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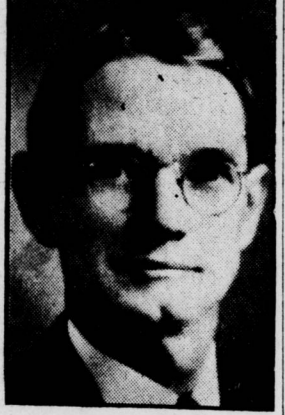
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PROMINENT CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY . . .

Plato Miller Funeral Rites Draw Throngs Here Wednesday

Funeral rites for Plato Miller, prominent Lincolnton citizen since 1907, who died Monday afternoon were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the First Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Braxton, assisted by Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr., of Charlotte, a former pastor of the Lincolnton church. Following the service at the church the body was borne to

Hollybrook cemetery where it was laid to its final rest beneath an exceptionally large and beautiful array of floral tributes.



PLATO MILLER
... here 47 years

PALLBEARERS
Active pall bearers were S. M. Roper, B. J. Ramsaur, Jake Burgin, J. R. Ward, Claude Nantz and W. Fitzhugh Hoyle.
Honorary pall bearers were the directors of the First National Bank and the Lincolnton Building and Loan Association, the board of stewards of the First Methodist church and the employees of the Dixie Grocery Co. Also C. S. Little, T. N. James, Sr., E. C. Heavner, Dr. Boyce Griggs, Dr. J. F. Reinhardt and J. E. Henley from Lincolnton; W. J. Edwards, George Moody, Curt Rogers, F. E. Hashagen, Harry Stokely, David White, Paul Anderson, E. O. Anderson, S. E. B. Tracher, George Wooten, Avery Rhyne, George K. Archibald, Daniel F. Cameron, H. A. Hallman, Chas. B. McLin, Shives, Norcum, C. B. Reagsbee and G. A. Morris, from Charlotte and John W. McKnight from Shelby.

HEART ATTACK
Mr. Miller died suddenly at his home following a heart attack. He had suffered from a heart ailment for some time, but part of the time was able to be at his office at the Dixie Grocery Co.

He was born in Cleveland county January 22, 1876, the son of F. M. and Mary E. Miller. At the age of 16 he began his business career which was to become one of the most successful in this section. He was associated with his father in the mercantile business until he came to Lincolnton in 1907.

ORGANIZED DIXIE GRO.
Soon after coming to Lincolnton he organized the Dixie Wholesale Grocery Company. He was associated in the business with his brother-in-law, R. C. Goode until the latter's death in December 1925. So rapid was the growth of the business that it soon became one of the leading wholesale concerns in this section, and is still serving local and nearby communities. At the time of his death Mr. Miller was president and general manager of the company.

Mr. Miller was recognized as one of the city's most prominent business and civic leaders. He served on the city board of aldermen and was also for a time vice-mayor.

He was a director of the First National Bank, a director and vice president of the Lincolnton Building and Loan Association, a member of the Lincolnton Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Kiwanis Club and was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He was an active member of the First Methodist church and had served many years on the official boards of the church.

On April 15, 1902 Mr. Miller was married to Miss Laura Schenck Goode, daughter of the late Dr. N. A. G. Goode. Mrs. Miller died in 1943 and in 1948 he was married to Miss Corita Edwards, of this city.

He is survived by his wife, two children by his first marriage, Mrs. Robert S. McLean, of Lincolnton and Dr. Robert P. Miller, of Charlotte, five grand children, Mrs. Robert A. Little, Mrs. George M. Hopkins, Mrs. Roy N. Taylor, Robert P. Miller, Jr. and Thomas P. Miller. He leaves also two sisters, Mrs. Mark H. Hoyle, of this city and Mrs. Sam Southard, of Gastonia and one brother, Walter B. Miller, of Albemarle. Another sister, Mrs. Jake Burgin, and a brother, Dr. Herbert Miller, are deceased.

TO ATTEND INSTITUTE
The 35th annual Public Welfare Institute meeting in Raleigh Oct. 27-29 will be attended by the following Lincoln people: Mrs. Rose W. Grigg, Mrs. T. A. Hoover of Vale, Mrs. Mary L. Canipe, and Mrs. Lona S. Lackey.

Grand Jury Finds All True Bills Except Two (2)

The Lincoln County Grand Jury, W. Dellinger, Foreman, made a following report to Presiding Judge J. A. Rousseau at the opening session of the October term of Superior Court Monday:

Honorable J. A. Rousseau
Judge Presiding
October Term 1954
Lincoln County Superior Court

We, the Grand Jury, have passed on all bills presented to us by the Solicitor finding all true bills except two (2).
One bill—State vs. Ray Weaver was continued on account of absence of witnesses. One bill—State vs. Bill Caldwell and Jay Stamey was not found a true bill.

We inspected the Guardians, Administrators, and Executors accounts in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court and found these in excellent condition and up to date.

Having finished our duties for this term, we respectfully ask to be excused.
J. W. Dellinger, Jr.
Foreman Grand Jury

LHS Senior Class Superlatives Listed

The LHS Senior Class Superlatives were today named as follows:
Best Looking, Jimmy Caldwell and Carolyn Hawkins; Best All Round, Freddie Weaver and Sydney Robinson; Most Athletic, Randall Anderson and Donnie Smith; Most Intellectual, Sammy House and Elaine Abernathy; Most Likely To Succeed, Yates Wilkinson and Iris Grigg; Wittiest, Hugh Snipes and Myrtle Simpson.

Farthing Lions Club Speaker; White Cane Drive Successful, Broom Sale Week October 25

The regular meeting of the Lincolnton Lions Club was held on Tuesday night at Creamland Grill.

Club president Luke Grooms presided. The guest speaker was Solicitor James Farthing of Lenoir, who is prosecuting the criminal docket at the October term of Lincoln county superior court this week. Mr. Farthing also is District 31-B Governor of the Lions.

President Grooms reported that the club will hold a Broom Sale the week of October 25th, with Lion Weaver Harkey the chairman.

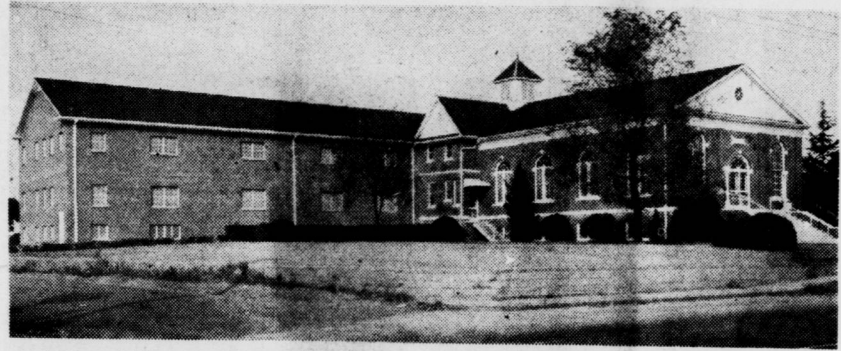
WHITE CANE SALE
Lion "Buck" Goodson, chairman, reported on such. He stated that, "if we maintain ourselves as a service club, we must give service."

He also stressed citizenship and patriotism in the community and inspired all of us to do everything possible to get it instilled in our youth as they are our nation's future leaders, and will have to take the stand against communism.

which now have clubs in 59 countries, and last year alone 161,461 activities were carried out in the interest of humanity. He stated that our next challenge is blind work and doctors claim that over 50 percent of all blind cases now could have been prevented if proper care had been given soon enough.

MUST GIVE SERVICE
District Governor Farthing, gave several interesting cases of juvenile delinquencies throughout the state and showed how civic clubs such as the one in Lincolnton can help stop or cut down on such. He stated that, "if we maintain ourselves as a service club, we must give service."

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Sunday, October 24 will be a red letter day for the congregation of the Boger City Baptist Church, since on that day the new Education Building, adjoining the church will be dedicated with the morning message to be delivered by Dr. Phil L. Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb College at Boiling Springs.

For years the dream and goal of the members was an Education Building, which would take care of the rapidly growing church membership which today stands at 456. The Sunday School enrollment is 575, with an average attendance last year of 300. Since the new building was formally opened two Sundays ago the average attendance has risen to 400.

Rev. Latt Beshears has been pastor of the church since February 17, 1952. Said one of his members, "He has been a great inspiration and also such an enthusiastic worker that all who come in contact with him have shared that enthusiasm."

A building fund offering will be taken Sunday morning, with the goal set at \$1200. From three to five o'clock in the afternoon the members will keep Open House and the public is cordially invited to visit the building.

Farm Census Enumerators For County Named

Appointment of Talmadge M. Little, Hoyt S. Shidal, Austin R. Reynolds, Mrs. A. R. Proctor, Mrs. Ernest Sain, Marcus L. Coon, Mrs. Roland Ballard and Mrs. Bobby Yount all of Lincoln County as enumerators in the 1954 Census of Agriculture was announced today by Crew Leader Horace D. Abernethy. They will canvass farms in part of Lincoln County.

The enumerator is the "infantry man" of the Census organization. It is his duty to locate every farm within the Area assigned to him, interview each farm operator and obtain an accurate record of all farming operations as well as information covering farm facilities and equipment and related items.

Enumerators work a minimum of eight hours daily and must be available for evening work if necessary to complete their assignments.

On Monday, the enumerators will report to Denver, N. C. for a four day training session. They begin enumeration of the farms in their enumeration district on November 1st. It is expected that the enumeration will take from three to four weeks to complete.

Rev. Schlegel To Speak At Emanuel Reformed Church

Sunday, October 24, will be observed in many churches throughout our country as World Order Sunday with particular emphasis upon the United Nations.

Emanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church will observe this Sunday with a special address on this theme by Rev. Nelson Schlegel of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Schlegel is one of the three denominational leaders who will be in North Carolina for the fall meeting of the Southern Synod at Catawba College on October 26.

Rev. Schlegel is serving at the present time as the Field Secretary for the Commission on Christian Social Action of the denomination. Mr. Schlegel came to the Commission recently from the active parish ministry. He was serving as the pastor of First Church, Washington, D.C. when he was called to serve as field secretary for the Commission. Mr. Schlegel will arrive on Saturday and will address several groups in the local church before the meeting in Salisbury on Tuesday.

Condition Of Wilkinson Improved, But Still Critical

According to a report today from Crowell hospital, some improvement has been noted in the condition of former Lincoln county Deputy Clyde Wilkinson.

Wilkinson was taken to the hospital shortly after noon Monday, having been felled to the Court-house pavement by a blow from Toad Jones as court recessed. Jones was apprehended and jailed, pending the outcome of the deputy's injuries.

Over 100 Persons Attended Unveiling Of Gen. Dickson Marker Saturday Afternoon

Over 100 persons attended the unveiling ceremonies of the historical marker pointing to the home of General Joseph Dickson two miles north of Mt. Holly Saturday afternoon.

Lincoln County and Lincolnton were represented at the ceremony by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graham, Joe R. Nixon, Mrs. William Randall and son, Charles.

General Dickson was one of the outstanding officers in the Revolution, serving as a captain in the defense of Charlotte and a major in the battle of Kinas Mountain.

He was a founder of Lincoln County and the city of Lincolnton, besides serving as one of the first trustees of the University of North Carolina; in the N. C. Senate, and in the U. S. Congress.

DAR IN CHARGE
The William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, sponsors of the movement to mark the historical spot, was in charge of the presentation program.

Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Jr., of Raleigh, director of the state department of archives and history, gave a talk explaining the marker program in the state.

Lincolnton Evangelical & Reformed Church Conference Host On Friday

WINSTON-SALEM—A series of six Kingdom Roll-Call Conferences for the leaders of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches of the Southern Synod will be held on October 20, 21 and 22. These conferences will be under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Richard A. Cheek, Rockwell, the Chairman of the Promotion Committee of the Southern Synod.

Three of the Conferences will be for the Ministers of the Synod and three of the Conferences will be for the financial leaders. The address at these six conferences will be given by the Reverend Mr. L. C. T. Miller, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Associate Director of the Department of United Promotion of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Following the address there will be a period of questions and answers dealing with the various phases of the Kingdom Roll-Call.

HERE FRIDAY
The Conference for Ministers was held on Wednesday afternoon, October 20 in First Church, High Point; Thursday afternoon, October 21 in First Church, Charlotte and Friday afternoon, October 22 in Emanuel Church, Lincolnton.

The Conference for Lay-members will be held on Wednesday, Evening, October 20 in First Church, High Point; Thursday

Caldwell And Stamey Freed Of Blame In Murder Charge; Clarence Lynn Examined

Rameth Richard Is Honored At Agnes Scott

Rameth Richard of Iron Station was recently selected for membership in the Order of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga. This is a student branch of the Georgia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Miss Richard is now a junior at Agnes Scott, where she is a member of Christian Association cabinet, member of Glee Club, and secretary of 1955 May Day.

Court Metes Terms Totaling 37 Years

The recommendation that Bill Caldwell, 29, and Jay Stamey, about 30, be tried for murder in the mill pond deaths here last summer of J. D. Fredell and James Leonard was dismissed by the grand jury here this week on grounds of insufficient evidence.

However, Caldwell drew a 15-months term on the roads on conviction of knifing Stamey the night before the bodies of Fredell and Leonard were found floating in the Long Shoals backwaters of the South Fork River.

Thus, the mystery surrounding the drowning deaths of Fredell and Leonard has never been solved.

THE LYNN CASE
Clarence Lynn, 60, a 350-pound former aspirant to the heavyweight boxing crown, was to have been tried at this session of the Lincoln Superior Court for the pistol slaying of Ed Schronce of S. Government St., during the summer. However, upon the advice of a physician, Presiding Judge J. A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro ordered Lynn committed to the State Hospital at Raleigh for a 30-day period of mental observation. Thus, his trial was re-scheduled for the January term of Lincoln Superior Court.

Lynn is charged with visiting the Schrone home on a Sunday evening and opening fire on Schrone with a German luger-type pistol. Other shots during the barrage struck down the victim's son, John Schrone, and his grandson, Barry Allen Schrone, eight. The attack was described as the culmination of a long-standing family feud of words and threats.

37-75 YEARS
At the October term of Superior Court, which was adjourned (Continued on page six)

Examination Announced For Rural Carrier At Crouse

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier for the post office at Crouse, North Carolina.

Applicants for this examination must actually reside within the delivery of the above-mentioned post office and must have so resided for one year next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications. Age limits, waived for persons entitled to veteran preference, are from 18 to 50.

Full information and application forms may be obtained at the above-mentioned post office or from the Commission's Washington office. Applications must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D.C., and must be received or postmarked not later than November 16, 1954.

DR. TEACHEY SPEAKER

A large number of teachers from the Lincoln County unit attended a joint meeting with Lincolnton unit of N.C.E.A. Monday afternoon in Lincolnton High School auditorium to hear Guy B. Teachey, superintendent of Asheboro City schools.

The president, Mrs. Nell Allran, presided and M. S. Heavner, principal of Howard's Creek school, brought devotional thoughts from Matthew 15.

Miss Sarah Yoder, chairman of the local legislative committee, presented the guest speaker, who addressed the group on the topic, "A Program of Progress in Education."

The speaker brought out basic facts and figures confronting education today. He presented U.F.E., legislative program which follows:

A Basic Program
In North Carolina there is a continuing shortage of properly-qualified white teachers. There are too many daily absences of students and too many drop outs, too many professionally-trained school personnel who must spend their time in clerical tasks, and too few teachers allotted to special subject areas.

Believing that these shortages (Continued on page six)

City, County Teachers Told Of N. C. Education Programs, School Needs

because taxpayers are paying for it.

All Duke Power Co. plants, he said, are built so they can be turned into atomic units should this need ever arise.

C. S. REED SPEAKER
Club president Sam Wilson presided. Rev. James Mays gave the invocation. Program Chairman Bob Stutts introduced the speaker, C. S. Reed, Vice President of the Duke Power Co.

Mr. Reed, in talking about the industry and population growth of the Piedmont Carolinas, had graphs and charts with which he showed the comparative growth of the Piedmont area as compared to development in other areas such as Richmond, Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville, Dallas, Ft. Worth.

(Note: Lincoln county is included in the Piedmont Carolinas area.)

His charts showed that in the 85-mile radius, with Charlotte as the center, there has been more population increase and business growth in the past 20 years than in any of the other areas mentioned (Atlanta, Nashville, Dallas, etc.).

This growth in the Piedmont Carolinas, he pointed out, was a healthy growth; the developments being by natural, normal process and not due to boom or wartime impetus.

DUKE POWER GROWTH
By means of his charts, Mr. Reed also pointed out the vast growth made by Duke Power Co. during this 20-year period. He also told of some of the company's more recent expansions and plans, referring to the recent additions at the company's steam plant at Mt. Holly and the new plant to be erected soon at Belmont.

The speaker also defended private owned utilities as opposed to government-owned utilities. Private owned utilities, he emphasized, produce more power cheaper and at less cost to the taxpayer than any government-owned utility in the United States.

"If it is true, and it isn't," he explained, "that consumers get cheaper rates in TVA areas, it is

Lincoln Repubs Will Hear Mrs. Priest At Hickory

Catawba county Republicans are expecting between 2,000 and 2,500 persons to attend their last major rally of the current campaign in Hickory Friday night.

Mrs. Ivey Baker Priest, United States Treasurer, will be the main speaker, and will address Republicans gathered at College Field at Lenoir Rhyne following a barbecue.

A number of Lincoln county Republicans are making plans to attend the event. Serving of the barbecue will begin at 6 o'clock Friday. Mrs. Priest will fly to Charlotte Friday and will be met at the airport by Congressman C. R. Jonas. Her speech will be broadcast live over radio station WHKY, Hickory, at 8 o'clock.

Local Area People Sleep, "Sit-Through" Hurricane Hazel "Without Scratch"

(Ed. Note. No injuries have been reported among Lincoln county people in last Friday's destructive Hurricane Hazel, although property damage was reported to cottages owned by local people along the Carolinas' coastline. The hurricane also brought its unusual happenings, involving local area citizens, as described in the following from reporter Bill Williams' column in The Gastonia Gazette.)

"You can imagine the surprise of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. (Will) Abernethy of Lincolnton when they ventured from their Windy Hill Beach cabin Friday about noon and looked at the wreckage and destruction wrought by the hurricane.

"They had ridden the back of the monster and, luckily, had come through without a scratch. "It wasn't intentional, though. They had no desire to test the hurricane's strength.

"The Abernethys, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cashion of Lincolnton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schrum of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Abernethy, Horace Ross of Lincolnton had gone down to Windy Hill Beach on Monday for a vacation.

"Thursday night came, and they didn't turn on their radio. No one knew of the upcoming hurricane. "They went to bed that night and slept a peaceful sleep. Friday morning, they awoke to heavy and threatening skies. At 8 o'clock, the radio was turned on and they heard the announcer say "it might be worse than we thought." He went on to describe the hurricane, which was still at sea, and then at 8:10 the station went off the air. It was a small radio, and not strong enough to pick up other stations in the now turbulent atmosphere.

"The group huddled together in the cabin, not realizing the intensity of the wind and waves that rolled in from the ocean. From 8 until 12, the wind battered the frame dwelling. Around 10:30 and 11, they dared not step outside for fear of being swept away in the strong currents of air. "Said Mr. Abernethy: "The wind outside was blowing as hard as it could, and we knew that we couldn't go outside. Actually, though, we didn't get really scared until after the thing was over. "You see, our cabin is located back from the waterfront about two blocks and a half, and between sand dunes and trees. I guess it was these trees and dunes that saved us. "About 12 o'clock, when the wind stopped blowing and the sun came out, we walked out and went down to the beach. And, what we saw, we just couldn't believe. Houses washed away and completely disappeared. The entire front line obliterated. "Mr. Abernethy, owner of Abernethy Equipment Co., in Lincolnton, said that they had to leave the area because all power was off. They had nothing to cook with. They moved on up to Bennettsville where they called their son in Charlotte and told him that they were all right. They then drove on back home.