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## Dollar Days Here On Thursday, Friday, Saturday

### Milk Commission Will Hold Hearing Tuesday Night At Request Of Lincoln Dairymen

### Fireman Rescue Tom Cat From Atop Pine Tree

Lincolnton firemen answered an unusual call Friday afternoon—out of the line of duty, you might call it.

There was no fire. Instead, rescue efforts were required.

It wasn't a human being in distress that needed help, but a large, gray tomcat.

Seems that big "Tom" had climbed a tall pine tree at the Frank Chamberlain's residence on Summer street . . . and couldn't be coaxed down.

"Tom," the firemen were told by the Chamberlain's, had been in the tree ever since last Monday, probably chased up the tree by a dog. Frightened, he had stayed "treed." His increasing "meows" were evidence that he was hungry and thirsty but he wouldn't descend from his lofty perch.

His "meowing" pleas also were keeping the Chamberlain's awake nights. So, came the call to the fire department.

Driver Fitz Costner and several other men at the department took the aerial ladder truck to the Chamberlain residence. The truck was backed to the side of the house and alongside the tree. Fireman-electrician Joe Gilbert then scooped up the truck's 65-ft. ladder, gently picked up "Tom," from a limb and brought him down safely. After a good meal, "Tom," owner unknown, was ready to resume his normal life of tom-catting.

### Clothing Training School For Home Demonstration Leaders

A training school for all Home Demonstration Club Training Leaders will be held on Friday, February 26th at 2:30 P. M., in the Home Agents Office.

Miss May E. Lee, Clothing Specialist from the Extension Division in Raleigh, North Carolina, will conduct the meeting; using as her subject "Care of Clothes".

Leaders are expected to give this demonstration at the March Club meetings. Those who are expected to attend are:

Mrs. Ralph Garrison, County Clothing Leader; Mrs. Luthie Ritchie, Anne Priest Leader; Mrs. Woodrow Blain, Boger City; Mrs. John F. Martin and Mrs. Howard Bumgardner, County Line Leaders; Mrs. Clint Thompson and Mrs. Key Howard, Denver Leaders; Mrs. M. A. Houser, Hickory Grove Leader; Mrs. Hoke Heaver and Mrs. Farrell Houser, H. Wards Creek Leaders; M. S. Sam Dellinger, Iron Station; Mrs. Alton Carpenter, North Brook 1; Mrs. Hugh Beam and Mrs. Ruth Beam, North Brook 2; Mrs. Blanch Lee Tallent, North Brook 3; Mrs. C. B. Finger and Mrs. R. H. Turbyfill, Sr., Oakgrove; Mrs. L. E. Summey and Miss Alice McManus, Silent; Mrs. Beulah Thornburg and Mrs. J. L. Devine; Twin Communities; Mrs. Coy Lantz and Mrs. Robert Abernethy, Union; Mrs. Wayne Scence and Mrs. Earl Sain, Vale Leaders.

### Pat Harkey, 50 Dies After Illness

Pat Harkey, 50, well known citizen of Lincolnton, Route 1, died Saturday in a local hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Born in York, S. C., in 1903 he was the son of the late Reuben and Sarah Hovis Harkey. For the past twenty five years he had been employed by the Glenn Mills, Inc., and was held in the highest regard by his employers and fellow workers.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Georgia Schronce, two sons, Robert and Floyd, of Lincolnton, Route 1, and two daughters, Mrs. Burley Craig of Lincolnton, Route 2 and Mrs. Carl Better, of Route 1. He leaves also four brothers, Beaver Harkey, of Boger City, Bryant Harkey, of Rt. 2, and Fletcher and Woodrow Harkey, of Route 1, and three sisters, Mrs. Nannie Thomas, of Rt. 1, Mr. Will Smith, of Route 1, and Mrs. Claude Loving, of Pompano, Fla.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Pentecostal Holiness church, Rev. W. E. Baldwin was in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. P. F. Robinson. Burial followed in the Crowell Memorial Methodist church cemetery.

### Free Parking In Town On Dollar Day (Thursday)

Parking meters will not be enforced on Thursday of this week. Free parking space will be available anywhere in town that day.

Police Chief Ben Sigmon states, that in cooperating with the merchants on Dollar Days, it was decided that the parking meters would not be enforced Thursday, first day of the three-day special sales event.

However, the free parking privileges will be just for the one day—Thursday. On the Dollar Days Friday and Saturday, the meters will be enforced as usual.

### KIWANIS SPEAKER SAYS . . .

### Towns That Can Offer Most To Citizens Can Usually Offer Most To New Business, Industry

Ben Douglas, chairman of the N. C. State Board of Conservation and Development, told the Lincolnton Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting last week that North Carolina can offer more advantages to business than almost any other state in the south or southeast. Towns and citizens of North Carolina can help the state by helping themselves.

WHAT TOWNS CAN OFFER Douglas pointed out that adequate schools, recreation facilities, and pleasant living conditions are as important to new industries as adequate power, water, and labor. The towns that can offer the most to their citizens can in most cases offer the most to a new business or industry.

In explaining the work of the Conservation and Development Department, Mr. Douglas said that far too many of North Carolina's products are being shipped to other states for processing and finishing and then returned here to be sold as finished goods.

One of the department's aims is to secure industries for North Carolina that will complement the factories already in operation here. He said that we need processing plants for the coast's fishing industry, garment factories for the cloth and yarn mills, pro-

cessing plants for the corn, peanuts, and other crops grown in the state.

FALSE RUMOR There has been a false rumor circulating that North Carolina is at a disadvantage tax-wise when compared with other southern states. This is absolutely not true Mr. Douglas said. Compared with other southern states on a "package" basis (that is with the total amount of taxes levied) North Carolina is as low as any.

While on the subject of taxes, Mr. Douglas said that his board thought it unwise to offer new industries tax cuts and other similar concessions. He said that the industry should pay its own way and own share of taxes just as the industries already established here do.

STATE'S ADVANTAGES North Carolina's main advantages lies in a supply of superior labor, a good climate & water and electric power, all of which are most important items for a prospective new industry to consider. Mr. Douglas pointed out that one of the most impressive things North Carolina can offer a new industry is a supply of alert and intelligent workers who are willing to give a full day's work for a day's pay and who have demonstrated an ability to learn new jobs and new processes quickly and well.

HAVE ANSWERS READY In a word of advice to the members of the Kiwanis Club Mr. Douglas told them to be ready with the answers to questions that a businessman would ask if he were thinking of moving to Lincolnton.

Fashion Show At Asbury For 4H's And H.D. Leaders Time was when the storage bin was the end of the trail for the cotton seed or flour bag. But today there's a wonderful new chapter in the life history of this dutiful container. This is the story of the cotton bag's other life: that second glazored existence that cotton bag spends in the world of fashion.

All 4-H girls, their mothers, and Home Demonstration Club clothing leaders are invited to learn to use versatile cotton bags to best advantage by attending a fashion show at Asbury School Saturday, February 27th. The meeting is to be at 1 o'clock.

Miss Mary Em Lee, State Clothing Specialist, will be present to discuss the selection of pattern and material to suit the individual, the ability to sew, and present-day trends in style for the teenager. She will also discuss keeping 4-H clothing records and contests which 4-H girls may enter in the clothing field. Part of the time will be devoted to demonstrating construction methods that give the professional look.

POSTAL RATE INCREASE The House Postoffice and Civil Service Committee approved, by a vote of 12-0-7, a proposal to raise postal rates by \$20,000,000 a year. About \$159,000,000 of this total would be paid by those mailing letters and other first-class letters mailed out of town would cost four cents instead of the present three cents.

The real strength of a steel and concrete structure lies in the hands of the men who build it.

### Many Advancements Made At Boy Scout Court Of Honor

The awarding of the Bronze Eagle Palm to Albert Goldsmith, Jr., Troop 3, Lincolnton, and the Star rank to Jerry Schronce of Troop 1, Crouse, highlighted the monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor on Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church.

Troop 1, Crouse, was awarded the attendance banner. Other advancements in rank made were:

Tenderfoot: Gene Lail, Clyde Ray Milburn, Joseph Lee Wiggins, of Troop 3, Lincolnton; Billy Campbell, Jason Holbrook, Junior Keener, Tommie Mull, Nelson Sides, Thomas Sides, Jerry Stallings, David Walker, of Troop 8, Lincolnton; Pat Buckley, Johnny James, Troop 2, Lincolnton.

Second Class: Fred C. Thompson, Jr., Samuel A. Wilson, Jr., Troop 1, Lincolnton; Jerry William Keener, Jerry Hoyle, Troop 8, Lincolnton.

MERIT BADGES The following merit badges were awarded:

Art—Bill Blanton, Troop 1, Lincolnton.

Automobile—Albert Goldsmith, Jr., Troop 3, Lincolnton.

Citizenship, in the home—Gene Whitesides, James Carswell, Troop 1, Laboratory; Ouis McConnell, Troop 1, Boger City.

Coin Collecting—Ronnie Dedmon, Troop 1, Lincolnton.

Cooking—Marvin House, Troop 3, Lincolnton; John Abernethy, Troop 1, Crouse.

Firemanship—Freddie Barkley, Freddie Haynes, Harold Keener, Charles Rudisill, Don Holland, Troop 8, Lincolnton; Ernest Reynolds, Don Smith, Jimmy Elmore, John Abernethy, Bobby Avery, J. D. Bentley, Don Hooper, Tommy Lehardt, Joe Billy McGinnis, Jimmy McClure, Johnny Reel, all of Troop 1, Crouse.

First Aid—Jimmy Elmore, Troop 1, Crouse.

Home Repairs—Johnny Fitzgerald, Monty Ramsey, Troop 3, Lincolnton; Worth Roberts, Troop 1, Lincolnton.

Horsemanship—Darrel Carpenter, Larry Garner, Troop 1, Laboratory.

Leatherwork—Edward Goodson, Troop 2, Lincolnton; Ernest Reynolds, Troop 1, Crouse.

Painting—Don Heafner, Troop 1, Crouse; Ernest Cornwell, Troop 1, Laboratory.

Personal Fitness—Gene Whitesides, Troop 1, Laboratory.

Pioneering—Bobby Avery, Troop 1, Crouse.

Reading—Charles Hoke, Troop 1, Lincolnton.

Woodcarving—Barron Lee, Troop 1, Boger City.

Mrs. Earl Mauney To Talk To Girl Scouts Mrs. Earl Mauney will speak at the meeting of Mrs. C. L. Lineberger's Girl Scout Troop 3, in the social room of the First Baptist Church, on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Mauney, a native of England, will speak in connection with the world-wide friendship movement.

Dates For Girl Scout Camp Rotary Given Girl Scout Camp Rotary will open on June 21 for the 1954 season, according to Mrs. Harry Page, Camp Chairman. Camp will be operated for seven weeks this summer.

The first three sessions of one week are open to Brownie Scouts, 7 to 10 years of age.

The last month of camp is open to girls of Intermediate and Senior Scout age, 10 to 17 years of age.

The camp folders have been distributed. (Continued on page eight)

COMMISSION MAKES APPEAL . . .

\$2,500 Is Needed For Swimming Pool Project

A form letter has been mailed by the Lincolnton Recreation Commission to business firms, individuals and organizations, relative to the Jones Airport Swimming Pool and facilities which were recently purchased as a project in expanding the city recreation program.

MUST RAISE \$2500 The pressing problem now is: To raise a minimum of \$2500 to relieve the note-signing Commission members of the \$1600 obligation they took on behalf of this community project, and to do work that is necessary to set the pool and facilities in shape for beginning of operations as soon as possible. It is hoped that this amount can be raised this week, and the cooperation of all civic-minded citizens is requested.

Members of the Recreation Commission are: Rev. H. A. McCullough, Jr., chairman; Dr. B.

P. Costner, Paul Gabriel, Jr., Jack Kiser, Bruce Jenkins, Fitzhugh Hoyle, Harlan Heafner, Mrs. W. V. Costner, Mrs. Crawford Poag, Miss Sarah Yoder, and Miss Betty Gabriel, acting secretary.

The Recreation Commission letter explains the action taken in the purchase of the swimming pool and properties and the plans to raise the needed \$2500. The letter follows:

Dear Civic-Minded Friends, By now you are aware that The Lincolnton Recreation Commission, acting in the interest of the entire community, has purchased the former Jones Airport Swimming Pool. Here comes the following:

This opportunity came so quickly and so unexpectedly that there was no time for financial preparation on the purchase, so the Recreation Commission "stuck out their necks" and closed the deal by negotiating a demand note for

the balance needed on the purchase price.

Here is the picture. Purchase price of the Swimming Pool, including the bath-house facilities, wells and pumps, etc., and the adjacent area suitable for picnic purposes—a total of about 3-1/2 acres—plus the recording fee for the property which is in the name of The Town of Lincolnton, \$6,306.50.

Available from Capital Fund balance from 1946 \$3,710

Contribution from The Jaycees 1,000

Demand Note signed by The Recreation Commission 1,600

TOTAL \$6,310 \$6,310.00

Balance in Swimming Pool Fund \$ 350

If the Swimming Pool is to be operated, there is an urgent need



MR. CHILDS

### W. H. Childs, Jr. Candidate For Court Solicitor

W. Hampton Childs, Jr., young Lincolnton attorney, announced today that he is a candidate for Solicitor of Lincoln county Recorder's court subject to the Democratic Primary in May.

Mr. Childs is a graduate of the Wake Forest College law school, and has been engaged in the practice of law with his father here. His father also serves as city attorney.

The younger Mr. Childs stated that he will have a statement concerning his candidacy at a later date. Bruce Heafner is the present Recorder's court Solicitor, and it is understood that he will seek re-election to the office.

### Gene Wilburn New Member Of Draft Board

Gene Wilburn has been appointed a member of the Lincoln county draft board, it was announced here today.

Mr. Wilburn replaces Dr. C. H. Harrell, resigned, on the three-member board. Dr. Harrell had served as a board member for a number of years.

Mr. Wilburn is a World War II veteran, and served as a paratrooper in the European theatre of operations with the famed 82nd Airborne Division. He is connected with his father-in-law, R. Henry, in operating the Western Auto Store here. Mr. Wilburn married the former Miss Lila Henry. They have two children.

Other members of the draft board are Ford Lutz, chairman, and George Saine. Mr. Wilburn's appointment to the board was made through the State Selective Service headquarters in Raleigh, headed by Colonel Upton.

### JUD PICKENS WITH LINCOLN MOTOR CO.

Jud Pickens, well known mechanic, is now connected with the mechanical department of the Lincoln Motor Co. according to an announcement made today.

Mr. Pickens recently had been operating his own shop. Prior to that he was with the Studebaker dealer firm here, and before that was with the Lincoln Motor Co. He is now back with his old company and invites his friends to come by and see him.

### 3-Day Sales Event Expected To Draw Throngs; Merchants Are Offering Many Bargains

A popular pre-war trade promotion event, Dollar Days, will be resumed by Lincolnton on three days this week—Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

THRONGS EXPECTED Dollar Days have proven successful in the past, and the sponsoring merchants anticipate throngs of shoppers from all sections of the county and neighboring areas will pour into Lincolnton these three days to take advantage of the bargains being offered.

For these three big merchandising days, the participating merchants have made special purchases and priced them to low levels. The best values since the war will be piled high on the counters, and stacked invitingly on the shelves.

The Dollar Day stores will be clearing out a lot of winter stocks, breaking out new spring merchandise and marking down prices so that you get real quality and value for every dollar spent.

In addition to clothing for the family, bargains are being offered by furniture, appliance, grocery, hardware, drug, and various other classifications of business.

VALUE-GIVING EVENT "Our members have gone all out to make this a great value-giving event and we extend a

most cordial welcome to the people of Lincoln county and immediate areas to take advantage of these huge bargains." Asbury Howard, president of the Merchants Association, stated.

Arrangements also are being made to provide as much free parking space for the shoppers as possible. Recently, over 100 of the town's parking meters were abandoned to provide additional free parking space in town.

DOLLAR PHONE CALLS A telephone contest, conducted by radio station WPLN in cooperation with the sponsoring Dollar Day merchants, will be held Wednesday of this week. On this day, dollar bills will be given to people answering their phones correctly.

When your telephone rings Wednesday, answer by saying "Dollar Days". If the call is from the merchants association, you'll be told to come and claim your dollar.

Special values are advertised throughout today's issue of the Times—attention of the shopping public is called to them.

### Merchants Participating In Dollar Days Event

The following members of the Lincolnton Merchants Association are participating in the super sales event—Dollar Days—on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week:

- Ramsour Hardware
- B. C. Moore & Sons
- Tester's Super Market
- Lawing's Men Shop
- Jeff Lewis, Inc.
- Firestone Auto & Supply
- Hartman's Man Shop
- Hartman's Children Shop
- Broome-Early Furniture Store
- Western Auto Store
- Belt-Schrum Co.
- Sport Shop
- Turner's Inc.
- M.H. Kennant Shop
- Economy Drug Store
- Lincoln Shoe Store
- Lincoln Hardware
- Robinson's Women Apparel
- Dave Lerner's
- Coburn's
- Luv-Lee Shop
- Syle Shop
- Goodin-Burris
- Ellis Furniture
- Kings Office Supply
- Ballard Hardware
- Rhodes Tire & Appliance
- Bell Furniture
- Comer Furniture
- Rhodes-Cashion Furniture
- Jewel Box
- Modern Furn. & Appl.
- Hawkins & Proctor
- Turner's Jewelry
- Sally's Dress Shop
- Hovis Grocery
- Saine Grocery
- Rose's Store
- Stelen's
- A. & P. Store
- Harris City Paint Store

### Foodhandlers Training Classes March 11-18

Plans have been completed for the annual Foodhandler Training Program, according to an announcement made today by Dr. Ben O. V. D. Scott, District Health Director.

The instruction is provided for restaurant personnel, all persons employed in establishments in which food products are prepared, sold or offered for sale for consumption on the premises.

The management of all food establishments will be contacted by a Sanitarian and a schedule completed by which all foodhandlers are expected to attend classes.

LINCOLNTON CLASSES The Foodhandler classes in Lincolnton will be held in the assembly room of the Health Department building, N. Academy street, on the following schedule:

Lesson No. 1, March 11, 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Lesson No. 2, March 18, 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The classes will be conducted at Hickory, Feb. 23, 25, March 2, 3; at Taylorsville, Feb. 25, March 4; at Newton, March 9, 10, 16, 17.

Illustrative lectures, demonstrations and films relative to food handling methods will be presented as a part of every lesson. The subject matter presented will cover elementary bacteriology and com-

municable diseases as related to the food handling industry, approved dishwashing method, adequate refrigeration, proper food storage, preparation and serving, and personal hygiene. Some time will also be given to insect and rodent control.

Health authorities lists twenty-five communicable diseases that can be spread through careless foodhandling practices. The Health Department is charged with the responsibility of protecting the public, against exposure to these diseases in establishments serving food and drink.

These classes have been designed primarily for persons working in commercial food establishments; however, persons engaged in food handling in Churches, homes, or any other place will be welcome to attend these series of classes.

CRASH KILLS 8 IN ONE CAR Truth Or Consequences, N. M.—Eight persons in one car, four of them children, were killed in a collision between an auto and a truck which sheared off half the abutments of a concrete bridge here. The victims were all passengers in the car which plunged through the bridge siding into a dry creek bed and burst into flames.