

LEGION FAIR OPENS HERE TONIGHT



PICNIC BREAKFAST — County roads were thick with fire engines last night as the departments of four towns including Dunn, rushed to the site of a fire at the 100-man mess hall in Lillington prison camp. Talking it over this morning were a group of con-

victs. Said one: "I've been chainganging a long time but this is the first time I even had a picnic breakfast." It was cooked in a former barbecue pit and enough dishes were found so nobody had to eat with his fingers.

1955 Edition Is Hailed As The Best Ever

By TED CRAIL Record Staff Writer The great mud crisis circumvented, this year's big Four-County Fair gets underway at six p. m. tonight at a special site near Hanna's pond.

When soggy ground at the regular fairgrounds threatened to imperil what is, for many children (and adults, too) in this community one of the year's great events, the American Legion moved swiftly to counteract the mud.

The Legion is the sponsoring organization, and it will pay the rent on the "special" fairgrounds set up for this year.

"We don't have as much room as last year, but all the room there is will be full up," said Ed Boyette, Commander of the local American Legion post.

He reminded children hereabouts that tonight is free night for the colored children and tomorrow night will be free for the whites.

"Of course, anyone is welcome at any time."

Regular admission fee for children, which all will have to pay starting Wednesday, is twenty cents. Rides are 10 for a dollar, and there are twelve of them in the carnival section of the fair.



THE WATCHERS — Though the fair didn't start until today there were plenty of early birds out for that "first look" at the special fairgrounds near Hanna's Pond yesterday. Among them were this group of children who watched an experienced carnival hand put the Merry-Go-Round together as though it were some form of jigsaw puzzle. Watching are (from left) Jean Oldham, 7; Etta Oldham, 9; Shirley May Lee, 11; Brenda Kay Lee, 7; Hilda Lee (in back) 8; James David Tart, 12 and Johnnie Lee (extreme left), 13.

Harnett Prison Camp Mess Hall Burns

Senator George Favors Tax Cut For Next Year

WASHINGTON (P) — Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) today stood by his proposal for tax cuts next year despite opposition to such a move by some economy-minded congressional leaders.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) and Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) both have urged a cautious approach to tax cuts on grounds they might impair the nation's economy.

But George, influential member of the Senate Finance Committee, told a reporter that "I have thought that next year being an election year, both parties will advocate some tax cuts."

The administration last month touched off renewed congressional demands for early tax relief when it said the budget can be balanced this year if spending can be cut 3 per cent or income increased by that amount.

Reed, senior GOP member of the House Ways and Means Committee which handles tax legislation, only last week criticized members of both parties for urging early tax cuts.

Reed said it was natural for congressman to think about tax trimming in view of next year's presidential election. But he said "political expediency" should not be placed above the nation's welfare.

The mess hall at the Lillington Prison camp (604) burned to the ground last night, but nobody went without breakfast this morning.

They had sausage, scrambled eggs, bakery bread—normally it would be prison-made—and coffee. Breakfast was cooked up in a former barbecue pit with Camp Superintendent N. R. Sessoms presiding.

An early start has also been made on replacing the mess hall with a temporary building. F. R. Bell, maintenance supervisor for state prisons in this district, was busy with plans this morning.

Camp Supervisor J. R. Hooks said the temporary mess hall will be complete by tomorrow afternoon, and work will immediately begin on the new permanent quarters.

Fire engines from Lillington and four other towns, including Dunn, Bule's Creek, Angier and Fuquay Springs went streaking for the prison camp last evening at 11:30 when the fire broke out.

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Harnett NCEA Meets Tonight

Social security will be the topic of the chief speaker scheduled for a teacher's meeting tonight in Lillington. Under present law, teachers are not included under social security but they are to have a chance to vote to include themselves in October.

The speaker, who will appear before the NCEA, will be...

Maynor Gets 2-3 Years For Lying

Ernest Mayor, about 35, Dunn Indian, began a 2-3 year prison term today for lying in a court case while on trial for an offense that could have given him only 30 days in jail at most. The usual punishment is \$25 fine and court costs for driving without a license.

Hurricane Hilda Brews In Atlantic

MIAMI (P) — Hurricane Hilda boomed up almost in the back yard of the Bahamas Islands today and the Weather Bureau warned the string of British islands and South Florida to remain on the alert for the 75-mile-an-hour storm.

The new tropical blow, only 850 miles southeast of Miami, aimed its restrictive winds at a point between the southern tip of Florida and Cuba. It was moving in a west-northwest direction at a speed of 13 miles per hour.

Shortly after the Miami weather bureau issued the first advisory on Hilda, the San Juan, Puerto Rico weather bureau issued hurricane warnings for the Dominican Republic, less than 100 miles south of the tempest.

Another Dock Strike Ordered

NEW YORK (P)—The president of the International Longshoremen's Assn. ordered dock workers put on a "general strike" today from Canada to Houston, Texas.

Capt. William V. Bradley, head of the independent union, said in a telegram to all locals it was necessary to call a general strike "to preserve the I.L.A."

LITTLE LIZ comic strip featuring a character named Little Liz and a bullfighter. The text includes a caption: "Women need as much nerve as a bull fighter to wear toreador pants."

Several Given Prison Terms

Judge Malcolm B. Seawell gave the minimum sentence of five years and ordered a mental examination for a sex offender who was charged with a "crime against nature" in Superior Court Friday.

James Hanes was before the court for making an assault on a cow. Judge Seawell stated, before sentencing Hanes, that such an act was itself an evidence of mental abnormality.

Two young Negroes accused of forgery were sentenced to two to three years. Judge Seawell told Lindsey McKinnon and Randolph Manning that the crimes they were accused of could have carried a maximum sentence of sixty to eighty years.

"I'm going to assume that you are innocent," Judge Seawell said.

Pretty Nebraskan New "Miss America"

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (P) — The new Miss America, a lovely auburn haired 18-year-old from Nebraska, says she cooks nice fudge cake and would like to continue the study of drama. And after she gets through the coming strenuous year, that is exactly what she has in mind.

The new beauty queen, Sharon Kay Ritchie, already has a \$5,000 scholarship and \$7,500 in cash plus the promise of a car and many more prizes.

Sharon is devoutly religious. She said a soft prayer on Saturday night of the finals—that God would be on her side. The prayer was answered.

SISTER A BEAUTY QUEEN Beauty prizes are nothing new to her family. Her sister, Mrs. Merle Stever of Denver, was a runner-up in the Miss Universe contest this year.

Sharon is an All-American girl. She has poise and she has a sense of humor.

At her first press conference, the photographers were wearing her out. Sharon had been up all night at the Queen's Ball. Well, one lensman started to shoot and his speed gun took a bad turn.

Sharon looked the photog square in the eye and said: "I'm so home-sick, I broke that poor guy's camera."

Judge, Solicitor Indicted; Leave Office Pending Trial

The Harnett County Grand Jury Friday night indicted the judge and solicitor of the county recorder's court for gross misconduct in office and said it had found sufficient evidence to justify the public interest in the trial of Harnett's lower court.

"We regret to report," said the jurors, "that we have found sufficient evidence to support many of the derogatory reports, and found the court publicly referred to in profane terms and that some officials of the court are inefficient and morally unsuited to perform their duties as officials of the court."

Foreman Cecil Fuquay read the lengthy report in open court at 6:10 o'clock before a hushed courtroom audience that hung on to every word.

The jury indicted Judge M. O. Lee with unlawfully and willfully attempting to discharge the business of the court "while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, therefore willfully and corruptly violating his oath."

County Solicitor Nell McK. Ross was indicted on four counts. 1. Being under the influence of alcoholic beverages while holding court and failing to call cases. 2. At various times fail to call cases and terminated and non-prosessed cases. 3. Another charge of being under the influence of intoxicating beverages while holding court; and 4. That he made agreements with various defendants, their agents and attorneys to terminate, dismiss and non-pros cases to the injury of the public interest.

The report said that cases were non-prosessed and thrown out of court without any of the State's witnesses being called or permitted to testify, and that cases had been non-prosessed in large numbers "without any apparent reason or explanation."

RECORDS DESTROYED It charged that "Evidence indicates that Recorder's Court records have been wrongfully taken and retained or destroyed by a member of the bar, the taking occurring while records were in the courtroom."

Presiding Judge Seawell of Lumberton, who earlier ordered records of the lower court impounded, and District Solicitor Jack Hooks listened intently as Foreman Fuquay, young World War II veteran, continued to read charge after charge.

Judge Lee was not present, but Solicitor Ross was in the courtroom during the whole proceedings. Ross is a son of the late Charges Ross, distinguished Harnett attorney and for many years chief counsel for the State Highway Commission.

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Bonding Firms Rejected By Grand Jury

The Harnett County Grand Jury has ruled that two North Carolina bonding companies are unreliable and has directed that law enforcement officers and courts of the county discontinue accepting bonds from them.

Names in the grand jury report as "unreliable" were the Mack Bonding Company of Burlington and the State-Wide Bonding Company, address not listed in the report.

The grand jury said in its report that "As a result of statements made by legal authority that Harry King, bondsman of Dunn, and Mack Bonding Company of Burlington, for which he is agent, are unreliable, and it is the request of the grand jury that the use of the services of the aforementioned be discontinued by the courts."

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Ross, Lee Say They're Clear

Judge M. O. Lee and Solicitor Nell McK. Salmon of the Harnett Recorder's Court, indicted Friday night for gross misconduct in office, have voluntarily relinquished the duties of their office pending trial on the charges.

Both of them expressed complete confidence that they will be exonerated of all the charges when the case reaches court but said they do not feel like serving while the matter is pending.

Solicitor Ross, who represented Harnett in the State House of Representatives in 1931, said he would like to have a special term of court now for trial of the case instead of waiting until the regular term in November.

District Solicitor Jack Hooks said, however, there was no possibility of this since he has court scheduled every week in the meantime.

Judge Lee, who filled out one unexpired term and is now serving his second elective term, Friday night declined comment about the matter until after he had an opportunity to read the report and the indictments.

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Mother Arraigned In Abortion Death

PHILADELPHIA (P) — Mrs. Gertrude Silver, 49, sobbing almost uncontrollably, was arraigned today on conspiracy and accessory charges in the abortion death of her 22-year-old daughter, the bride of a Miami Beach, Florida, policeman.

The defendant, wearing a black dress and no makeup whatsoever, entered the courtroom on the arms of her physician and her psychiatrist after magistrate Elias Myers had cleared the room of photographers at the request of a defense attorney.

The courtroom was packed with about 100 persons, including 25 newspaper reporters. Another 250 persons, who had waited more than two hours, were unable to get inside. They crowded around the door in the hall outside.

Mrs. Silver sat in the courtroom dabbing at teaf-puffed eyes with a handkerchief while her attorney, Thomas D. McBride, petitioned the magistrate to release the defendant.



MRS. SILVER

Moore Is Acquitted Of Murder Charge

Cleo Moore, 38-year-old Wade merchant, farmer, reputed bootlegger and ex-convict, was acquitted on murder charges in connection with the shotgun slaying of Leon Goins by a Cumberland County jury which agreed after lengthy deliberation that he killed Goins in self defense.

The verdict of acquittal came at 2 a.m. Saturday after the jurors had wrestled with the question of guilt or innocence for three hours and 40 minutes.

Testimony in the hard-fought case, which had lasted for three days, was sharply conflicting. Some witnesses said Moore fired his shotgun at Goins, a Negro farmer and also an ex-convict, as Goins advanced on him with a pair of ice tongs. Others testified that Goins was shot as he attempted to flee from Moore.

Moore, who witnesses termed a reputed bootlegger, fired two blasts the first striking a gasoline tank and the second striking Goins. Goins body was found in Moore's automobile after Moore had a collision with another vehicle at an intersection in Dunn. The Negro was dead when his body was found.

The shooting occurred July 8 (Continued On Page Two)

Record Roundup

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—The Seven Mile Primitive Baptist Association will meet at Plain View School five miles South of Dunn, Friday at 11:00 a. m., Saturday at 9:30 a. m. and Sunday at 10:00 a. m. These are all day services. Everybody is invited to attend. Elder Lester E. Lee is in charge of the meeting.

DORCAS CLASS TO MEET—The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church will have its regular monthly meeting at the home of the teacher, Mrs. C. D. Baine, 510 W. Broad Street on Tuesday at 8:00 p. m.