



RAMSEUR HARDWARE CO. STORE INTERIOR . . . Pictured (above) is the handsome interior, with its large and varied lines of leading brands of merchandise, of the Ramseur Hardware Co. store on East Main Street, which will observe its 68th Anniversary with "Open House" to the public on Thursday of this week. See story below and advertisement on page 2 in today's issue of The Times.

BIG PRIZES, REFRESHMENTS . . .

Ramseur Hardware To Hold Big "Open House" Thursday

With a daylong "Open House" to recognize another milestone in its service to Lincoln County — Ramseur Hardware Co. will celebrate its 68th anniversary with valuable prizes and free refreshments Thursday of this week.

SOON AFTER CIVIL WAR

Founded just 22 years after the end of the Civil War, and identifying its growth with the Lincoln community, Ramseur Hardware is like an institution in this section, providing a complete line of hardware and allied merchandise for hundreds of customers scattered over Lincoln, Gaston, Catawba, Cleveland, and other nearby counties.

Ramseur Hardware, together with the Lawing-Keziah Drug Store, are the only two Main Street businesses with so long a span of service to town and county. They were landmarks around which Main Street sprang up here, and their operators have watched the continuous change of the street's visage down through the years.

Owner-manager of Ramseur Hardware is E. Carr Heavner, who served more than five years as Mayor of Lincoln, and an additional year as a local Alderman. Mr. Heavner became associated with Ramseur's 37 years ago, just after the Armistice of 1918, first going to work as a clerk in the store, and in later years purchasing the interest and the stock.

BEGAN IN 1887

Ramseur Hardware was established in 1887 by Henry E. and J. B. Ramseur in a building at the intersection of Sycamore Street and the Maiden Road, on the Courthouse, now occupied by Bumgarner's Shell Service Station.

The store later was moved to the Cobb Building (now the Reinhardt Building and occupied by Conner Furniture Company), and in 1903 to its present location on East Main Avenue. The present store building had just been erected by Bob Michael and Mrs. An-

nie Hoke. Though it had been known by a variety of names in its first days, the present ownership, upon acquiring the stock, changed the name to Ramseur Hardware Co.

Present officers of the company are: David C. Heavner, president; E. C. Heavner, vice president and treasurer; and Mrs. E. C. Heavner, vice-president.

Employees are: June H. Summey of Lincoln, R-4, with the company for 17 years; Hubert Gilbert of Lincoln, with the company for 11 years; Ray Goodson of Lincoln R-3, four years with Ramseur's.

KURFEES PAINTS

In 1901, Ramseur Hardware assumed the dealership for Kurfees Paints and has sold this brand continuously for 54 years. Carr Heavner, for 37 years with the store, says he has witnessed a great change in paint formulas during that time. He also says that most of the change is directed to make paint products "Do it Yourself" products.

In celebration of their long years of service to Lincoln and Lincoln County and to show their appreciation to their many friends Ramseur Hardware will hold its 68th Anniversary "Open House" Thursday of this week.

Each lady attending will receive a free gift, and there will be free refreshments for all. Each person registering will have a chance for the \$50 first prize, as well as the other nine handsome and valuable awards. (See Ramseur Hardware ad in this edition for a list of the prizes.)

Owners and employees of Ramseur Hardware say they want all to know that they are cordially invited. The store will remain open until 9 p. m. Thursday to give all a chance to register.

Like birds, some insects migrate in the fall.

19-Year Old Lincoln Girl Found Dead

A 19-year-old Lincoln county girl was found dead in her room at her parents' home early Friday morning, the victim of a self-inflicted rifle wound.

The victim was listed as Betty Jean Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds of Lincoln, Route 1.

MOTHER FINDS BODY

The young girl's lifeless body was found by her mother between 6 and 7 a. m. Friday. At her side lay two .22 rifles, one with a bullet fired from it, the other loaded, an investigation by county officers revealed.

Following discovery of the body, the Lincoln sheriff's department was notified. Sheriff Heavner, county coroner Guy E. Cline and Dr. Boyce Griggs went to the scene for an investigation.

The girl is believed to have shot herself sometime Thursday afternoon while her father was away at work, and her mother at the home of a brother and neighbors who live close by. Dr. Griggs, examining physician, reported the girl had probably been dead between 12 and 16 hours when found.

MISSED MEALS

Family explanations, according to Coroner Cline, as to why the body wasn't discovered sooner was that the girl was in the habit of missing her meals at times, and the parents thought it nothing unusual when she failed to come into the kitchen for supper Thursday evening. Mr. Cline said he was told the girl stayed in her room, at the front of the house, much of the time, reading. From family sources, the sheriff and coroner learned that the victim had been despondent and her mind apparently affected, and several times had threatened to take her own life.

The rifle bullet pierced the girl's heart, the examining physician said, passing through her body and lodging in a sofa in the room. It was theorized that she fired the fatal shot while sitting or reclining on the sofa, either using her fingers or toes to pull the trigger — as she had no shoes on when the body was found.

One of the rifles found beside the body was reported to be an unfired one the girl had purchased with money she had earned picking cotton.

Sheriff Heavner and Coroner Cline, ending their investigation, decided the girl's death came as the result of a self-inflicted rifle wound. No inquest was necessary, the coroner said.

Funeral services for the deceased were held Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. in Gainsville Baptist church with the Rev. Hal Hovis in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, two sisters and four brothers.

Basic Atomics, Inc. Leases Lake Sylvania Property For Laboratory

REV. LEINBACH SPEAKER . . .

Emanuel Reformed Church To Hold Preaching Mission

Emanuel Church, Evangelical and Reformed, East Main Street, Lincoln, will hold its fall Preaching Mission during the week of November 13-18.

The first service in the series will be held on Sunday night, November 13, at 7:30 o'clock. The succeeding services will be held at the same hour.

LEINBACH GUEST SPEAKER

The Evangelism Committee of Emanuel Church under the chairmanship of Elder C. C. Leonard has secured the Rev. Roy E. Leinbach, Jr. of Star-town as the guest speaker for the Preaching Mission. Mr. Leinbach is a native of Pennsylvania, being born in Landisburg, Pa. He graduated from Catawba College at Salisbury, N. C., and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Penna. He has served churches in Landis and Newton, N. C. and is now serving as the pastor of the South Fork Church.

Since coming to Newton he has been active in many phases of community life and has served two terms as the Catawba County Representative in the State Legislature. At the present time he is serving as one of the Trustees of Southern Synod, is a Director of the Catawba County Chapter of the Cancer Society, is a member of the Kiwanis Club and is the immediate past Worshipful Master of the Catawba Lodge A. F. and



REV. ROY LEINBACH, JR.

A. M. Rev. Leinbach is an excellent pulpit speaker and will bring a series of sermons that will be interesting, timely and inspirational.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Special music will be under the direction of Elder C. C. Leonard. Plan to attend this Preaching Mission at Emanuel Evangelical and Reformed church during the week of November 13-18, the public is welcome. The pastor, Rev. Lewis E. Everline will conduct the services.

Lincolnton Firm Granted Charter

A newly organized Lincolnton firm received a certificate of incorporation last week from the Secretary of State office in Raleigh.

The firm, Love Building Corp., has authorized stock of \$100,000, and subscribed stock of \$1,500 by Mary Glenn, Susan Love Glenn and Sarah Glenn Boyd, all of Lincolnton.

AT SOUTH ASPEN SCHOOL . . .

Home Clubs Achievement Day Nov. 11th

Friday, November 11, will mark the annual Home Demonstration Achievement Day celebration at 7:30 p. m. in the South Aspen Street School auditorium.

Mrs. Cleo Finger, County Council president, will preside.

FEATURE EVENT

"America Sings," a pageant depicting in story and song the history of America, will be presented. All through the ages, music as a wholesome social character of the American people. In the early days of this country, Colonists turned to music as a wholesome social ac-

Firm Engaged Here In Spodumene Operations

The Lake Sylvania buildings and immediate property on the Laboratory road have been leased by Basic Atomics Inc. for use as a pilot or ore-testing plant, The Times learned today.

Basic Atomics Inc., a New York firm, has been engaged for some time in exploratory mining operations for spodumene in Lincoln county areas.

About a year ago, Basic Atomics, Inc., leased the Ka-Ma-Tin property from owner J. N. Brenizer of Lincolnton, and brought in heavy equipment and engineer personnel for the spodumene exploratory mining work on the property.

Emmett Martin, mining engineer, and vice president of Basic Atomics, Inc., today told The Times that exploratory mining operations on the Ka-Ma-Tin property near Lincolnton, and lands leased by the firm from the Rhyme and Whitesides families in the county have indicated a larger supply of the spodumene (ore) than had earlier been expected.

"We have measured and uncovered a substantial supply that has encouraged expanding our operations," this spokesman stated.

Spodumene, it was pointed out, is a silicate of aluminum and lithium. From the spodumene ore is extracted lithium, a highly valuable mineral that has a variety of industrial uses as well as in atomic processes. Spodumene-lithium was used in the atomic bomb manufacturing processes.

The leasing of the Lake Sylvania property and using it for a laboratory plant is, perhaps, the beginning of larger scale spodumene operations by the Basic Atomics, Inc., in the Lincoln and immediate area. The firm has purchased and leased lands in adjoining counties. At the laboratory plant here, the ore from the local area operations will be tested.

PIE EXHIBIT

One of the special features of the evening program will be an exhibit of pies. Earlier a contest in each club was held with the "best pie" being selected. Cash (Continued on page 8)

PIE PLANT VISIONED

If operations continue to show quantities of the spodumene in large supply, the next step of the firm probably will be to construct a concentrated, or processing plant, similar to that in use by the Foote Mineral Co. at Kings Mountain.

Present limitations of the pilot plant are for processing 500 pounds of ore per hour, whereas the contemplated larger or concentrated (Continued on page 7)

RIISING COSTS FORCES CHANGE . . .

Paid-In-Advance Policy For Subscriptions Set

Skyrocketing costs in regard to labor, newsprint, metal, ink, and everything that goes into the making of a newspaper, has forced The Times to adopt a new policy in connection with distribution of the paper.

This newspaper was faced by two alternatives—either raise the price of the annual subscription, or else institute a policy of collecting for all subscriptions in advance.

DECISION NECESSARY

It was not a decision made arbitrarily, but an economic necessity, in order that The Times might continue to appear on time in the homes of its thousands of readers, with no additional cost to its loyal subscribers, despite rising production costs.

In setting this new policy of pre-paid subscriptions, The

Times management felt it could depend upon the support of its readers, many of whom have been subscribers for many, many years.

The policy of pre-paid subscriptions has always been in effect with newspapers throughout the country, but The Times, like a number of other local papers, has allowed unpaid subscriptions to continue. Sound business practice in the face of sky-high costs no longer allows this policy to be possible.

STARTS TUESDAY NEXT WEEK

Beginning Tuesday of next week, Nov. 15, The Times' entire subscription list will be placed on a strictly paid-in-advance basis, and with each subscriber's cooperation, this can be done without any readers missing a single issue of The Times.

Look at the label of your paper. If your subscription is past due, sit right down and mail a check, or better still, stop by The Times office and renew your subscription.

The Times believes that it is providing its readers with one of the newest local papers in the state, and that if you read The Times each week, you will keep posted on what is happening in this community.

So, if you have inadvertently allowed your subscription to become past-due, please give us your cooperation by attending to the matter before Nov. 15.

The Times office will be open Saturday afternoon to make it convenient for those who are in town to drop by and pay their subscriptions.

22 CHURCHES WITHDRAW . . .

South Fork Baptists Form New Association

Twenty-four South Fork Baptist churches withdrew Sunday afternoon at a special session in First Church, Maiden, and formed a new association.

BESHEARS MODERATOR

The remaining thirty-nine churches elected Rev. Latt Beshears of Boger City as moderator.

The first day of the annual session next October, and at Salem Church the second day. These meetings will be held October 11-12.

Rev. L. R. Williams, pastor of

East Maiden Church was elected vice moderator and Miss Laura Hill Setzer of the Maiden First Church was continued as treasurer. The associational missionary, Rev. Alvin Walker, was elected clerk. Other officers will be elected at another meeting to be held December 4 with the Reepsville Church.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee was appointed to recommend these officers. Rev. L. A. McClure of Alexis is chairman of this committee and serving with him are Blaine Sigmon also of Alexis, J. A. Burris of Lincolnton, J. H. Gilley of Maiden, and Rev. R. G. Blackburn of Lincolnton. Rev. Woodrow Flynn of Maiden was selected to bring the annual session for the October meeting and Rev. W. L. Pitts of Southside Church was made his alternate.

Before the messengers separated to set up the two organizations, it was decided to dedicate the 1955 minutes to Rev. E. F. Sullivan, retiring pastor of Temple Church, Hickory, and a former moderator. A benediction prayer was led by Rev. L. R. Williams, one of the senior pastors of this section, in the interest of the parting churches and the two organizations that were about to be set up.

There was barely room for all the messengers in the joint service and each house was surprisingly full even after the separation.

"Hull's Grove Church in Lincoln County of Gaston Association came under the watchcare of the association, bringing the total number of churches up to forty.

Armistice Day Celebration By Legion, Auxiliary

An Armistice Day celebration will be held on Friday night, November 11, at a joint meeting of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary at the Legion Hut on Friday night.

A covered dish supper will be a feature of the event, and all members are requested to bring a cover dish plate.

Appropriate recognition will be made of the Armistice Day event. Congressman C. R. Jonas will be the principal speaker for the occasion.

The event is scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock.

Paul Gabriel, Jr., is Commander of the American Legion Post, Miss Eva James president of the Legion Auxiliary.

IN TALK WITH REPORTER . . .

Governor Gives No Hint Of His Political Plans

By DEL LAZENBY

Gov. Luther Hodges of North Carolina told a Lincoln Times reporter Thursday evening that he is not ready as yet to announce his future political plans.

Thus, the Governor remains silent as to whether he will be a candidate to succeed himself in the gubernatorial chair after November, 1956.

ANOTHER QUERY

The Times man then posed another question: "Senator Sam Ervin has announced publicly that he will support you to retain the Governor-

ship in 1956. What is your reaction to his offer of support?"

"I am very flattered," Gov. Hodges responded with a gracious smile.

The Governor reiterated his determination to work for continuation of the public school system in North Carolina, rather than to let the segregation problem force a dissolution of the public schools in favor of privately-operated schools.

ON SCHOOL NEEDS

Gov. Hodges admitted that North Carolina has a distinct problem in regard to the segregation issue, but declared his belief

that North Carolina people's "resources of common sense and tradition of getting along together well" should aid in reaching a satisfactory solution so that the state can go forward to greater educational opportunities for its people than ever before.

He said the state is in need of a better recruitment program for teachers, better teachers' salaries aided by local supplements, a constant review of the schools' curricula, and more vocational and college opportunities for adults as the needs of the communities indicate.

Pilot Club To Again Light Christmas Tree

The Lincolnton Pilot Club, following a custom established several years ago, will again take contributions for lighting the Christmas tree on the west side of the Courthouse. The city officials, it is announced, will again co-operate with the club members in making the project a success.

Each dollar contributed to this worthy cause places one light on the tree. A contribution of \$5.00 will make it possible to place five lights on the tree, a \$20.00 con-

tribution places twenty lights on the tree and so on.

All persons who are interested in seeing the tree ablaze with lights at Christmas time are asked to send their contributions to Mrs. Evelyn Coffey, club treasurer, Lincolnton, Route 4.

The proceeds from the lighting of the tree will be used by the club to aid the underprivileged and bring Christmas cheer to those who otherwise would have no Christmas cheer.

BELL COMPANY ITSELF MAY BE SOLD . . .

Plan For New Mill Here Slowed By Pending Deal

Rumors over town during the past few days led to the revelation today that The Bell Company of Worcester, Mass., which owns a potential factory site in Lincolnton, may be purchased by a large textile combine.

About a year ago the New England wool manufacturer took an option on acreage on North Flint Street near the old Smith Mill,

with the announced intention of erecting a wool products plant in Lincolnton. Several months ago, The Bell Company bought the property outright.

Plans for creation of a new industry here, however, are now in abeyance, pending outcome of negotiations which may see The Bell Company itself sold to a

new group of stockholders.

There is nothing definite yet on the transfer of interests; and whether a new purchasing company would go ahead with plans to build on the Lincolnton property is not known.

The potential purchasers have not been identified, but they are believed to be a large textile organization.