

**CUB SCOUT PACK RECEIVES CHARTER**

In an impressive ceremony following the Lions club meeting Wednesday evening and taking the place of their regular program, the newly organized cub scout pack of Sylva received its charter. Avery Means, field director for the Daniel Boone council, was in charge. They placed the diamond shaped board with its 12 lighted candles, each symbolizing some particular work of the cubs.

The four den chiefs, Tommy Ferguson, Dicky Barkeley, Lambert Hooper and Franklin Frick, chosen from the scout troop, were called and presented the insignia of their rank as den chiefs. Each of them explained the meaning of three of the candles. The cubs were then lined in two rows. A member of the Lions club was asked to stand in front of each boy as his sponsor and one of his parents was asked to stand back of him. They were presented their pack numerals and Bobcat pins.

Mr. Means then recognized Britton Moore, cub scout master, who spoke briefly and named the assistant cub master, Tom Wilson; the Cub committee, Charlie Reed, Paul Kirk, Lawrence Reed. Mrs. Dexter Hooper and Mrs. Julius Gillis; and the den dads and den mothers, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Cope, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reed.

Mr. Means then presented the charter to Miss Hicks Wilson, president of the Woman's club, the sponsoring organization. She made a brief acceptance speech. Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Mrs. W. L. Jones and Mrs. C. E. Thompson are the cub committee, who have worked so tirelessly to perfect the organization of the cub pack.

The boys who have joined the four packs are Charles Reed, Eugene Robinson, William Hooper, Edward Bain, Bob McCracken, Junior Wiggins, Billy Sutton, Joe Thompson, Charles Donnahoe, Arthur Jordan, Sammy Dillard, William Henry Kirk, John Smith, Harold Nicholson, Charles Snipes, Lloyd Kirk, Homer Holden, Charles Candler, Bobby Potts, Herrin Cabe, Charles B. Reed, Kenneth Gillis and Charles Cope.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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and are of sufficient size, most of them larger than seemed necessary. Footings were not examined although no settlement of piers was noticeable.

(b) The supports of girders and beams on the first floor construction — that is the filler between the tops of the masonry piers and the girders and beams — are poorly built of loose brick without mortar, pieces of timber carelessly placed and in general do not evidence good workmanship or construction.

(3) **FIRST FLOOR FRAMING.** A considerable percentage of the first floor framing is defective by reason of extensive rot and poor lumber. Several beams and girders were found to have failed completely. Only portions can be considered entirely safe for use in their present condition. It is entirely possible that a failure in some part of the first floor construction would cause a failure of part of the second floor where the load from the second floor is supported from the first. This in turn would also be carried into the exterior walls, especially if the nature of the failure was sudden and produced a substantial shock to the adjacent construction.

(4) **INTERIOR FRAME PARTITIONS AND PLASTER:** (a) All walls show some evidence of settlement or shrinkage. In no case did this indicate that the partitions themselves were unsound; however, this is a further indication of the condition of the first floor which supports these partitions.

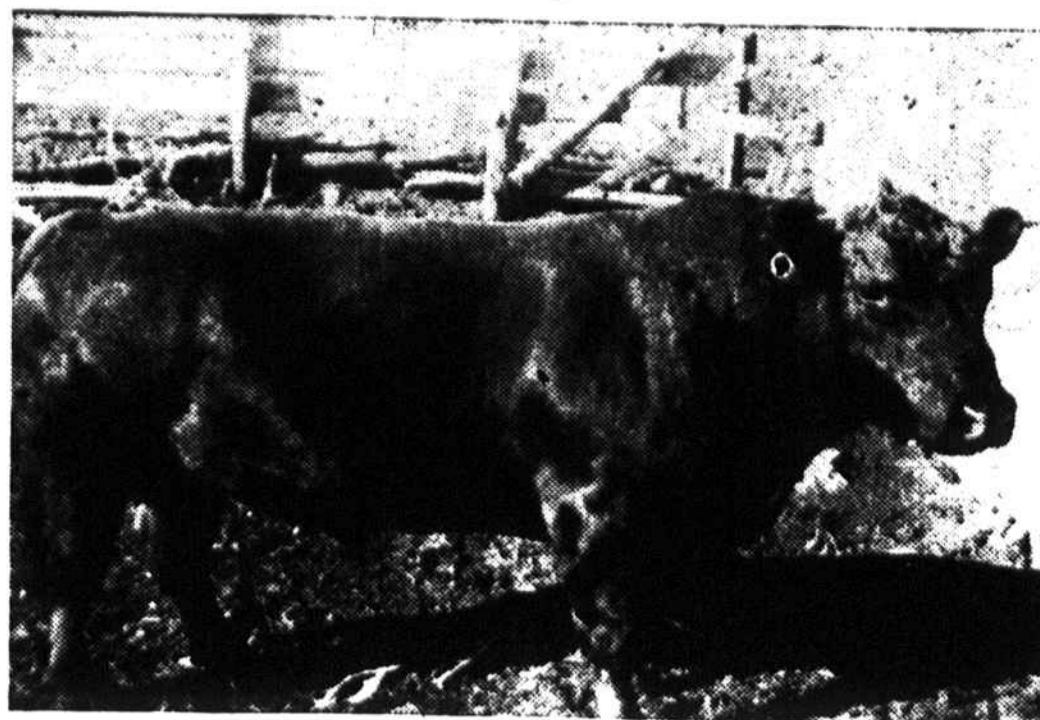
(b) Plaster on all partitions is of poor quality and not keyed to the lath; much of the plaster is loose and constitutes a hazard to occupants.

(5) **BALCONY:** (a) The construction of the balcony is apparently sound in itself. The upper end of the balcony is supported by a partition extending to the first floor. The bearing of this partition at the first floor would require detailed examination before we could venture an opinion as to its supporting value.

(b) Even the further examination does show the supports under this partition to be adequate we do not recommend that a large group be permitted to use the balcony, — not because it would not support such a group, but on account of possibility that vibration or other forces could be transmitted to the weaken masonry wall at the north end of the building.

(6) **TRUSSES AND ROOF FRAMING:** Examination of the roof construction did not disclose any questionable condition of the

**ERNEST LEWIS GROWS FINE BEEF CATTLE**



Blalock, the English Aberdeen shown above, is owned by Mr. Ernest Lewis, progressive farmer of the Webster section.

The bull was purchased from Rev. C. H. Blalock, Ravencroft Farm, Raven Gap, Ga. Mr. Lewis now has five head of these cattle. His goal is to have about 15 head for breeding purposes. Mr. Lewis, a member of The Breeders Association, has the only cattle of this type in the county. His 95-acre farm is sown to grain, grass.

framing of trusses. Additional cross-bracing between the trusses would be suggested if reconditioning of the building for permanent use is considered.

(7) **ROOFING AND GUTTERS:** Roof shows numerous leaks and gutters are beyond repair. These items bear indirectly on the question of safety for the reason that water from the roof which can now penetrate into the masonry walls disintegrates the mortar and further weakens these walls.

(8) **CONTINUED USE OF THE BUILDING:** In its present condition we could not recommend that this building be used for school purposes. It is obviously poorly built and in bad condition. Whether or not any serious failure is immediately probable can not be determined. It is entirely possible that no serious failure or collapse would be likely to occur for years. Many of the conditions have been exaggerated in the minds of the people. On the other hand, there is actually some danger to occupants POSSIBLE, — and just one brick or large piece of plaster fall-

ing on one child would be a catastrophe that in no way could be compensated. We do believe that portions of the building can be repaired satisfactorily for temporary use only. — that is, for the remainder of this school year. The floors can be underpinned and braced. The loose plaster can be removed from walls or ceilings where it now presents a hazard. Such items as leaks, plumbing, smoke from boiler room, etc., while not structural considerations, are important from sanitary and general comfort of the occupants and should be taken care of if the building is to be used at all. After very careful consideration we are of the definite opinion that only the class rooms on the south end and on the front of the building should be repaired for temporary use. We believe that the six class rooms on the north end should not be considered for use and all entrances to these rooms closed. Also that the ground area adjacent to this wall for its entire length and for a width of at least 25 feet

**VETS PROBLEMS**

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should be fenced off and no child permitted within the fenced area.

(9) **COST OF TEMPORARY REPAIRS:** It is impossible to estimate a close probable cost of such repairs as may be necessary to make the 10 class rooms safe for temporary use without further examination and a detailed estimate. We submit an approximate estimate (which is actually a rough guess) of a possible cost somewhere between \$2,500 and \$5,000 for the minimum work required to make 10 rooms usable for the remainder of this school year.

Respectfully submitted,  
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