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Calling Blood Donors: Let's Go Over Top

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Lincoln County Blood Program
Chairman

Let's redeem our good name by going over the top at the visit of the Bloodmobile on Monday. We have done very poorly at the other two visits since July 1st, only 50 per cent of our quota was given on those visits. Let's give 100 per cent this time, so that the Blood

Farmers Of County Favor Cotton Quotas

Seventy-eight per cent of the Lincoln farmers who voted in Tuesday's cotton referendum approved quotas for 1956.

A total of 252 Lincoln county cotton growers turned out at the five township polling places for the election. There were 1,733 eligible to vote.

When the polls closed Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, 197 had voted quotas on upland cotton and 55 against. The heaviest turnout was in North Brook township where more cotton is grown.

On the basis of voting by farmers nation-wide Tuesday on the cotton referendum, over two-thirds favored the quotas.

TOWNSHIP VOTE
Mrs. Nannie Sigmom, ASC office manager for Lincoln county, today released the voting totals by township in the Tuesday balloting, as follows:

North Brook — 94 for, 26 against.

Fronton — 13 for, 5 against.

Howards Creek — 39 for, 17 against.

Lincolnton — 28 for, 4 against.

Catawba Springs — 23 for, 3 against.

The vote locally, statewide and nationwide, favoring quotas means that the surplus-plagued cotton crop will be grown under federal limitations again next year. Next year will be the third consecutive year in which federal restrictions have been imposed on cotton and the tenth time since 1938, when legislation was enacted authorizing such limitations. Cotton controls never have been rejected by the growers.

As in the past, growers were influenced to vote for controls because of their tie-up with government price supports. Farm law directs that price floors—which were at 90 per cent of parity this year—be reduced to 50 per cent of parity in the event controls are rejected.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices declared by law, to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they must pay.

Lincolnton FFA Team Third In Judging Contest

Lincolnton high school's FFA chapter placed third in the Piedmont Federation FFA crop identification and judging contest held this week at Fred T. Foard high school in Catawba county.

The Dallas FFA team won top honors in the contest, Brandy's high of Catawba county second.

The Union, North Brook and Rock Springs FFA teams from Lincoln county also were among those competing. Other teams participating were Bunker Hill, Fred T. Foard, Maiden of Catawba county.

Robert Warlick, vocational agriculture teacher at Belwood high school in Cleveland county, sponsored the contest and furnished displays and samples used in the judging.

LOY CARPENTER, JR. . . .

Gaston Man In Local Hospital After Being Attacked By Bull

The condition of a young Gaston county man, who was attacked by an enraged bull Monday, remained fair or about the same at the Crowell Hospital here today.

Loy Carpenter, Jr., farmer of the Bessemer City area, was rushed to the local hospital early Monday after being severely injured when a bull attacked him in a pasture near his home.

He was reported to have suffered several broken ribs, lacerations and other injuries. He was placed under an oxygen tent after being admitted to the hospital.

Carpenter, who lives on the Long Shoals road between Dallas and Cherrville, was believed to have been transferring the 5-year old animal from one pasture to another when the bull turned on him.

The animal is said to have used its horns in the attack, knocking Carpenter into a disc harrow and against a fence.

The Gaston man managed to escape by crawling beneath the fence, making his way to his home nearby.

W.O.W. Camp No. 45 To Feast Children

Members of the W. O. W. Camp No. 45, Lincoln, N. C. will play Santa Claus to the children at Sykes Orphan Home near Conover on Sunday afternoon. All members making the trip will meet at the Lodge Hall promptly at 1:30 p.m. and proceed in a body to the home, where fruit, candy and other gifts will be distributed to the children in a mass party. This custom is carried out each year by members of the W. O. W.

Sunday Services At First Baptist Church

The regular services will be held Sunday at the First Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. Linwood Peterson bringing the messages.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he will preach on "The Virgin Birth of Jesus" and at 7:30 in the evening his subject will be, "We Have Seen His Star."

The choir will present "The Song of Christmas" (Ringwald) with narration Sunday evening also.

Paul W. Moore Patient In California Hospital

Paul W. Moore, Lincoln native, and World War II veteran, is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Moore recently suffered a broken hip and pelvis while at work in San Francisco, and will be hospitalized for some time. He would like to hear from his Lincoln county friends, particularly so at this Christmas time of the year.

Mr. Moore is the son of Mrs. Mollie Moore and the late George Moore of Lincoln. His present address is: Paul W. Moore, Veterans Hospital, Ft. Milly, San Francisco, Calif.

Degree Work Friday At Masonic Meeting

A Special Communication meeting of Lincoln Lodge 137, AF & AM, has been called for Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Masonic building. There will be work in the Fellowcraft degree. A good attendance of all members is requested.

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Rotarians Are Entertained By Music Program

Dennis Long of radio station WLON was in charge of the Lincoln Rotary Club program at the dinner meeting Monday evening at the L. H. S. cafeteria.

High fidelity Christmas music was played during the dinner period. A film in sound and color was shown entitled "Christmas Customs Near and Far." Fran Allison, television star of Kukla, Fran and Ollie told the story.

In the film she explained the Christmas legends and customs of the Western Hemisphere, Europe, and Asia as the camera explored a variety of traditional dances, decorations and festivities. She answered such questions as "How old is Santa Claus?", "Who invented the Christmas tree?"

Three visitors were present at the Monday meeting. The next meeting of the Rotary Club is Monday, Dec. 19. There will be no meeting Dec. 26. The first meeting of the New Year will be Jan. 2.

Rev. Jas. T. Womack, Jr. To Be Installed January 1

Rev. James T. Womack, Jr., will be installed as pastor of the Lincoln Presbyterian church Sunday, January 1, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. John Mack Walker, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., brother of Mrs. Womack, has been invited to preach the sermon.

Members of the Commission are Dr. John S. Brown who will preside; Dr. Harry Moffett, who will charge the congregation; the Rev. Priestly Conyers, who will charge the Pastor; Elder D. R. LaFar, who will read the Scripture and Elder J. A. Burgin.

School Bonds Bought By First National Bank

The Local Government Commission in Raleigh this week sold \$35,000 in refunding bonds for Lincoln County.

The bonds were sold to First National Bank of Lincoln at 2,103 1/2 percent and have an average maturity of 5.5 years.

Local Report On Salk Polio Vaccine Program In Times' Monday Issue

A report on the Salk polio vaccine program here in Lincoln county, the supplies available to local doctors, health authorities and the public, the number that have been administered the Salk anti-polio shots, how the program is set up, etc., will appear in Monday's issue of The Times.

Feature On Supt. Nixon Slated For Monday Issue

A feature article on Joe R. Nixon, Superintendent of the Lincoln county schools, will appear in Monday's issue of The Times. This feature follows a recent article published in The Times on S. Ray Lowder, City Schools Superintendent.

The Times is always happy to carry feature stories on leading Lincoln-Lincoln county personalities and will appreciate suggestions and tips from its readers on sources for feature articles.

Colored Man Left Homeless By Fire

An 82-year old Lincoln county colored man, Freeman Ussery, lost his entire household belongings in a fire that destroyed his one-room house on Cherrville, Rt. 1, North Brook section, Saturday night.

The aged man was left with only the shoes and overalls, shirt he was wearing at the time. The fire, of undetermined origin, destroyed the small house while Ussery had gone to the home of a nearby neighbor, Z. S. Warlick, for a short visit. Ussery, who has no means of income, is in need of overalls, shoes, coat, other items of clothing, bedding, mattress, coal stove, etc., in order to set up house again.

Mr. Warlick, on whose property the colored man lived, has plans to rebuild him a one-room house. Anyone desiring to contribute clothing and other household furnishings to the "homeless man" is requested to send them to the Lincoln county welfare department, or contact Mr. Warlick.

Miss Peggy Davis . . .

Lincolnton High Student Semi-Finalists In Merits Corp. Scholarship Contest

Miss Peggy Davis, senior honor student at the Lincolnton high school, has been chosen as one of the semi-finalists in the national Merit Scholarship contest.

Announcement of Miss Davis' selection came in a letter to Principal F. D. Kiser from John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation of Evanston, Ill. Six senior Lincolnton students entered the competition for the scholarships.

Lincolnton will be represented by semi-finalists from other high schools throughout the nation in the national scholarship contests. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis of Lincolnton.

Value of the first prize scholarship in the nation-wide contest is estimated to be around \$3,000.

TAKE APTITUDE TEST

Miss Davis, like other semi-finalists, will take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Board, which is to be given at supervised centers on Saturday, January 14, 1956. Each semi-finalist has been sent an application blank for this test, to be returned to the college board by December 17.

The \$6 fee for the Scholastic Aptitude Test will be paid by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, president Stalnaker stated, for students who are taking the test exclusively for this program. Students who are taking the test also for college admission, or for other scholarship programs, pay their own fees, just as they would if they were not participating in the Merit program.

The winners of four-year Merit scholarships and of Certificates of Merit, awarded to runners-up, will be selected from the group of semi-finalists. Scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and evaluation of the data in the School Information Form, to be filled out by the competing school and student, will be the basis for selection.

400 SCHOLARSHIPS

Approximately half of the semi-finalists will receive awards. Mr. Stalnaker reported in his letter to principal Kiser, and the scholarships will number over 400.

"We appreciate your interest and cooperation and commend you on the superior showing of your school," President Stalnaker concluded in his letter.

Marshals At Rock Springs School Named

The following students of Rock Springs High School have been selected from the eleventh grade as marshals for the year 1955-56.

They were selected on the basis of scholarship—the three highest boys and the three highest girls. The boy and girl who made the highest grades were named Chiefs.

Chiefs are Wanda Lawing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawing, Route one, Maiden, and Donald Rudisill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rudisill, Route one, Iron Station.

Others are Evelyn Pooe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Pole, Route one, Iron Station; Juane Howard, daughter of Mr. Jack Howard, Route one, Davidson; B. C. Ballard, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Ballard, Sr., Route one, Lincolnton; Rodney Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blair Wilkinson, Route one, Iron Station, N. C.

Those in attendance were Miss Edna Wise, Mrs. Cleo Finger, Mrs. Henry Reese Miller, Mrs. L. B. Wetmore, J. Eli Houser, Catawba-Lincoln librarian George Linder of Newton, and county commissioner James Warren. Mr. Linder gave an interesting circulation report on the library as to the number of library and bookmobile books used in the 1947 to 1955 period. (This report will be carried in The Times Monday issue). Commissioner Warren had comment and suggestions to make on the library program, facilities, etc.

Hearing Against Former Hickory Officer Continued

A preliminary hearing on a morals charge against a former Hickory police officer, scheduled before City Magistrate J. Robt. McNeely here Monday night, was continued until next Monday, December 19.

The defendant, Earl W. Sanford, 36, and reported to be a Lincolnton native, was arrested here the night of Dec. 5th by Police Captain Arnold Tarr on a crime against nature indictment brought against him (Sanford) by a Lincolnton colored man, listed as Thomas Smith.

A warrant was taken to Hickory where it was served on Sanford by that city's police chief M. L. Little. Sanford has denied the charge. He was relieved of his duties as Hickory policeman after the warrant was served on him.

Sanford is reported to have said in his application for police work in Hickory that he had been served as a police officer at Carolina Beach for approximately ten years. Magistrate McNeely said that Sanford's original bond of \$1,000 is to continue in force until the postponed preliminary hearings.

'Largest Crowd Ever' At Asbury P-TA Meeting

"The largest attendance we've ever had." That's how Mrs. Dennis Setzer, president, described the monthly meeting of the Asbury P-TA last Thursday night in the school auditorium which was filled to overflowing by school patrons, visitors, children and teachers.

Mrs. Setzer, who presided, reported a short business session, held at which Mrs. Alma Fox, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll. The attendance began was won by Judson McGinnis' combination sixth and seventh grades with 33 present. It was decided that no P-TA meeting would be held in January.

Following the business session, the program was turned over to the school and an impressive musical program entitled "Night of Music" was presented by the Asbury school band, Glee Club, Boys choir, Rhythm bands of the second and third grades. The band was directed by Charles Hooper; the boys choir directed by Mrs. William Rankin; the Glee club directed by Mrs. Alden Mullen, accompanied by Mrs. Graydon Shuford; Second grade rhythm band, directed by Mrs. Bill Goodson; Second and third grade combination rhythm band, directed by Mrs. R. W. Blanchard. The program was tape recorded.

Library Board Elect Officers; Hear Geo. Linder

An organizational meeting of the Lincoln County Library Board was held on Tuesday night. Mrs. L. B. Wetmore, president, presided.

J. Eli Houser, principal of North Brook Number Two school, was elected board chairman, succeeding Mrs. L. B. Wetmore, and Mrs. Cleo Finger of Boger City named secretary-treasurer, succeeding Mr. Houser.

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Naval Draft . . . Lt. Paul Gladwell (left) administers oath to Donald F. Geraci of Forest Hills, N. Y., making him first draftee called into navy since World War II.

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Retail Sales Here Point To New Record

Many Lincolnton merchants are expecting December 1955 to be the greatest month for retail sales in the city's history, a spot survey by The Times indicated.

Store owners and managers report pre-Christmas sales so far in December have been brisk and heavy, with sales receipts equal and above in many instances over the similar December period of previous years.

Sales locally, according to state use and sales tax figures released monthly, have continued high during most of the months this year. Sales totals in the children's toys, clothing, food, furniture, appliances, automotive lines are reported to be impressive.

Good business conditions in the local and immediate area industrial plants are credited for the booming sales, and there is a lot of spending being done by shoppers who hold steady jobs and receive sizeable paychecks.

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Driver of the station wagon that struck him was identified as Earl Smith of Piedmont.

Mr. Nelson had many acquaintances in Lincolnton, and often visited his parents and a sister, Mrs. Edna Blackwell, here.

Funeral rites were conducted Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Grove Station Baptist church in Piedmont. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Greenville, S. C.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Inez Stewart Nelson; two sons, Donald and Leon Nelson, of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Nelson of Lincolnton; two brothers, Joe and Robert Nelson of Rock Hill, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Edna Blackwell of Lincolnton, Mrs. Sarah McManus of Rock Hill.

Loy Howard Re-Elected As Soil Supervisor

Loy Howard of Catawba Springs township was re-elected to a three-year term on the Lincoln County Board of Soil Supervisors as the result of an election conducted all last week.

580 votes were cast in the week-long election, with Howard receiving 415 votes, R. U. Payseur 165 votes.

The board, comprised of the county's three soil supervisors, met this week and elected the following officers: Blair Goodson, chairman; Loy Howard, vice chairman; Ben Frank Baxter, secretary.

S. Z. Pollock heads the Soil Conservation Service program in Lincoln county.

Have faith in your effort or it is bound to be a failure.

TRAPPED BY FLAMES . . .

Rites Held For Mrs. Ella Hedgespeth, Fire Victim

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Salem Baptist Church in Lincoln county for Mrs. Ella Huffstetter Hedgespeth, 59, who lived on Route 2, Dallas, about two miles from the Harden community.

Mrs. Hedgespeth died in the Gaston Memorial hospital Monday night about 9:15 from burns suffered in her home earlier in the night.

Rev. Fred F. Hicks and Rev. G. T. Limer were the officiating ministers at the final rites. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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According to reports, Mrs. Hedgespeth, who was blind and partly crippled, was trapped by flames in the bedroom of her home. She was burned badly about the head and from the waist down.

It was thought that smoke and shock contributed to her death. She failed to respond to emergency treatment at the Gastonia hospital after being rushed there by ambulance.

Henry Hedgespeth, the woman's husband, said he had put out the fire in a portable oil heater in his wife's bedroom and left for the store he operates near the home on Philadelphia Church road. He said he returned in about five minutes and found the room and the bed in flames.

Mr. Hedgespeth said he dragged his wife from the bed and to the front porch, where he put out the fire with a garden hose. Neighbors assisted in putting out the house fire, but two rooms were considerably damaged.

Surviving are the husband, Henry Austin Hedgespeth; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Cloninger of Route 1, Dallas, Mrs. Everett McGee of Gastonia; one brother, August Huffstetter of Route 2, Dallas; one sister, Mrs. Mamie Rich of Burlington; and seven grandchildren.

Drum's Funeral Home of Lincolnton was in charge of arrangements.

Seibert Lockman Takes Oath Today As Deputy Marshal

Seibert Lockman, well known Lincoln county automobile sales manager, was in Charlotte this morning (Thursday) where at 11 o'clock he was officially sworn in to office as a U. S. Deputy Marshal for western North Carolina.

The oath was administered to the 37-year old Lincoln man, a former candidate for Sheriff of this county on the Republican ticket, by District Federal judge Wilson Warlick.

Attending the swearing-in ceremony was Mr. Lockman's wife and his mother, Mrs. R. M. Lockman of Lincolnton, Route 3.

The Times has known for some time that Mr. Lockman was in line for the Deputy Marshal appointment, but had withheld publication of the news by request pending final clearance on all official details related to the position and subsequent appointment.

It is understood that Lockman will work out of the federal office in Charlotte.

Mr. Lockman was officially notified of his appointment to the position several days ago by Roy Harmon of Asheville, U. S. Marshal for North Carolina. Mr. Harmon was expected to be present for the oath-taking by the Lincolnton man this morning.

OFFICIAL DUTIES

In his capacity as U. S. Deputy Marshal for western N. C., Mr. Lockman will serve as a federal law enforcement officer. He will attend federal district court sessions, serve federal papers on law offenders, transport prisoners and act in other matters pertaining to federal government business. The position calls for a regular salary, plus allowances for travel, mileage expenses.

RESIGNED POLHILL POSITION

In order to be able to accept the Deputy Marshal appointment, Mr. Lockman resigned his position about three weeks ago as sales manager in the new car department of Polhill Chevrolet Co. He had been with the company three years.

Mr. Lockman waged a close campaign as the Republican candidate for Sheriff of Lincoln county in the 1950 election against the Democrat candidate, Frank Heavner. Heavner triumphed by approximately 260 votes in one of the closest races in the county's history.

LHS GRADUATE

The newly-installed Deputy Marshal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. (Bob) Lockman of Lincolnton, Route 3. He is married to the former Miss Ruth Jarrell of High Point. They have two sons, Woody, 8, and Steve, 3, and now make their home on Route 3, Lincolnton. Marshal Lockman is a graduate of the Lincolnton high school and a World War II veteran, serving as an officer in the South Pacific.

Lockman is said to be the third man in Lincoln county history to receive an appointment as Deputy Marshal; the previous two reported to be A. P. Willis and Ellis Hoyle.

Relative Of Local Citizens Succumbs

Word has been received here of the death in Hendersonville of W. S. Teammell, father of Mrs. S. K. Burkin, and grand father of Mrs. Bill Hines of Lincolnton. He was well known in the Lincolnton area.

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