

Lincolnton FFA Contest Winner, Rock Springs 3rd

The Piedmont Federation Tool Identification contest, held Thursday at the Shelby Supply Co. in Shelby, was won by the Lincolnton high school chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

The three first place winners and their scores were: Lincolnton, 300; Bandys, 295; Rock Springs, Lincoln County, 294.

FFA OF THREE COUNTIES
The Piedmont Federation of the F.F.A. is composed of the eleven vocational agricultural departments in Lincoln, Gaston and Catawba counties.

Representing the Lincolnton chapter were Irvan Freeman, Faye Carpenter and Darrell Ellis, each of whom made a perfect score of 100, making an overall total of 300 for their team. The alternate, John Keever, made a score of 98.

Taking part in the contest were three schools (Lincolnton, North Brook, Rock Springs) from Lincoln county, four schools from Catawba county and one from Gaston county. Union high school of Lincoln county and Cherryville

and Dallas high schools of Gaston county were scheduled to compete but teams were not present.

In addition to a banner, which was given the winning Lincolnton team, six foot zig-zag rules were given the Lincolnton boys and their teacher, A. J. Smith, and to the two contestants making scores of 99 each.

The Lincoln county schools, their vocational agriculture teachers, team members and team grades in the contest follows:

Lincolnton — A. J. Smith, teacher; Fay Carpenter, Darrell Ellis, Irvan Freeman, 300; Rock Springs — K. C. Carpenter, teacher; Don Rudisill, E. C. Ballard, Bobby Sigmon, 294; North Brook — Max E. Shidal, teacher; Kenneth Carpenter, Gary Baxter, Don Peeler, 293; E. C. Ballard of Rock Springs made a score of 99, as did Clifford Spencer of Bandys.

Appreciation was expressed by the FFA chapter members and teachers for the many courtesies extended them by the host Shelby Supply Company personnel.

Lincolnton High School Band Will March In The Carrousel Parade Thurs.



PRINCESS — Miss Donnie Smith (above), Lincolnton high school senior, will be the Lincolnton Princess representative in the Carolinas Carrousel parade Thanksgiving day in Charlotte. She will also take part in the many festivities, receptions, dance, etc., planned for the two-day event. Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith of Boger City.

An invitation has been accepted by the Lincolnton High School band to march in the Carolinas Carrousel Parade to be held in Charlotte on Thanksgiving day. The local band has adopted the theme, "The Night Before Christmas," and every member will be dressed in pajamas or night-gowns.

The carrousel committee has requested that each band do something unusual for the parade. The Charlotte Observer has listed the Lincolnton bands as a surprise and one of the "bands to watch" in the parade.

The parade will not be televised this year.

Lutherans Set Thanksgiving Service Thurs.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will hold Thanksgiving Day services at 9:30 a. m. Thursday. A Thanksgiving Day offering will be taken which will go towards the benevolent program of the church. All members and interested persons in the community are invited to participate in the program of worship, which will feature congregational singing and the sermon by the pastor, The Rev. H. A. McCullough, Jr.

Special emphasis is placed this Thanksgiving Week on a clothing collection for Overseas Relief. Any clothing suitable for shipping overseas should be placed in the basement of the church before Monday, November 29.

Thanksgiving Closings Set For Local Stores, Offices And Schools

No City Court Set On Monday

There will be no session of Lincoln Recorder's Court next Monday, Nov. 29. Next session is scheduled for Wednesday morning, Dec. 1.

Lincolnton and Lincoln county citizens today were beginning to get in a festive mood as they made preparations for the Thanksgiving holiday season.

Lincolnton stores, business firms, public offices, state and federal agencies, post office, banks and schools were among those making announcements of closing dates for the annual Thanksgiving Day, observance.

CHURCH SERVICE
Thanksgiving services have been planned for the majority of the churches in the Lincolnton area, some scheduled for Wednesday night; others on Thanksgiving day.

The member retail stores of the Lincolnton Merchants Association will be open Wednesday afternoon, but will be closed Thanksgiving day.

Local grocery stores will also remain open Wednesday afternoon so that shoppers will have a chance to do last-minute buying of vitals for the big Thanksgiving dinner.

All local stores will be open again on Friday for business as usual.

The two local banks, First National and Lincoln National, will be closed Thanksgiving day; also the East Branch Drive-In, the building and loan firms, and (Continued on page 5)

"I'm Asking For Help" Says Chief, Dec. 15 S-D Day

"Chief of Police B. A. Sigmon today asked for help.

"Yes, I'm asking for help," Chief Sigmon said. "I'm asking every driver and pedestrian in Lincolnton to help reduce traffic accidents to a minimum — zero, if we can — on December 15, S-D Day (Safe Driving Day)."

"I am asking every man, woman, and child who uses the streets to accept full personal responsibility for observing the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations.

"S-D Day is being observed all over the country. It is sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety and hundreds of local, state and national organizations to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially if we all pitch in. We're going to give S-D Day our full support in Lincolnton, but it's a program in which we must all participate.

"Police drivers and civilian employees of the Police Department are being urged to set a good example on S-D Day. They are being asked to exercise particular caution in their driving and walking on that day. We want to show the people of Lincolnton that we also practice what we preach.

"In Lincolnton on an average week-day (or during an average week) this time of the year we have several traffic accidents of all types. These accidents don't have to happen, and they wouldn't happen if every citizen would drive and walk as he would have everyone else drive and walk.

"Remember S-D Day, and then make every day your Safe Driving Day."

Dec. 31 Deadline For Free Dental Work For Vets

The Veterans Administration office from Winston-Salem has announced that Korean and World War II veterans who have been out of the service for more than a year have about six weeks to seek free dental treatment through the Veterans Administration.

December 31 is the deadline, VA officials stated. Before January 1, veterans will be eligible for dental treatment only within the year after discharge.

The VA said some veterans may need more work done on teeth repaired in the service. This is the type of treatment they have done free if they beat the deadline.

City Getting Face-Lifting For The Yule

Uptown Lincolnton will begin getting its annual Christmas season face-lifting this week as city electricians string the Yule tinsel over the business district.

Already, the giant red bells have been installed around the courthouse on the square. Other decorations will be put in place during the week.

Lincolnton will officially usher in its 1954 Christmas shopping season on Friday, Dec. 3.

Grover Cobb Passes Today

Grover A. Cobb, 60, prominent farmer of the Machpelah community, died unexpectedly this morning.

Funeral arrangements are as yet incomplete.

Dr. Richbourg Polio Fund Drive Information Chm.

Charles Conner, Lincoln county chairman for the 1955 March of Dimes campaign, today announced the appointment of Dr. S. E. Richbourg, Jr., as public information chairman for this worthy fund-raising drive.

Dr. Richbourg is a Lincolnton optometrist, with offices in the Laving Building, E. Main street. Chairman Conner is representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in the Lincoln area.

Nickels For Know How Program Gets 95% Approval Of Farmers

Nickels for Know-How carried by a favorable vote of 95 per cent, according to tabulations completed last week.

In Lincoln county the vote was 226 for, 18 against.

The N. C. Agricultural Foundation announced yesterday that a total vote of 52,855 was cast on October 15, the day Hurricane Hazel swept half of the state. Only 2,900 negative votes were cast; 49,955 users of feed and fertilizer voted to continue their contributions to research and education for another three years.

Nickels for Know-How was originally approved by a vote of 68,283 to 7,088, November 2, 1953. Under the terms of the program, farm people contribute a nickel a ton of feed and fertilizer they purchase. The money is used to expand research and educational work.

A letter signed by E. V. Vestal, Kenansville, president of the N. C. Agricultural Foundation; E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh, chairman of the Nickels for Know-How referendum; and L. L. Ray, Raleigh, secretary of the Foundation, praised the state's farm leadership for their work in the campaign.

"Certainly on a hurricane day, we believe it is one of the most creditable jobs ever done by the agricultural people of this state, when more than 50,000 came out and voted with 95 per cent in fa-

NCEA Members Honor County Schools Supt. Joe Nixon; Dr. J. B. Fellows Banquet Speaker



MR. NIXON

Lincoln County NCEA members met in Union school cafeteria, Friday evening November 19 for their annual dinner meeting and to honor Joe R. Nixon, county superintendent.

Mrs. Maud Speagle, vice-president, served as toastmistress and presented Mrs. J. B. Fellows a shoulder corsage. After the invocation given by M. S. Heavner, principal of Howard's Creek school, a banquet was served by the girls from Union Home Economics classes.

Lewis Heavner, principal of Union school, welcomed again all NCEA members, guests of honor and friends of education. Song leader Mrs. Glenn Miller and Miss Helen Jonas, pianist, lead the group in a lively song fest.

BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZED
County superintendent, Joe Nixon recognized members of Lincoln county Board of Education and their wives; local school committeemen, and wives, Representative David Clark, Senator W. E. Garrison and Mrs. Garrison, Highway Commissioner Joe Graham and other guests.

Miss Vildna Cruse, Home Economics teacher, Union school introduced the guest speaker, Jack B. Fellows, D.R.E., who organized and directs the Baptist University of Creative Arts, Black Mountain, N. C. Dr. Fellows, an outstanding religious educator in the South brought a challenging message concerning our youth today. He cited references from the press that showed an alarming trend over the nation in juvenile delinquency. He commended the public school program and suggested that teachers use influence to give youth direction in leisure time.

SUPT. NIXON RECORD
El Houser, principal of North Brook No. 2 school, received the services record of superintendent Nixon as follows: From 1903-1905 McLean School Academy. (Continued on page five)

Geo. H. Powell Passes At 49

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p.m. in Pentecostal Holiness Church of Maiden for George Hamilton Powell, 49, of Lincolnton R-5, who died in a Newton hospital Friday about 9:45 p.m.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. R. T. Hoyle, officiated, and burial was in Hollywood cemetery here. The body lay in state for 30 minutes Sunday afternoon at Drum's Chapel, and then was taken to the church in Maiden to lie in state for 30 minutes preceding services.

Mr. Powell, who was born Sept. 18, 1905 in Lincoln County, formerly operated a used car business on the Lincolnton - Maiden highway. He was a son of the late R. J. and Maude Corbett Powell.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irene Jarrett Powell; two sons, Jay Lee Powell of Troutdale, and Charles Powell of Oregon; three brothers: Glenn Powell of Gastonia, Ray Powell of Lincolnton R-5, and Cletus Powell of North Wilkesboro; and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Martin of Salisbury. Another brother, Cliff Powell, died several months ago.

Mrs. Johnson's Services Today

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church for Mrs. Leona Helen Johnson, 54, of Lincolnton R-3, who died at 3:15 a.m. Sunday in Duke Hospital, Durham, after being a patient there for three days.

Te Rev. C. O. Swicegood will officiate, and burial will follow in Hollywood cemetery here.

Mrs. Johnson was the wife of Roland T. Johnson, who survives. She also leaves her mother, Mrs. Carrie Prescott; four sons: Raymond and Milledge E. Johnson, both of Lincolnton R-3, and Patrick E. and Broadus Johnson of the home; two daughters: Mrs. Fred Powell of Vale and Miss Vivian Johnson of the home; two brothers: Abbie Glanton of Greenwood, S. C., and Farland Glanton of Edgefield, S. C.; a half-brother, Daniel F. Prince of Hickory; and three grandchildren.

Born Nov. 17, 1900 in Edgefield County, S. C., she was a daughter of Mrs. Carrie Prescott and the late Milledge Prescott.

The body will be taken this afternoon at 2:30 to the home by Drum's Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements.

No Damage Here In Sunday Fire

The Lincolnton Fire Department was called about 5 p. m. Sunday to the Whitesides home on South Government Street to extinguish a blaze caused by an oil stove. There was no damage.

CHECK NOV. 27th AND Y'ALL COME . . .

130 Go "Hopping Mad" Saturday

The Rain King upended his boot over Lincolnton Saturday night, but the liquid chill failed to dampen spirits here.

Some 130 persons left Jackie Gleason in their living rooms and trooped out to the Legion Hut hard by Walker Branch for the weekly dance-soiree. At one time, there were around 80 on

EACH \$1 FOR NEEDY TO LIGHT A CANDLE . . .

Tree To Herald The Yule Spirit Here

A large Christmas tree to be installed on the west side of Court Square this year will glow with the true significance of Christmas.

In this age of commercialized virtue, its myriad lights will signify a personal Lincolnton contribution to bring cheer and comfort to those who need them most.

The big tree will be a project of Lincolnton Pilot Club. The Pilot Club, which is a civic club for women, with a motto of "Friendship and Service," adopts certain projects each year to help the needy and underprivileged of Lincoln County. Some of these are: (1) a business course scholarship for some local young miss; (2) special

shoes and braces for crippled children; (3) food, clothing, and medicine for those in need of them; (4) school lunches; and (5) Christmas cheer for TB patients.

For the past three years, with the cooperation of city officials, the club has undertaken to light the large tree on the west side of the court square for Christmas as a tree of Daily Cheer. Contributions from generous people of this county have made this possible.

HOW IT WORKS
Again this year, local people may have the privilege of sharing with those less fortunate by helping to light the tree of Daily Cheer.

Here is how it works: Every dollar contributed to the club's project will light a light on the Christmas tree. One dollar lights

one light, five dollars five lights, etc. Those interested in bringing cheer and comfort to the needy at Christmas-time, will be invited to mail a contribution to Mrs. Gladys Llewellyn, Box 368, Lincolnton, N. C. Mrs. Llewellyn is treasurer of the Pilot Club.

The Tree of Daily Cheer will be lighted around Dec. 1. The club has been assured by the city electrician that all contributions received after that date will add additional lights to the tree. The goal is to make this tree the most beautifully-lighted Christmas tree anywhere in this section of the state—one that will proclaim to all living here and all passing through that the real spirit of Christmas has descended on the people of Lincoln County.

Airman Johnny Caskey 7th Member Of Family To Serve In Military

A 3/C Johnny D. Caskey, above, is now stationed with the U. S. Air Forces in Alaska. His most recent station prior to going overseas was Fairchild AF Base, Washington.

Airman Caskey is the seventh member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Caskey, of Iron Station, to serve in the U. S. armed forces.

Six other members of the Caskey family, four sons and two daughters, were in service during World War II and the Korean conflict. They were: Samuel, Mary Craig, Graham, Martha Jean, Cary and Richard.

The Caskey's youngest son, David, is now a senior student at the Lincolnton high school. He plans to enter military service following his graduation.

Airman Johnny Caskey, also a Lincolnton high school graduate, entered the service February 8, 1954. His present address is: A 3/C Johnny D. Caskey, AF 14519446, Box 266, 18th F.I.S., APO 731, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wash. He would like to hear from his friends.

First Baptist Thanksgiving Service Wed.

Regular "Family Night" gathering at Lincolnton First Baptist Church this Wednesday night will be in the form of a special Thanksgiving Service at 7:50 o'clock.

The "Family Night" supper will precede the service at 6:30. Those wishing to attend should call the church office and make reservations before Tuesday night.

Meetings set for 7 p.m., before the Special Service, will be as follows:

General meeting of the W.M.S. Assembly of the Brotherhood, with Dr. Bruce Whitaker, state student secretary, as speaker.

Junior G. A.'s, and Intermediate G. A.'s.

Junior and Intermediate R. A.'s. Sunbeams.

Young Women's Auxiliary.

4 Auto Accidents In Lincolnton Over Week End

Four auto accidents were investigated by the city police department over the weekend, with only minor injuries reported to occupants but heavy damages to the vehicles involved.

The smashup resulting in most vehicular damages occurred Saturday at the corner of Cedar and Water streets. The police department reported that Mrs. Mary Heavner Chapman of Lincolnton, traveling west on Water street, failed to stop for a stop sign — with her car striking three other vehicles, causing considerable damage to all cars involved. After ramming a '47 Pontiac, driven by Jim Hawkins, the Chapman car struck the '50 Nash, driven by Richmond Hayes of Lincolnton, causing the Nash to crash into a '50 DeSoto, driven by Brant Little. Total damages in this 4-car collision were estimated at \$1,000.

Patricia Chapman, 13, daughter of Mrs. Mary Heavner Chapman, was admitted to Crowell hospital with slight head injuries but was (Continued on page five)

Many Advancements Made At Scout Court Of Honor

Many advancements in rank were made and merit badge work passed off at the monthly Lincoln county Boy Scout Court of Honor Thursday night in the First Presbyterian Church.

Highlights of the program were the presentation of the Eagle award to Don Heafner of Troop 1, Crouse, and the Star rank to John Abernethy of Troop 1, Crouse, Michael E. Keener and Charles Hoke of Troop 1, Lincolnton.

The Boy Scout Court membership included the following: Albert Goldsmith, chairman, Jack Thompson, D. E. Long, J. H. Fitzgerald, Ruffin Self, Charlie Bryant.

Charlie Bryant of Gastonia, president of the Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America, attended. He took part on the program as a member of the Court, and also made an inspiring address at the opening of the meeting. He urged all parents of boys to help with the Boy Scout program.

Other advancements in rank made were:

FIRST CLASS — John Dan Freneberger, Troop, Lincolnton;

SECOND CLASS — Tyrone Blanton, Bill Bess, Jr., Ronnie Beam, Troop 1, North Brook; Douglas McConnell, Johnny Lockman, Troop 1, Asbury; John O. Shurtard, III, Dan Auton, Troop 1, Lincolnton.

TENDERFOOT — Dale Norman, Troop 1, Asbury; I. Ruffin Self, III, Troop 1, Lincolnton; Robert Bess, Troop 1, North Brook.

MERIT BADGES
The following received merit badges:
Cooking — Jerry Chapman and Johnny Reel, Troop 1, Crouse.
Farm Mechanics — David Fortinberry, Troop 1, Asbury; John D. Bentley, John Abernethy, Jimmy Elmore, Don Heafner, Don Smith, Jimmy McClure, Troop 1, Crouse.
Camping — Jimmy McClure, Troop 1, Crouse.
Firemanship — Jerry Schronce, Ricky Cronland, Troop 1, Asbury.
First Aid — Charles Hoke, Troop 1, Lincolnton.
Home Repairs — David Houston, Troop 1, Lincolnton; Donald A. Little, Jim McConnell, Wayne Smith, Troop 1, Asbury; Jerry Heafner, Troop 1, Crouse.
Mechanics — Barron W. Lee, Eddie M. Lowe, Louis McConnell, Neil Mullen, Barry M. Norwood, Frederic Clanton, Blair Devine, Jerry Goodson, all of Troop 1, Boger City.
Painting — David Lynn, Eddie Lynn, Troop 4, Lincolnton; Richard Stanley, Ted Elmore, Troop 1, Asbury.
Swimming — Johnny Fitzgerald, Troop 3, Lincolnton.
Wildlife Management — Barron W. Lee, Troop 1, Boger City.
Basketry — Jerry Chapman, Troop 1, Crouse.

Husband Of Former Nell Jonas Believed Victim Of Drowning

The husband of a former Lincolnton girl apparently has become a victim of drowning.

An AP story from Henderson discloses that hope has about diminished for two Henderson men, George A. Wortham, Jr., husband of the former Miss Nell Jonas of Lincolnton, and Wilmore Fuller who have been missing since noon of November 14—the day they set out on a fishing and duck hunting trip at Kerr Lake near Henderson.

An extensive search by planes and small boats has failed to turn up signs of the two men. Their car was found near Satterwhite's Point, six miles from Henderson. The Worthams have a two-year old son, Bobby. Mrs. Wortham spent most of her life prior to marriage in Lincolnton with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jonas.

Smith Baby Born In Ambulance

Mrs. Joy Smith, of Lincolnton, Route 4, gave birth to a son on Friday, November 19 in the ambulance which was rushing her to the Gordon Crowell Memorial hospital.

Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Attention Parents Of Primary Children

The city teachers are presenting a work shop in Arithmetic Tuesday afternoon, November 23, at 3:15 o'clock at the South Aspen street school. All parents are invited to attend.

Schedule For Dist. X-ray Mobile Unit This Week

Tues. 23, Newton, Central High School, 9-11 a.m.
Wed. 24, Hickory, First Ave., 1-4 p.m.
Thurs. 25, Holiday.
Fri. 26, Hickory, Union Square, Sat. 27, Lincolnton, Health Dept., 10-12-9-10.

