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"The Big Change"

Bankers Invite Students To Take Part In Program Citing Progress In State

An invitation has been received by the High School students of Lincoln County to participate in a State-wide contest offering more than \$6,000 in prizes.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The invitation was extended by bankers of Lincoln County who are promoting "The Big Change", an oratorical contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association.

The contest is designed to call attention to North Carolina's progress since the turn of the century, and to cause high school stu-

dents to devote some thought to how this progress may be continued in the future.

The contest will begin with high school eliminations during the first week of March, 1954. The winners from each high school in the county will compete on March 10 to determine the county winner.

The county winners, in turn, will compete on March 17 in group eliminations. The State has been divided into ten groups for the contest, roughly ten counties to the group.

On March 24, the ten division winners will compete in division eliminations. The State has been divided into three divisions for purposes of the contest.

On March 31, the three division winners will compete in the State Finals in Raleigh.

There will be prizes on all levels. The three finalists winning \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 respectively. Each county winner will receive a \$25 Savings Bond; each group winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond. The three division winners will receive \$500 cash.

New Oldsmobile Cars Show Many Design Changes

Presenting the most advanced styling and important mechanical changes in recent years, Oldsmobile's 1954 models go on display January 20 at Oldsmobile dealerships throughout the country.

In Lincoln the new Oldsmobile models will be on display at the Polhill Chevrolet Co., local dealer.

Oldsmobile will present eleven models in three series for 1954. The sensational new Super "88" models will include a two-door and four-door sedan, Holiday coupe and convertible. The popular "88" series will feature a new model this year—the Holiday hard top coupe — along with the two-door and four-door sedan. In the luxurious "98" series, which will be available in early February, are the four-door sedan, the Deluxe Holiday coupe, the Holiday coupe and Starfire, a special and ultra-glamorous convertible coupe.

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Armored Car Of Hitler On Exhibit Here

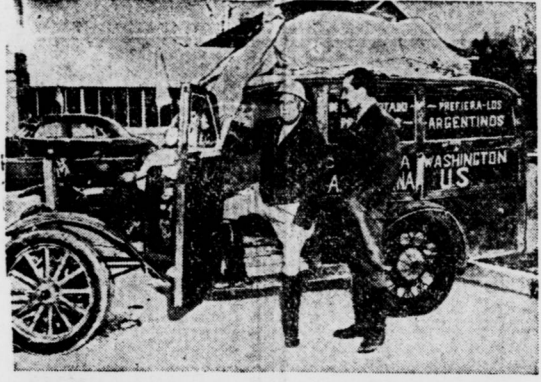
The "Great Mercedes", armored automobile which was built for the personal use of the Nazi tyrant, Adolph Hitler, is now on a national tour of America.

The car will be exhibited on the Court House Square tomorrow (Tuesday), from 10 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. Teachers are invited to bring classes at any time during these hours. No admission is charged, but voluntary donations will be accepted. The exhibit is being sponsored by the Lincoln American Legion Post.

Following the custom of dictators Hitler demanded the biggest and best for himself. The actual cost of building this car is inestimable, as the Mercedes-Benz plant in Stuttgart, Germany, at that time, used slave labor. In size, it is a monster, but mechanically, a beauty. It is twenty feet long and weighs ten thousand pounds, which includes two thousand pounds of 1/2 inch steel plate, and 1-1/4 inch bullet proof glass windows and windshield. The doors weigh 400 pounds each. Cruising speed is 90 miles per hour, and with the supercharger it will do better than 135 MPH. The capacity of the fuel tank is 56 gallons and the car gets 3 to 4 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Compared to styles in the country today, the car is in the freak class, and must be seen to be appreciated. It was the pride and joy of "der Fuehrer" and was the official State car for special occasions.

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20,000 MILES IN MODEL-T . . . Jose Fernandez, 73, and son Ramon, 29, drive 1914 Ford into San Antonio, Texas, from Patagonia home. They've been on way to Detroit and Washington for 30 months.

Many Lincoln County Men Will Be Placed In 1-A Due To Draft Change

OKLAHOMA COUPLE VISIT IN LINCOLNTON

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Henry had as their guests last week, two distinguished Oklahoma City, Okla. visitors.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones. Mr. Jones is an oil man in Oklahoma and used to work for Mr. Henry. Mr. Jones is now reported to be one of the ten wealthiest men in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Jones met Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilburn at the Orange Bowl football game in Miami, Florida, and came by Lincoln to visit Mr. and Mrs. Henry.

It is understood that one of the reasons for his visit was to look over the soil formations here and see if there was any prospects for oil here. He was favorably impressed and plans to visit again soon.

He told Mr. Wilburn and Joe Ross, Clerk of Court, whom he met during his visit that if they wanted to come to Oklahoma to see a football game, he would send his private plane to pick them up. A quick friendship developed between Mr. Ross and Mr. Jones because they are both sports fan.

Approximately thirty-five Lincoln county young men of draft age face reclassification to 1-A under a recent change in regulations. Files of those holding 4-F status also will be reviewed and re-examined.

Route 1 Mail Service Will Be Extended

The Times is in receipt of a telegram from Congressman C. Raper Jones in Washington, which will be of interest to mail patrons of Lincoln County, Route 1.

The telegram reads: "Happy to inform you that Post Office Department has announced the extension of Lincoln, Route 1, to serve eight families now walking some distance for mail. Total additional mileage is 2.2."

The Times received this message from Congressman Jones before our last Thursday edition went to press, but through an oversight the news did not get into the Thursday issue. We extend our apologies to Congressman Jones and our readers.

Memorandum No. 112, received at the local draft board office calls for the drafting of some men who have been classified previously as exempt.

The memorandum, according to Mrs. Grace Kale, chief clerk of the local board, affects men in Class 1-C Reserve and 1-C Discharged who have already been in service but who completed less than six months of service. The memorandum says:

"A registrant is not eligible for retention in Class 1-C unless he completes six months or more of honorable service prior to being released from active duty. Any registrants separated after less than six months of service cannot be retained in Class 1-C under the revised regulations and must be reclassified out of Class 1-C into the lowest class for which he is found to be eligible. If such a registrant is reclassified into a class available for service, he will again be subject to induction."

The old regulation said that if a man had served on active duty since June 24, 1948, for any period of time—even one day—his draft board could no longer touch him. Reserve training periods, such as summer camp, are not counted as active duty.

As the result of the new memorandum (Continued on page eight)

Official Here Tuesday

March Of Dimes Aided By Firms, Individuals

M. L. Huggins, Chairman, today reported on a number of activities in connection with the March Of Dimes campaign now underway in Lincoln County.

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Two Wrecks Are Investigated; No Serious Injuries

Highway Patrolman R. E. Smart investigated two auto accidents yesterday. There were no serious injuries in either wreck but there was a considerable amount of property damage, the patrolman reported.

He gave the following account of the two accidents:

Two autos were damaged heavily when a car driven by Nathan Gregory of Alexis, Rt. 1, was struck from the rear while the driver was attempting to turn off of Highway 273 near Lowesville. Thomas A. Benfield, of Rt. 1, Mt. Holly, operating a 1949 Chevrolet, was charged with following too close.

Also yesterday, a Ford convertible was forced off a country road near Iron Station by an unknown auto. The driver of the convertible, Jerry Link of Rt. 1, Iron Station, was not injured seriously. He was shaken up slightly, however. His convertible was damaged heavily.

Grand Jury Is Drawn For Year

The Grand Jury for the coming year was selected this morning.

Members are: C. Gordon Cline, Jr., J. M. Beam, Marshall Hedges, H. Pence Beam, J. W. Dellinger, foreman; Clyde H. Taylor, James Whitesides, Jr., Thomas Craiz, Mrs. Deck Hazer, Fred Serence, Harry L. Davis, Neal Sifford, Mrs. Edgar Love, Jr., D. Paul Mullah, S. Gene Tallent, Mac Willis, Frank Schrum and T. G. Lackey, Sr.

Roy Heavner, deputy sheriff, is the officer in charge.

Diddie Wise, 9-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wise, Jr., drew the names. The Grand Jury list is composed of the first 18 people drawn from the regular jury list.

Special Venire Ordered For Murder Trial Here

Judge Peyton McSwain of Shelby today ordered a special venire of 150 prospective jurors from Lincoln County to be on hand tomorrow morning for the opening of the trial of two men charged with the June 13, 1953, shotgun slaying of J. D. Farmer, Sr.

NOT GUILTY PLEA

Judge McSwain, who is presiding

Rites Held For Mrs. Ollie Kiser

Mrs. Ollie Rachel Kiser died Saturday in a local hospital. She was born in Alexander County, Jan. 16, 1897. She was exactly 63 years old at the time of her death.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the Church of God at High Shoals. Burial followed in the Hollybrook cemetery.

Rev. Morris Baker officiated.

Surviving are two sons, Ernest and Woodrow; one daughter, Mrs. Farrell Holly, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

100 PERCENT DONOR

Polhill Chevrolet Co. was the first business house to complete their scroll and return to the chairman, Polhill's reported a 100 percent response and contribution from each of the firm's employees to the fund.

DANCE THURSDAY

A round and square dance will be held Thursday night, January 21, at the J. C. Dellinger Dance Hall, Hog Hill section of the county. Proceeds from the dance will go to the March of Dimes.

PLATTER PARTY

Radio Station WLOW's platter party, sponsored by the Lions Club, raised \$665.00 last Thursday and Friday for benefit of the March of Dimes.

Chairman Huggins today expressed his appreciation to all participants who have helped in the March of Dimes fund-raising programs and work, and urges the continued support and cooperation of all Lincoln-Lincoln county area citizens, business firms, community organizations, etc., in helping this very worthy cause.

Christmas Seals, Bonds Sales In County \$2,667.14

Total funds raised from the sale of Christmas Seals and Bonds in Catawba, Alexander and Lincoln Counties through January 15 amounted to \$17,428.25, according to a report today of Mrs. Julia Winkler, executive secretary of the District Tuberculosis Association.

Broken down by counties, the sales to date were as follows:

Alexander County	\$ 1,274.15
Catawba County	\$13,486.86
Lincoln County	\$ 2,667.14
TOTAL	\$17,428.15

It is expected that further contributions will continue to come in as more residents remember to send in their remittances for Christmas Seals and TB Bonds.

Local Area Citizens Members Of Electric Corp. Getting Loan

The Rutherford (Forest City) Electric Membership Corporation, which includes Lincoln county people among its consumers, has been authorized a loan of \$800,000.

Notification of the loan came to The Times in the following wire from Congressman C. R. Jonas in Washington:

"REA informs me loan of \$800,000 to Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation Forest City just approved. Corporation serves over seven thousand consumers in Burke, Catawba, Lincoln and five other counties. T. J. Willis is president. Loan will provide service to 700 additional consumers and system improvements."

Eclipse Of Moon Tonight, . . . IF Weather Is O. K.

A total eclipse of the moon will be visible, weather conditions permitting, tonight (Monday) in this area . . . and throughout most of the United States and Canada.

If visibility is good tonight, the eclipse may be first seen around 7:50 o'clock. The half-hour eclipse event occurs when the earth's shadow passes over the face of the moon, changing it from silver to a deep copper and then back to silver again.

Enough of the sun's rays spill around the earth to prevent the moon from being completely blacked out.

The Far West won't see the beginning of the eclipse because by the time the moon rises over there, the earth's shadow, a 6,600-mile disc, will have already begun to cross the moon's 2,000-mile face.

The real dark part of the eclipse will last from 9:17 to 9:47 p. m. in the Eastern time zone.

The moon will start to darken down to the naked eye before that, at 7:50 p. m. (EST) and traces of the shadow will remain until 11:14.

Vale Man Waives Hearing Before Commissioner

A citizen of Vale, Route 3, O. L. Johnson, waived preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Clarence Clapp, Jr., in Newton Thursday on charges of violating the Internal Revenue Code.

The charges were the outgrowth of the capture of a large moonshine distillery in the southwestern section of Catawba county on January 6, according to Commissioner Clapp.

Johnson was bound over to Federal court under \$1,000 bond. Commissioner Clapp said that the court's next session begins the third Monday in March.

Cafe Owners Declare This Town Does Have A Good 5c Cup Of Coffee

The reporter who wrote the story under the headline "What This Town Needs is a Good 5c Cup of Coffee" in Monday's Times is now sticking close to the office, venturing out only under the cover of darkness.

He says that he has nightmares of being chased by knife-wielding cafe and drug store owners who cry: "We have your good 5c cup of coffee!"

There have been serious repercussions.

Several of the people who have decided to keep the price of a coffee break at a nickel have served notice that unless there is an explanation or a retraction, they intend to take drastic steps.

Jonas, Jones, Hoey, Lennon Oppose Hike In Legislators' Pay

North Carolina's two representatives in the U. S. House of Representatives, C. R. Jones and Hoey, and the state's two representatives in the U. S. Senate, Jones and Lennon, today opposed a large salary boost in legislators' pay.

These men said they would not approve the full amount of \$27,500 a year which a special commission proposed for congressional salaries.

Some of the Carolinians would not vote for any increase at all in the present pay at \$12,500 plus a \$2,500 expense account.

"ISN'T TIME" — JONAS

"I'm one of the 34 members who voted against the creation of the commissions," said Jonas. "This just isn't the time to start raising salaries. What about all the postal employees who need a raise? Congress made a mistake in not raising its' pay during the inflationary spiral."

I don't think that congressmen have lush living. But I won't vote for any raise. I didn't come up here to vote to raise salaries, but to cut spending until the budget is balanced."

Jonas said, "I am totally opposed to it. It is unwise to raise the salary at this time. It would lead to other raises throughout the government. I know what the salary was when I ran for Congress and if I don't like it I can go home. It is inconsistent to raise our own pay while cutting other expenses."

"TOO HIGH" — HOEY, LENNON

North Carolina's Senators Clyde R. Hoey and Alton Lennon said the \$27,500 figure is much too high. However, Lennon said he does not believe "public officials should be expected to serve at a financial sacrifice." Hoey said, "I will have to study the commission's recommendations thoroughly before deciding how much of an increase is justified."

South Carolina members of Congress said today they would oppose raising congressional salaries to \$27,500 a year.

Senator Burnet R. Maybank said: "The commission went on totally too far. I certainly cannot vote for that. In fact, if I vote for any congressional salary raise we must grant raises to every government employee, wherever he is."

Senator Olin D. Johnson said: "That figure of \$27,500 does seem a little high. It amounts to \$12,500 more in one jump. Congress ought to have a little more, but not that."

Will Elect Officers Leaders Of Pioneer Girl Scout Area Meet Here Tuesday Night

The annual business meeting and election of new officers of the Pioneer Girl Scout Area will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) evening, January 19, at 8 o'clock, at the First Methodist Church in Lincoln.

This announcement was made by Mrs. F. A. Young of Gastonia, president of the council. Every leader, assistant leader, troop committee member, town committee and board member is urged to attend.

Officers to be elected for the area are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Chairman for Training, Program and Membership Nominating committees.

Chairmen for area districts No. II, IV, V and VI will also be named at this time.

Members of Troop 25 of Belmont, Troop 21 of Gastonia, Troop 8 of Lincoln, Troops 35 and 23 of Kings Mountain will present the program for the evening.

Injured In Wreck Condition Of Dr. Lattimore And Niece Show Improvement

Dr. E. B. Lattimore, a distinguished Shelby physician, was reported to be improving this morning in a local hospital. Dr. Lattimore and his niece, Mrs. Cecil Gillitt, were both injured in an auto accident east of Lincoln.

Dr. Lattimore was N. C. "Doctor of the Year" in 1952 and was third in the running for the honor of the whole nation.

He is 80 years old and local physicians say that because of his age, they hesitate to say that he is completely out of danger.

The investigating officer could not be reached for further details of the accident. It is reported that the car, operated by Mrs. Gillitt, went out of control on the recovered highway.

Slade Burgess Succumbs Sun.

Slade E. Burgess, 57, died yesterday at a local hospital.

Mr. Burgess was a resident of Catawba Street, Lincoln, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Burgess.

Final rites will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Earl Armstrong will be in charge of the services. Burial will be in the Hollybrook cemetery.

Other details are incomplete.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Bradshaw Burgess, five sons, Roy of Cherry Point, Calvin of Yonkers, N. Y., Troy, Billy and Jerry of Lincoln; four daughters, Peggy, Gene, Mildred and Linda of Lincoln; four brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Mary Lynch, Of County, Dies

Mrs. Mary Etta (Mamie) Lynch, 72, of Rt. 4, Lincoln, died at her home around 4 p. m. yesterday following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Long Shoals Wesleyan Methodist Church at 3:30 this afternoon with the Rev. A. F. Connor officiating.

Burial will follow in the Pisgah Methodist Church cemetery.

Survivors are one brother, Robert L. of Rt. 1, Lincoln; three sisters, Mrs. Ella Harwell, Rt. 4, Lincoln, Mrs. J. S. Weaver, Rt. 4, Lincoln and Mrs. J. P. Rhyne, Rt. 4, Lincoln.

Fire Damages Car At Maiden

A 1949 Pontiac auto was damaged heavily by fire in Maiden yesterday.

Harry Howard, Maiden Chief of Police, said that the auto belonged to Wilbur Lee Mayhew, a colored man. The fire department was called out to extinguish the blaze.

Union Seniors To Present Play

The Senior Class of Union High School will present a comedy in three acts entitled "Two Dates for Tonight" on Thursday night, Jan. 21, at 8 o'clock.

The admission is 25 cents for students, 40 cents for adults. The cast is composed of the following: Anne Mayfield, Joan Reep, Sally Mayfield, Martha Warlick; Vera Mayfield, Harriene Allen; Joan Mayfield, Frank Bents; Freddy Buchanan, Frank Bents; William Chandler, Joyce Serence; Sarah Chandler, Joyce Gilbert; Sylvia Chandler, Mickey Mitchell; Diana Wells, Frances Lantz; Larry Randolph, Ronald Wise; Mrs. Westgate Jones, Sarah Heavner, Bradford Cartow Jones, Bill Sain; Miss Gallop, Sue Jane Harmon and Tony, Cecil Serence.

S. M. Roper Made Kentucky Colonel

From now on, kindly address S. M. Roper as "Colonel Roper."

The honor of Kentucky Colonel was bestowed on Mr. Roper — excuse us, sub — last week in Ohio by the governor of the Blue Grass state.

Col. Roper is a local attorney and Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythia.