

MISS AMELIA SCHRUM IS WITH U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT . . .

Lincolnton Girl Returns After Government Service In Europe

By DEL LAZENBY

You think of the U. S. State Department as a prosaic, paper-laden echelon, shoulders-deep in governmental red tape, and then you meet Miss Amelia Schrum, brown-haired and vivacious Lincolnton girl just back from State Department service in Vienna, Austria, and Bonn, Germany—and she is not at all the way you pictured that musty agency.



MISS AMELIA SCHRUM . . . at Bernkastel, on the German Mosel River.

For three years, this daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schrum has held forth as a secretary in the Foreign Service, and her eyes sparkle with animation as she recounts her experiences with the State Department in Europe. She arrived here Friday and will remain until Jan. 1, when she reports back to Washington, D. C., for a year's domestic assignment there.

FINGER ON PULSE

But Amelia Schrum has pleasant, crowded memories of three years of life abroad, seeing at first-hand history in the making. She has been Lincolnton's finger on the pulse of momentous and geography-shifting events. Many of these must remain unspoken for security reasons.

But she can speak of those three Austrian and German winters—long and cold and gray—when an inner compulsion would transform leisure hours into exciting hours on the slopes of the Tyrols and in the quaint villages of the sub-Alps. She joined a ski class and became proficient in that ancient of sports. She knows no greater exhilaration than swooping down the steep mountain slopes on skis, with the fresh, clean air in her face, and her hair dancing in abandon.

But above the snow and cold, up on the mountain tops, the sun shines warmly, she says, and it is pleasant to secure a healthy sun tan even while engaging in winter sports.

The nearby villages are traditional Old World, quaint with cloistered provincialism, where the "friendliest people on earth live." In the evening hours, as the ancient dusk settled on the ice-crusted slopes, there would be native Tyrolean singing and native dancing. In these picturesque villages, politics and dire international whispers were forgotten in the congenial mixing of the nations, she said.

HAD THE BACKGROUND

Miss Schrum, who finished Lincolnton High School in 1946 and then studied secretarial administration at Woman's College, Greensboro, didn't get her choice of foreign service, but she is glad it turned out as it did. She always (Continued on page 4)



WITH THE FAMOUS JUNGFRAU as a backdrop, Miss Amelia Schrum here is pictured with a French ski partner at Wengen, Switzerland, in the Swiss Alps.

BAND BOOSTERS EVENT . . .

Local Talent At Its Best Feature Of Variety Show

The Variety Show, to be held Friday, (tomorrow night) at 8:00 o'clock, will give the public an opportunity to see local talent at its best.

The program is for the benefit of the High School Band, and all tickets are 50 cents.

The following is a list of numbers that will make up the program:

Don Weaver, soloist; Jerry Elmore, instrumentalist; Heafner sisters, acrobatic dancers; Jane Lockman, soloist; Rebecca Rhodes and Mary Ellen Henley, dance team; Mary Jo Dellinger, novelty act.

All girl orchestra, musical skit; Jane Kale and Nancy Crowell, dance number; Jane Summey, soloist; Paul and Virginia Rhyne,

vocal duet; Frances Owen, solo dance; Little Theatre presentation; Mary Reid, soloist; Melody Quartet; Carroll and Doris Abernethy, vocal duet; Novelty Skit.

It is hoped that a full house will be present to enjoy the show and to give their support to the High School Band.

Dr. Sinclair Acting Health Dist. Director

Dr. C. A. Sinclair of Hickory has been named temporary acting director for the Alexander-Catawba-Lincoln Health District and will take over these duties December 1, replacing Dr. Benton V. D. Scott who will move to Ohio.

Dr. Scott's resignation was officially accepted by the district health board during a meeting in Hickory Friday night.

Dr. Sinclair will hold the post until a permanent director is named.

He came to Hickory in August, 1954, is a native of West Virginia and a veteran of Army service. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Virginia in 1942, after taking undergraduate work at Duke University.

He served his internship in Charlotte and completed his year of general practice in W. Va., before

Mascot At Linc

Member of the Lions Club elected mascot for the year.

Bill Morris In Unique Position At Wake Forest

Bill Morris of Lincolnton, student in the School of Law, Wake Forest college, recently was elected president of this year's freshman class.

Mr. Morris also had the honor last week of being initiated into the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. He will finish requirements in May for graduation from Wake Forest College on a combined degree, but as there are no mid-year ceremonies he will receive his diploma for a Bachelor of Science degree in the June graduation exercises. The following spring he will receive his LL.B. degree from Wake Forest College which will then be in its new home in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Morris has the unique position of being the only Wake Forest student that is a member of the last graduating class at Wake Forest, N. C., and also the first freshman in the new building at Winston-Salem, N. C. Both ceremonies are slated to be memorable occasions for the Lincolnton student.

BLASTS ARE A LANGUAGE IN THEMSELVES . . .

Local Firemen Can Read Toots Of The Fire Horn

Three plus three plus three would be nine to a third-grader. It would be "SOS" to a naval radioman. But it means "corner of South Grove and West Childs Streets" to Lincolnton's volunteer firemen.

The frog-throated claxon at the fire station here dispenses a language of its own. It may

startle the loity with its earth-shaking quality, but it is perfectly understandable to the Lincolnton fire-fighters.

For each toot and each blast has a meaning of its own. Overall, it means "Fire!" But more than that, the firemen can listen to the squawks and know just where the fire is located. And they rush

to the scene, without having to lose precious time going by the fire station.

Many Lincolnton people do not realize the messages implied by the horn blasts that can be heard throughout all the town's wards.

COUNT THE TOOTS

For purposes of their code, the firemen have designated the own's four wards—and have created two additional imaginary ones. "Ward Five" is the section lying left of East Flint Street, and "Ward Six" is the area right of East Flint.

If you listen closely, you will hear the next time the fire alarm toots, the toots are in series.

Assault, Traffic Violation Top Recorder's Court

Following is the disposition of cases filed in Monday's session of Lincoln county Recorder's court, Judge Thomas Wilson presiding, and Solicitor W. H. Childs, Jr., prosecuting for the State:

Lester Carlyle Messengill, James Roy Parker, James Simpson, Eric (nmn) Flemming, Samuel Guy Turnisseed, Darrell Franklin Devine, Thomas Lee Triplette, all charged on separate indictments for speeding, State takes NPWL.

Henry L. Hoover, assault on female, adv with intent to kill, (2 counts). Not guilty.

Lex Samuel Elmore, driving drunk, Defendant asks for jury trial, motion granted.

George Ray Lowman, driving drunk involved in accident, no operator's license. Defendant asks for jury trial, motion granted.

George Wesley Bogans, speeding up on truck, improper pass. Cases consolidated for judgment of \$10 fine and costs.

Sue Killian Beal, driving drunk involved in an accident, causing damage to personal and real property, 6 months, suspended costs, and further condition defendant not operate a motor vehicle upon public highways of N. C. for a period of 1 year from this date. Defendant appeals to Superior court. Appeal bond set at \$300.

Marshall Otis Long, driving af-

ter license ing, speedi count, susp \$200 fine appeals to set at \$500 driving, spe ed upon pa costs; this expiration imposed ing after Roosevelt dictment amended turn sign set at \$5

Allen St. tence. Defe next term of Sup. at \$300.

Marshall Field driving involved in a days, suspended upon pa \$15 fine.

The following were ordered to pay the costs on the charge on speeding: Jack Dorse Hollar, Charles Sydney Royster, David Eugene Dorsey, William Joseph Robinson, William Larry Swilling, Kenneth Wayne Lingerfelt, James Stepta Bennet, Parish Elizabeth James, Frank Woodrow Hooper, Jasper Thomas Smith, Harley Monroe Lawter.

Cases on indictments for reck- less driving, basardly, reckless driving-involved in an accident, were continued to other terms of court.

First National Mails \$70,000 In Christmas Checks

Christmas Club checks totaling \$70,420.00 were mailed today by the First National Bank to 734 members of the 1955 Club, according to an announcement by G. Harold Myrick, executive vice president of the bank.

Mr. Myrick stated that the Christmas Club was installed in First National Bank five years ago to provide customers with sufficient funds for Christmas shopping. Nearly \$200,000.00 has been saved by club members during the five-year period.

The Club has grown substantially each year as follows:

First year, over \$12,000.00; second year, over \$18,000.00; third year, over \$32,000.00; fourth year, over \$43,000.00; this year, over \$70,000.00.

The 1956 Christmas Club at First National Bank will be open for new members on Monday, November twenty-first.

Covenant Day At Lutheran Church Sunday

Covenant Day will be observed on Sunday, November 20, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, announced Pastor Henry A. McCullough, Jr.

Individual Covenant Cards for 1956 will be placed on the altar during the 11 a.m. worship as expressions of loyalty to God and the church through the coming year. During the past two weeks homes of members have been visited and every member is urged to be sure of his covenant card being included in the consecration service.

Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel the Women-of-The-Church will conduct their public thank-offering meeting. A playlet will be given, and members of the Junior Choir and of the Luther League will assist in the program.

Thursday, November 24, at 9:30 a.m. the annual service of National Thanksgiving will be conducted.

The clothing drive for relief of destitute people overseas is in progress during the Thanksgiving season. Many thousands of desperately needy persons will be supplied with good and used clothing distributed through Lutheran World Relief. Donations of clothing may be brought or sent to the Church Basement at any time until November 28.

Rev. J. J. Powell New Member Of Local Lions Club

Rev. John J. Powell, pastor of the Boger City Methodist Church, was received into the club as a new member at the regular dinner meeting of the Lincolnton Lions Club on Tuesday night in the North State Hotel dining room. Club president Guy Hoyle presided over the meeting.

In other features, Lions Buck Goodson and Gene Richbourg were presented the Key Member award for bringing in two new members each. The awards were presented by Lion Max Barnette.

Lion Sid Weiss gave a report on the Lions Club dance to be held Saturday night, November 19, at the Legion Hut. A report was given by Lion E. J. Perosky on the Lions club-sponsored Christmas Party, which promises to be the best yet, to be held December 13 at the VFW Home.

Rev. Ralph Webb, Jr., is the present pastor of the Reepsville church. He is now a student at Fruitland Bible Institute, Hendersonville.

The Reepsville church has grown rapidly in recent years, and last April a new church auditorium seating around 500

Murder Charge Faces Williams In Shooting Affray

L. Berge Williams, 50, of Lincolnton, Route 4, will face a murder charge, when given a hearing in Lincoln County Recorder's court next Monday morning.

Williams, an unmarried man, has admitted firing the shotgun blast that fatally wounded Pledger Franklin Ray, 34, also of Lincolnton, Route 4, early Sunday morning. Officers stated Williams claimed Ray broke into his home and that he shot him in self defense.

Brother Of Thorne Clark Succumbs In Charlotte

David Clark, 78, brother of Thorne Clark of Lincolnton, died Tuesday morning in a Charlotte hospital following an extended illness. He was the uncle of Representative David Clark of Lincoln county.

Mr. Clark was a publisher of industrial and professional publications in Charlotte, and was known throughout the South as a leading voice in the textile industry.

He published the monthly Textile Bulletin and another magazine, Southern Knitter. He was chairman of the board of the Clark Publishing Co., Clark-Smith Publishing Co. in Charlotte.

RALEIGH NATIVE

He was a native of Raleigh and his father was Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Mr. Clark was a graduate of North Carolina State College, and one of the most active alumni of that school.

He came to Charlotte in 1907, and founded the Textile Bulletin in 1911. He made his home in Charlotte at 100 Hermitage Rd.

Surviving are his wife, the former Aileen Butt, and two brothers, Thorne Clark of Lincolnton and John W. Clark of Greensboro.

AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE . . .

Farm Outlook For 1956 Will Be Presented At Local Meeting Friday

How does the farming future for Lincoln county . . . the state . . . and nation look?

Some of the answers will be given at a meeting on Friday morning of this week, at 9:30 o'clock, in the Home Agent's office in the county courthouse.

County agent George Stouder, announced that John Curtis and Miss Mamie Whisnant, economic specialists from the N. C. State College Extension

Service, will be at the meeting and will present "The Farm Outlook for 1956."

It was explained that a meeting of this type is held each year prior to the beginning of a new year, and have proven worthwhile, with agricultural leaders being briefed on expectations for the next year.

Members of the agricultural agencies in the county and other interested persons are invited to attend.

REV. WEBB PASTOR . . .

Reepsville Baptist Church Gets High Rating In Contest

Reepsville Baptist Church of the Vale community received a second place citation in the Rural Church of the Year contest sponsored by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention which was held in Reepsville this week.

When the annual convention of the North Carolina Baptist church, which is located seven miles north of Rutherfordton (see story elsewhere in today's issue of The Times).

Rev. Ralph Webb, Jr., is the present pastor of the Reepsville church. He is now a student at Fruitland Bible Institute, Hendersonville.

The Reepsville church has grown rapidly in recent years, and last April a new church auditorium seating around 500

was completed and occupied. Six Sunday School rooms were also constructed at the back of the new edifice.

The new church edifice and old structure are joined, and the old building is being converted into day school rooms.

Mr. Webb has been pastor of the church for about a year and a half.

Mrs. Paul Carpenter is the church secretary, and when informed by a Times reporter today that the Reepsville church had won second place in the Rural Church contest she exclaimed, "Oh, that's wonderful. Up here we are all very proud of our little church. It is growing by leaps and bounds and the people are behind it."

Jack Kever Plumbing Co. Has Moved To Lincolnton

The Jack Kever Plumbing Co. this week moved into the Odell Harvey building, formerly occupied by the Ellis Furniture Co., on North Aspen Street. The firm has been operating in Maiden for a number of years and has built up a large following in this area.

The firm deals in a complete line of plumbing fixtures, and does its buying in carload lots, thus being able to sell at low prices and saving their customers money on their plumbing fixtures and supplies.

A complete line of Hotpoint appliances, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, ranges, as well as General Electric radio and TV sets are carried in large stock by the firm, much of which is on display now at the firm's store here.

Mr. Kever is a Lincoln county boy and invites his friends and the public to visit him whether you are in the market to buy his merchandise or not. Just drop in and say hello anytime, he will be glad to see you.

State Advises County Jail Be "Closed"

Lincoln county's commissioners are faced with a dilemma as to the status and future of the aged county jail.

The State Inspector, after study and discussion with the commissioners at a recent meeting, authorized that the outmoded jail could be continued temporarily under the present setup but would be condemned if early action wasn't taken to replace it.

WANTS LIMITED USE

Now, the State has, according to a letter to commissioner chairman B. P. Costner, withdrawn its approval of continued use of the jail, "except on a very limited and restricted scale." Only male prisoners can be confined at the jail, temporarily (court action, appeals, bond, and no women, or sex prisoners. The State feels the jail

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'85 MPH' Speed Signs Highway 27 Cause Alarm

Whodunnit? Meaning the paint job someone, evidently a group, and obviously possessing a devious sense of humor, did on the highway speed signs—Lincolnton through Boger City.

Recently citizen action resulted in the 45 mph speed limit on the Lincolnton-Boger City highway being changed back to the original 35 mph limit. But, "sometime during Monday night," a paint job was inflicted on the 35 MPH signs—approximately 25 of 'em. The numeral "3" was painted over and made into an "8", and on several of the signs the "9" made . . . causing the signs to read 85 and 95 MPH.

Fortunately, no motorists took the revised signs seriously . . . and Tuesday p.m. a State highway man had the job of erasing the paint handiwork from the signs, restoring them to their original 35 MPH designation. Regular paint wasn't used by the culprit but a base similar to that used on tires of cars that have received a wash job. Tampering with State property can be costly, as the guilty ones may learn. An investigation is in progress.



MRS. HICKMAN

Lt. Governor To Be Pilot Club Speaker

The Pilot Club of Lincolnton will have as its guest, Tuesday, November 22nd, Mrs. Anne K. Hickman, Lt. Gov. of District 7. Mrs. Hickman is a resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

A present Mrs. Hickman is vice-chairman of the Forsyth GOP Executive Committee and a director of the North Carolina Federation of Republic Women. She served as vice chairman of the state GOP Executive Committee for two years and was an alternate delegate at large to the national GOP convention in 1952. Prior to that time she was active in YR circles and served as national committee woman, regional YR director and a member of the national YR Executive Committee. She has served as a member of the Forsyth Committee on Public Societies, as vice president of Women's Traffic Club and in its (Continued on page 8)

Times Paid-in Advance Plan Proves Successful

The deadline set for placing the Times circulation list on a paid-in-advance basis was reached Tuesday.

During the campaign literally hundreds of our subscribers co-operated with us by bringing in or sending their advance payments. We are now in the midst of correcting our mailing list which, because of the large number of names involved is "some job," and several days will be required to complete it.

There are, however, a few of our subscribers who are still in arrears. We do not want to lose these good folks from our large family of readers. So in the meantime we will accept their payments through Tuesday Nov. 22. After that date their name will necessarily be dropped from our list.

As previously explained the increasing cost of publishing a newspaper made it imperative that some step be taken and the plan of paid-in-advance subscriptions was decided upon rather than to increase our subscription rates.

The Times wishes to thank the many subscribers who placed confidence in us by their renewals and we pledge you it shall be our continued effort to keep you posted on all local and national happenings.