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CITY MOVES TO EASE WATER SHORTAGE

Water Famine Looms Here As New River Line Is Laid

BY DEL LAZENBY

The City of Lincolnton is working feverishly to forestall a water famine before it takes on the aspects of a "water-loo."

Where normally the city's water consumption is 750,000 to 800,000 gallons daily, the supply available over the weekend had dwindled to about half of those figures.

Water Supt. Randall said the situation "hasn't improved," that the water situation here is "very critical." Only strict conservation by Lincolnton people can help, he declared.

Walker Branch, main source of the city's water, is nearly dry. Its water output has shrunk to about 100 gallons a minute. In the emergency, city officials have resorted to five reserve wells, but four of them can be largely discounted. The fifth has, for about 200 hours, been producing some 360 gallons of water a minute. This well, plus Walker Branch, are presently providing about 330,500 gallons of water a day—whereas, the city's normal usage is 750,000 gallons and more, daily.

"We have only one day's water supply in sight," declared Supt. Randall; whereas Gastonia, also hit by the long-continued drought, has 38 or 39 days' supply in reserve. "It is a day by day proposition for Lincolnton. I think we could withstand any small emergency; but in the event of a major fire—I don't know what we'd do."

Affected like other cities of the area by the long-sustained dry spell, city officials Friday found it necessary to seek the voluntary cooperation of some heavy commercial consumers of water here. It was a drastic move that halted production for one day at the Lincolnton Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and at Ideal Chair Co. In addition, Burris Mfg. Co. shut off its dry kiln during the weekend in an effort to conserve the falling water supply.

But, in any event, there would be no time for such a venture in the present water crisis.

Citizens of the Boger City area last week relieved the shortage in their section by turning to an additional water supply—that available from wells owned by Boger & Crawford.

PRaises PEOPLE
Water Supt. C. C. Randall today had high praise for Lincolnton citizens in general. About 90 percent of them he declared, are cooperating with the city in the current emergency. Few instances have been reported of citizens' using superfluous amounts of water. Isolated cases have been found of people using lawn sprinklers at night, and of washing their automobiles; but, in general, the people are cooperating in an admirable manner, said Mr. Randall.

Rumors on the streets Saturday were that some service stations here were continuing their car-washing services; but investigation showed that the operators were using their own water supply—not the city's—

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DOCTOR GIVES WARNING: . . . Blood Program "Must Be Saved" Here; Donors Are Needed Badly

(Note: The following article on the vital Red Cross blood program and the urgency of meeting the county's quota(s) was written by Dr. L. A. Crowell Jr., for Rev. Lewis Everline, Chairman of the Lincoln County Red Cross Blood Program.)

September 27th is an important date for Lincoln County. On that date it will be decided whether Lincoln County will thereafter participate in the Red Cross Blood Program.

During the year ending June 30, 1954, Lincoln County donated almost exactly 50 percent of its quota. The question is often asked, "Who sets Lincoln County's quota and how is our quota determined?"

In the first place, Lincoln County is one of about 17 North Carolina, and about 5 South Carolina, counties, set up by the American Red Cross as a blood collecting and disbursing area, and called the Charlotte Blood Bank Region. There are approximately 22 counties arranged around Charlotte geographically. A committee, composed of representatives from these various counties, works out the quotas, based on rules laid down by a nation wide blood committee of the American Red Cross.

COMMUNITY NEEDS
Generally and roughly speaking the quota for each county is arrived at by a complicated formula using such figures as population, number of hospital beds in the county and the average number occupied, and other factors. In short, the quota is based on community NEEDS, with local figures set against the averages of nation wide needs and uses. On top of the quota calculated to meet local needs is placed the fairly apportioned needs of national defense. The final figure arrived at is the quota for each county for one year, and this number is divided by the number of visits the bloodmobile will make to that county during the year.

Lincoln County's quota for the September 27th visit of the bloodmobile is 145 pints, or 145 units, as they are sometimes called.

NO SUBSTITUTE
There is no substitute for human blood; it can be manufactured only within the human body. Innumerable lives have been saved by transfusions of blood to persons who have lost their own through disease or accident. In war and peace, its lifesaving value has been proved millions of times. The idea of transfusing blood is not very new, but BLOOD BANKS only got into operation on a large practical scale about 15 or 20 years ago, and was given a tremendous boost by World War II. At first medical centers and hospitals had their own blood banks, many do yet. Red Cross came into the picture during the war and filled general community needs more effectively than scattered hospitals ever could.

It is conceded by the best medical authorities that regional blood banks, such as is operated by the Red Cross can best serve the needs of whole areas.

LINCOLN FORTUNATE
Lincoln County has been very fortunate to be in one of these areas. Only about 50 percent of the population of the United States is served by Red Cross Blood Banks. We have taken this lifesaving service for granted, have fallen down on our donations, and now are about to lose it. This does not apply to everyone, there are a good many in the county who have given a gallon of blood, all put together, and a few members of the two gallon club.

The death rate of mothers during or shortly after childbirth has fallen from 6 per thousand 20 years ago to less than 1 per thousand now, and the ready availability of blood is one of the most important reasons for this. Many operations, particularly in chest and brain surgery, are successfully performed now, which were impossible before blood was freely and readily available. Countless wounded soldiers and battered and bloody victims of civilian accidents are alive today because of ready availability of human blood and the American Red Cross has played a big part in this.

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Swine-Breeders Association To Hold First Fall Showing

The newly-organized Yorkshire Swine Breeders Association will hold its first annual fall show and sale Thursday, September 16, at Rocky Mount.

Jim Butler, swine specialist for the State College Agricultural Extension Service, says the show will start at 10 a.m., followed by a sale at 1 p.m. Eight bred gilts, six open gilts and four boars will be exhibited. Butler said this is the first time that registered Yorkshire hogs have been offered at auction in the state.

There has been a tremendous increase in interest in the Yorkshire breed throughout the country and especially in North Carolina during the past few years, according to Butler.

Yorkshire breeders stress the fact that this breed is very prolific. Animals consigned to the Rocky Mount sale come from an average litter size of more than 12-1/2 pigs. Butler reports, five of the animals are from litters of 18; the smallest litter size recorded in the catalogue is 10.

The Yorkshires are also good grazers and produce top carcasses, according to breeders.

One of the gilts offered at the sale is bred to half brother of the Grand Champion barrow at the International Livestock Show in 1953.

E. C. Land, Jr. Talks On Segregation At Newton Dinner

NEWTON — E. C. Land, Jr., of Lincolnton, a member of the Lincolnton City School Board, spoke on the history and problems of segregation at the weekly meeting of the Newton Kiwanis club Thursday night.

Mr. Land, who explained that he is the father of two school children, mentioned the 14th Amendment, on which the anti-segregation arguments are based. He noted that the amendment was adopted following the Civil War.

Mr. Land brought out the fact that the North Carolina constitution was ratified after the 14th Amendment; which the constitution states there "shall be separate schools for white, colored, and Indian." At that time, it was not considered a violation of the amendment.

Then the move was toward separate but equal facilities in 1896. This action was not directed directly to schools, but to other public institutions and utilities.

In conclusion, the speaker said he didn't know what the results of the segregation battle would be, but that since he is an elected officer, he and other officers and officials must go along with the ruling, whatever that be.

Local Orchestra To Entertain At VFW Post Meeting Tonight, 7:30

The regular meeting of the Shipp-Lockman VFW Post will be held tonight (Monday) at the club. A good attendance of members is requested.

Following the business session entertainment will be provided by a local orchestra composed of Dallas Lee, Bob Leonard, Bob Ramseur, Bud Ramseur, Franklin Barkley and Bill McCullough.

Jonathan Rhyme New Member Of Jaycees

A new member, Jonathan Rhyme, was welcomed as a new member as a feature of last week's regular meeting of the Jaycees.

Club president Clarence Leatherman presided. Thirty-six Jaycees were present.

Dr. Eugene Richbourg, optometrist, who recently opened an office here, was a special guest.

The dinner meeting was held at the High School cafeteria.

3-Year Old Boy Of Crouse Picks 16 Lbs. Of Cotton

He's only 3 years old, but he can make the oldest sit up and take notice when it comes to "picking cotton."

We're referring to David Lee Beam, 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beam of Route 1, Crouse.

David went to the cotton field last Tuesday and picked 16 pounds of cotton. And remember, Tuesday was another of those hot days! Quite a feat—16 pounds—for a 3 year old!

The Beam's, naturally, are quite proud of son David, and their other son, Thomas, who entered the first grade at Elementary No. II school this year.



CLAIM CYPRUS . . . Greek students in Athens agitate for return of Isle of Cyprus from British rule to Greece. Scene is at tomb of Greece's "Unknown Warrior."

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SCHEDULE GIVEN OF MINISTERS ON WLON PROGRAM

The following is the schedule of guest ministers who will conduct the 9:00-9:15 A. M. devotional service over radio station WLON for the next ten weeks:

September 13-17, Rev. Richard Lee.
September 20-24, Rev. Richard Howerton.
September 27-Oct. 1, Rev. A. M. Stephens.
Oct. 4-8, Rev. Map (Col).
Oct. 11-15, Rev. James Mays.
Oct. 18-22, Rev. Cecil Hefner.
Oct. 25-29, Rev. Lawrence Laney.
Nov. 1-5, Rev. Gus Highfill.
Nov. 8-12, Rev. A. C. Campbell.
Nov. 15-19, Rev. W. L. Pitts.

When it comes to the farmer getting the most out of his labor, fertilizer, and seed, it is as important to hold the moisture on the land as it is to keep the run-off from taking the soil with it.

As H. V. Mangum, of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, explains, the additional moisture held on the land through conservation practices often makes the difference between a poor crop and a good one—sometimes the difference between no crop at all and a good one, he said.

Child Of Four Struck By Auto

A four-year-old child who suffered a fractured thigh when struck by an automobile near here Friday is reported to have had a "fairly good night" at Crowell Hospital last night.

The condition of little Nancy Sue Ingle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Ingle of Lincolnton-R-2, is said by physician to be satisfactory.

Highway Patrolman R. H. Dilard, who investigated the accident, said no charges have been made against the driver of the 1953 Ford coupe, listed as Kenneth Ray Cameron of 1030 Kenilworth Ave., Charlotte.

The child was struck by the car about 3 p.m. Friday on the Reepsville Road, near the Lincolnton city limits. The patrolman said his information was that the little girl darted across the street to join her mother on the other side, and into the path of the oncoming car.

Falling Oil Tank Injures Child Age 5

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SUPT. NIXON REPORTS . . . County Schools Enrollment Is Up; No Water Shortage Reported, Yet, But A Crisis Easily Could Develop

Enrollment in practically all of the county's 22 schools, white and colored, for the 1954-'55 term will show an increase over the attendance figures of 1953-'54.

County Schools Superintendent Joe R. Nixon stated today that he had mailed forms to all of the principals in the county's school system, requesting their opening-day enrollment totals.

Supt. Nixon reported he had received this information from most of the schools, but could not give a full report on total attendance in the 22 schools until all reports have been received.

ASBURY HIGH
He indicated, from the reports received to date, that attendance is up in most all of the schools, with the biggest enrollment increase noted to date at the Asbury elementary school. A classroom addition is now under construction at Asbury, where overcrowded conditions have made it necessary to utilize the auditorium for classroom space.

Classroom additions are also planned for the Rock Springs High school and Newbold high school (Col) the Superintendent stated, but these new structures will not be constructed during the current school term — as school funds for these projects are not available at this time.

WATER SHORTAGE
Supt. Nixon pointed out that the critical water shortage in Lincolnton and other neighboring areas hasn't seriously affected the county schools, whose water source is from wells. However, he said a water shortage could come about if the drought conditions continue, but so far all school officials are "hoping and praying" such an emergency will not arise.

Mr. Nixon said three of the county schools received a scare recently when it was thought the schools' well were going—"dry". Luckily, this didn't happen and no crisis developed.

In the event hot, "ramless" weather continues and the school wells went dry, school officials would be faced with the problem of closing the school or "hauling in" water from other sources. The well at the North Brook No. 2 school went dry during the school term five years ago, Supt. Nixon said, and water had to be hauled in to the school until the emergency was over. A week ago, the Long Shoals school had to be closed one day when the well pump developed mechanical trouble and the school was without water.

Being aware of the drought conditions, school officials of the county reportedly are trying to conserve their respective school's water supply by limiting its use in gymnasium shower rooms, cafeterias, teacherage's, etc. Use of water for drinking only is being stressed.

land. And yet, he points out, often without the moisture the soil is of little value in bolstering farm income.

He says that the soil and water conserving practices for which assistance is provided under the Agricultural Conservation Program are primarily aimed at saving and improving the land and that moisture conservation is an important by-product. Such practices as establishing a good protective cover with grass and legumes, the construction of terraces, contour farming, and many other fall in this class.

In Mangum's words "maintaining and improving the productivity of the land is the purpose of the Agricultural Conservation Program and this means conserving both soil and water. Often one is as important as the other."

New Technician Joins Hospital

Miss Virginia Scott of Asheville has joined the staff of the Gordon Crowell Memorial Hospital as a clinical laboratory technician.

She was graduated this summer from the Dell School for Laboratory Technicians in Asheville, and is living now at the Crowell Hospital nurses home on South Aspen Street near the hospital.

The laboratory section is headed by Floyd Fletcher.

Miss Scott joined First Baptist Church here Sunday.

Musical Program Enjoyed By Lions

Lions Club members were treated to an entertaining musical program at the club's regular dinner meeting last week, at the Creamland Grill. Club president Luke Grooms presided.

Jack Brown was program chairman and presented the well known Melody quartet composed of J. D. Turner, Pete Warlick, Kelly Smith, Worth Lineberger, and Mrs. Pete Warlick, organist.

Colman Goodson was elected chairman of the club-sponsored annual White Can drive which will be held Sept. 27 through Oct. 4th.

It was announced that the club's next meeting will be in the form of an old fashion "Box Supper", with the ladies invited as special guests. The supper will be held at the Legion hall and will be followed by round and square dancing.

Schedule For Dist. X-ray Mobile Unit This Week

The District X-ray (TB) mobile unit schedule for this week follows:

Mon. 13, Linc. Clinic—Nursing Home—9:00-12:00.

Tue. 14, Newton Clinic—Health Dept. 10:00-4:00.

Wed. 15, Hickory Clinic 1st Ave. 1:00-4:00.

Fri. 17, Hickory Clinic—Union Square—1:00-4:00.

Legion Post To Meet On Friday

The American Legion will meet Friday night Sept. 17, at the hut at 7:00.

A picnic supper will be spread. All members, their wives or girl friends are invited to attend and bring a full basket.

After the meeting round and square dancing will be enjoyed.

Richard Beal, Jr. Promoted To Major

Word has been received in the city to the effect that Richard (Dickie) Beal Jr. who is serving in Tokyo, Japan, has been promoted from Captain to Major. He is the grandson of Mrs. R. F. Beal of this city, and is well known here where he has visited often.

Miss Inez Primm Dress Winner

Inez Primm, of Lincolnton, won the dress given at the Lincolnton Sport Shop at their 4th Anniversary Sale.

She had three wonderful days during the sale, said Mrs. Odell Harvey, and we deeply appreciate the patronage and kind words of our many friends.

YDC To Meet Tuesday, Sept. 14

The Young Republican Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, September 14, at the Maiden Town Hall, it was announced today.

C. A. Kurth, Republican candidate for Clerk of Court, will be the principal speaker.

All Republican county officers will attend the organizational plans for the coming election will be made.

Now Serving In France—Pfc. John Hal Hoyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Hoyle, of Vale, Route 2 is now serving in La Rocheelle, France. He entered the service in June 1953 and sailed December 20, 1953.

His address is Pfc. John Hal Hoyle, U.S. 53263734, Hq. Co., 524 M.B.N., APO 21, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y. He would appreciate hearing from his friends back home.