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senate.

Larkins in addition to his considerable "politicking" has with his associate, Darris W. Koonce, the busiest law practice in Jones County and manages to keep all or nearly all of the loose ends of this considerable practice tucked in between running back and forth across the state on first one than another political or public service venture.

Even a brief summary of all the Democratic Party honors that Larkins has received would take a column of space. He has been a delegate to many national conventions and in 1948 he was a member of the committee that notified Senator Barkley that he had been nominated vice president of the Democratic Party.

Larkins, in some circles, is known as a rank conservative. It would be difficult, however, to

Although Senator John D. Larkins is not a native of North Carolina he has had his hat hanging long enough in Jones County to almost be as good as local folks. To say that he is a personality is perhaps underestimating in a considerable manner.

At present Larkins is senator from the Seventh Carolina Senatorial District, a post he has held with conspicuous service with but one gap since 1936. Larkins was officially missing from the state's legislative halls in the period between 1943 and 1949. Then he returned and in the most able manner where he

Larkins was the son of a Baptist Minister and as such had a considerable bit of traveling from one parish to another during his younger years. He was born June 8, 1906, which forces him to admit to 43 years of age. Jones County's most prominent politician of the moment first saw the light of day in Morris-town, Tenn. His public schooling followed the path of his minister father from Cedartown to Hazlehurst, Georgia, to Fayetteville, N. C., and finally his graduation from high school caught him in Greensboro.

Wake Forest College naturally claimed Larkins and he took a Bachelor of Arts Degree there in 1929 and received his law degree in 1930.

Larkins is a "joiner" by nature and belongs to about as many organizations as anyone in the state and peculiarly enough he manages to take an active part in just about all of the many societies that he belongs to at present. He belongs to that ever-growing fraternity of "Fathers with two daughters and no sons," having two girls now getting their higher education at Salem College. They are Emma Sue and Pauline.

Larkins arrived in Trenton and hung out his law shingle at the bottom or as the bottom of the depression of the 1930's roared and ripped up and down the land. In addition to beginning the practice of law at such a trying time Larkins took on the considerable additional responsibility of marriage on March 15, 1936 to Pauline Merrill of the then sleepy little hamlet of Jacksonville, which is not North Carolina's fastest growing town.

Larkins served as President Pro Tem of the senate in 1951 and as this is being written he is still not completely ruled "out of the running" for the job of President of the Senate in the May primaries since he has not yet backed completely out of the race for Lieutenant Governor. The only step higher that he could possibly go in the state

'A Finer Carolina' Goal CP&L Bi-State Contest

A contest offering \$8,750 in prizes for "Carolina's finest" towns, judged by community improvements made during this year, was announced last night in 69 North and South Carolina meetings.

Details of the competition were given at these dinners sponsored by Carolina Power & Light Company, which is offering the prize money and will help to promote the contest. Theme of the project is "helping to build a finer Carolina."

The contest is open to the 300-odd communities whose electricity is served at retail by CP&L.

Prizes for the contest were explained by C. L. Carter, District Manager, J. S. Howell, District Manager. Towns wishing to compete must enter the contest by April 1, he said. Winners will be judged

regardless of the progress made by North Carolina during recent years," he added, "there is still room for improvement. There is unlimited opportunity for the development of civic pride, better schools, and churches, more playgrounds and parks and an expansion of public facilities.

It was suggested the best way to start a constructive program would be to conduct a survey to decide what the community already has and what it needs. Towns will be judged on the basis of just five projects, he explained, and he suggested holding community efforts to five carefully selected projects "in order not to scatter your shots."

He stressed the April 1 deadline for entering the contest. After the survey and projects are determined, he commented, "the rest is largely up to you."

of \$1,000 each for the winners and \$750 for the runners-up. The first group will include towns of 1,000 or less, the second towns of 1,001 to 2,500 population, and the third towns over 2,500 population. In addition, two state prizes of \$1,000 each will be awarded to North Carolina's "finest" and to South Carolina's "finest," regardless of population. Thus it is possible for one town to take \$2,000 in prize money in addition to the honor of being named "finest" for its community.

"Nobody loses," the manager said who explained the details of the contest; "for even if your town is not one of the 20 prize winners, the competition will bring its reward in terms of civic pride and improvements for the community."

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KU KLUX ATTIRE . . . In Fayetteville, N.C., two officers model robes used by some of the 10 K.K.K. members seized by the F.B.I. for flogging a white man and woman.

West's Gaving Good Luck With Poultry

Charlton West, respectively, of Trenton, have had excellent success with 1300 certified pollorum clean New Hampshire sexed chicks which they received on February 12. So far only 20 chicks have died from the shipment of 1300 chicks.

They are feeding a ration made up of two parts starter mash and one part scratch grain and plenty of fresh water. Ground corn cobs are being satisfactorily used as floor litter for the chicks.

George S. Meyers Dies Wednesday At Hospital in Durham

George S. Meyers, prominent Greensboro newspaperman, who had been employed by the Lenoir County News Company for the past several months in the preparation of a special rotogravure edition on "The March of Progress" in Lenoir County, died in his sleep Wednesday morning at Duke Hospital where he had gone Tuesday for a check up.

Meyers, who was known to thousands of newspaper and business people all over the south and who had been in the special edition business for 35 years, had been seriously injured last October in an auto accident in Wayne County. He had never fully recovered from the injuries he suffered in that accident.

Meyers was one of the top men of his profession and had played a leading part in preparation of a special New York Times edition on the 200th anniversary of Georgia. He had prepared special editions for leading newspapers in every state in the southeast and southcentral area.

Jack Rider, president of the Lenoir County News Company, announced that Meyers' death was a considerable and grievous shock that would probably delay for a few weeks the May First distribution of this handsome, permanently bound edition that was being prepared under Meyers' direction.

Sgt. Dunn Gets Bronze Star Award

With the 3rd Infantry Div. in Korea — Sgt. Johnnie Dunn, whose wife, Mattie, lives in Pink Hill, recently was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Korea.

Sergeant Dunn is a member of Ambulance Company of the 3rd Division's Medical Battalion. He was cited for the period of Nov. 15, 1950 to Oct. 7, 1951.

Pollocksville Tourney Going On

Saturday night the Third Annual Gold Medal Basketball Tournament will come to an end in the gymnasium of Pollocksville High School. The annual meet got underway Thursday night and the semi-final rounds were held Friday night. The teams taking part in the tourney include B. F. Grady High in Duplin County, Jacksonville, Chinquapin High also in Duplin County, Swansboro, Contentnea High Jones Central and Richlands. The Friday night games are at 7:45 and 9 and the two winners in these semi-final tilts will meet at 7:45 Saturday night to decide the championship. This annual tournament has been one of the highlights of the basketball year in high school circles in Eastern Carolina for the past three years and has always provided some of the most thrilling matches of the season. Every one of these teams entered in the tourney has an outstanding record in its own area and the Maysville and Pollocksville Rotary Clubs which sponsor the tourney guarantee all who see the games plenty of action for the price of admission.

Pink Hill Sailor Is Promoted Recently to Warrant Officer

Hill, sailor who reported for duty here as an enlisted man two years ago is leaving today to serve in his first assignment as a warrant officer.

He is Pay Clerk Charles A. Smith, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunn Smith, Pink Hill. He will report to the Navy's training station in Newport, R. I., next week, Atlantic submarine force headquarters here said.

A veteran of 12 years' service, Pay Clerk Smith has been assistant to the supply officer on the staff of Rear Admiral S. S. Murray, USN, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet's submarine force. He was among 145 ex-enlisted men promoted to warrant status last month.

The former chief storekeeper is the husband of Mrs. Bernia-

William F. Sutton Is Promoted to Corporal While in Korea

With the 7th Infantry Div. in Korea — William F. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sutton of Route 3, La Grange, was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

Corporal Sutton, a gunner in Heavy Mortar Company of the 17th Infantry "Buffalo" Regiment, has been in Korea nine months. He has been awarded the Korean Service Ribbon with one campaign star and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

A former student at the La Grange High School, Sutton entered the Army 13 months ago.

detta Christnagel Smith of Iron Mountain, Mich. They have a son, Michael, five.

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