

## Award Contracts For New Addition Asbury School; Work To Begin In May

Contracts were awarded for the construction of a new \$80,000 primary classroom building for the Asbury Elementary School, Boger City, in a letting held Thursday afternoon at the school.

Guy Frye and Sons of Hickory, with a low bid of \$61,590.00, was awarded the general contract for the construction work.

G. A. Saine Heating and Plumbing Co., of Lincoln, was awarded the heating contract with a bid of \$10,827, and the plumbing contract with a low bid of \$4,138.00.

## Allotments For County And City Schools Made

The current issue of the North Carolina Public Schools bulletin gives a complete list of the allotments to each school system in North Carolina from the first half of a \$50,000,000 state school fund for school construction.

The report shows that Lincoln county schools will receive \$139,428.04 and the Lincoln city schools \$60,731.85 under the allotment schedule.

The school fund allotments were made by distributing ten million dollars to the hundred counties in North Carolina on an equal basis, or \$100,000 per county. The second portion, or fifteen million dollars, was distributed on the basis of average daily membership, provided such distribution was not in excess of the needs in any county.

The remaining twenty-five million is to be distributed upon the basis of a formula determined by the State Board of Education. A committee from the board is now at work on such a formula which will be presented to the board and the Governor for approval at a later date.

### SALE OF SCHOOL BONDS

The \$50,000,000 was raised through the sale of state school bonds which were approved by North Carolinians in a vote last fall.

A complete breakdown of the fund allotments to the school systems in the immediate area counties lists the following totals: Alexander county schools, \$158,220.80; Catawba county schools, \$165,815.88; Newton-Conover schools, \$49,361.66; Hickory city schools, \$111,567.18; Burke county schools, \$179,915.13; Morganton city schools, \$59,492.43; Cleveland county schools, \$240,925.83; Shelby county schools, \$76,153.91; Gaston county schools, \$334,746.26; Cherokee city schools, \$34,684.64; Gastonia city schools, \$134,740.63; Kinston city schools, \$42,832.97; Iredell county schools, \$183,810.42; Mooreville city schools, \$50,225.94.

## Lincolnton Pilot Club Members On District Program

District No. 6 of Pilot International, being the state of North Carolina held its convention April 23-25 in Winston-Salem with Lincolnton Pilots taking part in the program. For a club as small as Lincolnton, it is an honor to take a part in the District Convention Program. First, Miss Ainslee Alexander, talked on the Coordinating Committee Work as it affects the local clubs, this taking place Saturday afternoon.

Saturday night, Mrs. Eliza Henry was given the honor of responding to the address of welcome, extended by the Chamber of Commerce, at the beautiful banquet, with attendance around 250. Miss Eva James the new president of the Lincolnton Club was installed at a special service Saturday. Miss Mabel Seagle, served on the tellers committee which had been appointed by the District President several months ago to act at this convention.

Those attending from Lincolnton were: Mr. & Mrs. Reece Henry, Mesdames Alda Harvey, Velma Drum, Gladys Llewellyn, Mary Tobey, Evelyn Coffey, Emily Eaton, Misses Ainslee Alexander, Mabel Seagle, and Eva James.

## Marjorie Thomas Represents W.F. In Forensic Tourney

WAKE FOREST — A Wake Forest College freshman from Lincolnton represented the College recently in the Grand National Forensic Tournament at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va.

She is Marjorie Louise Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Thomas of 513 Bonview Avenue. Her father is general superintendent of the Dixie Home Stores.

The Wake Forest team, made up entirely of freshmen, won fourth place in the Dixie Championship Division of the Tournament.

## Paper Scrap Drive Wednesday Morning

The Lincolnton P-TA is sponsoring a paper drive Wednesday morning, April 28, at 10 o'clock. Local citizens are requested to bundle up all their scrap newspapers, magazines, etc., and place them at the street curb so they can be picked up.

## Lincoln County Choral Group In State Contest

The Lincoln County Choral group will travel by chartered bus to Siler City, North Carolina, on Thursday, April 29th, to make a recording to be used in the State Contest.

The contest for Home Demonstration Choral groups located throughout the State is being sponsored by Radio Station WPTF in Raleigh, North Carolina.

There are approximately 25 club women in the Lincoln County Choral group representing 10 of the 16 organized clubs. Mrs. Jack Ramsey is acting as director. Featured soloists of the program are: Mrs. M. H. Goins, County Music Chairman, and Mrs. Dallas Lee.

Other bids: City Electric Co., of Hickory, received the electrical contract for the project with a low bid of \$3,398.

As stated, Guy Frye and Sons of Hickory received the general contract for the construction on the low bid of \$61,590. Herman-Sipe and Co. Inc., of Conover and Hickory entered a bid of \$63,338, while Beam Construction Co. of Cherryville had a bid of \$64,715.

Other bidding on the heating contract were: Miller and Smyre of Hickory; \$12,701; G. A. Thomas and Son of Hickory, \$12,207; W. Branson Heating Company of Charlotte, \$13,580; Hickory Plumbing and Heating Company, \$13,425; Gastonia Heating and Plumbing Company, \$13,500; and the Ingold Company of Hickory, \$12,060.

Bidders on the plumbing work also included: Miller and Smyre, \$5,672; Hickory Plumbing and Heating Company, \$5,396; Gastonia Heating and Plumbing Company, \$6,355; and the Ingold Company, \$5,750.

In addition to the City Electric Company of Hickory, others bidding on the electric contract included: Atlas Electric Company of Hickory, \$3,740; R. K. Lail Electric Service of Lincolnton, \$4,022; Hickory Electric Company, \$3,820; Electric Service Company of Hickory, \$3,660; and Electric Wiring Company of Hickory, \$4,075.

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The fourth grade class of Miss Leona Williamson won the attendance banner.

Principal Clifford Rhyne reminded parents of the pre-school clinics to be held at the Asbury school Tuesday and Wednesday morning of this week at 9 o'clock. He urged all parents to bring their children for registration. A doctor and nurse will be present to give the children their immunizations. The vaccinations at the clinics are not necessary. Mr. Rhyne stated, as parents can have their family physician give them.

The monthly Lincoln County Boy Scout Court of Honor held recently at the First Presbyterian Church was one of the most successful and largest attended courts ever held here. 87 awards were presented.

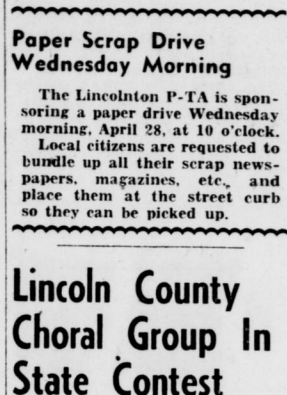
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### LHS Band Gets Highest Rating State Contest In Greensboro

The Lincolnton High School Band, directed by Joseph B. Fields, has just returned from the State Band Contest in Greensboro, where they received a "Superior" rating, the highest rating given to bands.

The Lincolnton band was competing for ratings with 60 other bands and orchestras from all over North Carolina. All of these bands had previously earned a "Superior" or an "Excellent" in their respective district contests. They then journeyed to Greensboro where three nationally famous bands came in to judge these bands. Judges for this year's contest were: Glenn Balmun, Northwestern University; Ronald Faulkner, Mary Washington College; and Irving Cheyette, Syracuse University.

The local band arrived in Greensboro at noon on Thursday, April 22. They were transported to and from Greensboro in the high school activity bus and a Green City bus, which was financed by several local civic clubs.

The band members listened to several other bands before performing at 3:10 p. m. The girls spent the night in Woman's College dormitories, and the boys stayed in the King Cotton Hotel.

The band members listened to about thirty bands play on Friday and returned to Lincolnton Friday night.

Mr. Fields received many helpful suggestions and comments from the judges. Each judge was high in praise for the local band, and each judge gave the band a "Superior" rating.

Next year, the band will not have to go to the district contest at Salisbury, but will go directly to Greensboro for the State Contest.

### Valedictorian, Salutatorian Are Named At Lincolnton High

The class Valedictorian and Salutatorian have been chosen by the 1954 graduating class at the Lincolnton High School, Superintendent S. Ray Lowder announced today.

Sybil Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rimmer W. Baird of Lincolnton, Route 1, will be the Valedictorian.

### Revival Underway At Crouse Church

Revival services got underway yesterday and will continue each evening this week at seven thirty o'clock with the visiting minister the Reverend C. W. Kirby, District Superintendent doing the preaching at the Crouse Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Crummett and members of the church extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

### Jess Sneed Is Candidate County Commissioner

The Times in a recent issue failed to record in a news article the name of Jess Sneed among the new Republican candidates filing before the April 17th deadline date.

H. M. Craig, nominated by Republicans at their county convention as commissioner candidate from Lincolnton township, decided not to run and did not file. Replacing him, and filing as Republican candidate for commissioner from Lincolnton township, was Mr. Sneed, who is in the automobile business here.

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### \$852.96 Short Of Cancer Quota

Miss Eva James, Chairman of the Cancer Drive for this year is making a plea to all who are working on the Drive, to please make every contact possible, so that no one would be missed in the Drive against Cancer. Cancer strikes down so many people, so help the fight and do your part. Every cent contributed will count toward that quota of \$1,500.

Miss James says that the Drive is \$852.96 short of the goal and that the month of April is almost over. So far no firm has reported as being 100% contributors.

### Rites Held For Mrs. Perkins

Mrs. Carwin L. Perkins, 49, of Iron Station, Route 1, died in a Lincolnton hospital about 6 a. m. Friday.

She had been in declining health for sometime and seriously ill for about a week prior to her death.

Funeral rites were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the Antioch Baptist Church on Lincolnton, Route 3. The Rev. Roy L. Overcash, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Clyde Reep and the Rev. L. A. McClure. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### Pleasant Grove To Hold Revival

Revival services will begin at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church on Rt. 1, Lincolnton, Sunday evening at 7:30 May 2, with the visiting minister being the Reverend Robert M. Hardee, pastor of the West End Methodist Church of Gastonia bringing the messages. Services will continue throughout the week at seven-thirty o'clock. The pastor Reverend W. C. Crummett and members extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

### Park Elementary School P.T.A. Holds Meeting

The Park Elementary P.T.A. met Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Eva Starnes the president, presided and Mrs. Hal Hoyle, Jr. conducted the devotional.

Mrs. Hal Heafner introduced a project to beautify the school and playground, and the following committees volunteered to serve: Mrs. Hal Heafner, Mrs. Elbert Combs, Mrs. Ivey Starnes and Mrs. Hal Hoyle, Jr.

Mrs. M. S. Beam made an announcement concerning the pre-school clinic. Mrs. L. A. Grooms, program chairman gave a very hearty welcome to the speaker, Dr. Benton Van Dyke of the Lincoln Health Department, who spoke on a well balanced school health program.

Miss Brandon McCorkle's room won the attendance prize.

### Miss Alexander Named To High Pilot Club Post

Mrs. Winifred H. Newman of Charleston, West Virginia, president-elect of Pilot International announced Friday the appointment of Miss Ainslee Alexander of the Pilot Club of Lincolnton to serve as District Chairman on the Coordinating Committee for 1954-55.

The Program theme for the new year will be "Vision Plus Action Equals Reality". The Coordinating Committee plans and supervises the programs for the year, carrying the job of the well rounded Club program. This is quite an honor for a Member of the Lincolnton Club.

Miss Alexander is very capable of carrying this honor and showed that she could do just that Saturday when she presented this Committee's work on the floor of the District Convention in Winston-Salem at the Robert E. Lee Hotel. She presented this part in a very informative way and was praised by the District Officers for her excellent job on the floor of the convention.

Miss Alexander joined the Lincolnton Pilot Club in January 1948 and has served as president and held other important Offices, also representing the local club at the International Convention.

### Civil Service Position Open For Library Asst.

The United States Civil Service Commission today announced a Library Assistant examination for filling positions in Washington, D. C., and vicinity, paying \$2,950 to \$3,410 a year.

To qualify, applicants must pass a written test and must have had appropriate education or experience.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Commission's Information representative, Miss Mattie Camp located at Lincolnton post office, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Applications will be accepted by the Commission in Washington, D. C. until further notice.

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### GETS DEFENSE JOB . . . Pres. Eisenhower named Navy Secretary Robert B. Anderson to be deputy secretary of defense, succeeding Roger Kyes who recently resigned.

