

SECTION TUESDAY . . .

Lincoln Farmers Vote On Marketing Quotas

Lincoln county cotton farmers were reminded today by Ben F. Baxter, Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee in this county, that they have an important decision to make tomorrow (Tuesday), December 13.



REV. STAMEY

Rev. James Stamey Accepts Call To Kentucky Church

Rev. James Stamey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stamey, of Rt. 5, Lincoln, has been called as pastor of the Dallasburg, Ky., Baptist Church, Wheatly, Ky.

Rev. Mr. Stamey is a graduate of Lincolnton High School, class of '49, Gardner Webb Junior College, Boiling Springs, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and will receive his Bachelor of Divinity degree (B.D.) from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in May of his present address is 327 Wood Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Stamey is the former Miss Sara Christine Blanton of Shelby.

EXPANDING OPERATIONS . . .

Basic Atomics Gets Weir Lease At Kings Mtn.

KINGS MOUNTAIN — The Kings Mountain Herald in a copy-right story Thursday said that Basic Atomics, Inc., (EDITOR'S NOTE: Lincolnton-New York firm) is core-drilling for lithium on the S. S. Weir Estate property here, and that a company official acknowledged Wednesday that the initial results are "living up to our expectations."

THIRD OPERATOR
Basic Atomics, Inc., by obtaining mineral rights to the Weir tract adjoining the Foote Mineral Company mines, becomes the area's third lithium mining operator. The other is Lithium Corporation of America, Inc.

W. T. Weir, one of the heirs to the property, said lease to the 20-acre tract was delivered on November 29. Foote Mineral Company is mining the other 25 acres of the 45-acre Weir property under lease consummated several years ago and has found it a valuable source of lithium. In one month, more than 220,000 tons of lithium bearing ore from the Weir property went through Foote's big mill.

MARTIN STATEMENT
Emmett Martin, in charge of mining operations for Basic Atomics, made the "living up to expectations" statement on the basis of initial core-drilling, now underway 16 hours daily.

He said the company is in the process of setting up a laboratory (EDITOR'S NOTE: Lake Sylvia property) at Lincolnton, where his company has leases to property which Martin says have a measured 1.5 million tons of lithium ore, with another 1.5 million inferred. These properties adjoin those of Lithium Corporation of America.

It also expects to erect a pilot plant at Lincolnton, and has equipment bought for it, Martin said.

Indication of the value of the lease is the fact that Foote sought the tract since the Oregon mining operations on the 25 acres it has under lease.

ORGANIZED IN 1954
Basic Atomics, Inc., was organized in May 1954. Its capitalization includes 1,780,000 shares of common stock, of ten cents par value. There are also 180,000 warrants to shares outstanding for the purchase of common stock. These expire in 1957.

The company's October 31 statement, as reported by J. F. Reilly & Company, dealers in investment securities, showed

total assets of \$1,723,392, with \$1,563,028 liquid. Only liabilities listed other than capital stock was \$1,674 in accounts payable.

750,000 SHARES BOUGHT
The November issue of over-the-counter Securities Review reported that 750,000 shares of Basic Atomics, Inc., has been purchased at \$2 by a group of European investors, subsequently identified by another source as Swiss.

The stock is available through brokerage houses and has been quoted this week in the Wall Street Journal at \$3.50 bid and \$4 asked.

At night a driver who can see an expected dark obstacle 490 feet at 40 miles per hour can see the obstacle only 430 feet at 70 miles per hour. If he is not expecting the obstacle, he can see it only 220 feet but needs 363 feet for a safe stop. This is one reason night speeders collide with dark colored stock and run down pedestrians.

IMPORTANT NEWS . . .

Red Cross Chapter Gets Needed Check Of \$600 From National Orgn.

(Reported To The Times)
Two important events have occurred during the past week or so that are very important to every person in Lincoln County. Both have to do with the American Red Cross and its activities in our county.

Many residents of the county have been very much concerned about the problems that have faced the local Red Cross office because of financial difficulties. It has been reported in these col-

Masons Meet Tuesday Night At Eight O'clock
Mercer Simmons, master, announced today a regular meeting of Lincoln Chapter 22, Royal Arch Masons, will be held Tuesday night, December 13, in the Masonic building.

A good attendance of all members is requested.

WILL YOU GIVE? . . .

Bloodmobile Coming Dec. 19

By LEWIS E. EVERLINE
Lincoln County Blood Program Chairman

The Bloodmobile is coming and we are asking that you be there to give that pint of blood that is so desperately needed by the Regional Blood Bank.

How would you like to be in a position where you needed blood very quickly and there was none available in the Blood bank because donors failed to give when the Bloodmobile came?
You can help to prevent that by coming on Monday December 19th, to the Recreation Center and giving that pint of blood.

POOR RECORD
We have given only 50 per cent of our quota so far this year. This is a miserable record

indeed, one of the poorest in the Region. You can help change that by giving a pint of blood on Monday, December 19th. We are asking for 125 pints of blood, will you please make a date to give that day?
Blood will be taken from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Remember to be there, the blood you give will help someone have a better Christmas. It may save a life so that someone can see another Christmas day. Here is an opportunity to give to others at very little cost to yourself. Keep the Christmas spirit, give your blood so that someone else may live.

See you at the Bloodmobile on Monday, December 19th, at the Recreation Center.

'Big Names' To Push March Of Dimes Drive

National celebrities, according to local chairman John Friday, are scheduled to kickoff the top ten fund raising and publicity activities for the 1956 March of Dimes Package Program.

Prominent members of the stage, screen and political worlds are offering their full cooperation to activities that will spark and build up campaign contributions.

Coffee Days throughout the nation will be launched officially early in January when Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Senators of both political parties act as waiters serving coffee in the Senate Cafeteria.

Iron Lung Day will gain impetus on Jan. 8 when Drew Pearson, syndicated news columnist and national Iron Lung Day Chairman, will climb inside an iron lung to do a portion of his weekly telecast.

Marches for Dimes will be given a boost by celebrities on Jan. 4 in Indiana. Famous names will help

two columns of Marines start hiking from opposite borders of the state—destination: Indianapolis. The Marines will march at the rate of 10 cents a foot with local organizations speeding the hike by "buying" sections of highway.

Celebrated personalities, including former President Harry S. Truman, will be on hand to draw national attention to Auctions, Talent Shows, Blue Crucifix Days, Peanuts for Polio, Balloon Sales, Mothers' March and the Polio Mother of the Year.

Governors, screen stars and other outstanding men and women will help launch the same ten package programs on the state level. On every level, planning committees are working overtime to complete the organization of these BIG January March of Dimes events.

Blue Crucifix Tag Days are scheduled from Connecticut to California with more than half the states in the country participating on a statewide basis.

Peanuts for Polio profits are guaranteed by a generous grower in Tucson, Ariz., who is donating two tons of peanuts to the Pima County NFIP Chapter. Sub-teens of Tucson will hold a "Bottles for Braces" campaign, collecting empty pop bottles and trading them in for dimes for the March of Dimes.

City Police Get Confession On Local Break-In

Lincolnton police chief Ben Sigmon reported today that a Spartanburg, S. C., man, arrested in Charlotte for robbery, has confessed to the break-in at Economy Drug Store on Sunday a week ago in which narcotics and around \$15 were taken.

The man, identified as Charlie Moore, was reported to be a parole violator. With time to be served on other offenses, it is not known just when he will be brought here to stand trial on the local charge. Moore is reported to have stolen narcotics in the Charlotte break-in, and local officers were called to Charlotte Thursday to question him as a suspect in the Lincolnton break-in.

Chief Sigmon, Police Sgt. Paul Bost and SBI Agent John Vanderford went to Charlotte on Thursday, and after questioning Brown, day, and after questioning Brown, obtained a confession from him that he had pulled the Economy break-in. He implicated another party, but would disclose no names to police.

GO ON SALE JANUARY 3 . . .

10,500 New Auto Tags Received At Guy Cline's

Approximately 10,500 new 1956 motor vehicle license plates have been received by the local Carolina Motor Club agency at Guy E. Cline firm here, and will go on sale Tuesday, January 3.

Roddy Cline is manager of the auto-truck license agency here. Mr. Cline requested that every-

Pilot Club Doll To Be Given Away December 17th

The Pilot Club doll will be given away Saturday, December 17 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the Sport Shop.

Mayor A. L. Tait will draw the lucky ticket.

Tickets can still be obtained at Robinson's, the Sport Shop, or from any member of the Pilot Club.

You do not have to be present to win.

Old Mauney Home Damaged By Fire Today

City firemen answered a call about 11 o'clock this morning to the old Jay Mauney two-story home, now occupied by Willie Peeler, on the Lincolnton-Maiden highway.

The fire consumed a two-room annex at the rear of the big home and spread to the walls of the second story. It looked for a time that the whole house would be enveloped in flames and destroyed, and Fire Chief G. W. Tobey credits a great job of fire-fighting on the part of the local firemen in bringing the blaze under control and preventing further loss. Kitchen equipment in the annex was destroyed by the fire, origin of which was not determined.



MISS KATHRYN LOVE

Miss Love Takes Post As Girl Scout Leader

The appointment of Miss Kathryn Love of Shelby, North Carolina, as Executive Director of the Pioneer Area Girl Scout Council was announced today by Mrs. Frank A. Young, Council President.

The new Director has arrived in Jastonia to assume her new duties in the Girl Scout organization, which maintains headquarters in the Woman's Club Building on Second Avenue.

Miss Love is an A. B. graduate of Coker College in Hartsville, S. C., having majored in chemistry and minored in physical education and mathematics. Her further training includes a number of courses, sponsored by the N. C. Recreation Association and the N. C. Sports Institute, in such subjects as Recreation, Camp Counseling, Leadership, Games, and Dances.

Recently she has been employed as Personnel Director at Dover Mills, in which capacity she organized and managed the recreation teams and directed the summer playground for children. In addition, she has had experience in recreation work while employed as Assistant Superintendent of the Shelby Parks and Recreation Commission.

For the past four years Miss Love has been a Girl Scout Troop Leader, and has directed a Girl Scout Troop Camp in the mountains near Hendersonville. She also has served as a Counselor at Camp Pinnacle in Hendersonville.

A member of Shelby Presbyterian Church, she was Chairman and Treasurer of her church circle. She was also Vice-President of the Junior Woman's Club and Chairman of the Junior Charity League.

Miss Love is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Love of Shelby. In Gastonia she has an apartment at 219 1/2 South York Street.

10-Year Old Girl Seriously Hurt In Truck-Auto Wreck

**P. O. To Be Open
All Day Dec. 14,
Dec. 17 And 21**

Postmaster V. N. Fair announced today that the Lincolnton post office will be open all day on Wednesdays December 14 and 21, and open all day Saturday, December 17, for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Under normal schedule the post office is closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

State's Cotton Crop Estimated At 355,000 Bales

North Carolina's cotton crop is estimated at 355,000 bales (500-pounds gross weight) according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service.

The current crop of 355,000 bales is 2.5 percent, or 9,000 bales, less than 1954 production and is (Continued on page 8)

\$198,185.25 FUND . . .

Decision To Be Made On How To Spend Lincoln's Share Of School Money

Lincoln County will get \$198,185.25 as its share of \$25 million in State school bond funds, and the problem now of city and county school boards, school officials is to work out plans whereby the money will go to take care of the most urgent needs of the county and city school units.

NO STATEMENT
School officials locally weren't prepared to commit themselves yet on how the state money will be used. One school official said that all he knew at the present about the State school bond

Highway troopers investigated several auto mishaps in the county over the weekend, one of which caused serious injuries to a ten-year old girl.

Frances Clark, 10, was reported to be in a serious condition at the Crowell Hospital today with a special nurse on duty in her room. A hospital attaché reported she had a fairly good night.

Beef Cattle Meeting Here Thursday Night

There will be a meeting of all persons interested in beef cattle on Thursday night, December 15, in the Courthouse at 7:30.

Quite some time has passed since the beef cattle men got together to discuss points of interest. The conference on beef cattle to be held at State College December 21 and 22 will be discussed. Other points of discussion are fat cattle's sales, the feeder calf sale, bull placement, and general management practices.

Everyone interested in beef cattle should plan to attend this meeting. For further information, contact the County Agent's office.

The little girl's father, Tom Clark, was also injured in the mishap and is hospitalized. His condition was not regarded as serious.

Harold Leonhardt, Lincoln county dog warden, injured in the wreck involving Mr. Clark and his daughter, was treated at the hospital for minor injuries and released yesterday.

Trooper Jack Reynolds, investigating officer, could not be contacted today by The Times for details on the collision. It was learned unofficially that the truck, driven by Leonhardt, was in collision with the car driven by Tom Clark with his daughter as an occupant.

The truck-passenger car crash is reported to have occurred on the highway in front of a store at Laboratory about 4 p.m. Saturday.

TWO OTHERS
Patrolman Bob Smart investigated two crashes, one on Saturday, one on Sunday. About 3:30 p.m. Saturday, on Highway 27 East, a '51 Ford, driven by Mrs. Doris Dellinger of Iron Station was struck in the rear by a '51 Ford, operated by Andrew Martin of Iron Station.

Officer Smart said his investigation revealed that Mrs. Dellinger, taking a warning cue from "blinking" lights of an approaching car that a radar meter was ahead, applied her brakes suddenly, causing the Martin car behind to smash into the Dellinger vehicle. Martin was charged with following too closely, Mrs. Dellinger with no operator's license, the officer said.

Damages to the Pontiac were estimated at around \$250, and \$150 to the Ford.

Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. in the Play section of the county, two cars were totally demolished with only slight injuries to the occupants. A '50 Ford, driven by Maxwell Robinson was traveling South towards Cherryville, when it collided with a '51 Ford, driven by Jack Beam of Vale, Route 2, that had pulled out from a dirt road onto Highway 274. Beam's wife and their small child in the car with them received minor injuries. Beam was charged with failure to yield the right of way.

North Brook No. 3 4-H Club Meets

The North Brook No. 3, 4-H club met Monday in the school auditorium. Mr. Mitchem of Greensboro and Miss Batty, of Gastonia, presented for the Duke Power Co., the puppet show, "Electricity." The show was much enjoyed by all the members.

Bell Furniture Company Buys Robinson Building

The Robinson Estate building, Northwest Courthouse, is being remodeled preparatory to being reoccupied by Bell Furniture Co.

The Bell firm, owned by Joe Campbell, has bought the building. It was reported, The company now is located in Burris-Garrison building.

Schools Close Friday For Yule Holidays

Announcement was made today from the superintendent's office that the Lincolnton city schools will close at the end of the session on Friday afternoon, Dec. 16, for the Christmas holidays and re-open on Monday morning, Jan. 2.

The following county schools that operate on the same schedule as the city schools will also close Dec. 16 for the holidays and re-open Jan. 2: Crouse, Love Memorial, Laboratory, Long Shoals, Asbury, Iron Station, Hickory Grove, and Mt. Vernon.

The following county schools will close Friday afternoon, Dec. 21, for the holidays and re-open Monday morning, Jan. 2: Triangle, Union, Howards Creek, North Brook Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Newbold, Mitchell, New Elbethel, Tuckers Grove, Rock Hill.

Shrine Club Ladies' Night On Thursday

The annual Ladies Night dinner meeting of the Lincoln County Shrine Club will be held on Thursday night, December 15, at 7 o'clock in the High School cafeteria.

The event is for members and their wives. A steak dinner and Christmas music will be featured. Dr. S. H. Steelman is president of the club which now has approximately forty members. A good attendance is requested for the meeting. No tickets are being sold. Admittance will be by membership card.

According to USDA, there will be almost three per cent more fertilizer available for the 1956 crop year than last season.

BUSINESS GOOD . . .

Local Stores Crowded By Christmas Shoppers

Only thirteen more days until Christmas, and the hustle and bustle of the shopping crowds in Lincolnton stores is impressive proof that the Christmas shopping season is in full swing here.

Most Lincolnton merchants are reporting an unusually good early Christmas business. Business conditions locally continue good with the mills humming, and shoppers with cash in their pockets and purses are spending it on choice Yule gifts.

Many people, too, are taking advantage of lay-away-plans, some store managers report, while others are taking advantage of coming and just looking and finding themselves buying early.

The Lincolnton stores have a wide assortment of Christmas items on display and the attractive holiday windows as well as the sparkling, multi-colored street lights are getting customers in the gift-buying mood.

This week, local stores will begin staying open all day the two Wednesdays before Christmas for the convenience of shoppers. Prior to this week the stores observed the regular Wednesday afternoon closings.



PROMOTED . . . Ralph K. Robinson (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Robinson of Iron Station, recently was promoted from A/3C to A/2C. His present address is: A/2C Ralph K. Robinson, AF1455062, 779th ACW Sqn., Opheim Air Force Station, Montana.