

# Cogitating

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## THE NEW COURTHOUSE

In a short time now the citizens of the county are going to have an opportunity to vote on the question of whether or not bonds should be issued for a new courthouse in Lillington.

I personally am sold on the idea, although I'll admit that when the question first came up I was not very enthusiastic. I believe the figures from those who should be in a position to know the facts, show that a new building can be built now, with no increase in the tax rate.

One point brought out by attorney Neill McKay Salmon at the recent meeting of the Bar Association deserves some stressing. He pointed out that the trials of criminal and civil cases comprise only a small proportion of the work accomplished at the courthouse, although most citizens have the impression that this is its main function.

I don't believe that anyone who is familiar with our present seat of county government can deny that we definitely need a new building. Furthermore, I do not think we will ever be in a better position as a county to finance a new structure.

If you agree, the time to say so will be on September 6 and the way to say it will be by voting yes on the bond issue. The county buildings are the property of the people of the county, and how good or how bad they are depends entirely upon those people.

## PICTURES AND SUCH

Every once in a while a reader becomes peeved because we are unable to fit a picture assignment in on our schedule. A person will call the office about ten or fifteen minutes before a party concludes and want a photographer to show up right away.

It's not quite as simple as all that, particularly on a daily newspaper. Time is something you never seem to have quite enough of, and it is necessary to budget what time there is in order to get the job done.

We are always glad to take pictures of events in our area, but in order to fit them into our schedule it is nec-

essary to plan ahead. We can't always do it on short notice. So if you plan a party, a tea or a reception, or something on that order, and want a picture taken, let us know far enough in advance so that we can plan on fitting it into our schedule. The guests are invited ahead of time, why not show us the same courtesy.

Taking pictures of events of this kind is not something we are obliged to do. It is a courtesy on our part and we should be entitled to the same measure of courtesy by being informed well ahead of the event, otherwise we may not be able to work the photography in with the schedule of the day's work.

## ON GETTING OUT THE VOTE

The "get out the vote" drive being sponsored by the Dunn Jaycees and other organizations is one that deserves the fullest cooperation of the citizens. Far too few take advantage of this franchise, possibly because it is voluntary.

In countries behind the Iron Curtain you can be sure that all the eligible voters do vote. They do—or else, and for the candidate they are told to vote for.

Here, we can vote for the candidate of our choice and the party out of power can freely criticize the power that happens to be in without fear of reprisal or being sent to a concentration camp.

One of the best ways I know of in which we might lose this privilege is by not taking advantage of it. That is what happened in many unfortunate countries, and allowed a well-organized minority to seize the reins of government and enslave the majority of the population.

So when the Jaycees ask you if you have voted, be ready to flash one of the red, white and blue shield tags which will be distributed, and which will read, "I have voted, have you?"

Hope to see you all right here again.

# ERWIN SOCIETY

**FROM GREENSBORO**  
Mrs. D. O. Sessoms and daughter Mary Ida of Greensboro are visiting relatives here.

**ILL AT HOME**  
Tommy Stevens is ill at his home here.

**TO DURHAM**  
Mr. and Mrs. Otis House and Sondra and Gail Strickland spent Wednesday in Durham.

## Janet Hollingsworth Has Birthday Party

Mrs. Haywood Hollingsworth entertained at a party at her home Saturday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock feting her daughter Janet Carol on her tenth birthday.

During the afternoon the children played games and Janet Carol opened her gifts.

Later they were invited into the dining room for refreshments.

The table was covered with a white cloth and centered with the pretty pink green and white birthday cake, with 10 white candles. After the children had sung Happy birthday and Janet Carol had blown out her candles, Mrs. Hollingsworth served popples, cookies, potato chips, and candy. Balloons were given as favors.

Present to wish Janet Carol a happy birthday were Sondra House, Judy and Barbara Raynor, Danny Byrd, Bonita Stephens, Patsy Brantley, Pat Morrison, Betty Jo Dorman, Brenda Hollingsworth, and Elaine, Carolyn and Jean Alphin of Dunn.

## Erwin Brownies Meet On Tuesday

Members of Brownies Troop 29, had a very busy meeting when they met at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Park Center.

The first part of the meeting was taken up with games, and then the Brownies pointed sit-ups.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Byron Stevens, brownie leader served ice cream to: Sandra Ralph Judy Dyer, Drusilla Moore, Elizabeth Faircloth, Karen Ann Bethune, Judy Taylor, Frankie Messer, Carol Toth, Betty Jo Dorman, and Carolyn Tyson.

## Erwin Church Group Hold Weiner Roast

The Young People Service League members met in the back yard of the Rectory Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock for their regular meeting.

The meeting was opened with a shortened form of Evening Prayer led by the Rector, the Rev. Robert Insko.

Following this the group enjoyed roasting weiners. Those present were: Roger Sessoms, Diane Ralph, Emily Grant Thomas, Judy Harper, Johnny Stevens, Bill Thomas, Thomas Cameron, Buck Bost, Mrs. Ronell Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ralph, and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Insko.

**CONFINED TO HOME**  
Frank Ralph Jr. is confined to his home with a virus cold.

## Several Youths Enlisted Here

The following men were enlisted in the service recently through the recruiting station in the Post Office in Dunn.

Waylon A. Barefoot, Route 3, Benson enlisted in the Airborne for three years and was sent to Fort Jackson, S. C. for his basic training.

Clarence E. Moore, Route 3, Dunn, G. W. Langdon Jr. Erwin and Larry O. Pope, Route 1, Dunn were enlisted in the Air Force for four years and were sent to Lackland Air Force Base Texas for their basic training.

## Five Accidents Are Reported

Five weekend wrecks in scattered parts of Harnett County sent seven injured to the hospitals the highway patrol reported and one victim was reported in serious condition.

Patrolman R. B. Leonard identified David Ennis of Benson, Route 1 as the seriously injured man. Ennis, who was hurt in an accident near the Harnett Speedway, is in

# New Church Is Dedicated At Lillington Sunday Morning

Dedicatory services for the new Negro First Baptist Church of Lillington were held Sunday afternoon at the newly completed sanctuary on highway 210 near Shawtown.

A crowd of nearly 300 was present to hear the Rev. E. A. Parham, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Columbus, O., and a former pastor, call for a rightful and proper use of the building in the "Work of the Lord."

The present minister, the Rev. A. A. Hearnly, served as master of ceremonies and representatives from five sister churches which serve the Lillington Negro community extended greetings. They were Eunice Ferguson from Lillington Star; Evander Murchison, Jr., from Wesley's Chapel; Charlie Bailey from First Presbyterian; Mabel Harrington from Church of God; and the Rev. J. D. McKoy from Lillington Grove.

Rev. T. A. Williams, pastor of Lillington's First Baptist Church and two Negro physicians Dr. C. B. Coddington of Dunn and Dr. J. B. Davis of Fuquay Springs, also spoke briefly. Principal J. S. Spivey of Shawtown recognized visitors from various parts of the county and Carrie L. Atkins and W. T. Fuller were cited as the church organizers.

Appropriate music heard at the service was the duet "Bless This House" sung by Mrs. B. G. Rhue and Mrs. L. K. Boston.

J. B. Cameron, Broadway contractor, who built the brick structure praised the cooperative spirit of the church building committee and presented the keys of the building to W. T. Fuller, committee chairman.

Others who served on the church building committee were J. S. Spivey, L. K. Boston, E. J. Rhue and Mack McKoy, Jr.

An unusual feature of the service was the dedication of all devices used in the church, including hymn books, communion plates, and even cleaning articles. The articles were brought to the front of the church and a dedicatory prayer was led by the Rev. A. M. Minter, pastor of the Lillington Star Church.

The new Baptist Church has a membership of 45. The handsome brick church auditorium features a tall steeple and a portico in front with white columns. The building and site cost around \$18,000.

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in the bulletin at the dedicatory service, credits Carrie L. Atkins and W. T. Fuller with encouragement from the late Joel G. Layton of Lillington as church organizers.

A Sunday School was organized on April 17, 1937 at the home of Fuller, and a later meeting was held at the home of Henry Williams when the Rev. John D. Spears offered the use of one of his houses for a meeting place.

Rev. G. W. Moore of Raleigh was the first pastor and the membership stood at 12. In 1938 the Sunday School attracted 29 members and a second pastor, the Rev. H. R. Holt of Durham, was called. The same year a church site was bought.

Other preachers with the years of service include: J. R. Stanford, Nov. 1940 to Oct. 1941; A. K. Mason, June, 1943 to January, 1945; supply ministers from Shaw University from January to September 1945; E. A. Parham, September 1945.

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# Parole Sought For Call Girl

NEW YORK — A former city magistrate sought today to have Patricia Ward, a central figure in the \$500-a-night call girl scandal, paroled in his custody.

J. Roland Sala, now practicing law, said he would serve as attorney for the 19-year-old woman who is believed to be the person who exposed the cafe society vice ring to police.

Erica Steel, 28, a magazine model, was indicted by a grand jury yesterday on charges of conspiring with oleo heir Minot Mickey Jelke III to procure "clients" for Miss Ward.

Miss Steel pleaded innocent to charges that she served as a "madam" of high price "house of ill fame."

Jelke, was indicted Monday on eight counts of procuring and prostitution, also has pleaded innocent.

day inspection of the fleet of 102 school buses, reported only minor mechanical difficulties were found. All recommendations for repairs will be made before September 3 when the buses go on the roads.

Patrolmen Paul Lucas and E. B. Leonard, who made the inspection, praised the thorough overhauling done by C. H. Hood school traffic supervisor, and his staff of mechanics at the county garage.

Lights, steering, brakes and many other phases of the buses were checked.

## School Buses In Good Condition

Parents of rural Harnett County school children today could free their minds from anxiety about children riding the school buses. The Highway Patrol, after a two-

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