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McNeely Again Choice For Elections Board Chairman

The Lincoln County Democratic Committee, in session at the Courthouse Saturday morning, nominated J. Robt. McNeely and D. C. Killian to serve as members of the county Board of Elections. Dorsey Rhyne was named as alternate.

Joe H. Ross, county chairman, presided over the meeting, which was attended by precinct chairmen.



COMING HOME . . . Cpl. Ernest E. Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Saunders of Maiden, Route 1, is now en route to the States from Korea, where he has served with the allied forces for a year.

Annual Tour Scheduled

Local Area Students Members Lenoir Rhyne A Capella Choir

Bill McCullough, of Lincolnton; J. A. Harbison and Pina Lineberger, of Maiden; Sara Froneo of Cherryville, are members of the Lenoir Rhyne College A Capella Choir, nationally famous.

High School P-TA To Have Founder's Day Program On Tuesday

The High School P-TA will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Mrs. E. L. House will be the program chairman. A Founder's Day program will be presented. A talk will be made by the Rev. Richard J. Lee, Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Lincolnton Civil Air Patrol Joins In Big Spotter Test At Albemarle

JONAS BILL BACKED BY HICKORY LEGION

Hickory Post 48 of the American Legion went on record at a weekly meeting Tuesday night as unanimously approving and supporting a bill introduced by Congressman C. Raper Jonas relating to accrued leave for members of the armed forces.

The bill provides that leave accruing to a member of the armed forces while he was a prisoner of war in Korea not be subject to the 60-day limitation on the maximum amount of leave which might be accrued by any member of the armed forces.

Members of the Hickory Post directed that a letter be sent to Congressman Jonas, notifying him of the Post's action concerning Bill H. R. 7522.

Canada Student Rotary Speaker

A regular club program was held by the Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon meeting Tuesday in the private dining room of the North State Hotel. Club president Dr. F. R. Burris presided.

Miss Sylvia Crone, exchange student for the 280th District of Rotary, which includes the Lincolnton club, was the guest speaker.

Miss Crone, a resident of Suffolk, Ontario, Canada, is now a student at Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory. She was introduced by Miss Moody, of Hickory.

Miss Crone gave an interesting report on Canada, telling of the country's vast resources, developments in oil, mining and other industries. She told of the friendly relations that exist between the citizens of Canada and the United States. She related that Canada has its first Canadian-born Governor General at the head of government; that Great Britain has its first Canadian-born citizen in this capacity as Prime Minister.

Bob Hoover, of El Paso, Texas, was a visiting Rotarian at the meeting.

The names of the three Democrats will be submitted to the State Board of Elections, which will approve two of them for membership on the three-member Lincoln county elections board.

Kemeth Heavner, the third member of the county board, is expected to be reappointed by the Lincoln county Republican Executive Committee.

CHAIRMAN SINCE 1938

Mr. McNeely has served as chairman of the county elections board since April, 1938, except for the period during World War II. He resigned as chairman in May, 1942, to go into the service, being succeeded by the late C. Guy Rudisill. Following Mr. Rudisill's death, W. H. Childs was appointed chairman of the board. McNeely returned to the board as chairman in March, 1946. Incidentally, Mr. McNeely also served as registrar in Ward 2 from 1928 to 1938.

Mr. Killian has served as a member of the elections board for twenty years, being appointed a board member in April, 1934. Mr. Heavner, the Republican member, has served on the board since March, 1946. Prior to that, H. A. Jonas, Sr., served as the Republican member.

Mr. McNeely was given the most votes by the executive committee, indicating his preference for the post of chairman. The list of candidates will be forwarded to the State Board of Elections for action.



ODD FELLOWS-REBEKAH OFFICERS . . . Officers of the local Mountain Lodge No. 19, Odd Fellows, and the newly formed and chartered Lincoln Rebekah Lodge No. 163, a ladies auxiliary branch of the Odd Fellows, order, are pictured above. The Rebekah Lodge officers were installed at a recent meeting. Front row, l to r: C. C. Leonard, Mrs. C. C. Leonard, Mrs. Fred Ballard, Mrs. Dorus Lingerfelt, Mrs. Bennett

Vale Man's Leg Broken In Wreck

A Vale, Route 3, man, Eldridge Ford Wood, suffered a broken leg last Saturday afternoon when his 1946 Mercury left Highway 127 in the Probst Crossroads section and crashed into a light pole.

Wood was hospitalized at Hickory Memorial hospital.

Harold Deal, investigating State Highway Patrolman, said that Wood apparently lost control of his car, that it skidded off the roadway on the left side and cut down the pole. The car was a total loss, he stated, and damages were listed at \$500.

Water Rates In Boger City May Be Raised If Highland Company Request Is Granted

Citizens of the Boger City community may soon be paying more for their water, if the State Utilities Commission grants the request presented it by the Highland Water Co.

The Highland Water Co. has asked the Commission for authority to raise its rates on water sold

its 408 customers in the Boger City area. This does not include the Boger & Crawford Mills and village residents. The B & C Mills have their own water supply system.

Highland buys water from Lincolnton, and resells it to Boger City patrons. In requesting authority for higher rates, the company said the town of Lincolnton last October raised its rates from 20 to 30 cents per 1,000 gallons.

The company's water mains are connected with the Lincolnton line near the Shrum Motor Co., Highway 27.

Boger City Second

Troop 1, Lincolnton, Places First In Boy Scout Camporee

Troop 1, of Lincolnton, won first place in the Camporee held Saturday in connection with Boy Scout Week, Troop 1, Boger City, and Troop 1, Crouse, tied for second place.

The winning troop, sponsored by the First Methodist Church, accumulated 25 points in the various Camporee events, with

the Boger City and Crouse troops. Donald Rudisill is the Scoutmaster of Troop 1, Lincolnton; Woodrow Blanton Scoutmaster of Troop 1, Boger City; and Ause Harvey Scoutmaster of the Crouse troop.

Fred Radisill, Scoutmaster of Troop 4, Lincolnton, directed the Camporee contests, assisted by the other Scoutmasters of the participating troops.

Troop 1, Lincolnton, captured first place in all events, except one.

S. T. Lineberger, Lincoln Native, Dies In Columbia

Word has been received here of the death of S. T. Lineberger, Lincoln county native, of Greenville, S. C. Mr. Lineberger died in a Columbia, S. C., hospital Monday after an illness of three months.

Funeral services were held in Greenville yesterday afternoon. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery, Greenville.

A native of Lon Station, Mr. Lineberger was a member of Earl Street Baptist church in Greenville, where he was a resident for 60 years. His wife, Mrs. Carrie Furr Lineberger, died in 1951.

Mr. Lineberger, who was in the real estate business, is survived by one son, S. T. Lineberger, Jr., of Greenville; two daughters, Mrs. L. O. Sullivan of Greenville, and Mrs. Vera L. Nix of Baltimore, Md.; another brother, Avery Lineberger of Alexis; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Delinger of Gastonia; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

File State Income Tax Returns Now

North Carolina State Income Tax Returns are due to be filed on or before March 15, 1954.

A single person with an income of \$1,000 or more, or a married man with an income of \$2,000 or more is required to file a State Income Tax Return. A married woman with a separate income of \$1,000 or more from that of her husband, is required to file a return.

It is necessary under the law that remittances accompany the returns. Penalties automatically apply after March 15th to returns on which tax is due but not paid. For illness, absence or inability to get necessary records together, extension may be secured through the Department of Revenue at Raleigh.

Failure to receive a form does not relieve a person of liability to file.

A local representative of the N. C. Department of Revenue can be contacted at the Lincolnton Courthouse on February 19 and 26, who will be available to give assistance in filing returns.

One Man Electrocuted, Another Badly Burned In Well-Drilling Mishap

A Negro man was electrocuted and a white man critically burned while digging a well in the Lowesville section of East Lincoln county yesterday (Wednesday) morning.

Sheriff Frank P. Heavner and Guy E. Cline, County Coroner, were called to the scene for an investigation.

The dead man was identified at Arthur Gaston, 30, of the Huntersville section of Mecklenburg county; and the injured white man as Graham L. Lawing, about 55, of the Long Creek-Huntersville, RFD, sections of Mecklenburg county.

DRILLING WELL

Sheriff Heavner reported that, according to his investigation, the two men were drilling a well for Wilbur Sherrill in the Lowesville area when the Negro man cranked the well drill up into the air where it hit a high tension wire. Both men reportedly were holding the well drill when it struck the high voltage power line. Gaston being killed almost instantly.

The dead man's clothes caught fire and he was immediately burned to death, it was reported. The rubber wheels on the well-digging machine also were ignited.

The power had to be cut off before Lawing could be released from the current, according to reports. He was taken to a Charlotte hospital, where his burns were reported as critical. He received burns about the arms and legs, and was unconscious for several hours after the accident.

Coroner Cline ruled that the Negro's death was due to electrocution. The dead man is survived by his wife and a number of children.



Dr. Palmer Executives Club Speaker Feb. 25

Every hour of the day and night, two hundred major crimes are committed, about one-fourth of them by persons less than 21 years of age.

But in one city in the United States there hasn't been a major crime committed in years, and there aren't any teen-age problems such as are worrying many other cities.

According to E. Robert Palmer, who will be the guest speaker at the Lincoln Executives Club, at the dinner at the Lincolnton High School cafeteria on the evening of Thursday, February 25, all of this was brought about by a determined effort on the part of certain people in Loveland, Colorado, a busy metropolis in the northwestern part of the state, to make their town a better place in which to live.

Apparently they did just that, for two years ago Collier's called the attention of the nation to this little "Sweetheart of a Town", when it covered the story thoroughly.

Robert Palmer's story to Club members will include many humorous, and delightful incidents. He is an accomplished speaker, called the "silver tongued orator of the West," by no less a person than U. S. Senator Johnson.

Ben Douglas Kiwanis Speaker

Lincolnton Kiwanians heard an interesting and informative talk by Ben Douglas, Director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, at the club's weekly dinner meeting Tuesday night. Club president, Dr. Sam Wilson presided.

A detailed report of his remarks, which will be of interest to all Lincolnton-Lincoln county citizens, will appear in the next issue of The Times.

Mr. Douglas, former Mayor of Charlotte, has been spearheading the C & D Department's stepped-up efforts to bring more industrial payrolls to communities throughout the State to put-up, clean-up and thus make themselves more attractive and more desirable as sites for new industries.

RITES HELD FOR FORMER AREA PASTOR

Funeral services for Rev. J. C. Dietz, D.D., well known minister who formerly held pastorates in Lincoln county, were held Sunday afternoon in Gastonia.

The Rev. Mr. Dietz, 78, died in a Gastonia hospital last Friday night after several years of declining health.

The minister served as pastor of churches in Catawba and Lincoln counties. He retired August 1, 1944.

Dairy Foods Demonstration Contest Saturday

All 4-H girls entering the dairy foods demonstration contest, all Home Demonstration Dairy Leaders, Foods Leaders, and 4-H Leaders are urged to attend the training meeting to be held Saturday morning, February 20, at 10 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church basement. Those who plan to attend are asked to use the basement entrance on Government Street.

Mrs. Barbara Ford Gets Appointment

Mrs. Barbara Ford has been appointed and has accepted the faculty chairmanship of the Carolina Dance Masters. The appointment was one of a number made for the 1954 term.

The Carolina Dance Masters Chapter No. 17 is an affiliate of the Dance Masters of America.

Church Circle To Equip Nursery

The Evening Circle No. 2 of the Women's Guild of the Emanuel and Evangelical Reformed church has undertaken a new project, that of equipping a nursery for younger children and babies.

This, it is felt, is a large project for a small group of women whose Circle has been organized for only about six months.

If your baby has outgrown his crib, high chair or play pen the members of the Circle would like to have them for the nursery. They can use them no matter what condition they are in. Please call RE 5-8538 if you have anything that can be used.

Bethel Baptist Church To Sponsor Singing

There will be a singing at the Bethel Baptist church on the Lincolnton-Maiden highway Sunday night beginning at 7 o'clock.

Taking part in the singing will be the Sonsters Quartette, the Harmony Quartette, the Melody Quartette and the Riverview Trio. The public is invited.

ATOMIC CANNONS

Six more atomic cannons will be sent to Europe in the near future, thus giving the NATO command two battalions of six guns each. Two additional battalions might go over later.

Bethphage Fellowship Hall Will Be Dedicated Sunday

The Bethphage Fellowship Hall will be dedicated during a special service Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The worship part of the service will be held in the church.

REV. YOUNT SPEAKER

The sermon for the occasion will be delivered by the Rev. Walter N. Yount, of Calvary Lutheran Church, Concord. Pastor Yount was a former pastor of the Bethphage congregation.

The actual dedication and laying of the corner stone in the first-phase mantle will be held at the Fellowship Hall. Following the services open house will be held. The ladies of the congregation will serve refreshments to all present.

The Fellowship Hall is a brick veneered building thirty by sixty-four feet. The interior walls are of white pine. In one end of the building is a large fire-place six feet wide. The front and mantle is built of crab-orchard stone. This is a gift of the Luther League.

In the opposite end of the Hall is the kitchen and two rest rooms and a cloak closet. The kitchen has cabinets on three sides of white pine panel. It is fully equipped with an electric stove and water heater, dishes and cooking utensils.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The building committee for the building consisted of Messrs.

Chesley Huss, Clifford Leonard, Ray Hoffman, Robert Gilbert, and George Beam, Jr. The building was built entirely by free labor at an approximate cost for materials of \$3700.00. The lot on which the building stands was a donation of Mrs. Lee Leonard and children, Shrubbery consisting of box-wood, scotch-broom and other evergreen has been set around the hall.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

My Neighbors
By BILL PAULSON

"A communist wants a labor dispute settled like he wants a hole in his head. Either one would help America, so he's ag'in it!"

One At Gastonia Feb. 24 . . . Evangelistic Rallies Planned By Methodists

Plans for five Evangelistic Rallies, to be held at strategic points on the Western North Carolina Conference, are being made by the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, Dr. J. C. Madison Chairman.

The great importance of these rallies are being stressed by Bishop Costen J. Harrell and his cabinet members, which includes the district superintendents.

Those expected to attend the Evangelistic Rallies in their own localities are: Leaders of the church, Church School Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents of Church Membership and Cultivation, members of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, President of the Youth Fellowship, the Charge Lay Leaders, Chairman of the Official Boards, the Circle leaders, the Pastors and others interested in the evangelistic program of the church.

RALLY AT GASTONIA

One of the most important Evangelistic Rallies will be held on Wednesday, February 24, at Main Street Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C. This meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m., and will end at 3 p.m. Dr. Wilson O. Weiden is the host pastor, and lunch will be served by the ladies of N Street Church. Members from the Charlotte and Gastonia Districts will attend this Rally.

Two of the most outstanding Bishops of Methodism will speak at the morning hour. Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, always a dynamic and challenging speaker, will bring a message entitled, "THE PRESENT CHALLENGE."

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, a compelling and vigorous orator, will speak on the subject, "WHAT CHRIST SUPPLIES". The nature of the morning program is inspirational.

In the afternoon the themes of the speakers will be a more specific nature with practical plans for the local church regarding the Evangelistic program for the local church.

DIST. SUPTS. TO SPEAK

The District Superintendents, the Rev. Frank Jordan, and the Rev. C. W. Kirby will speak on the theme, "THE PROGRESS OF EVANGELISM IN OUR DISTRICT," and the District Secretaries of Evangelism, the Rev. W. A. Rollins of Charlotte and the Rev. R. M. Hardee of Gastonia will use as their subject, "WHAT WE HOPE TO DO THIS CONFERENCE YEAR."

The Rev. W. A. Rollins, who is pastor of the Belmont Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, and who for a number of years has been Conference Secretary of Evangelism of the Western North Carolina Conference will highlight the afternoon session by bringing an important message on THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM AND ITS PROGRESS. At the close of this message a consecration service will be held.

EXPECT 5,000 TO ATTEND

It is expected that at least five thousand persons will attend these Rallies, and at least five hundred persons are expected to be in attendance at the Gastonia Rally.

The Rev. Mr. Kirby, Superintendent of the Gastonia District reports that the ministers and leaders of the Gastonia District have been majoring in Evangelism during the past two years, having received 3400 new members into the Methodist Church during this period. He also stated the District program for the conference year of 1953-54 has again been evangelism at the top of the list, and expects this year to far exceed all previous years in the number received into the church.