

## Director Borgnine Very Shy Fellow

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**HOLLYWOOD** — Ernest Borgnine, who switched successfully from a sadistic sergeant in "From Here to Eternity" to the shy, likeable butcher in "Marty," apparently is going to continue to be a good guy for a while.

He's afraid it may be only an armistice, and he really can't be blamed for his fear. In addition to the sergeant role he also was a villain in "Bad Day at Black Rock," establishing himself as one of the meanest and dirtiest in films.

Then came "Marty." And now it's almost a combination of the two but with the "good guy" element much more dominant. He's working as a prize fight trainer who despises brutality in Universal-International's "The Square Jungle."

The role is in keeping with offbeat casting of Borgnine. As the trainer has a mild manner and prefers reading good books, particularly if they concern philosophy. And the role itself pleases Borgnine, although he realizes his

previous film villainy may return him to the status of bad guy at any time.

Of course this possibility doesn't terrify him, because he considers himself essentially a character actor, and the best parts for same are usually villains, he said.

"After all," he said, "as a character actor I've had good luck for the time being in finding three top character roles in a row which made me portray fairly decent guys. Perhaps you shouldn't call such roles exotisms to a general rule, but it's still a fact that they represent the minority of good character parts."

Borgnine pointed out that the majority of theatrical stories in all mediums have handsome heroes who represent virtue. And, of course, there's the evil element which, perhaps ironically, is often more interesting.

The upshot is that Borgnine is happy about his unusual "good guy" roles but that he expects eventually to spend more of his time at the old stand — "you know," he explained, "mean, tough, rough guys."

## LILLINGTON PERSONALS

Two parties were held in Lillington on Thursday celebrating the birthdays of Johnny Spears, aged 7 and Randy Gorwin, aged 2.

**AT GRANDPARENTS**  
 Randy's party was held at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Collins. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Corbit Godwin of Dunn. Fifteen little friends joined him in playing games and eating the pink and blue decorated cake and ice cream.

**ON SPEARS LAWN**  
 Johnny Spears entertained his friends in the back yard of his home. Neighbors, Misses Emily Kelly and Janice Harrington helped direct games for the twenty-four children. A decorated cake bearing seven candles was cut and served with ice cream and salted nuts. A display of miniature cowboy figures on the table was of great interest to all guests. Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Spears.

Lillington residents attending the barbecue supper at the Chocora Country Club on Wednesday evening were Ed Davis, Neil Salmon, Ben Spears, and Frank Steele, who was accompanied by Mrs. Steele.

Misses Sue and Sally Bulluck of Stovall, Paul Gillespie of Oxford, Albert King of Winston-Salem and Bill McKay of St. Pauls had a picnic lunch here Wednesday with Mrs. B. P. Gentry en route to Wrightsville Beach. Miss Sue Bulluck, who taught last year at Coats, will teach this year at Maxton, while her sister will return to Queen's College in Charlotte. (Both are nieces of Mrs. Gentry. Gillespie, nephew of Mrs. Gentry, will be a rising junior at Wake Forest College.)

Mrs. Harry Shaw visited relatives in Fayetteville on Monday, and left her daughter, Faison, and son, Paul, there to spend the week with their grandparents. Her young daughter, Sally, returned to Lillington with her mother.

**Altman To Fill Pulpit In Dunn**  
 Rev. Gardner Altman, a student at Southeastern Bible Institute in Lakeland, Florida and a native of Dunn, will be the guest speaker at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Dunn for the next two weeks.

The pastor, Rev. Robert Palmer, announced today that Rev. Altman will speak at the Sunday services August 28th and September 4th. Rev. Palmer and his family are taking a week's vacation in Missouri and will also attend the General Council of the Assemblies of God to be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma September 1 to 6.



**MODELS OF ALL AGES** — The Leder Brothers' show turned out a pretty fancy assortment of models. From left to right, the adults are Evangeline Stewart, Coats; Mrs. J. R. Hatcher, Margaret Cathey, Barbara Reddish, Peggy Ruth Barefield, Pat Gregory, Benson, Linda Aycock, Bobby Jean Whittenton, Brooke Jernigan Barbara Stewart and Mrs. Curtis Ennis. Children are Cynthia Dockery, Dickie Dockery, Donna Ruth Ennis, Johnnie Butts, Sandra Autry, Judy Herring (what are you looking at Judy?) and Patricia Joe Barefoot. The event was a big success. (Daily Record Photo.)

## N. C. State Takes Above Nat'l Avg.

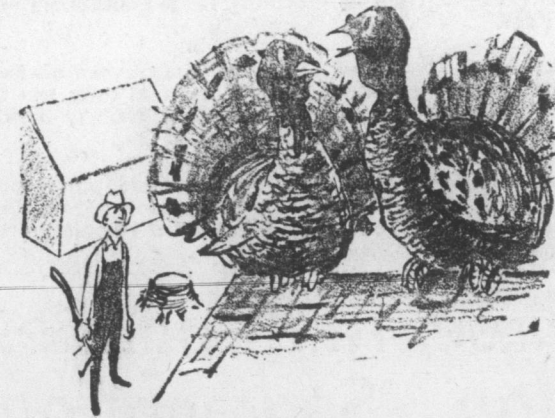
WASHINGTON (AP) — State taxes paid in fiscal 1955 amounted to an average of \$72.25 for every man woman and child the Census Bureau reported today.

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