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## Lincoln Negro Cut Fatally; 17-Year Old Youth Held

The Lincoln county sheriff's department reported today that a 17-year old Negro of Cherryville, Route 1, Gaston county, is being held in the county jail here in connection with the fatal stabbing of another Negro.

Jailed on a murder charge, Sheriff Frank Heavner said, is Thomas Lee Davis. Dead is Marvin Lattimore, age about 40, of Howards Creek township in Lincoln county.

## Committees Picked By Country Club

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Country Club last Tuesday night the following committees were elected and appointed:

S. M. Roper and W. M. Lentz, Co-Chmn. in charge of the swimming pool and swimming activities.  
Robert T. Stutts, Chm. and J. Pat Buckley, purchasing committee. All purchases and expenditures must clear through this committee.

G. Harold Myrick and Harvey Jonas, Jr., Co-Chm. of the dance committee.

Dr. A. M. Cornwell and Joe Polhill, Co-Chm., of the general club activities committee.

F. D. Kiser and Paul C. Rhyne, Jr., Co-Chm., of the golf committee.

Ernest T. Boger, Dr. Boyce Griggs and Gordon L. Goodson, Membership committee.

Robert H. Lineberger and Mrs. Art A. Costner, Co-Chm., youth activities committee.

Chairmen and co-chairmen of various committees were authorized by the Board of Directors to select other club members to serve on their committee.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to club business and plans for the year.

## Cohen's Store Going Out Of Business After Serving Lincolnton For 28 Years

Announcement was made today that Cohen's store, well known Lincolnton business firm, is going out of business.

Saul Cohen, proprietor, made the announcement.

Cohen's store has operated at its E. Main street location for 28 years in serving the people of Lincolnton and surrounding counties.

The store will begin a special sale Tuesday morning on all stock in the store. All merchandise will be sold. The store specializes in ladies and children's ready to wear.

During the 28 years the Cohens have been Lincolnton citizens and operated a store here, they became the parents of three children — Irvin, now a Lt. (JG) in the U. S. Navy; Madelyn, now Mrs. Ralph Gehart of Charleston, S. C.; and Sarah, 11, now a 6th grade student in the city schools.

The Cohens wish to express their sincere appreciation to their many friends for their past courtesies and favors over the years they have been here.

Mr. Cohen did not disclose his future plans, but did state that he and his family will continue to make their home in Lincolnton.

## Leatherman At House Hearing On Beer Bill

Lincolnton Attorney Marvin T. Leatherman was in Raleigh Thursday to represent the Allied Church League in its fight against legalizing 3.2 per cent beer in counties which have voted dry.

Mr. Leatherman appeared before the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances, which was studying the measure, and which, in the end, gave its approval. Therefore, the bill will come before the House of Representatives for a vote Tuesday of this week.

The proposed legislation aims at making 3.2 beer available in some of the state's arid areas. Actually, there are two bills.

One was reported out favorably by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, and which will be read on by the entire House tomorrow.

**NATURE OF ACTS**  
One would permit the sale of 3.2 beer in counties which in the future vote to ban the stronger beer ordinarily sold; and the other would allow elections on the question of selling 3.2 beer in municipalities located in counties which have in the past outlawed sale of the stronger beer. Such elections would be authorized upon presentation of a petition bearing names of 15 per cent of the qualified voters.

Only six spectators showed up for the hearing before the House committee on the bills which were introduced by J. W. Hayes of Richmond County.

William P. Johnston, executive secretary of the North Carolina Association of Beer Wholesalers, told the committee in backing the bills that the federal government has ruled 3.2 beer to be non-intoxicating.

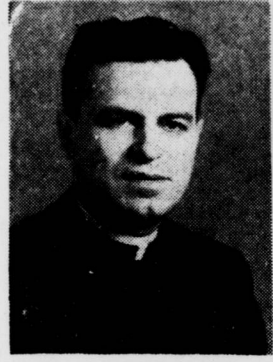
Attorney Leatherman of Lincolnton, opposing the legislation, said: "If a county votes out beer, 3.2 beer could still be sold just like milk."

He continued: "Do you think it is the democratic way to say to counties that have voted out beer, 'notwithstanding your vote, you're going to have 3.2 beer?'"

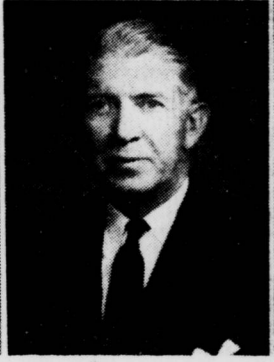
**Eleanor Seagle Named Senior Class President At Montreat**  
MONTREAT — Eleanor Seagle, daughter of Mrs. Garland Seagle of 429 West Pine Street, Lincolnton, has been named president of the senior class at Montreat College for next year.

A junior, majoring in religious education, Miss Seagle will be installed as president this month.

**Lincolnton Citizens To Be On Air Wednesday**  
Radio Station WLON will present an interesting program Wednesday morning at 11:30, entitled "A Page from History." Miss Frances Anne Fair will be the announcer and the speaker will be Mrs. Joseph Graham.



DR. S. WILFRED HAHN



DR. CHARLES F. CARROLL



REV. GEORGE WHITECAR

**LENOIR RHYNE SPEAKERS — PRINCIPAL** speakers for Lenoir Rhyne College's 64th annual commencement exercises were announced yesterday by Dr. Voigt R. Cromer, president of the college. They are Dr. Charles Fisher Carroll of Raleigh, the Rev. George R. Whittecar of Concord, and Dr. S. Wilfred Hahn of Rock Hill, S. C. Dr. Carroll, North Carolina superintendent of public instruction, will deliver the commencement address. The Rev. M. Whittecar will deliver the baccalaureate address. Dr. Wilfred Hahn will be the speaker for the annual alumni luncheon. Alumni day will be observed May 28; the baccalaureate service May 29; and commencement exercises, May 30.

## Clyde Abernethy Heads Chevrolet Firm In Hickory

W. Clyde Abernethy, Lincoln county native, has obtained the franchise as Chevrolet dealer in Hickory. For the past five years he has been with City Chevrolet Co. in Charlotte, serving as sales manager.

Mr. Abernethy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Abernethy of Boger City, last week took over the McHenry Chevrolet Co. in Hickory and the business in the future will be operated under the trade name of Abernethy Chevrolet, Inc.

Prior to joining City Chevrolet Co., in Charlotte, Mr. Abernethy was in the used car and cotton gin businesses in Lincolnton. He is married to the former Miss Billie Cauble of Boger city.

The Abernethy have four children, three sons and one daughter. The family will move from Charlotte to Hickory as soon as school is out this Spring and living quarters are obtained in Hickory.

## New Tractor Firm For City

The Lincoln Tractor & Implement Co. is a new business firm organized in Lincoln county.

The enterprise, to be owned and operated by Charlie Houser and Cleve Russ, will be located in the Shrum Motor Co. garage building, Lincolnton-Boger City highway.

Mr. Houser is a former Lincoln county Representative in the General Assembly.

The official opening is planned for April 27th, when the new lines of Ford tractors and implements will be put on display for the public. A complete sales and maintenance departments will be provided.

## TO CONDUCT REVIVAL

A series of revival services will begin next Sunday evening in the North Lincolnton Baptist church with Rev. Clara Boatright, of Indian Trail, conducting the services, which will be held each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The pastor, Rev. A. L. Whitesides, and members of the congregation extend a cordial welcome to the public to attend the services.



MR. BOATRIGHT

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**MULLEN TO SUCCEED OWEN . . .**

## Free Feed And Installation Mark VFW's Meeting Tonight

A free supper and the installation of new officers will feature the meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Post No. 1706, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A light supper of cold cuts, prepared by Jack Ramsaur, and Ralph Conner will be served at 6:30 at the post home on Laurel Street, and the regular meeting will follow at 7:30.

## Finals Speakers At Lenoir Rhyne College Announced

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Dr. Charles Carroll, North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the commencement address at graduation exercises. Dr. Carroll received his A.B. degree from Trinity College, and his M. Ed. from Duke University. Dr. Carroll has been an outstanding leader in the public school systems for over a score of years. He has been Superintendent of Public Instruction for North Carolina since August, 1952.

The Rev. George R. Whittecar, B.D., Pastor of Saint James Lutheran Church in Concord will deliver the Baccalaureate address. He has served pastorates in Beloit, Kansas; and Tulsa, Okla. Pastor Whittecar received his formal education at Midland College and Western Theological Seminary. The Rev. Whittecar served in the capacities of Secretary, President, and Stewardship Secretary of the Kansas Synod from 1941-1950.

Dr. Wilfred Hahn, Head of the Department of Mathematics of Winthrop College, will be the speaker for the annual alumni luncheon. Dr. Hahn received his A.B. degree from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1941 and his Ph.D. from Duke University in 1948.

Alumni day will be observed Saturday, May 28; the Baccalaureate Service Sunday, May 29; and Commencement Exercises Monday morning, May 30.

## Lincoln Parents Await Report On Polio Vaccine

Lincoln county parents, like millions of others throughout the nation, await with interest the report tomorrow (Tuesday) on the Salk anti-polio vaccine and the latest developments in the fight to control infantile paralysis.

The report is to be released at a news conference from the University of Michigan Tuesday at 10 a. m., and will be broadcast later through a nationwide radio hookup. The nation's afternoon and morning newspapers will carry comprehensive news stories on the Salk vaccine report.

If the Salk vaccine is approved, and all indications to date are that it will be, millions of first and second grade pupils will be administered the vaccine free.

In Lincoln county, 1410 first and second graders (385 in the city schools, 1025 in the county schools) will be eligible for inoculations of the vaccine; their respective parents having signed "consent" forms giving their approval to administering the vaccine to their children.

The vaccination program, if approved, will probably begin in Lincoln county within the next two weeks. City-county school officials and health authorities have been working out details in recent weeks for the carrying out of the vaccination program.

Frank Hull Crowell, general manager of Crowell Hospital, is the lay chairman of the Salk polio vaccination program for Lincoln county. If approved, a supply of the Salk vaccine will be available at local drug stores, doctor's offices, and hospital.

Lincolnton physicians will give their time in carrying out the vaccination program.

Vaccine for those children not in the first and second grades can be obtained and administered by local physicians, for which a small charge will be made.

**NEWSCASTS FROM NEWSROOM . . .**

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## 9 Candidates Now In Primary Race; Houser Candidate

### Lewis Poag Dies Suddenly In Cincinnati

Word has been received in the city of the sudden death in Cincinnati Wednesday night of Lewis Poag. Details of his death have not been learned here.

Mr. Poag was the son of Mrs. Mary Rees Noble of Greensboro. He spent his childhood in Lincolnton and was a popular member of the young set here. In addition to his mother he is survived by his wife and one child, a sister, Mary Ann, his stepfather, Stott Noble and three half sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble left Greensboro for Cincinnati upon learning of the death of their son.

### Richard Berryhill Gets Cash, Loving Cup As Spelling Winner

Richard Berryhill, winner of the county-wide Spelling Bee contest at Love Memorial last Tuesday, received \$10 in cash and a loving cup which will be engraved with his name and the name of the Love Memorial school.

J. C. Avers, Love Memorial principal, called a special meeting after the spelling match, at which time he presented Richard with a \$5.00 check from the school. Individual prizes were also presented to contestants by some of the teachers.

Richard, age 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berryhill of Lincolnton, Route 1, spelled down 14 contestants to win the county championship. The runner-up was Tommy Rhyne, a 6th grade student of Mrs. Muriel Powell of the Union school, and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rhyne, Jr., of Vale.

On April 29th at Queen's college in Charlotte, Richard will compete in the district spelling bee. There he will compete against other county and city winners. The district contest grand prize will be an all-expense paid trip to Washington for the winner and his or her teacher. Second prize will be a set of the famed Encyclopedia Britannica and \$25 cash. Third prize will be a 25 cent Zenith super trans-oceanic radio and \$15 cash.

Richard will be accompanied to the Charlotte contest by his teacher, Mrs. Glenn Miller.

There's no banking business being done in town today, the banks being closed as a holiday . . . and the Recorder's Court was held, the court house offices being closed as a holiday—by decree of the county commissioners, a departure from past custom . . . This means, too, the driver's license office is closed—also, employment office . . . The school youngsters are having a happy time of it today, enjoying a holiday from the classroom.

### His Car Wasn't Stolen After All; Got A Wash Job!

The man's car wasn't stolen after all. Instead, the vehicle was given a free wash—for Easter!

City police tell of the oddity this way:

Willie Hull parked his '46 Ford on S. Aspen street near the Lutheran church Saturday afternoon. He returned later, but his car was gone. He reported it as stolen, and the police patrol sent out an alert and began a search of the immediate area.

Imagine Mr. Hull's surprise later in the afternoon when he found his car parked in practically the same spot, but clean and shiny as the result of an expert washing job by someone.

The mystery was cleared up when it was learned that Andy Stamey, owner of a similar '46 Ford car as Mr. Hull, had parked his car on the same street, leaving instructions at a local station for the attendants to pick it up and give it an Easter washing. By mistake, the Willis car was taken, given a wash job, and returned to its parking space.

So, actually, the unusual happening that caused Mr. Hull some concern didn't turn out to be serious after all. It was just a case of mistaken (car) identity.

### Talent Show April 14th At Love Memorial

There will be a talent show on Thursday evening, April 14, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Love Memorial school.

Admission will be 25 and 50 cents. The entertainment will be varied. Prizes will be awarded. The public is cordially invited.

### Firemen Called To Put Out Woods Fire

City firemen were called out of town Saturday afternoon to extinguish a woods fire on the old Plank road in east Lincoln county.

Interest in Lincolnton politics picked up today with the filing deadline for candidates only two days away, Wednesday noon, April 13.

Four additional candidates have filed for city office since last Thursday, and the Democratic field for the April 26th primary now stands at nine candidates.

### Revival Services Begin At Roseland Baptist Church

A revival meeting began Sunday night at the Roseland Baptist Church and will continue with evening services through Saturday, April 16.

Rev. Coy Dellinger, evangelist, is conducting the services. There will be special singing services while the revival is in progress.

J. Fred King, pastor, and the congregation of the Roseland church cordially invite the public to attend these services.

### Easter Monday In City 90% Business, And 10% Holiday

This is Easter Monday in Lincolnton, customarily a holiday in many towns and cities when business firms are closed.

However, in Lincolnton today Easter Monday is about 90 per cent business and 10 per cent holiday. Local stores are open on regular schedules. The post office has no holiday as delivery and dispatching of mail is going on as usual . . . drug stores, service stations, are open . . .

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### Kay Brendle Is Champion City Speller

Kay Brendle, eighth grade student, is the champion speller of the Lincolnton Graded School in the Spelling Bee sponsored by the Charlotte Observer.

Kay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Beattie. Her teacher is Miss Evelyn Nixon.

Runner-up in the contest, held last week, was a seventh grade pupil, Annette Shuford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shuford.

Both pupils, accompanied by the teacher of the champion, will go to Charlotte April 29th to compete in the district finals. The champion there will receive a week's trip to Washington, accompanied by her teacher.

Mrs. M. S. Beam, supervisor of the city schools, was the pronouncer of the words in the contest at the Lincolnton graded school. She used 196 words in the eliminations before the winner was selected.

Three local teachers and Mrs. G. H. Myrick acted as judges in the elimination of the spellers.

### Southern Bell Manager Commencement Speaker At Rock Springs School

C. L. Lott, North Carolina Manager for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., will deliver the commencement address at the graduation exercises on Thursday night, May 19, at 8 o'clock, at the Rock Springs High School.

This announcement was made today by H. C. Little, Rock Springs principal.

Mr. Lott is a telephone executive widely known throughout North Carolina and the south. He first began telephone work in Macon, Georgia, in 1925. Since that time he has held responsible management positions in the Southern Bell Company's operations in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and North Carolina.

He has served as the Company's district manager in Montgomery, Ala.; Birmingham, Ala.; and Miami, Florida. In 1932 he was named South Florida Manager and in May, 1953 was appointed North Carolina Manager.

Mr. Lott attended Mercer College in Macon, Georgia and the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. In addition to his outstanding leadership in the communications industry, he has been active in civic and fraternal organizations in the various areas of the South in which he has lived.

### Houser Candidate

Hinkle Houser, former Lincolnton groceryman, became the newest candidate to file by posting his fee for Alderman from Ward 4 with Elections Board Chairman J. Robt. McNeely, Saturday. Mr. Houser is now in the insurance business.

Willie Ramsey, who previously had announced as Ward 4 Alderman candidate, made it official by also posting his filing fee. Ramsey and Houser seek the alderman seat now held by incumbent Ira Cline, who is now a Mayor candidate.

Bryan "Dusty" Craig has filed as alderman from Ward 1, having previously announced as a candidate. Ralph Cochrane, incumbent Alderman from Ward 1, has not yet filed for re-election but is expected to do so before the Wednesday deadline.

Dr. Boyce Griggs has filed as a school board candidate, and thus became the second man to enter this race: Frank Gamble Kuck having filed last week. "Julie" Ward, previously announced, is also due to file his candidacy for the (Continued on page eight)

### Class In First Aid To Be Held Here April 15th

In case of an accident or emergency, would you know what to do?

1. To stop severe bleeding  
2. To treat a person suffering from shock  
3. To treat a person who has swallowed poison.

If you cannot answer "yes" to these questions, won't you plan to take the First Aid course?

A class in First Aid will be organized with the first meeting being held on Friday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Health Department Building on East Pine Street in Lincolnton. Mr. Luke Grooms will serve as the instructor. Classes will be held one night each week until the course is completed. An extra class will be held, in order that those missing one class may make it up and receive the certificate for completion.

Men, women, teenagers are asked to plan to take this course in First Aid. First Aid is described as: "The immediate and temporary care given the victim of an accident or sudden illness until the services of a physician can be obtained. It may mean the difference between life and death, between rapid recovery and long hospitalization, between temporary disability and permanent injury. In every case, proper first aid reduces suffering and makes the physician's task easier when he assumes the care of the patient."

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