

NEW DECORATIONS FINEST EVER...

Local Christmas Lights To Go On Friday Dec. 2

Lincolnton will turn on its uptown Christmas lights at dusk on Friday, Dec. 2, Mrs. Polly Crisson of the Merchants Association said today.

New and elaborate street decorations of silver foil and individual wreaths have been secured to replace the greenery motif of past Christmases, and Mrs. Crisson said they will be the most beautiful and effective decorations ever to adorn the business district during the Christmas season.

Plans are under study now to have uptown Christmas carols played from the courthouse lawn, beginning about Dec. 3.

Santa Claus will again be on the streets of the uptown section on Dec. 10, 17, 20, and 24, to greet the kiddies all day long.

A. J. SMITH INSTRUCTOR...

Lincolnton FFA Team Ties Bunker Hill For Tool Event Top Honors

Top honors in the Future Farmers of America federation tool-judging contest, held in Maiden last Wednesday afternoon, were taken by the Lincolnton and Bunker Hill (Catawba county) teams.

Competing for the annual honors were teams representing ten vocational agricultural departments from Lincoln-Catawba-Gaston area high schools.

The FFA team from Lincolnton high school under the direction of A. J. Smith, scored 298 out of 300 points, as did the Bunker Hill team, to tie for top honors.

Bandys High School FFA team scored with a score of 294. Tryon of Gaston county third with a score of 292. Members of the Bandys team were Roy Hallman, Harry Gaither, Clifford Spencer.

MAKE PERFECT SCORES
Two members of the Lincolnton team—John Keever and Dean Morgan—scored perfect on the exacting test of recognition and knowledge of use of hand tools. Others making perfect scores in these tests were Sid Setzer and Carl Shuford of Bunker Hill, Jimmy Moore of Tryon.

Members of the two teams trying for first place with the 298 score were: Bunker Hill, Sid Setzer, Larry Brittain, Carl Shuford and Richard Brown, alternate.

Lincolnton, Darrell Hoffman, Dean Morgan and John Keever, with Darrell Ellis, alternate. A. J. Smith is vocational agriculture teacher at Lincolnton High.

Present for the annual contest was H. T. Gryder FFA federation director, of Asheville.

INSTRUCTORS
Instructors from the 10 schools were W. S. Moore, Bandys; A. E. Shugart, Foad; Hard Robinson, Bunker Hill; W. H. Adams, Maiden; A. J. Smith, Lincolnton; Earl Price, Dallas; G. A. Harris, Tryon; S. E. Richbourg, Union; Keith Carpenter, Rock Springs; and Max Shiddell, North Brook.

The Sherrill team, also in this federation, did not participate.

Tools for the contest were furnished by Rhyne Harware of Union, Heath Gabriel representative, Gabriel also presented hand tools as prizes to the top team members.

School Boards Must Assume More Burdens, Hodges Says

Approximately 500 school board members and school officials from all parts of the State last week heard Governor Hodges say that local school board members would have to assume greater responsibilities in running the schools.

HARRILL, RHYNE ATTEND
Pat Harrill, chairman of the Lincoln county board of education, and C. A. Rhyne, principal of the Asbury elementary school, attended the meeting of the State School Boards Association in Raleigh on Wednesday.

Harlan Heafner, chairman of the Lincolnton school board, stated that members of the local board did not attend the state meeting due to previous commitments, and the fact that local members had attended two previous district board meetings of a similar nature in Asheville and Salisbury, respectively.

Governor Hodges said in view of the situation which our schools face... the trend toward local self-determination in

school matters should and would continue.

The governor said this is necessary in order that "we may have a system which can bend to the winds of what we all hope will be only temporary storms without breaking and shattering as the result of rigid inflexibility..."

He told the board members not to allow the segregation problem to prevent them from going ahead with other duties. Hodges said that one of the major problems facing the schools is providing enough school buildings.

He added that several ways had been suggested by which building needs might be reduced. One would be for children to attend schools in shifts, he said, and another would be to have staggered school terms so all children would not be going to school at the same time.

CAUTIOUS GROUP
Hodges cautioned the group "to refrain from letting what I have often referred to as the 'overtones of the segregation problem' prevent you from going ahead with your other duties in connection with our public schools."

The Governor said he has refrained during the past few weeks from making further comment on the segregation issue. He added, "for me to say more would, in my opinion, serve to further confuse and to unnecessarily stir up feelings and emotions."

Rites Held For Son Of Cornelius Couple
Last rites for Bobby Lee Byers, six-months-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Byers of Sherrills Ford, Catawba county, were held in the chapel of Bunch Funeral Home in Statesville at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The child, son of James H. and Lucille Riddle Byers of 45 School Street, Cornelius, died November 14 at Lowrance Hospital, Mooresville, after an illness of three days.

Surviving are the parents, two brothers, a sister, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Riddle of Mooresville, Route Two.

Three Hurt Seriously In Auto Wrecks

Two automobile mishaps in opposite sections of Lincoln county during the weekend resulted in serious injuries to three persons.

Highway Trooper Enoch Chester, investigating officer, reported that a '50 Oldsmobile, operated by Mrs. Betty Lou Reep of Lincolnton, Route 1, with her husband, Wayne, and Blain Sain, as passengers, wrecked on Highway 182 West about 10 p.m. Saturday. The car went out of control on a curve and overturned, pinning Mrs. Reep beneath it for about twenty minutes before she could be extricated, the officer said.

ALL HOSPITALIZED
All three were brought to the Crowell hospital. Wayne Reep was later released after treatment, but Mrs. Reep and Sain remained as patients at the hospital. Mrs. Reep suffered head injuries and severe lacerations of the left leg. Sain sustained neck and head injuries. The Oldsmobile was heavily damaged.

Three colored persons were involved in a wreck on Highway 273 East about 12.15 a.m. Sunday, patrolman Chester stated, in which one man received serious injuries. A '49 Ford driven by Oscar Hall of Stanley, Route 1, with Matthew Johnson and a girl reported to be Lucille Coxy, as passengers, went out of control at a fast rate of speed on a curve, skidded about 650 feet and overturned several times.

Hall was admitted to the Crowell Hospital with a severe spinal injury and other hurts. Johnson and the Coxy girl were treated for minor injuries.

Lincoln National Bank Displays Seth Photo

A giant photograph of the sales office of the Seth Lumber Company is being exhibited in the Lincoln National Bank lobby.

The photograph was prepared by the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association for a display of the "100 Best Designed Lumber Yards" at its recent National Exposition at Cleveland, Ohio.

Hundreds of photographs of modernized lumber yards were submitted to the National Association of the industry.

This feature of the Convention was of interest to architects and engineers, as well as to lumber dealers who are contemplating modernization programs. Modernization of retail stores of all types promises to be the next big development in the current building.

Inasmuch as retail lumber dealers are counselors for modernization of commercial buildings, as well as homes and farm buildings, there is a growing trend toward modernization of the retail lumber establishments. This is an indication that lumber dealers "practice what they preach."

Surveys by the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association indicate that their numbers have come to realize that such improvements are dividend-paying investments because of the increased patronage which follows the improvements.

The Lincoln National Bank has participated with Seth Lumber Company in the construction of hundreds of homes over the past six years.

John Friday Dallas Judge

John R. Friday, Lincolnton attorney who maintains an office on S. Academy St., has been appointed judge of Dallas (N. C.) Recorder's court.

He was named to the position as a meeting of the Dallas town board Friday night. He will succeed his brother, attorney Rutherford R. Friday of Gastonia, who was judge of the Dallas court for the past three years. A called meeting of the Dallas board was held after it was learned that R. R. Friday was planning to give up the office of judge to devote full time to his law practice in Gastonia.

It is understood that Mr. Friday will continue to practice law in Lincolnton. He is a native of Dallas.

Any nation is rich so long as its supply of soil sources is greater than the needs of its people.

Stores Will Close Thursday As City Has Varied Holiday

AT CHARLOTTE THANKSGIVING...

Jean Tarr Lincolnton "Princess" In Parade

Lincolnton and area citizens are making plans to attend the Carolinas Carrousel parade in Charlotte on Thanksgiving day. The event begins at 3 p.m.

Interest, locally, will be centered on Miss Jean Tarr, daughter of Police Captain Arnold Tarr and Mrs. Tarr, who will be the "Miss Lincolnton Princess" representative in the parade and other carrousel events. She will be competing for the title of Queen Carrousel X.

Miss Tarr is a senior at the Lincolnton high school, and Drum Major in the high school band. The Lincolnton band, however, will not march in the parade.

Her all-decorated car for the Carrousel parade will be furnished by Hoyle Motor Co., of Lincolnton.

Over 150 units will be featured in the parade, including three of the nation's finest Drum and Bugle corps (Gastonia's Rambling Rebels, included). Besides these units there will be 23 champion bands, "Miss America," Buster Crabbe (Captain Gallant), Vicki, the famous "lost"



MISS TARR ... to represent Lincolnton elephant, and over 50 professional all-decorated floats.

THANKSGIVING, YULE SCHEDULE...

Stores Here Open All Day Long Wednesday

Uptown Lincolnton stores will dispense with their regular Wednesday afternoon closing this week to accommodate shoppers laying in supplies for the Thanksgiving Day dinner; and the merchants and their forces then will observe Thursday as one of their few holidays of the year, Mrs. Polly Crisson of the

Merchants Association told The Times today.

The stores again will close on Wednesday afternoons next week and the following week; but, with the Christmas season approaching, they will be in operation all day on Wednesday, Dec. 14 and 21, she said.

NILES HUNT SPEAKER...

Over 200 Teachers, Guests Attend Annual NCEA Banquet At Rock Springs High School

By MRS. BASIL LOWE
Members of the Lincoln County unit of the North Carolina Educational Association held their annual banquet Friday evening in the Rock Springs school cafeteria in Denver with approximately two hundred teachers and guests in attendance.

LARGEST BANQUET
This is the first year in which Rock Springs has entertained this organization and because of the increase from year to year in the number of teachers in the county,

this banquet was the largest gathering of its kind.

The banquet tables were beautifully decorated with fall flowers, lighted candles, salads resembling turkeys, floral place cards, favors, etc. The menu consisted of fruit juice, turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, green beans, candied yams, pear salad with cheese, hot rolls, cherry pie a la mode and coffee.

The bulletin board displayed a Thanksgiving scene which was very impressive.

June Hallman, 87, Succumbs

June Leroy Hallman, 87, died at his home on Iron Station, Route 1, about 9 p.m. Thursday. At the time of his death he was making his home with nephew, G. K. Hallman, and Mrs. Hallman.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Warlick's Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Jack Mace in charge. Burial was in Orebank Lutheran Church cemetery on Lincolnton, Route 3.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law, Mrs. J. C. Hallman, Mrs. V. S. Hallman, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Warlick's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KEEPS PRISONERS WHILE JAIL CONDEMNED...

Gaston County Paying Debt To Lincoln For Past Favor

Gaston County is fulfilling an obligation it owes to Lincoln County. Sheriff Dwight Beam of Gaston told a Times reporter.

Since Lincoln's jail has been condemned by the State, the problem of housing its prisoners came up, and that's where Gaston County stepped forward and offered to repay a debt.

THE ARRANGEMENT
Seems that last summer, while the Gaston jail was being renovated, Gaston had no place to

house ITS prisoners, so Lincoln accommodated them at \$1.50 per head per day.

Now that Lincoln has its own jail "housing shortage," Gaston is taking the Lincoln prisoners and keeping them at the same rate, the Gaston sheriff said.

Sheriff Beam has a deep affection for Lincoln County, anyway, seeing as how he has relatives here, and is a son-in-law of the late John T. Perkins.

Shooting Case Bound Over To Superior Court

Probable cause was found against L. Berge Williams, 50, Lincolnton county man, on a murder indictment at a hearing before Judge Thomas Wilson in Recorder's Court today.

Williams, held in connection with the fatal shooting of Pledger Ray, 34, a week ago, was ordered by Judge Wilson to be bound over to the January 16, 1956, term of Lincoln county Superior court. Bond was set at \$10,000, and when this bond was posted for the defendant, he was released to be tried at the January court. Two witnesses, deputy Jack Schrone and a Mr. Chaney, were heard at today's brief hearing relating to the case.

Death Claims Mrs. Schrum

Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Smith Schrum, 78, of the county died Friday night in the Crowell Hospital following an extended illness. Prior to her death she had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. C. C. Wease, of Lincolnton, Route 5.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p.m. in Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Gordon Schrum in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are one son, W. L. Schrum; four daughters, Mrs. B. C. Walker, Mrs. C. C. Wease, Mrs. Ed Arfield, Mrs. Frank Kouth; twenty-four grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren.

3 Youths Fined For "Painting" Highway Signs

Three Lincolnton youths charged with malicious damage to State property, were ordered to pay \$10 and costs at their appearance in city court Friday. Magistrate J. Robt. McNeely presiding.

"PAINTED" HIGHWAY SIGNS
The indictment against the boys, two of them being high school students, came as the result of the "painting" of the highway speed limit signs on the Lincolnton-Boger City highway Monday night. The numerals "30" on the 35 mph signs were altered, by paint, to make the signs read "35" mph and several were changed to "55" mph. Highway Trooper Bob Smart, acting on a tip, said he picked up the three boys and upon questioning received an admission from them they had "painted" the signs. Officer Smart identified the youths as Charles Scales McMurray, 18; Hal Baxter, 16; Jay Braxton, 16.

Evidence showed that the boys in painting over the signs used a black substance that is used in painting model planes. A State highway employe was able to remove the paint from the signs but a blurriness remained around the numeral "30" on some of the signs causing them to still appear as "85" during night hours. Officer Smart said he was told by a Mr. Rector, State Highway sign inspector of Shelby, that many of the signs would have to be replaced. In this event, replacement costs would be assessed against the youths, he said, and the signs cost about \$10 each to replace.

"NOTHING TO DO"
Magistrate McNeely, after assessing the fine and costs against the boys on the charge, asked if any of them had anything to say. One replied: "There's nothing around town for young people to do, and we had to do something."

The "sign painting" by the three youths recalled an incident about a year ago when Lincolnton boys tossed gasoline along the city streets during the night hours, struck a match to it—and left a string of fire in their wake. For this they paid heavy fines, were placed on probation. Such unthinking acts, law enforcement officers say, cause them to shake their heads in wonderment over the fickleness of youth.

News Items Omitted From Today's Issue

Due to a heavy run of pre-Thanksgiving advertisements that crowded today's issue, a number of local news articles had to be omitted. They will be carried in the Wednesday edition, which will be published a day earlier than the regular Thursday schedule.

Most Mills To Run; County And City Forces To Be Idle

For thousands of Lincolnton area residents, Thursday will be a day for the cessation of labors, for family Thanksgiving Day.

Stores, schools, banks, and government offices will be closed for the legal holiday. Uptown business will be practically at a standstill. The moving picture theater will remain open with holiday fare for those who traditionally attend the movies on Thanksgiving Day, and Stroup's Soda Shop will open about 6 p. m.

Next Times Issue On Wednesday

The Times will go into the mails Wednesday afternoon of this week instead of the regular time Thursday afternoon.

The publication day has been moved up one day so that employees of The Times may have Thanksgiving Day as a holiday, and also due to the fact there will be no mail delivery service Thursday—Thanksgiving Day.

Times advertisers and those with news items are asked to take note of this change in publication date this week, and to please cooperate by getting their ads and news in to us by 3 p. m. Tuesday for the Wednesday issue.

10th Anniversary Being Observed By Abernethy-Shuford

Abernethy-Shuford Furniture Co. of Boger City, one of the county's leading business firms, is now celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Co-owners of the store are Ralph L. Abernethy and Forrest Shuford, both well known Lincoln county businessmen and widely experienced in the furniture, appliance, television and radio trade.

In observance of the 10th Anniversary, Abernethy-Shuford is holding a 10th Anniversary sale on all merchandise. Merchandise has been placed on sale at special anniversary prices. Free favors are being given all ladies who visit the store during the 10th Anniversary sale.

Abernethy-Shuford Furn. Co. is located in a large brick building, owned by the company, on Highway 27-150 in Boger City across from the Boger & Crawford Mills. Other personnel of the store besides the others are Lee Beal, Gerald Sain, Arlis Eivens, Mrs. Ralph L. Abernethy, "Sonny" Abernethy.

The firm first opened on Nov. 19, 1945, under the trade name of Abernethy-Goodson Furn. Co., with Ralph L. Abernethy and Lester Goodson as co-owners. Later, Mr. Abernethy purchased the interests of Mr. Goodson in the business, and Mr. Shuford later bought part interest in the firm.

Thanksgiving Service At Emmanuel Lutheran

The annual Thanksgiving Day Service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be held on Thursday at 9:30 a. m., announced Pastor Henry A. McCullough, Jr.

For many years this service of praise and prayer has been an occasion in Emmanuel congregation to emphasize the religious significance of this national day. The offering will be used for benevolences.

Those who wish to share in the offering may bring or send their donations to the church basement at any time during this week.

A general invitation is extended to all in the community to attend this Thanksgiving Day Service.

CONTEST NOVEMBER 17-27...

Local Movie-Goers Begin Voting On Best Actors, Actresses, Films

Voting began on Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Century in the Starlite Drive-in theatres as the first national audience award poll to choose the best actors, actresses and films of the year.

According to William Sutton, manager of the Century and Starlite theatres in Lincolnton, movie goers during the night hours will have a chance to vote for their "favorite" actors, actresses, films from November 17 through November 27.

FIVE CATEGORIES
Mr. Sutton states that each patron will have a chance to vote for the five categories each time

Some of the textile plants and furniture factories will idle their machines for the day, but many others, because of the current high business volume and the pre-Christmas rush, will operate as usual.

Both Lincolnton and Lincoln County schools will dismiss their students at the end of the day Wednesday and not resume classes until next Monday morning. Offices in the county courthouse and the city hall will be shut tightly. Windows at the post office will be shuttered the entire day, and there will be no street or route delivery of mail on Thursday; however, a skeleton force will be on duty at the post office to dispatch outgoing mail and to process incoming mail for the post office boxes.

OTHERS TO CLOSE
Also to be closed will be the farm offices, the employment office, the Selective Service office, the driver's license office, the Merchants Association office, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Both Lincolnton banks, and the building and loan associations will take the day off.

TEXTILE PLANTS
Some of the mills will halt their machinery for the day. Duplan Corp. here is planning, except for several small departments, to give its employees three days off, with pay for Thanksgiving day.

A spot check of others: Glenn Mills, a holiday Thursday only.

Rudisill Spinning Co., to operate six days, including Thursday.

Boger & Crawford, to run right on through the holiday.

Tait Yarn Mills, to operate on Thanksgiving.

Balston Yarn, to work Thanksgiving, but give a week at Christmas time.

Southside and Laboratory Mills, to operate.

Massapog, to operate.

Carolinian Mills at High Shoals, to operate.

OTHER FACTORIES
Shorewood Furniture, to make decision first of this week.

Burris Mfg. Co., to decide early in week.

Lincolnton Cabinet Co., because of Christmas rush, to run right on through.

Cottonsmith Furniture Mfg. Co., to take Thursday off.

Cronland Warp Roll Co., to operate.

Ideal Chair Co., to observe Thursday as a holiday.

Seth Lumber Co., to be idle Thursday.

Cochrane Furniture Co., to be idle Thanksgiving Day.

The Lincoln Times will publish a Thursday-dated paper, which will be deposited into the mail Wednesday afternoon and reach subscribers Friday.

Thanksgiving Service High Shoals, Pisgah Churches
A special Thanksgiving Day service will be held at the High Shoals and Pisgah Methodist churches, pastor J. C. Kendrick announces.

The service at the High Shoals church will be at 10 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. at the Pisgah church. Rev. Mr. Kendrick will bring the messages.

The WCTU will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Betton Coon class room at the Lutheran church. Officers are to be elected and reports given.