual airplane which is being shown.

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce have charge of the parade, with the route announced as follows: from North King avenue on Broad to Magnolia, thence to Cumberland, and west on Cumberland to the cotton yard where the parade will disband. Santa Claus will appear on the last float in the parade and in addition will make a personal appearance at the Drive-In Theatre on Christmas Eve night.

New Paper Comes Out Three Weeks Ahead Of Schedule

Benson Group Plans Election

Benson Chamber Will Hold Banquet On Thursday Night

Meeting at the American Legion building Thursday, the Benson Chamber of Commerce will elect a board of directors.

The board, consisting of eight members, will be chosen from the list submitted by nominating committee composed of L. L. Levinson, Hiram Rose and Walter Strickland. Manager Lewis H. Lawrence announced that the gathering will be a dinner meeting.

Officers will be chosen at a later meeting of the board, when a slate will be selected from the board membership.

Special entertainers will be present at the meeting, to help members of the chamber mix fun with business. Among them will be John Ciccone, Dunn accordionist; Joseph Bouchard, baritone, of Raleigh and Bule's Creek; and Roderick Adams, comedy dancer from Fuquay Springs.

Jim Butler of Goldsboro, executive secretary of the chamber of commerce there, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Dr. C. W. Sanders of Benson is slated to introduce the speaker.

This meeting of the chamber comes in the midst of Christmas activities. Plans are being made for a committee of members under the direction of Emory Williams and Hiram Rose, to construct a nativity scene in town. Erection of the scene will probably be in the grove.

Another attraction of the Christmas season will be a visit by Santa Claus, who will appear in all

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Roland Hodges Rites Planned

Funeral services for Roland Hodges, 29, of Dunn, Rt. 4, will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow from Grove Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be the Rev. R. R. Gammon and Dr. A. R. McQueen. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hodges died at 7:10 a. m. at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Russell Hodges. The cause of death was not disclosed.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Otis Denning Hodges, Dunn, Rt. 4, and Charles Ray Hodges, Benson; four sisters, Doris and Jean Dale Hodges of the home Mrs. Arvie Norris of Benson, Rt. 3, and his grandmother, Mrs. Amelia Jane Allen of Dunn, Rt. 2.

Earlier, experts in the field said continued on page 7

Busy Days Are Ahead For New Disciples' President

Some very busy days will come along next November for Dr. George F. Cuthrell, pastor of Dunn's Hood Memorial Christian Church. For three days during that month he will preside over the annual State Convention of the Disciples of Christ of the Christian Church, which will be held in Kinston.

Dr. Cuthrell was elected to the post only a month ago, during the three-day 1950 convention. He succeeded Dr. A. M. Foundation of Raleigh, a professor in the English Department at State College.

His duties as president of the State convention will end when the yearly meeting comes to a close, but the major part of Dr. Cuthrell's job will be performed before the meeting opens. Appointing convention committees and generally directing the convention program will keep him as busy as a hungry beaver with broken teeth until the week following the first Sunday in November, the traditional meeting date for the convention.

First on the agenda will be the meeting of the convention's executive committee, over which Dr. Cuthrell presides. That group will have its convocation in early January, continued on page 7

It Says Here by Bob Hope

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Western movies still going strong. Yes, sir, cowboy pictures are still so popular with movie goers that every fourth feature length movie made in Hollywood is a Western.

A Western... that's a gangster picture with cactus. Of course, the smaller companies have found a cheap way to shoot those big stamped scenes. They just set up a camera in a bargain basement on Dollar Day.

I enjoy Western heroes because they can do anything. I'm always fascinated when the hero draws his six-shooter and fires 300 shots without reloading.

And when the villain makes his getaway our hero jumps on to his horse and says: "He won't get far... I'll head him off at the gulch. I know a short cut... Through Texas."

Then there's the classic Western fadeout where the cowboy turns his back on the beautiful girl, kisses his horse, and then rides off into the sunset.



Harnett's Commissioners Sworn In—Some 50 spectators looked on Monday at noon while outgoing Superior Court Clerk L. M. Chaffin (left, back to camera) swore in Harnett's new county commissioners at the courthouse in Lillington. From left to right, commissioners taking the oath of office are: B. P. Ingram, Worth Lee Byrd, R. L. Pate, C. G. Fields and L. A. Tart, chairman. Other county officers sworn in during the Monday exercises included Neil McK. Ross, solicitor for Harnett Recorder's Court; Coroner Grover C. Henderson, Sheriff William E. Salmon and Robert B. Morgan, who succeeded Chaffin as clerk of Superior Court, plus six of the county's constables and other officers. Holdover members from the past board of commissioners are Fields and Chairman Tart. Presiding at the swearing-in ceremonies was Henry C. Strickland, chairman of the Harnett County Board of Elections. (Record staff photo by T. M. Stewart.)

DR. CUTHRELL