



Cpl. H. J. Hunt and Mrs. Julia Davidson talk over TB Seal Sale Drive.

### Big Crowds At Red & White Store Opening

The Red & White Supermarket, Lincolnton's newest business enterprise, had an impressive opening on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. Hundreds of people visited the large and modern store, located on E. Sycamore St. behind Polhill Chevrolet Co., on the opening days. One of the Red & White store officials termed the Lincolnton store opening as "the best opening of any Red & White Super Market we had in the North Carolina territory." He said he had found the Lincolnton people very friendly and cooperative, and that the Red & White Super Market personnel were looking forward to serving the people of this community with top quality merchandise at low cost.

Joe Roseman is owner-manager of the Lincolnton Red & White voluntary grocery organization. Opening hours of the local store were announced today as follows: Open 8 a. m. to 7 p. m., Monday through Wednesday; 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

### Francis Little Passes Sunday; Rites Today

Zeb Francis Little, 56, died at his home on East Jennings St. Sunday morning. Mr. Little, World War I veteran, was best known as "Franz," and was well known in Lincolnton. He was born February 10, 1896, in Catawba county, a son of Locke Little and Lula Lineberger Little. Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Monday) at 4 o'clock in Warlick Funeral Home chapel with Rev. J. W. Braxton officiating, assisted by Mr. Max Brandon. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marge Miller Little; one son, Harry Reeves Little; two grandchildren; five brothers and two sisters.

Schedule For Dist. X-ray Mobile Unit This Week  
Saturday, Dec. 10, Health Department building, Lincolnton. Large film — 9:00-10:00 a. m.; small film — 10:00-12:00 noon.

### Third Prison Escapée Caught; Two At Large

The third of five prisoners who escaped from the Lincoln county prison camp Thanksgiving day has been caught, camp superintendent Jake Schrum told The Times at noon today.

### Services Held Sunday For Mrs. 'Mollie' Seagle

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) Seagle, 88, beloved and respected woman of Vale, Route One, died Friday at her home. She was born June 22, 1867, in Lincoln county, the daughter of Pinkney Heavner and Eliza Hill Heavner. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. at Daniels Lutheran Church in the county with the Rev. H. A. McCullough, Jr., officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are two sons, Lawrence and Edgar Seagle; six grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Hattie Holly, Mrs. Della Willis, Mrs. Essie Yount.

### Lithium Corp. Boosts Wages 10-Cents Hour

Lithium Corporation of America, with offices, laboratories, and mining operations in the Lincolnton-Bessemer-City area, announces a general 10-cents-an-hour pay raise for its approximately 185 office and production employees. The announcement was made public by R. L. Nielson, manager of the chemical plant at Bessemer City, who said that the company's average hourly pay scale now is around \$1.50 an hour. Thus, Lithium Corporation, which began operations in this area last January 1, doubled the hourly pay raises granted by most textile companies of the area in recent weeks. On the basis of the 40-hour week, the raise for each Lithium employee will amount to some \$4 a week, and, on the same basis, would mean an added payroll of more than \$38,000 annually for this section.

CAUGHT BY PATROLMAN Leroy Clark, 28, was nabbed in Alabama by a Highway Patrolman. The Lincoln camp was notified of his capture in a telephone call from Alabama last night.

The two other escapees remaining at large are Frank Watson, 34, and Delmar Cook, 20. Previously captured a week earlier and returned to the local camp were escapees Doras Ellington and Parker Prince. They were apprehended in Gaston county.

OVERPOWER GUARD Clark, Prince, Cook, Ellington, and Watson escaped from the Lincoln camp Thanksgiving evening by making a key, unlocking and letting themselves out of their cells, overpowering a guard, locking him in a cell, and fleeing, presumably afoot. They were trailed to the Starlite drive-in theatre area and in some areas of Catawba county, where the trail was lost.

According to an AP dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., yesterday the three remaining escapees — Clark, Cook, Watson — were believed surrounded in the rural Alpharetta, Ga., area. Apparently if they were the men being hunted, they escaped the trap being laid for them, as Clark was nabbed in Alabama.

The AP reported that a full-scale search had been launched after police had found the car of the escapees at the house of one of the men's grandfather near Alpharetta.

The men, said to be armed and considered dangerous, were later reported trying to make a getaway in the 1955 pickup truck.

### R. J. Goins, 84, Of Vale, Dies

Robert John Goins, 84, of Vale, Route 2, died in the Crowell Hospital Thursday night. He was born March 7, 1871, in Catawba county, the son of the late Philip P. Goins and Elizabeth Smith Goins. Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Saturday in Trinity Lutheran Church in the Vale section with the Rev. Glenn Miller in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sarah Petrie Goins; five sons, Ed Goins of Georgia, Elbert and M. H. Goins of Vale, John W. Goins of Franklin, Hubert Goins of Charlotte; four daughters, Miss Mary Goins of West Virginia, Mrs. Eyan Bost of Newton, Mrs. H. K. Wood of Vale, Mrs. Hazel Taylor of Statesville; 24 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother and one sister. Warlick Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Jacob Lowery, Of Alexis, Dies

Jacob Lowery, 60, of Alexis, Route 1, died in the Crowell hospital about 11 a. m. Saturday. Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Drum Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Belton Beal officiating. Burial will be in the Iron Station Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hattie Blackwood Lowery; three daughters, Misses Florence, Yvonne and Mary Jan Lowery; one brother, Charles Lowery of Vale, Route 2. Several famous Germans have listed the reasons why the Nazis didn't win World War II. Most of them forget the main reason — their cause was all wrong.

### Rites Held For Sidney Goodson

Samuel Sidney Goodson, 75, retired farmer of Lincolnton, Route 5, died at his home Friday afternoon at five o'clock. Mr. Goodson was born in Lincoln county January 29, 1880, a son of the late Rufus and Mattie Childers Goodson. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mt. Pleasant Methodist church with the Rev. Johnny Chapman officiating, assisted by the Rev. Gordon Schrum. Burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. William Starr of Lincolnton, Route 5, and seven grandchildren.

### Patrolman Hunt Gives Boost To TB Sale Drive

Cpl. H. J. Hunt of the Catawba County Highway Patrol said in a Safe-Driving Week message today that safe driving is a practice that everyone should adopt as a precaution against highway accidents — but voiced support of safety measures against an even more deadly foe, tuberculosis. "There's more than one type of safety," he said, "and preventive measures against tuberculosis are as important as safe driving habits." Health safety is brought out in a real and concrete way in the district tuberculosis association program, he continued, citing his

own case as a good example of concern for one's physical well-being. Hunt, in his post-Safe Driving Day message in support of the tuberculosis Christmas seal program now in progress, said that he has experienced the grave concern that comes with respiratory illness. Hunt was hospitalized last year with a collapsed lung — not from tuberculosis, but from a virus. "But that sickness made me realize more than anything else that ever happened in my life that one should be constantly concerned about his health." Since his illness Hunt has been a regular visitor to the TB Association's mobile X-ray unit which has given some 40,000 free X-ray examinations during the past year.

Hunt went on to describe the dread which came over him when his lung collapsed. Tuberculosis was the first thought that came into his mind. And the relief that followed the negative diagnosis was equally intense, he remembers. The popular Highway Patrol officer pointed out that tuberculosis is the nation's number one killing disease, and compared it to highway accidents through which more Americans die violently than any other way. In the same way in which the careful driver is sure of himself, and continues safe driving habits, so too should the ordinary citizen (Continued on page 8)

### SAYS IT'S UP TO IKE . . .

### Eisenhower Medic Tells Times Man Of Treatment

By DEL LAZENBY

### Beef Cattle Conference In Raleigh Dec. 21

The fifth annual Beef Cattle Conference sponsored by the various breeding associations will be held at State College on December 21, and 22. An interesting program has been planned for men interested in the beef cattle industry. In addition to a lot of beef cattle talk, you can enjoy the basketball game between State College and Brigham Young. One of the agents from the local Farm Agents' office will go down for the Conference. Anyone interested in going should contact the County Agents Office to make plans for transportation. The registration fee is \$5.00 which included the beef lunch on Dec. 22. A limited number of rooms are available on the campus at \$12.50 per night.

Dr. Paul Dudley White, heart consultant to President Eisenhower, told a Lincoln Times reporter last week that any decision affecting politics would have to come from Mr. Eisenhower himself. He would not hazard a guess as to whether the Chief Executive will again run for office. He did tell The Times man, however, that if Ike runs, he will vote for him, as he did in 1952.

### Jesse Kuhn, 62, Dies in Hickory

Jesse Kuhn, 62, brother of M. H. Kuhn, of this city, died early this morning in the Richard Baker hospital in Hickory. He had been in ill health for some time. Mr. Kuhn was a native of the Daniels community of Lincoln county, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kuhn. He had made his home in Hickory for the past twenty five years, where he held the position of supervisor of buildings and property at Lenoir Rhyne College. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Sadie Selzer Kuhn, two daughters, Mrs. Howard Miller, of Lenoir and Mrs. William Hall, five grand children and the following brothers, Harvey Kuhn, of Newton, Will Kuhn, of Hickory, L. P. Kuhn, of Florida and M. H. Kuhn, of Lincolnton. Funeral rites will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from St. Andrews Lutheran church in Hickory, with Dr. Voigt R. Cromer, president of Lenoir Rhyne College and Rev. A. H. Keck, pastor of St. Andrews church in charge of the service.

"President Eisenhower's is a unique case with it," said Dr. White, eminent Boston specialist, "because I never had a President as a patient before; though I did attend Calvin Coolidge's father. I don't have adequate information to know just what strain the Presidency puts upon the human heart. The decision about running again will have to come from Mr. Eisenhower himself, based upon his own feelings and confidence, and not from any medical sources." Dr. White, in Gastonia to address a medical symposium, expressed the opinion that the scar on Ike's heart is well-healed by this time; but said now the heart must adjust to the scar. He will examine the President again in another two weeks to determine what progress he is making. Leading national Republicans are waiting for that appraisal. Upon it may depend the future of the world. Dr. White, who has ministered to the presidents of several foreign countries, said that after several weeks a bed and in a wheel chair, President Eisenhower is now being given a few weeks "on his legs." And he is being subjected to carefully increased daily pressure while the heart is being studied. That pressure has not yet reached its peak, he declared, and is being allowed to get a little heavier each day. GETS MANY LETTERS He told The Times representative that he has received many thousands of letters from all parts of the world. Some of the writers, he said, think we have been pushing.

### Farmers Will Vote On Cotton Controls Dec. 13

Tuesday, December 13 is an important day for North Carolina farmers, according to H. D. Godfrey, administrative officer for the State ASC Committee. On that day, cotton growers will be given the opportunity of voting in a referendum to decide the level at which cotton will be supported next year. According to Godfrey, farmers can vote on the 13th for Marketing Quotas and marketing penalties next year, along with the highest available rate of price support, or they can vote against quotas, against penalties, and consequently bring the support rate down next year to 50 per cent of parity. This year, a 50 per cent loan rate would have amounted to approximately 19 cents per pound for 15/16ths inch middling in most sections of North Carolina. The higher support rate will be in effect for next year's crop, Godfrey explained, if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the

referendum are in favor of the program. If more than one-third of the votes are against quotas, the lower rate will be in effect next year for growers who plant within their acreage allotments. Acreage allotments will be in effect next year regardless of the outcome of the referendum. Allotment notices have just been issued by all county ASC offices, and that allotment will remain the same regardless of the action at the polls. "Cotton is a mighty important crop in this state," Godfrey declared. "Any lowering of the price of cotton next year could not only play havoc among our cotton farmers, but also seriously affect our textile industries. Every eligible grower should visit his polling place and cast his ballot on that day." Farmers are eligible to cast their ballot if they were interested in a cotton crop this year as a landlord, tenant, or sharecropper.

### 290 Lights Now "Glowing" On Pilot Christmas Tree

(Reported) 290 lights are now glowing on the west lawn of the Courthouse, which represent \$290 dollars that will be used to help the underprivileged of Lincoln County during the Christmas season and in 1956. Each year the Pilot Club of Lincolnton has used this means in gathering extra funds to bring Cheer to the institutional cases of this county at this time of year, and also to send a deserving girl to a business college, who would otherwise not be able to get a higher education. During 1956 this fund will aid many who will not be able to help them selves and need a helping hand. Every dollar collected at the Christmas tree will add glow to many a heart, which otherwise would be filled with gloom. Would you like to keep the glow bright on the tree and in a life ??? If you do, it is so very, very simple. Send your dollars today to the Christmas Tree Fund c/o Mrs. Evelyn Coffey, Rt. 4, Lincolnton and she will see that a light will be added to that 290 lights already on the tree just for you and that it will continue on its way toward making a life much brighter in the months to come. Make your contribution now and watch the tree glow brighter. Mrs. Evelyn Coffey Rt. 4, Lincolnton, N. C. I wish to place \_\_\_\_\_ lights on the Christmas tree of cheer, enclosed find \_\_\_\_\_ for these lights. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### REEPSVILLE CHURCH HOST . . .

### South Fork Baptists Set Up Organizational Plans At Extra Session

An extra session of the South Fork Baptist Association was held Sunday afternoon at Reepsville Church to further her organization. The session was opened with the singing of "I Am Thine O Lord" led by Jerald Pennington with Miss Janice Bumgarner at the piano. The moderator, Rev. Latt Beahrs of Boger City presided. Rev. L. A. McClure of Alexis led the devotion. NOMINATE OFFICERS The first item of business was the adoption of a report by Rev. L. A. McClure, chairman of the nominating committee for certain officers. These are: Trustees — Richard Williams, Maiden, J. L. Proctor, Lincolnton, and Craig Barker, Lincolnton; Historian — Miss Beda Campbell, Balls Creek; Auditor, Coy Anton, Maiden; Sunday School superintendent — C. Dennis Ellis, Maiden; Training Union director — Ryan Shelton, Lincolnton; and Brotherhood chairman — C. R. Duncan, Lincolnton. Serving with Rev. Mr. McClure were J. A. Burris, J. H. Gilley, Rev. E. G. Blackburn, and Blaine Sigmon. ADOPT BUDGET The report of the finance committee, made by Rev. Jack Mace of Alexis, was adopted. The adopted budget totaled \$6,054.40 and recommended that each church contribute an amount equal to one and one-half per cent of her in-

come. There was some discussion of constitutionality as this meeting was not technically constitutional. Therefore, it was further decided to appoint a committee to study revision of the constitution and to report to the annual session in October of next year. This committee is yet to be appointed. Another committee yet to be appointed by the moderator is a committee to recommend the remaining committee appointments. COMMITTEE ELECTED The following committee was elected to work out a coordinated plan of monthly Sunday School and Training Union meetings: Rev. Howard Laney, chairman, Balls Creek, Dennis Ellis, Maiden; Ryan Shelton, Blair Wilkinson, and Howard Robinson, Lincolnton. The executive committee of the association will hold her first meeting of the new year December 16 at the Boger City Church at which time it is hoped to set in order the rest of the year's program. APPOINTMENTS There were six appointments from the chair: Rev. Belton Beal of Lincolnton, representative for the Homes for Aging; Mrs. I. A. Hallman, Boger City, hospital representative; Rev. Ralph Webb, Reepsville, orphanage representative; Rev. W. L. Pitts, Southside, evangelism chairman; Rev. Lin-

### LIKES NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND ROCK-AND-ROLL . . .

### 28 Years In School Work Leaves Ray Lowder Youthful In Spirit

By DEL LAZENBY

There's not a gray hair in his head; and yet, he is counsellor and father-confessor to 2,100 boys and girls. Despite nearly 28 years as teacher, principal, and superintendent to thousands of them, his step is yet springy, his 5 ft 7 in., 185 pounds remain a veritable dynamo of enthusiastic energy, and he maintains a lively interest in all subjects from national affairs to rock-and-roll jazz. At 50, S. Ray Lowder is rounding out 16 years as superintendent of Lincolnton City Schools — a 27-year span that has seen the local high school enrollment jump from 240 to 800, and seen the city schools attendance increased about 50 per cent. When he came here as a teacher and band director in September, 1928, there were some 1,300 students in the system. And the growth, obviously, has not been confined merely to enrollment. The high school building has been vastly increased, with classrooms, laboratories, a



MR. LOWDER cafeteria, and an agricultural department added. The building has grown in value from \$200-

000 in the 1920s to \$1 million dollars today, a building on which is carried \$700,000 in insurance. There has been other growth: A new \$200,000 gymnasium has been constructed. South Aspen Street school has been rebuilt and then expanded; the new Park Elementary building was constructed, and later augmented by additional classrooms and cafeteria; and the old high school gym has been remodeled to form a band room and a utility room for a library or study hall. MORE BUILDING SEEN These renovations will take care of the present enrollment, Supt. Lowder said; but every passing year brings new gains in attendance, and one can only conjecture what future needs will be. The Lincolnton School Board is cognizant of that, he went on, and even now is planning further school building for Lincolnton. The city system recently experienced its "war baby" peak enrollment

and the "war baby" enrollment began to decrease; then, suddenly, it started up again. Already, the city's pupil load per teacher is above that recommended by the North Carolina Education Association for most efficient instruction. There are about 70 teachers under Supt. Lowder's supervision, but some are not strictly classroom teachers, being concerned with safe-driving instruction, musical education, and other complements to the classroom curriculum. Supt. S. Ray Lowder comes from a school-teaching family. Born in Albemarle on Independence Day, 1905, his father, the late A. A. Lowder, was a successful retail merchant; and the Lincolnton educator says he, himself, likely would have gone into the mercantile business had it not been for his love for school work. His mother, who still lives in Albemarle, is a former school teacher. A sister, Mrs. Ervin Boaz, teaches in the (Continued on page four)

### FROM FHA OFFICE . . .

### Lincoln Farmers Can Get Loans To Improve Buildings

Farmers in Lincoln County who own and personally operate family-type farms and need to build or repair essential farm buildings, including dwellings, may be eligible for building improvement loans through the Farmers Home Administration. John J. P. McLeod, the agency's county supervisor said this week. TYPES OF LOANS A building improvement loan is only one type of the agency's farm ownership loans. Loans are made from insured funds put up by private lenders or from funds appropriated by Congress. Other types of farm ownership loans the Farmers Home Administration makes or insures enable farmers to purchase, enlarge, develop, or improve family-type farms. Construction and repair of essential farm buildings are provided for in all types of farm ownership loans to the extent necessary to make the farm an efficient unit. With a building improvement loan a farmer may construct, alter, repair, replace, or relocate an essential building or buildings on his farm. Specific improvements are agreed upon before the loan is made. Buildings must meet reasonable construction standards and be adequate for the farm's needs. No loan is made that will bring the farmer's indebtedness up to more than the fair and reasonable value of the farm. Loan funds may be used to provide a water supply for dwellings and other buildings including wells, pumps, and farmstead distribution systems. FIVE-TO-FORTY-YEAR LOANS A building improvement loan may be made for periods from five to 40 years, depending on the improvement, and the farmer's debt-paying ability. The local FHA is in the Courthouse basement and is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday of each week.

### Double-Barred Cross Week In City And County Schools

Double-Barred Cross Week will be observed in the City and County Schools during the weeks of December 5 and December 12. At this time students will be asked to contribute to the Christmas Seal fund and wear a Bangle (a red double-barred cross). Seals are not being sold by the students this year. Their only way to help with the drive is by wearing a Bangle. It is hoped that each room will be one hundred per cent in participation, and a class honor roll will be kept in each room. The double-barred cross of the National Tuberculosis Association and its 3,000 affiliated, brings its message of hope for those who are sick and it calls to service those who are well. The double-barred cross appears on the Christmas Seal each year regardless of changes in design and color of the seal. It also appears throughout the year on all educational pamphlets, posters, and booklets distributed by the District Tuberculosis Association because it is the emblem of the Tuberculosis Movement all over the world. Every year millions of children buy these red double-barred crosses and so help to do their part to free the nation from tuberculosis. The double-barred cross serves as the emblem under which seals fight for better health for all people.