

## Berge Beam, 61, Dies Suddenly Tuesday; Rites At 4 P. M. Today

Leslie Berge Beam, 61, prominent Lincoln attorney and retired farmer, died at his home in Crouse about 3:20 o'clock Tuesday afternoon after becoming suddenly ill. Death was attributed to a heart condition.



MR. BEAM

Mrs. Beam, who became ill following her husband's death, was brought to the Gordon Crowell Memorial hospital for treatment. She is expected to be able to attend the funeral service this afternoon.

At the time of his death, Mr. Beam was a candidate for Judge of Lincoln county Recorder's Court. In addition to practicing law, he was a dairy farmer for many years, and had served as county schools superintendent. He had been long active in civic, business and church affairs, and could always be counted on to lend his support to every movement and project for the development and progress of Lincoln and Lincoln county. He possessed a friendly, winning personality that gained for him countless friends in all walks of life.

**FINE PUBLIC SPEAKER**  
Mr. Beam was also noted as an impressive public speaker, and was much in demand as a speaker at various community, civic and church functions. During his undergraduate days at Lenoir Rhyne college he won the Junior-Senior oratorical medal, debater's medal,

and other forensic contests. He also served as editor of the college newspaper. Being acclaimed the school's most outstanding speaker, he was the only undergraduate given the honor of introducing the principal speaker at the Lenoir Rhyne graduation exercises.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 4 p. m. at the

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## Another Meeting Friday To Form Army Reserve Co

Plans for the forming of an Army reserve unit were made at a called meeting of interested World War II and Korean war veterans here Monday night. The meeting, held in the county agent's office in the courthouse, was presided over by George Stoumdire, who holds the rank of Major in the reserves. Major Stoumdire belongs to an out of town reserve unit.

Plans are to organize a heavy equipment company in the Engineer branch of service, reserves, here and discussion on this was heard at Monday's meeting. Sixteen enlisted men and two officers were present at the meeting, and indicated their interest in joining the proposed company. Major Ray, reserve officer from Charlotte, also was present and answered questions concerning the requirements in organizing a reserve company.

Another meeting has been called for tomorrow (Friday) night, at 8 o'clock, to work out more concrete plans on forming the reserve unit and getting it on an active basis. It is pointed out that boys 17 and one-year-olds and older without prior military service are eligible to join the proposed unit, as well as Army reserves and non-reservists. Any boy 17 years old can join, with his parents' consent. Friday night's meeting will be in the county agent's office, courthouse.

If the heavy equipment company, reserves, can be organized here, weekly meetings would be held, and reservists would get a full day's pay according to the rank held, plus longevity.

## GRAHAM MORRISON STILL BUSY MAN — MAKING SPEECHES

J. Graham Morrison, often referred to as the "Will Rogers of Lincoln county," is still busy these days at his speciality — speech making.

Mr. Morrison, who served as the county's farm agent for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1952, had two important speaking engagements last week and is scheduled for half a dozen talks in North Carolina cities this month, with more slated as far ahead as May and June.

Last Friday he journeyed down East to Warren, N. C., where he spoke to a Farmer's Night gathering sponsored by the Lions club of that town. The following night, he addressed the 4th District Bankers meeting at the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel in Raleigh. Tonight (Thursday), he will speak at the Albemarle Rotary club's Farmer's Night. Friday night, he's the featured speaker at the Farmers of America-sponsored Father-Son banquet. Other places he will speak in April include: April 6th, Cherryville. Lions club Farmer's Night, April 12, Statesville. Kiwanis Ladies Night, April 26, Charlotte. Kiwanis club luncheon at 12 o'clock, and on same date, 7 p. m., at Monroe, Civitans club; April 27, Norwood, Lions Club Ladies Night.

Mr. Morrison, who sends his audiences into spasms of laughter with his inimitable style of speaking and seemingly inexhaustible stock of jokes, says he has had a full speaking schedule since December, and at one period last December made 13 talks in 13 nights.

## POLICE PICK UP MAN FOR THEFT OF TOOLS

Police Chief Ben Simon reported today that a man, name withheld, was picked up by last night and charged with the theft of tools from parked cars at the Duman plant.

The man was jailed on a charge of larceny, the chief stated, and will be tried in local court.

No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.

## Schedules Listed . . .

- Triangle — April 22 — 9:00 a. m.; Laboratory — April 23 — 9:00 a. m.; Asbury — April 27 — 9:00 a. m.; Asbury — April 28 — 9:00 a. m.; North Brook No. 3 — April 29 — 9:00 a. m.; North Brook No. 1 — April 30 — 9:00 a. m.; Newbold — May 4 — 9:30 a. m.; Love Memorial — May 5 — 1:30 p. m.; Iron Station — May 6 — 9:30 a. m.; Long Shoals — May 6 — 1:30 p. m.; Mt. Vernon — To be announced later.
- Oaklawn — April 1 — 9:00 a. m.; South Aspen Street — April 1 — 1:00 p. m.; Park Elementary — April 2 — 1:00 p. m.; Mitchell — April 5 — 9:00 a. m.; Elbethel — April 5 — 10:00 a. m.; Union — April 6 — 9:00 a. m.; Howard's Creek — April 7 — 9:00 a. m.; Rock Hill — April 9 — 9:00 a. m.; Hickory Grove — April 13 — 9:00 a. m.; Tuckers Grove — April 14 — 1:30 p. m.; Rock Springs — April 15 — 9:00 a. m.; North Brook No. 2 — April 20 — 9:00 a. m.; Crouse — April 21 — 2:00 p. m.

## High School Band To Present Spring Concert On April 6th

The Lincoln high school band, directed by Joseph B. Fields, will present a free public concert in the High School auditorium on Tuesday night, April 6.

The public is cordially invited to attend this concert of varied types of music arranged for concert band.

This is the annual spring concert given at the time when the band is at the peak of performance.

## Want Election Called

A petition is being circulated in Lincoln county which if enough signers are secured will call a special election for the creation of a Lincoln county recreational system on a county-wide basis.

The petition states that it will provide, establish, maintain, and conduct a supervised recreation system for the county. An annual tax of not less than 3c nor more than 10c on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of taxable property.

Since the town is already paying a tax, this tax would be taken off the town and levied on town and county alike.

## Alvin Saunders Opens New Furniture Store, Hwy. 27

G. Alvin Saunders, who operated a furniture store in Lincoln for many years, is now back in the same line of business.

He has opened a furniture and appliance store in his own building four miles east of Lincoln, Charlotte highway, near the Asbury church. He also operates a service station and grocery in the same building.

## Dining Room At Hotel Will Re-Open Monday

On Monday, April 5th, the dining room at the North State Hotel will be re-opened and operated by Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Britt of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Britt come to Lincoln highly recommended in their profession of catering to the public. They plan to make their home in Lincoln, and are looking forward to meeting the people here and serving them.

They invite everyone—families, church groups, civic clubs, schools, banquet groups, individuals — to visit the dining room for breakfast, luncheon and dinner meals. Reservations will also be taken for social and civic events.



REV. J. E. GREENE

## Revival At Pearl Baptist Church

Rev. J. E. Greene, pastor of the Haywood Missionary Baptist Association will conduct a revival meeting at the Pearl Baptist Church, Iron Station.

Services will begin Sunday night, April 4, and continue each night at 7:30 o'clock for an indefinite period. There will also be special singing.

Rev. W. C. Weaver, pastor, and the congregation of the Pearl Baptist Church extend an invitation to the public to attend these services.

## Revival Planned At McKendree Church

Revival services will begin at the McKendree Methodist Church on the Maiden highway Sunday evening, April 4, at 7:30 o'clock, and will continue each evening through the week.

Rev. G. G. Adams, pastor of the Maiden Methodist church, will be the guest preacher. The pastor, Rev. W. E. Ruffy, extends an invitation to the public to attend.

## Rev. Shoffner Will Preach At Reformed Church

The Rev. Mr. Terrell M. Shoffner will be the guest minister at the evening Lenten service at 7:30 o'clock on Sunday night at Emanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church, according to an announcement today by the pastor, Lewis E. Everline.

## Republicans To Select Candidates For County Offices At Convention

Saturday, April 3 is an important date for Lincoln county Republicans.

That's the date of the party's convention at which time Republican candidates for the county elective offices will be nominated.

The convention is scheduled for the county courthouse, beginning at 2 p. m.

D. H. (Buck) Mauney, Jr., chairman of the Republican executive committee for the county, states that a full Republican ticket for the coming election will be named at the Saturday event.

This means that candidates will be named for the following county offices: Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, Judge of Recorder's Court, Solicitor of Recorder's Court, County Commissioners for each of the five townships, Township Constables and Justice of Peace. Also to be named will be a Republican candidate for House of Representatives.

There's still much speculation as to who the Republicans will select as candidates for these offices. A number of familiar names within the party ranks are heard in pre-convention talk as probable candidates, and there are reports that some may accept, others decline, if they are nominated.

## Campaign Slogan "Strike Back At Cancer--Man's Cruellest Enemy--Give! Give!"

Miss Eva James, county campaign chairman, announced today that the official slogan for the 1954 American Cancer Society Crusade is:

"Strike Back At Cancer--Man's Cruellest Enemy. Give!" Posters, with this fighting message reproduced in a colored design, will be displayed next week throughout Lincoln, Miss James said.

COUNTY QUOTA \$1500  
Lincoln county's quota in the cancer drive is \$1500.00, and contributions towards this goal may be sent to: Cancer, care of Lincoln Postmaster, or Cancer, care of First National Bank.

The chairman pointed out that there are many ways of striking back at cancer, namely: The scientist strikes a blow in his research laboratory, the general practitioner by diagnosing cancer cases among his patients, the cancer specialist by treating cancer victims with surgery or radiation.

"But the fight against cancer," the chairman emphasized, "is not limited to the medical profession. Working with the American Cancer Society in its cancer control program is a army of approximately 1,000,000 volunteers. Half of this number participates in a year-round program of public education and service to cancer patients conducted by the local ACS unit."

## ROTARY SPEAKER

Ed. Note, Doctor's Day was observed in Lincoln and throughout the nation Tuesday. Tuesday's Rotary club program was in keeping with this theme, and tribute was paid to Lincoln's doctors. Featuring the following informative essay, by Miss Emma Thompson, 9th grade student at the Lincoln high school, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson. The title is: The Big Change, or Lincoln's 50 Years of Medical Progress.

The scene—a house on Grove Street, Lincoln, North Carolina, U.S.A.

The time—about the turn of the century.

The critically ill patient—Mrs. Barbara Addie Smith Lineberger. The surgeon—Dr. Lester Avant Crowell, Sr.

Even with his meager training, the young doctor realized that an appendectomy was necessary. There was no beautiful brick building, no ultra-modern, immaculately equipped operating room—and no staff of well-trained nurses. The situation demanded immediate action. The KITCHEN table barely became the OPERATING table.—This was his first operation.—This was Lincoln's first operation. After an eternity of waiting, hoping, praying, Dr. Crowell announced—OPERATION—SUCCESSFUL!

Mrs. Lineberger still lives in the house on Grove Street and tells the story of this first surgery.

Dr. Crowell was prepared for this operation with an education which was considered extremely thorough at that time. It consisted of two 5-months courses of "lectures" by a year and a half of practice under his father who was an established physician. He graduated with a degree of Dr. of Medicine from Baltimore Medical College in 1892.

Prior to 1900, it was not necessary for a physician practicing in North Carolina (and of course in Lincoln) to have a license. Usually he had a high school education or its equivalent. The custom was for a young man (women physicians were quite rare) to apprentice himself to an established physician, sweep his office, catch out his horse, read medical textbooks, and assist him

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## New Excise Tax Law Means Savings To Telephone Users In April Bills

The New Federal Excise Tax Bill will provide savings to all Lincoln telephone subscribers in bills dated on or after April 1. T. O. Smith, Mgr. of the Southern Bell Telephone Company said today.

The New Law reduces Federal Excise Tax rates on telephone service to ten percent. The lower tax rates, however, will not apply to any balance due from a previous month's bill.

The old rates, set by Congress during World War II, were 25 percent on long distance calls of 25 cents or more and 15 percent on local telephone service and long distance calls of less than 25 cents. The reduction means a 60 percent decrease in the tax rate on most long distance calls and a 33-1/3 percent cut in the tax rate on local service and on long distance calls of less than 25 cents.

For example, Mr. Smith pointed out, a residence subscriber paying \$4 a month for local service and \$2 for long distance calls has been paying under the old rates \$1.10 extra in Federal Excise Taxes. Under the New Tax Rates, he will save 50 cents a month or \$6 a year.

A small business concern, Mr. Smith continued, making \$100 a month has been paying \$25 Federal Tax each month on long distance calls. Of this \$300-A-year tax bill, that firm will save \$180. It also will save 1/3 of its tax bill on local service.

In 1953 Southern Bell customers in the nine states served by the Company paid \$71,168,342 in Federal Excise taxes on their service. This represented about 1/6 of the average telephone bill, or about \$1.95 each month per customer. Had the Lower Tax rates been in effect last year, Southern Bell customers would have paid \$34,059,666 less.

## Quartettes To Sing At Sherrill's Ford

The Songster Quartet from WIKY, Hickory and the Harmony Quartet from WLOL, Lincoln will be at the Sherrill's Ford School on Saturday Night April 10th at 7:30 o'clock sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Mt. Pleasant Church. Admission will be .50 and 75 cents.

## Mrs. Laura Austin Passes In County

Mrs. Laura Braswell Austin, 85, died at her home on Lincoln county road 4, at 6:45 p. m. Wednesday. Funeral services were held this morning (Thursday) at the Maiden Advent Christian Church with Rev. Muri Coffey, pastor, in charge. Burial followed in the Calloway Family Christian Church cemetery in Avery county.

## ROLL CALL SUNDAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

The First Methodist Church will observe Roll Call Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. All Methodist families names will be called and recognized. The shut-in members will be honored guests.

Also a chart will be shown showing the progress of the church for the past 10 years. Pastor Cecil Hefner and committee expect an overflow crowd.

## Scout Jamboree Film At Presbyterians Church

A color film on the Boy Scout Jamboree, which was held in California, will be shown at the First Presbyterian Church Thursday night at 7 o'clock. The public is invited.