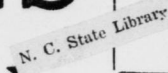


POPULATION (1940 Census)	
Lincoln County	24,197
Lincolnton	4,625
Creuse	281
Iron Station	98
Denver	354

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Ceiling Price On Men's Clothing Is Revised By OPA

Miss Betty Rice New Emmanuel Secretary

Miss Betty Rice, of Newberry, S. C., has accepted the position of parish secretary to Emmanuel Lutheran church and will devote her time to secretarial and educational work combined.

Miss Rice attended Marion Junior College in Marion, Va., and Newberry College in Newberry. She is the daughter of a Lutheran minister and received part of the training for her work in her own home.

Miss Rice is living at the home of Mrs. John C. Ramsey.

Seeks Better Egg Distribution For Lincoln Farmers

In a move designed to provide a better distribution of eggs thereby assuring a higher price than otherwise would prevail to the farmers and poultrymen of North Carolina, the Farmers Cooperative Exchange has reopened its Egg Marketing Service, M. G. Mann, general manager, announced here this week.

T. B. Falls, the Lincoln County Mutual Exchange, and the Lincoln FCX Service of Lincolnton, have been designated as collection points for the farmers and poultrymen of this area.

Mann said although he did not expect the state's egg surplus to be as great as first anticipated, his organization had made arrangements to ease the expected jam at marketing points throughout the state. Collection points for eggs have been designated for Eastern, Southeastern, Piedmont, and Western North Carolina.

B. W. Kenyon, Jr., of Raleigh will direct the Egg Marketing Service for the Farmers Cooperative Exchange.

Kenyon said FCX had established two central collection points in the state. Trucks covering Eastern, Southeastern and part of the Piedmont area will operate out of Smithfield on regular weekly routes collecting eggs from FCX warehouses, dealer-agents, and independent merchants. In the Western part of the state the service will operate out of Statesville. In that section, Kenyon said, there will be no regular scheduled collection routes as the eggs will be picked up weekly by FCX trucks enroute to the Statesville Mills. Distributors and independent merchants can arrange for the service by notifying the nearest FCX warehouse.

The program is being conducted in close cooperation with the North Carolina Division of Markets and the North Carolina Extension Service and the county agents have been informed of the regular routes.

Kenyon said that the collection trucks would deviate from these routes at any time that the volume of eggs is adequate, however, in cases where the volume was not adequate to economically justify the operation of a truck, the marketing Service will pay a reasonable amount of the cost of transportation to the nearest truck stop.

"This does not mean we are going into the egg business," Kenyon explained. "Our sole purpose is to purchase the surplus egg supply in these communities and move it to another outlet where there is an egg deficit. By rendering this service to the farmers, it is our belief that it will have a direct bearing on the price structure of the egg market in many communities, especially those where a surplus of a few cases would be disastrous to egg prices."

BIG RISE IN SERIOUS CRIME OVER NATION

Washington, March 5.—Attorney General Tom Clark reported today that the largest annual increase in serious crimes in 15 years took place during 1945.

Clark said an FBI crime survey showed serious crimes jumped 12.3 per cent over 1944. The offenses considered in the survey included murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft.

These crimes totaled about 1,565,541 during 1945 compared with 1,393,655 in 1944, Clark said, adding that this represents a total of 4,289 serious crimes committed daily. In a statement Clark added:

"This orgy of crime must and will be wiped out. Our efforts must be doubled to check this dangerous situation. Respect for law must be restored. We are directing all U. S. attorneys to insist upon the severest penalties under the law for those convicted for serious federal offenses."

New Schedule Calls for Higher Tags on Some, But Others Will Be Trimmed

Washington, March 11.—OPA yesterday revised prices on men's suits, and a spokesman for retail merchants said this should release thousands of these garments, which he continued have been withheld from the market.

The new order permits manufacturers to base prices generally on current costs, but requires a return to the average mark-up of 1943.

It will mean higher retail prices for suits and coats made by some firms, OPA said, but it is supposed to trim prices in the case of manufacturers who have turned to more expensive merchandise during the last three years.

OPA predicted that as a result, average consumer prices will not be "substantially changed."

Louis Rothschild, executive director of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers, said the price revision "should break the dam" which he asserted several days ago was holding up delivery by manufacturers of at least 700,000 suits.

Rothschild had stated that producers would not put this scarce apparel on the market until OPA adjusted prices.

"From the viewpoint of retailers," Rothschild told a reported yesterday, "we can hope that this new regulation will turn the trick."

OPA officials who asked to remain anonymous agreed with Rothschild that there has been "some withholding" by manufacturers who stood to gain by the revised prices.

Issuance of the new order, which also applies to boys' suits and in some cases to jackets, trousers and raincoats, was OPA's second step in three days designed to encourage production of scarce clothing. Last Friday the agency authorized higher prices for cotton textiles in a move to get more shirts, shorts, dresses, and pajamas on store shelves. Retail prices of these garments will be increased.

While the order issued yesterday does not become effective until April 15, OPA said manufacturers could begin pricing under it earlier if they cleared with the agency. OPA officials predicted many producers would do this right away.

Long awaited by the industry, the new regulation permits manufacturers to base their prices on approximately current costs, rather than on March 1942, costs as heretofore.

But counter-balancing this adjustment, producers are required to return to the average mark-up over cost they used in 1943. Previously they had been using 1945 mark-ups, which were higher.

SLOGAN CONTEST BEGINS TODAY

The Lincolnton Chamber of Commerce will begin its search today for a slogan which will best advertise Lincolnton and Lincoln County. This search will be in the form of a contest open to all residents of Lincoln County, and the winning slogan will be selected by the Board of Directors of the Lincolnton Chamber of Commerce. The person whose slogan is selected will be awarded a \$25.00 War Bond and a three months pass to the Century Theatre. In addition the slogan will be used extensively by the Chamber of Commerce, local business concerns, and on highway welcome signs.

Rules governing the contest are as follows:

1. The contestant must be a resident of Lincoln county.
2. The slogan must not be longer than five words.
3. Each slogan must be accompanied by an explanation of twenty-five words or less explaining why the contestant thinks his slogan is appropriate. For instance if the slogan is "The Friendly City," the contestant must explain why Lincolnton is a friendly city.
4. Entries must be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, Lincolnton.
5. Slogans must be postmarked not later than midnight of March 30th.

Find Gold Crown On One Of Pig's Jaw Teeth

Cherryvale, Kan. — When Farmer N. H. Sheppard took one of his pigs to a cold storage locker to be killed the butcher discovered a gold crown on one of the animal's jaw teeth.

How the metal happened to be there is anybody's guess. One theory is that the swine rooted up a nugget, clamped down on it and fitted himself with a gold crown.

The pig's head, gold and all, has been frozen and placed on display.

LINCOLN GIRLS WITH MAID OF COTTON



Two pretty Lincoln County girls were among several Queens College students who assisted Gwin Barnwell, of Gastonia, 1946 Maid of Cotton, in modeling an All-Cotton wardrobe at a special fashion show in Charlotte last week. Shown above, from left to right, chatting with cotton's good-will ambassador, after the show, are Miss Jane Carter, Lumberton, N. C.; Miss Mabel Mundy, Denver, N. C.; Miss Ann Abernethy, Lincolnton, N. C.; and Miss Barnwell. The Maid of Cotton is presently on a tour of major cities of the nation in behalf of cotton and cotton fabrics.—Courtesy Southern Textile News.

Luther A. Abernethy Promoted to Corporal

Seoul, Korea, Feb. 12.—Corporal Luther A. Abernethy of Lincolnton, North Carolina, now with the Seventh Infantry Division occupation troops in the Korean capital, has been promoted from Private First Class. The 18-year-old signal corpsman is a teletype operator in the 7th Signal company.

Corporal Abernethy also served with Hourglass Division troops at Okinawa. Before joining the Army he was a clerk at the Economy Drug store, in Lincolnton.

The corporal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. Abernethy, live at 502 Grove Street, Lincolnton. His brother, Seaman First Class Frank B. Abernethy, is in the Navy.

A. E. FINGER, 66, TAKEN BY DEATH

Augustus Edgar Finger, 66, died in a local hospital Friday afternoon at five o'clock after an illness of several months.

He was the son of the late Joyce and Myra Beal Finger and for a number of years had been engaged in saw-milling.

Survivors are his wife, the former Miss Georgia Bangle, of this county, one step-son, S. W. Beal, of Hickory; two daughters, Mrs. W. F. Eckard and Mrs. T. Guy Robinson, of Charlotte; three brothers, W. S. and M. G. Finger, of Lincoln county, and R. B. Finger, of Maryland, and three sisters, Mrs. W. S. Keener, Mrs. Jim Schrum and Mrs. Sid Schrum, of Lincolnton.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Asbury Methodist church, officiating ministers being Rev. H. B. Jones and Rev. W. C. Beck. Interment was in the church cemetery.

THE JUNIOR RED CROSS SERVES

The Junior Red Cross of Lincoln county has been very active during the last year. In addition to the other services rendered members of the Junior Red Cross have organized a speakers bureau to assist in raising funds for the 1946 drive. At the meeting of the Rotary Club on March 5 Miss Marguerite Leatherman spoke in the interest of the Red Cross and on the same date Miss Betty Jean Conner spoke to the Kiwanis Club.

The following activities were carried on by the Lincoln county Junior Red Cross during the last year:

- Menu covers, made, 500.
- Tray favors, 100.
- Holiday favors, 100.
- Christmas unit, 1,600 pieces.
- Classrooms furnished with first aid supplies, 154.
- Amount raised for membership drive, \$320.00.

\$13,000 Shortage Found In Treasury Of Rowan County

Salisbury, March 4.—A shortage of approximately \$13,000 in the Rowan county treasury was reported to the county commissioners today by Phillip Miller, accountant, recently appointed to audit the county books.

The audit is not yet complete, but Mr. Miller told the commissioners, "he farther back I go the more complicated it becomes."

Audit of the books was ordered after a tentative audit had indicated a shortage of approximately \$3,000 in the county's funds, as of February 8.

Balston Yarn Mills Sold to New Yorkers

Sale of Balston Yarn Mills, Inc., located in Lincolnton, by W. L. Balthis of Gastonia and associates to Nathan Scheinmann of New York City was announced here today.

Mr. Scheinmann has been elected a director and chairman of the board of the corporation.

W. L. Balthis is president and George R. Poston vice president and assistant treasurer, B. G. Groves is secretary. Mr. Balthis will continue to serve as president and the present management will continue to operate the plant with other officers continuing their connections.

The Balston, purchased by Mr. Balthis and associates in 1940, employs approximately 200 workers, manufactures fine combed yarns, single and ply, in counts from 60's to 80's.

David Dott, Jr., of Pawtucket, R. I., has been designated to serve in an official capacity. Mr. Dott is also treasurer of Raycrest Mills, Inc., of Pawtucket, R. I., of which company Mr. Scheinmann is president.

NO FORMS NEEDED FOR CANNING SUGAR

This year's home canners will not have to fill out application forms for canning sugar, OPA State Director Theodore S. Johnson reminded North Carolina housewives today. OPA district offices, which now handle sugar rationing, are not equipped to process the millions of requests that would result if users were required to make formal application for canning sugar, as was formerly the case, he said.

Canning sugar this season will be obtained through use of spare stamps contained either in Ration Book Four or on the sugar ration sheet now being issued in lieu of a complete ration book, according to the OPA announcement.

First spare stamp to be used especially for canning sugar is No. 9, which became valid today, March 11, for five pounds and remains good through October 31. Johnson pointed out. This and another stamp to be validated sometime in June or July will provide this year's allocation for home canning sugar, he said.

"Our national sugar supply is still extremely tight, with no signs of immediate improvement," Johnson said. "It is still uncertain how much of the Cuban sugar will be available to us; and this, along with the requirements of war-stricken areas, makes it impossible to be very optimistic about the outlook on sugar," he explained.

Ralph T. Jonas Now Returning To States

Ralph T. Jonas, 21, quartermaster, second class, USNR, 204 West Main street, Lincolnton, N. C., is returning to the States aboard the destroyer escort Earl K. Olsen, flagship of a destroyer escort division. He is expected to arrive on the East Coast late this month.

He is a "plank owner," having served aboard the ship since its commissioning at Tampa, Fla., in April, 1944. He saw action in convoy work in the Atlantic. Later the ship was ordered to the Pacific where she arrived at Eniwetok atoll the day hostilities ceased. Pacific ports of call included Ulithi, Leyte, Manila and Tokyo.

Upon arrival the Olsen will be placed in the reserve fleet.

Not Married
Smith—How many children have you, Jones?
Jones—Three daughters.
Smith—Do they live at home with you?
Jones—No, they are not married yet.

Bowles Declares Progress Delayed By Fear and Doubt

MISS ABERNETHY DIES IN HOSPITAL

Miss Dare Edith Abernethy, 35, died in a local hospital Friday morning after an acute illness of only a few days. The end came with shocking suddenness and brought grief not only to her family but to the host of friends which were hers.

She was born in Lincolnton April 9, 1910, the daughter of H. Clay and Violet Goodson Abernethy. In addition to her parents she leaves two brothers, G. Clyde Abernethy, of Lincolnton, and W. Edgar Abernethy, of Statesville.

At the time she became ill Miss Abernethy was employed by the Jewel Box.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church of which she was a faithful and devoted member. Rev. Albert McClure, a former pastor, conducted the service, which was followed by interment in Hollybrook cemetery.

Pall bearers were W. B. Goodson, M. L. Huggins, T. L. Hunter, Edgar Love, Harmon James and B. C. Lineberger, Jr.

L.H.S. HONOR ROLL FOR 2ND QUARTER

Following is the honor roll for the second quarter of the Lincolnton High school:

Eighth Grade
Mary Alice Carpenter, Margaret Winchester, Hugh Wease, Huston Wease, Edgar Beal, Betty Carpenter.

Ninth Grade
Harold DeHart, Bryon Gillespie, Johnny Boggs, Evangeline Harwell, Jean Ramsey, Shirley Gabriel, Ann Fuller, Joan Huffstetler, Betty Morrison, Betty Wise, Marion Schronce, Kenneth Rhyne, Marguerite Hartman, Ozella Harris, Gloria Hovis, Camilla Sutton, Elizabeth Warren, Betty Atkins, Helen Forester, Robert Martin, Rodney Byers, Billy Huggins, Harry Lerner, Columbus Turner, Jr., David Warlick, Mildred Brooks, Beth Cornwell, Doris Hoke, Joan McCutchen, Laura McLean, Peggy Moss, Pat Owen, Barbara J. Peeler, Rebecca Ramsey, Sue Rhodes, Joyce Saine, Betty Lou Sigmon, Sue Ann Long, Johnny Lowder, Lafay Bost, Christine Ewing, Peggy Ann Gates, Peggy Jo Thornburg.

Tenth Grade
Jimmy Babb, Fred Harrill, Martin Turner, Virginia Buff, Phyllis Byers, Betty Beattie, Ruth Delk, Betty Elmore, Berlene McAllister, Jean Robinson, Joanne Ballard, Jean Carpenter, Marie Eury, Elsie Hoffman, Betty Whisnant, Irvin Cohen, David Kiser, Edgar Love, Lewis Ruth, Vance Smith, Judith Boyles, Peggy Conner, Jessie Eury, Ann Goode, Ruth Grigg, Sarah Heavner, Susan Pickens, Gertrude Thornburg.

Eleventh Grade
Clair Bivins, George Burgin, Jean Bynum, Polly Dellinger, Patsy Ford, Royce Gillespie, Loretta Kindrick, Syble Lineberger, Edgar Mauney, Sue McGinnis, Mary Miller, Ed Ramsaur, Colleen Buff, Phyllis Costner, Wilma Devine, Betty Heafner, Willa Dean Smith, Betty Turner, Rachel Whitesides, Rachel Coffey, Jane Grigg, Juanita Thornburg, Dorothy Whitesides, Miles Beam, Murphy Cronland, Doyle Freeman.

Twelfth Grade
Joyce Bandy, Elizabeth Beam, Betty J. Conner, Kathleen Goodson, Helen Knuckles, Marguerite Leatherman, Phyllis Robinson, Edgar Rudisill, Amelia Schrum, Joyce Sigmon, Nancy Steelman, Tommy Houser, Wennie Reynolds.

FOUR CHILDREN DIE IN SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT

Zebulon, N. C., March 4.—Four school children were instantly killed early this morning in a school bus wreck two miles north of Zebulon, near Perry's Pond, the state highway patrol reported.

Several other children were reported in a critical condition and carried to a local hospital.

Names of those killed were not immediately available, nor were the details of the accident. Officers were reported investigating.

Dallas Man Killed In Highway Crash

Newton, March 11.—Harry J. Taylor, 26, of Dallas, was killed yesterday on the Newton-Shelby highway when the cab in which he was a passenger overturned, injuring the driver.

State Highway Patrolman Fred Garland said Taylor apparently was killed instantly when he was thrown from the cab, which he said overturned four times. Garland said the injured man was Charles Clinton Esslinger, also 26, of Gastonia.

Father and Son Will Be Hanged at Same Time

Fort Madison, Ia., March 9.—A 72-year-old father and his 45-year-old son will be hanged simultaneously March 29, Warden Percy Lainson of the Iowa State Penitentiary announced today in what he described as the first execution in history of a father and son for a joint crime.

A single pull of the gallows lever by Dickson county sheriff Joe McQuirk will send Philip H. Heiney and his son, William H., to their deaths for the confessed robbery-murder on December 16, 1944, of Robert W. Raebel, West Okoboji Lake resort operator, the warden said.

Declares 'Thing We Americans Need More Than Anything Else Is Confidence'

Washington, March 11 — Chester Bowles asserted last night that progress toward peak production and full prosperity is being delayed by "fear and doubt and blind self-interest."

The stabilization director, in a move to smash what he termed "those bottlenecks," issued a policy statement on the new wage-price formula and described it as a "blueprint that can clear the way for the greatest flood of goods this nation has ever seen."

"The thing we Americans need more than anything else right now is confidence," Bowles declared.

He said he sincerely believes the new wage-price policy "is a practical step toward a future of sustained prosperity" and that "we can make the plan work to get the all-out production needed eventually to lick inflation."

Successful operation of the plan, Bowles said, means this: "A good deal of give and take—and perhaps a little sacrifice... a little self-control over our own selfish interests; a little less scrambling to get ahead of the next fellow who may seem to have some slight, temporary advantage."

In an effort to dispel doubts of labor and industry as to how the new wage-price formula will work, the Office of Economic Stabilization issued a new regulation covering the policy. It supplemented this with a 26-page document explaining the regulation.

Neither of the statements makes any basic change in the policy first announced by President Truman last February 14. In brief, the policy remains that wage increases generally must be government-approved if they are to be used as the basis for price increases.

OES reiterated statements by Mr. Truman and Bowles that the policy will mean a bulge in the price line, with increases particularly for metal consumer products.

The agency expressed belief that the new formula will not "tie businessmen and labor unions up in red tape and delay."

"The government is obligated to give both groups the fastest action possible if we are to get the flood of production we need," the statement said.

OES added, however, that this is a two-way obligation and that businessmen "will have to cooperate by supplying accurate data and supplying it more quickly than has been the case on many occasions in the past."

Under the formula as announced in February by Mr. Truman, firms which granted unapproved wage boosts waived for the duration of the stabilization orders their right to use such pay hikes as a basis for price increases. Later, March 15 was set as the effective date of the provision.

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6,000 U. S. Soldiers A.W.O.L. In Europe

Frankfurt, Germany, March 5. — About 6,000 American soldiers are absent without leave in the European theater, army headquarters reported today. The wartime peak of AWOL's was 15,000.