

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT APPROVES...

Army Helicopter Will Help Local Red Cross Chapter In Fund Drive

Lincoln county's Red Cross chapter, beset by problems galore in recent months in its efforts to keep operating and providing its vital services to the public, is due to get some help from a surprising and unexpected source.

The benefactor: The United States Department of Defense, Washington, D. C., headed by Secretary Charles Wilson. And,

Program For New County Agents To Be Discussed

The county agent and home agent offices have scheduled a joint meeting on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 9:30 a. m. in the county courthouse for certain farmers, homemakers, businessmen and civic leaders of Lincoln county.

Leading the discussion on the new County Farm and Home Development programs in Lincoln county will be a number of State and Federal farm leaders.

Lincoln county, under a new Federal-State program, added two new assistant farm agents and one new assistant home agent. These new workers will do specialized work with farm men and women of the county.

The exact program of the new agent's work has not yet been established and it will be at this December 1st meeting that the farmers, businessmen, homemakers and civic leaders will be called upon for suggestions and recommendations in helping the county agent and home agent work out a program that will enable these new workers to provide help and better service to Lincoln county people.

Supreme Court Subject Of Roper Talk Before Local Kiwanis Club

An interesting and informative talk on the U. S. Supreme Court was heard by the Kiwanis club at last week's weekly dinner meeting.

S. M. Roper, Lincoln attorney and former State Senator was the guest speaker, and in his interesting manner he reported on the records and background of the Supreme Court, personalities involved, and some amendments in court decisions. He ended his talk with a suggestion that the Federal constitution be examined and revised so that existing faults and shortcomings might be remedied.

Thanksgiving Service Thursday, Baptist Church

A Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday morning, Nov. 24, at 7 o'clock at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Linwood Peterson, pastor, will speak on "For Everything Give Thanks."

There will be special music and the usual offering will be taken for the Baptist Orphanage. Doughnuts and hot chocolate will be served in the social hall of the church prior to the service.

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to Lincoln county will come a "first" — a helicopter to assist in the local chapter's annual fund campaign.

Here's the background of what has occurred as preparations go forward, headed by fund chairman John Friday, for the annual Red Cross Fund Drive next year:

PUBLIC HOLDS FATE

The fate of the Lincoln county Red Cross chapter hinges on the public's response to the March, 1956, drive for funds. Chairman Friday already is making plans for the drive, lining up committee personnel, and working closely with chapter chairman and co-chairman, Walter Clark and Mrs. Bill Hoyle, respectively, in efforts to plan a successful campaign.

Reminful of the numerous times when the U. S. Army and the Red Cross have worked together, helping stricken victims in disasters, Chairman Friday sometime ago began pondering the question if, perhaps, the U. S. Army would give Lincoln some peace-time assistance.

Last month, Chairman Friday wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson. He told the Secretary of the financial difficulties faced by the Lincoln Red Cross chapter, and how important it is for the annual fund drive not to fail — as the past several campaigns have.

HELICOPTER AUTHORIZED

This week, Mr. Friday received (Continued on page 6)

Cherryville's New City Hall Near Completion

CHERRYVILLE—A big formal opening of Cherryville's new \$100,000 municipal building is scheduled for the near future, and plans are to invite Governor Hodges to speak on the occasion.

The two-story brick, concrete, and steel building to house all Cherryville governmental agencies is expected to be completed late this month.

"OPEN HOUSE" PLANNED

Cherryville Mayor W. T. Robinson, in announcing the idea for the "open house" opening, said Cherryville is getting the handsome new structure at no increase in taxes for Cherryville citizens. He said the funds accumulated from surplus over a 10-year period.

The building will be ultra-modern in design and will house the Cherryville police and fire departments, the mayor's office, the Cherryville branch of the county health department, eight jail cells, the State Highway Patrol office, and a recorder's courtroom with capacity for seating 100 persons, in addition to other municipal offices. Also, a section will be reserved for the Cherryville Chamber of Commerce, now being organized.

Construction began in January with J. L. Beam, Jr., as architect and James L. Beam, Sr., as contractor.

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CHURCH WINS HONOR... Reepsville Baptist Church (above of the Vale community, Lincoln County, received a second place citation in the Rural Church Of The Year contest sponsored by the North Carolina Baptist Convention held in Asheville last week. Rev. Ralph Webb, Jr., is pastor of the Reepsville church.

Second Place Winning Reepsville Church Has Made Great Progress

Reepsville Baptist Church of Lincoln county, as The Times reported in last Thursday's edition, won a second place citation in the Rural Church of the Year contest sponsored by the N. C. Baptist State Convention in Asheville last week.

The Reepsville church now has a total membership of 256, 303 on the Sunday school roll, and 165 enrolled in Training Union. Average Sunday school attendance is 225.

STORY OF CHURCH

The following background story on the honor-winning Reepsville church was submitted to The Times for publication:

Some months ago, the Rural Church Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina sponsored an improvement contest for its churches. The length of the contest was to run from July 1, 1954 through June 30, 1955, and recognition was to be based on growth and improvements during this period of time.

On seeing the zeal of the people of Reepsville Baptist church to go forward in the Lord's work, the pastor entered the statewide contest.

Pastor Ralph Webb Jr. was present at the State Convention in Asheville last Tuesday night when the top ten churches were recognized. He was happy to stand



REV. WEBB... the pastor

when the Reepsville church was called as one of the second place winners.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Among the improvements at Reepsville church was the purchase of additional choice corner frontage and the construction of a spacious auditorium, equipped with 61 oak pews, matching pul-

pit furniture, and opera chairs for the choir. A Lennox air-flow heating system was installed to replace the old coal heater which had been the source of heat for years. The men's Brotherhood was organized, the already existing Women's Missionary Union was divided into two working circles, and the Young Women's Auxiliary was organized. Special Sunday School and training union work was done. Also, a weekly radio broadcast was begun over station WLON each Saturday morning from 11:30 until 12:00 noon. A good average for Evangelism was also held and pastoral supply was greatly increased.

PASTOR'S STATEMENT

Rev. Webb says, "It is almost miraculous to see the progress which has been made in so short a time, and the great increases made in attendance and offerings." He gives all the praise to the working people of the church and most of all to the living Christ whom they serve so devotedly.

Work and improvements have not stopped at Reepsville with the close of the contest. Under the sacrificial leadership of Dorus Helms, the head of the building committee, work continues in the old building and all the members expect great things from God in the immediate future.

Famous Heart Specialist Will Speak At Gastonia

GASTONIA—Dr. Paul Dudley White, world famous heart specialist, will speak at the fourth annual Gaston Memorial Hospital Symposium to be held here November 30.

Dr. White has received world attention for his treatment of President Eisenhower. The symposium is to be held at the Masonic Temple.

Over 2,000 invitations have been sent to doctors of the two Carolinas.

Two speeches during the day by Dr. White will highlight the symposium. The noted doctor will speak at 3:45 on "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Coronary Heart Disease," and in night session he will speak on "Ways of Life in Relation to the Causes of Various Kinds of Heart Disease."

The latter talk will follow dinner. It is expected that many doctors in the Piedmont section of the two states will attend.

Dr. White is emeritus clinical professor of medicine at Harvard University, consultant in medicine at Boston, executive director of the National Advisory Heart Council, and president of the International Society of Cardiology.

The symposium is sponsored each year by Sunrise Dairy of Gastonia. L. A. Wolfe, general manager and secretary-treasurer, was sold on the idea of a symposium here by Dr. W. A. Anthony, local heart specialist.

The idea, which was conceived and materialized in 1951, was to bring Gastonia a doctor each year who is renowned in his field. Dr. Anthony was Chief-of-staff of Gaston Memorial Hospital at the time.

Wolfe, who is noted for his interest in medicine, agreed to underwrite the cost. The medical staff of Gaston Memorial Hospital agreed to assume professional sponsorship.

Fish And Chicken Supper At High Shoals Clubhouse

The women of the East Lincoln Baptist church will sponsor a fish and chicken supper at the High Shoals club house Saturday, November 26. Serving will begin at noon and there will also be for sale hot dogs and cold drinks. All proceeds from the supper will go on the church debt.

A Prayer For Thanksgiving

Lord—Master of men's minds, against Whom no human thought can prevail—think Thou kindly of Thy unthinking children.

If we forget Thee, it is because our aching, fawning clay has little substance. We are time-worn and custom-bent, and our temporary flesh hath no understanding but its present ease. It is not the spirit that would forget, Lord.

By prayer, we obtain mercies from Thy Hand, and by thanksgiving and praise we keep possession of our blessings. Let us be aware of this, O Lord, at this Thanksgiving season, for Lincoln County has much for which to thank Thee.

We have the quiet peace of the Lincoln fields, the glories of its autumn woods, the rains in season, and the quenching of the sun. Nature here is in balance to please us. Thy hand stays the floods and the high winds, the shaking of the earth and the blanketing of the snows.

Let us be thankful for homes unbroken, even as we are touched by dire visitation in other corners. Let us be grateful for health and for strength to fulfill our appointed tasks, for friendships sincere and loves that run deep, for the flesh that nurtures our flesh, for the untarnished dignity of our spirits, and for the constant knowledge of Thy presence if we call.

For little things which are yet big things, we thank Thee—for the rhythmic rain on the roof; for the sleep that knows no fret; for the unbruised hope of youth; for the guileless memory of age; for wholesome illusions 'sill intact; for the peace of dreams and the calm optimism of waking hours; for walking abroad in the land in freedom and in confidence; for common shelter and warmth; and the knowledge that all will be well under Thee.

For we know, O Lord, that there are anguished lands, that there are those who tremble in dread and apprehension; where the child is stranger to the parent and where the human spirit is a hollow reed for tyrants.

We know there are sections oblivious to Thy blessings for all who seek them—the blessings of medical and industrial progress, the blessings of technological discoveries; the blessings of the scientific approach which is being revealed by Thee for Thy people.

Make us aware, O Master, that pride slays Thanksgiving, and that a proud man is seldom a grateful man. Give us the further blessing, O Lord, of a grateful heart within our breast, knowing that Thy favors are perfect gifts which man can never merit in himself.

We in Lincoln County, O Lord, are most favored of men! Let not our "amens" stick in our throat at this Thanksgiving season!

—DEL LAZENBY

Dr. Baumberger Attends Optometric Convention

Dr. P. J. Baumberger of Lincoln County was among the more than 250 North Carolina optometrists attending the two-day Fall Education Congress of the N. C. State Optometric Society at Hotel Robert E. Lee in Winston-Salem this week.

Highlights of the congress included panel discussions, talks by eminent specialists in the vision field, and society business sessions.

Dr. Baumberger is secretary-treasurer of the Catawba Valley Optometric Society.

VFW Thanksgiving Dance This Saturday Night

A Thanksgiving Dance will be sponsored by the VFW Post on Saturday night, Nov. 26, at the VFW Club.

Dancing will be from 8:30 'til midnight with music furnished by the Rhythm Masters. The dance will be for VFW members and guests. Admission is \$1.50 per couple.

The VFW Post is anticipating the Thanksgiving dance to be the biggest of the season in the Post-sponsored series, and a large turnout of members and guests is requested.

Farm Prospects For Lincoln In 1956 To Show Little Change

Rotarians Hear Talk On Textile Imports Problem

C. A. Denson, an official of the Stonecutter Mills of Spindale, was guest speaker at Monday night's dinner meeting of the Rotary club, Club president Boyce Griggs. Rotary club president at the meeting with several business matters being discussed.

W. M. Lenz, program leader, introduced the guest speaker.

Mr. Denson gave a very enlightening talk on what is happening to the textile and cotton industry in the United States, and especially the South, as a result of Japanese textile products becoming an increasing threat to the American economy with their lower cost goods, which are made possible with labor costs and low tariff restrictions.

Some textile imports were reported to have reached as high as 20 per cent. Mr. Denson was hopeful for an improvement in the situation which meets in Geneva, Switzerland, in January, 1956.

Eirid Burris introduced as guest, his brother, Ridsen Burris, who is home for a brief vacation from college. Calvin Murdock of Charlotte was guest of Elmore Goodson. Audrey Rhyme was a visitor from the Gastonia Rotary Club. The president of the Lincoln Rotary club Dr. Boyce Griggs presided at the meeting with several business matters being discussed.

21 Cases Are Heard Monday In Local Court

Disposition of cases tried in Monday's session of Recorder's court as taken from the records in the office of the Clerk of Court follow:

Ira Luther Harvey, speeding 70 mph o. c. Defendant called and failed. Bond ordered forfeited for costs, fine.

Charles Scales, reckless driving. Defendant called and failed. Bond ordered forfeited for costs, fine.

Cranford Barker, reckless driving, involved in accident. Not guilty.

William Thomas McClure, driving drunk. Defendant makes a motion for jury trial; motion granted.

Levi (mnn) Ussery, speeding 75 mph o. c. Defendant makes motion for jury trial; motion granted.

Lester Lee Carter, reckless driving involved in an accident. 6 months, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs. Given until Nov. 26, 1955, to pay.

Lawson Berke Williams, murder. Defendant pleads not guilty. Probable cause found, bound over to Superior court. Bond set at \$10,000. Bond for material witnesses, Elizabeth Callaway and Lena Hoyle, set in the sum of \$1,000. State's witnesses recognized in sum of \$100.

Tommy Lee Friday, adv. Prosecution frivolous. Prosecuting witness ordered confined to county jail for 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs.

Ella Lee Friday, adv. Not guilty. Fred Gibbs, adv. Prosecution frivolous. Prosecution witness ordered confined to county jail for 30 days, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

John Henry Goodson, Jr., reckless driving, 6 months, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Willard Foster Dickson, driving drunk, 6 months, suspended upon payment of \$100 and costs, and further condition that defendant does not operate a motor vehicle upon public highways of N. C. for period of 1 year from date.

Johnny Norvill, drunk and disorderly, damage to county property, attempting to escape jail, 30 days, on first count; 6 months on counts 2 and 3, sentence to begin on expiration of 30 days sentence imposed on drunk and disorderly charge.

Horace Sisk, non support of children. Issue capias.

Cletus Poter, bastardy and failure to support, etc. 6 months, suspended upon payment of \$400 to prosecuting witness.

The following were ordered to pay the costs on the charge of speeding: Thomas Martin Schrum, David Rhyme Wilson, James Robert Reeves, Sr., Cline Lloyd Mahaffey, George Marion Murray, William B. (mnn) Ward, Jr., Barnett Crowell Lineberger, Sarah Dellinger Ray.

Cases on indictments for reckless driving involved in accident, were continued to other terms of court.

The economic picture for Lincoln County farmers in 1956 will be good in some spots, about the same in others, unpredictable and not-so-good in some respects. However, the long-term outlook is promising with the prospect that the farmer will work out of most of his problems within the next two to five year period.



JACK BROWN

Brown Appointed Co-Ordinator Of S-D Day Here

Mayor A. L. Tait has joined other mayors and governors throughout the nation in declaring Thursday, December 1, to be Safe-Driving Day in Lincoln County.

Mayor Tait also announced the appointment of Jack Brown, manager and staff announcer at radio station WLON, as Co-ordinator for the Safe-Driving Day observance in Lincoln County. Plans for SD Day are now being worked out by Mr. Brown with traffic enforcement officers and safety officials connected with the annual event.

In signing the Safe-Driving Day proclamation, Mayor Tait pledged Lincoln County's cooperation to the second annual S-D Day, which is an experiment with a purpose in street and highway safety.

S-D DAY OBJECTIVE

The principal objective behind S-D Day is to prove that for one 24-hour period, the nation can cut its traffic casualties to a minimum through concerted efforts of all drivers and pedestrians.

Proving that to themselves, drivers might then be expected to realize that the same caution will make driving easier and safer for the entire month and year, the mayor said.

The President's Committee for Traffic Safety, in Washington, D. C., is sponsor of the S-D program and its nationwide coordinator. A campaign to acquaint all drivers with S-D Day began November 21 and will continue to December 10. Effects of the campaign to cut death and injury will be tabulated daily in Washington and made public through the newspapers, radio stations and the television channels of the country.

Radiologist Talks To Kiwanians On Preventive Medicine

Dr. Ira Bell, radiologist of Hickory, was the guest speaker at Tuesday night's dinner meeting of the Kiwanis club in the High School cafeteria.

Frank Hull Crowell was program leader, and introduced the speaker. Guests included Mrs. Julia Davidson of Newton, executive secretary of the Tri County Tubercular Association; Dr. L. A. Crowell, Jr., Tommy Morton, Jr., of Lincoln County.

Dr. Bell's talk was on preventive medicine, with special emphasis on the mobile X-ray units, one of which services Lincoln county. He felt that chest X-rays are a most familiar phase of preventive medicine, including the same field as mass survey programs such as visual tests, test for hearing, cancer smears, and mass urinalysis.

More and more people, he said, are beginning to realize the value of preventive medicine. He reported that there is a clinic at White Sulphur Springs, Va., where more businesses and corporations sent their executive personnel for a combination vacation-complete physical examination.

An important part about the chest X-rays, explained, is that of every case of TB found the doctors find six other ailments or abnormal conditions which show up in X-ray. Dr. Bell connected his talk with the Christmas seals sale campaign, the district association is now conducting.

That's how the farm economic situation was sized up here last week in a "Farm Outlook For 1956" meeting held in the home agent's office in the county courthouse, at which personnel of the agricultural agencies in the county and other interested persons attended.

EXTENSION SPECIALISTS

Present were A. D. Seale, farm management specialist, and Miss Mamie Whisnant, home management specialist, both from the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service in Raleigh.

Mr. Seale and Miss Whisnant, reporting on various phases of the agricultural economy, attempted to give long-range forecasts covering general farm conditions during the next year.

Generally agreed upon by the two speakers was the opinion that the general economic condition of the farmer in the next twelve months will show very little change.

Prices for most farm produce are expected to remain at or near present levels, while costs are expected to also remain near the same.

NO DEPRESSION EXPECTED

Mr. Seale pointed out that agriculture occupies only a small part (5.6%) of the national economic picture, and because of this factor he didn't feel that any further agricultural decline would bring the U. S. into a depression. Should the non-farm economy go along good in 1956, an agricultural decline might cause a "drag" in the economy—but no depression, he explained.

He didn't think we would ever see a 1932, agriculturally speaking, again, although periodic setbacks (Continued on page 6)

Defer Fathers Under A New Draft Change

From Washington, D. C., comes this announcement of interest to draft eligibles: Most—if not all—fathers may look forward to deferments "fairly soon."

A Selective Service spokesman said these deferments would be one result of a change in draft regulations now being completed.

Apparently it fits into a "youth movement" announced by the Selective service two months ago.

The spokesman said the anticipated change would provide for calling up eligible registrants in this order:

1. Delinquents defined as those who for some reason failed to register or to comply with local board instructions to report for physical examinations.
2. Volunteers.
3. Nonvolunteers between 18 and 26.

4. Men 26 and younger with children.
5. Men over 26.

Fatherhood was eliminated as grounds for deferment in July, 1953.

At that time the number of men available for Selective Service had dropped below one million and some states were calling men as young as 19. But the manpower pool had climbed back to 1,764,000 by last July.

In September, Selective Service reported the average age of draftees had risen to almost 23.

Mays Chapel Church Gets More Land For Cemetery

MAIDEN—Mays Chapel Methodist church is the recipient of 1.18 acres of land adjacent to the church cemetery, which has been given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Beard for use as additional cemetery property.

Mr. Beard is to use the property during his lifetime, but upon his death it goes into the full possession of the church.

Schedule For Dist. X-ray Mobile Unit This Week

Saturday, Nov. 26, Health Department building, Lincoln County. Large film—9:00-10:00 a. m.; small film—10:00 to 12:00 noon.

