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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES 1956 LICENSE PLATES

1230N-56 DEALER MOTORCYCLE	3001 NC MOTORCYCLE
DRIVE SAFELY 1 NORTH CAROLINA 56 OFFICIAL-STATE	DRIVE SAFELY H-1 NORTH CAROLINA 56 OFFICIAL-HIGHWAY
DRIVE SAFELY A-1234 NORTH CAROLINA 56 PRIVATE PASSENGER	DRIVE SAFELY 201 NATIONAL GUARD 56 NATIONAL GUARD
DRIVE SAFELY 1234-A NORTH CAROLINA 56 TAXI	DRIVE SAFELY 1234-B NORTH CAROLINA 56 BUS FOR HIRE
DRIVE SAFELY 1234-S NORTH CAROLINA 56 PRIVATE TRUCK	DRIVE SAFELY 1234-N NORTH CAROLINA 56 SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT
DRIVE SAFELY 1234-T NORTH CAROLINA 56 PASSENGER CAR TRAILER	DRIVE SAFELY 1234-H NORTH CAROLINA 56 CONTRACT CARRIER
DRIVE SAFELY 1234-M NORTH CAROLINA 56 COMMON CARRIER	DRIVE SAFELY 1234-P NORTH CAROLINA 56 MANUFACTURER
DRIVE SAFELY 1234-E NORTH CAROLINA 56 DRIVAWAY	P-40582 PERMANENT N.C. PERMANENT

LICENSE LINE-UP... A wide variety of license plates will greet Tar Heel motor vehicle owners January 3 when the new black-on-orange plates go on sale throughout the state. Illustrated are the 22 classifications including a brand-new horseless carriage tag. Owners of old-timey (35 years or more) vehicles may secure the distinctive tag for \$5. Only one tag will be required in 1956. Auto-truck license headquarters in Lincolnton is at Guy E. Cline, South Court Square, Roddy Cline agency manager.

City, County Schools Open, Holidays Over

Hundreds of Lincolnton and Lincoln County pupils, first through senior grades, returned by foot, bus, auto and bicycle today to their respective classrooms in the city and county schools systems after a holiday respite of from one to two weeks at home. Most of the schools had been closed two weeks for the Yule holidays, while others operating on split term schedules were closed for one week. The city-county students will now settle down to about two and a half months of uninterrupted study, as the next holidays do not come until March 22. The schools will close at noon March 22, and remain closed March 23, 24 for the State N.C.E.A. convention in Asheville. Easter holidays for the local schools will be observed March 30, April 2.

References In Clark Article Clarified

Several paragraph references in The Times' feature article in last Thursday's issue on the Gerald Clarks, London, England, visitors to the city, may have been misinterpreted and are clarified as follows: Because of the scarcity of money, many automobiles (in England) built 17 to 20 years ago are still being driven; Taxes on a new car amount to about 30 percent of the purchase price (60 per cent purchase tax); the British government had tried to export as much as they could, saving for home consumption, and this had resulted in mounting prices and continuing scarcity on the home market; the (British Labor) party represents an appreciable section of the middle class as well as the major portion of the working class.

Car Knocks Down Three Meters On Courtsquare

An unidentified driver failed to make the curve on Northwest Courtsquare. The Times office corner, sometime during New Year's Eve. As a result, three of the town's parking meters were clipped off at the base. Police are investigating and report they have several leads.

Lincoln Prison Camp Has Food Problem; Cook And Dishwasher Escape

Lincoln County prison camp superintendent Jake Schrum thinks he might be faced with a problem of feeding his men, if some of the trustees don't continue on their good behavior and desist from flying the coop. It's the men that are detailed to kitchen duty at the camp that have placed Schrum in his latest dilemma.

Lincoln Library Ranks 32nd In Per Capita Circulation

Lincoln County ranks 32nd among 78 North Carolina counties in per capita circulation of books in its public library. The circulation figures, compiled by counties by the North Carolina Library Commission, was for the period July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955. The Library Commission, in a recent issue of the UNC News Letter, presented a county-by-county report on the public library. The population data used are estimates of the N. C. State Board of Health for 1955, based on trends 1940-50.

The data revealed Lincoln County's public library contained 11,558 total volumes; 0.40 volumes per capita; 2.39 circulation per capita. Catawba county ranked 7th with 54,623 volumes; 0.83 volumes per capita; 4.50 circulation per capita; 2.72 circulation per capita; 74,153 volumes; 0.61 volumes per capita; 2.72 circulation per capita; Irede 21st with 60,263 volumes; 3.85 volumes per capita; 2.91 circulation per capita; Burke county 19th with 43,958 volumes; 0.91 volumes per capita; 3.23 circulation per capita; Cleveland county 44th with 28,019 volumes; 0.42 volumes per capita; 2.03 circulation per capita.

Tracy Gaskin's Father Passes In New Bern

Tracy Leland Gaskins, Sr., father of Tracy L. Gaskins, of this city, died Saturday afternoon at his home on Neuse Blvd. in New Bern, N. C. He had been in ill health for some time. Survivors include his wife, two sons, Tracy L. Gaskin, of Lincolnton and Harvey Gaskins, of New Bern, and two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Farnel, of Piquette Springs, and Mrs. Helen Greene, of New Bern.

Charles B. Smith Dies After Illness

Charles B. Smith, 36, whose wife was the former Miss Nancy Arrowood, of Lincolnton, died Friday morning, December 23 in Lorain, Ohio, following an illness of nine months. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Westfield Baptist church in Lorain by the Rev. Granville Gwyn and the Rev. O. H. Hauser. Burial was in the State Lane Primitive Baptist church cemetery. Pall bearers were Joe Smith, Vester Jackson, Stanley Christian, Boyce Cook, Walter Tilley and Raymond Snoddy. Before his illness Mr. Smith was employed as an electrician with the Nelson-Studd Co. in Lorain. He was a graduate of Westfield High School and a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army from May 2, 1942, to January 2, 1946, during which time he spent two years with the 31st Infantry Division in the South Pacific. He was a member of the Twentieth Street Methodist church in Lorain. In addition to his wife he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, of Westfield, and one sister, Mrs. William Hunt, of Martinsville, Va.

Long Shoals Citizens Excited About Lithium Deposits Found On Land

Mining operations for lithium in the Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland area for the past several years has focused a lot of attention on this area of the state. Huge tracts of land were leased by three mining companies in the three-county area, and mining operations for the highly valuable lithium mineral have proven successful. Quantities of the mineral have been found in large supply in many of the leased land areas, much of it right here in Lincoln County. The Times was informed several days ago that a Long Shoals citizen, finding samples of the lithium product on his property, had them sent to Raleigh for checking. The report came back that the samples tested very high in lithium, almost 32 per cent. Now, the Long Shoals man is debating what to do. Lease the land to a mining company or sit tight on it for a while. Several other citizens of the Long Shoals area have found evidence of lithium on their lands. The Times was told.

Hodges States Preservation Of Schools Aim

RALEIGH — Governor Hodges declared Thursday he feels the "chief thing" involved in the school segregation issue is that "this state is interested in keeping its public schools." "I feel we will work out something that will do this and at the same time do what the people of the state wish," he added. "Preservation of the public school is more important than all these other issues we are talking about," Hodges said during a discussion of the school segregation issue at his news conference. Hodges was asked if a special session of the Legislature "is likely" before the opening of schools next fall. "It's entirely possible," he answered. The governor said it depends on what the State Advisory Committee on Education proposes as a program. He was asked if a recent decision of the 4th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in a McDowell County segregation case would affect the timing of a special session. The decision, in effect, canceled segregation cases through the state courts before they can be appealed to federal courts. Hodges said the decision "certainly" has given the state "a great deal more time to work out its problem."

CONCURS IN REQUEST

The Legislature gave local school boards broad powers including full power over assignment of pupils. In saying he feels the local advisory committees "are needed," Hodges said he could not quarrel with action of the State Advisory Committee in asking that the local advisory groups temporarily suspend their activities while suggested assignment regulations are worked out by the state committee. SHUNS COMPARISON Hodges was asked if he considers preserving the schools more important than preserving segregation. He said he would rather not make that comparison.

City Firemen Called Out On False Alarm

City firemen were called out on a false alarm Saturday night. "Someone pulled the switch box in the Lincoln Wholesale Grocery area on S. Poplar St. Firemen, arriving on the scene, found no evidence of a fire.

Lincoln County Dimes Drive Opens Tuesday

Two New Year Babies Born At Local Hospital

Lincoln County recorded two New Year baby births; however, the parents have Gaston county addresses. Two New Year (1956) babies were ushered into the world at Crowell Hospital. The first arriving was Elsie Diane Kinley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kinley of Bessemer City, Route 2, weighing 8 lbs., 3 ozs. Diane put in her appearance at 12:57 a.m. Arriving some hours later than Diane at 9:20 p.m. was an 8 lbs., 7 ozs. son to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Icard of High Shoals. The Times had no other reports of New Year births in Lincoln county.

Famed New Year Shooters Bring "Bang" To City

The New Year came in with its usual noise-making yesterday (Jan. 1), but with a delayed louder "bang" today in the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln areas. The famed New Year Shooters of Cherryville, armed with their familiar old-fashioned muskets, at 12:01 a.m. today began their annual trek through the town streets and countryside, of the three counties to welcome the arrival of 1956. They put in their appearance in Lincolnton around noon today and put on their customary "shooting" display. At 7 a.m. today one group of the shooters were at the local radio station. The Shooters started out a day (or night) later this year than usual, since New Year this year fell on Sunday. As in past years, the two groups of men comprising the New Year Shooters contingent are making the three-county journey to carry out this old German tradition that has been going on around Cherryville and immediate communities for many years. Sidney A. Beam, who will soon be 83 years old, is again the speech crier this year. "Uncle Sid" has been crying the New Year chant for 64 years, and has not missed a year since 1908. Peter Sain is another of the Shooters leaders. "Uncle Dock" Shull is another old-timer with the shooters. He says he has been firing with the group for the past 63 years. Cherryville is the only known community which still practices this old custom which is believed to have had its origin in Germany. The tradition has been celebrated around Cherryville for more than 150 years. The tradition of New Year's shooting is said to have come to the U. S. when families began coming to the new world hundreds of years ago.

Funds To Be Used In Fight Against Polio

Lincoln County will join with 10,000 others throughout the nation January 3, to launch the 1956 March of Dimes. The campaign, continuing through January 31, is based on the theme — "Polio Isn't Licked Yet." Fund raising efforts will be conducted here by the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Dr. L. A. Crowell, Jr., chairman.



MISS ANN HAGER Selected As 'Miss Hi Miss'

Ann Hager Is Selected As 'Miss Hi Miss'

ROCK HILL, S. C. — Miss Ann Hager of Rock Springs High School, Denver, Lincoln County, has been selected as the 1956 Miss Hi Miss by the students of her school. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hager, she will be honored in the special Miss Hi Miss edition of the Johnsonian, Winthrop College weekly newspaper, in February. The honor senior girls from South Carolina and North Carolina will be the guests of Winthrop for a week end March 16-18. Miss Hager is vice president of the Student Council, vice president of the Beta Club, vice president of the district Beta Club, co-captain of the basketball team, editor of the school annual, Miss Rock Springs High School, a member of the Glee Club and Journalism Club. The Miss Hi Misses are selected from each high school on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and personal attractiveness.

Woodrow Armstrong Second Assistant Fire Chief

In The Times article in last Thursday's issue on the re-election of Lincolnton fire department officers the name of Woodrow Armstrong was inadvertently left out. The name of Mr. Armstrong should have appeared as second assistant chief. G. W. Tobey was re-named fire chief; Mack Kuck, first assistant chief; and Mr. Armstrong, second assistant chief. Other officers re-elected were C. C. Randall, captain; Ray Small, lieutenant; Frank Kuck, lieutenant; Jas. Thomas McLean, Sr., lieutenant; Jas. A. Shuford, secretary; M. L. Huggins, treasurer.

Coble Dairy Co-op Honored By Magazine

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. — Coble Dairy Products Co-op., of Lincolnton, N. C., by a national consumer magazine. Coble's Golden Guernsey Milk has been awarded Parents' Magazine's Commendation Seal, according to Golden Guernsey, Inc. The Parents' Commendation Seal was awarded only after the magazine's consumer service bureau thoroughly investigated the national Golden Guernsey program, including the operations of both producers and distributors. Golden Guernsey Milk is a trademark owned by Golden Guernsey, Inc., and can be used only by licensed distributors of Guernsey milk that meets rigid national requirements. Golden Guernsey, Inc. is a milk marketing organization established by the American Guernsey Cattle Club, non-profit agricultural registry association serving some 40,000 purebred Guernsey breeders from coast-to-coast.

FRIDAY CHAIRMAN

Attorney John Friday is chairman of the March of Dimes fund-raising for Lincoln County. Bryan (Jack) Dellinger, Jr., of the First National Bank will serve as fund treasurer. Contributions to the fund can be deposited in treasurer Dellinger's name at the bank. Other individuals and organizations that have been designated for participation in the fund campaign are: Charles Connor, chairman of advance gifts division; Kiwanis, P. J. Buckley, president, manufacturing concerns; Pilot, Mrs. Velma Drum, president, uptown and Boger City business concerns; Lions, Guy Hoyle, president, "String of Dollars Day" and "Blue Crutch Day"; VFW Auxiliary, Miss Marie Rhyne, president, March of Dimes booth; Junior Chamber of Commerce, Bud Warlick, president, construction of March of Dimes booth (donor donated by Seth Lumber Co.), and assistance with distribution of MOD coin collectors; Lincoln county public schools.

"BLUE CRUTCH DAY"

The local Infantile Paralysis chapter will have an iron lung on exhibit in Lincolnton on "Blue Crutch Day," January 7. The exhibit will be furnished through the cooperation of Robert L. Jones, Western Area representative of the North Carolina March of Dimes, Charlotte.

Millions of dollars in March of Dimes funds are needed, national officials say, "to aid thousands and thousands of polio patients for whom the Salk vaccine comes too late." Some 65,000 patients all over the country are now on the rolls of the National Foundation, and many more will be stricken before the Salk vaccine is administered to all. North Carolina, up through last October 1, was fortunate in having only 350 new cases of polio. This compared with 561 cases for the same period in 1954, and the figure was well below the average of 484 cases for the years 1950-54. Lincoln County ranked nineteenth in the state during the 1955 (January) March of Dimes drive with contributions of \$6,241.15, less than 23 cents per person.

16 POLIO PATIENTS AT TOTAL COST OF \$16,580.14

In 1954, Lincoln County assisted 16 polio patients at a total cost of \$16,580.14. Four of the 16 were 1954 victims of the dread disease. Fortunately, in 1954, Lincoln County had no reported cases of polio. 35 CHAPTERS FUND-LESS Many polio chapters in North Carolina are in desperate straits. Thirty-five chapters are without funds for the aid of their patients and must look to National Emergency Fund for financial support, or until funds from the 1956 Dimes campaign are in. Hundreds of polio patients in North Carolina must for a long time look to local chapters for help. (Continued on page 8)

Local NEWS Briefs

NO SESSION of Lincoln county Recorder's court was held today due to the courthouse offices being closed as a holiday. Next session of the court will be tomorrow (Tuesday), January 3. BELL FURNITURE CO. has re-occupied the building on Northwest Courtsquare in which it was formerly quartered. The building, owned by Robinson Estate, was recently purchased by the Bell firm owner, Joe Campbell. NEW 1956 North Carolina auto-truck license tags go on sale Tuesday morning, Jan. 3, at Guy E. Cline, Roddy Cline agency manager. TAX LISTING... Listing of property for 1956 taxes began in three of the county's five townships (Catawba Springs, North Brook, Ironton) today. Listing in Lincolnton and Howards Creek townships begin Tuesday. The tax-listing will continue throughout the month of January. HARRIS CITY PAINT Store today is moving from its former location on E. Sycamore-Courtsquare to the Hoyle building on E. Main St. adjoining Broome-Early Furn. & Appl. Co.

Youth Admits Holdup Of Storekeeper In Lucia-Lowesville Section

GASTONIA — Gaston county officers report that a 21-year old Mt. Holly carpenter has confessed to being the bandit who pulled off the \$600 armed robbery on Friday at Killians "Jot-Em-Down" Store in the Lucia-Lowesville section on the Gaston-Lincoln county line. Earl Poteat is in Gaston county jail charged with armed robbery. A hearing will be held this week to set his bond. \$275 of the stolen money has been recovered. Sheriff Detective Ed Groves said. Officers also have the black mask which Poteat said he wore and the 22 caliber rifle he allegedly used. The mask was a black cloth affair cut from a trouser's leg with eye holes crudely punched in it. The officers quoted Poteat as saying this version of the robbery. He said he had been drinking most of Friday morning, that he needed money and knew that Killian kept large sums. To pull off the robbery, he is quoted as saying, he used his mother's 1947 light blue car which he parked outside the "Jot-Em-Down" store while he went in alone. He held the rifle on Killian, took his billfold containing \$595 in cash and \$21 in checks, and forced him to lie on the floor while he made his getaway. Later Friday, Poteat is reported to have said, he met a sailor and the sailor's girl friend at Mount Holly and went with them on a trip to Tennessee. He said they spent over \$300 of the stolen money on a wild spending spree. As they returned from Tennessee Saturday afternoon, Poteat was arrested by Gaston sheriff's officers and Chief Bill McKinny of the Mount Holly police.

Park Elementary P-TA To Sell Rose Bushes

The P-TA of the Park Elementary school is now taking orders for rose bushes, it was announced today. Order must be in on or before January 15, and roses must be paid for in order, it was also announced. The cost is 45c per bush. The Greensboro Daily News reports that lithium material is already being used in the H-bomb, and that the mineral is to be combined with boron and hydrogen in the search for high energy jet fuels.

City's Stoptlights Made Easier For Motorists To See

M & H Service Co. of Mooresville personnel are in town and working with other members of the city electrical department in converting the town's stoptlights to a uniform type in meeting a recent state law. The "go" and "stop" signs have been hard to detect by motorists traveling East on Main St. in late afternoon hours, particularly by people who are color blind. The stoptlights have carried three bulbs; now, they are being partitioned off by section and of the same type — making them easier to see and read by motorists.