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Tear Down, Replace Jail, Says Grand Jury

The Lincoln County Grand Jury, in its first official work of the new year, had a number of recommendations to make in its report presented to Presiding Judge Francis Clarkson at the January term of Lincoln county Superior court this week.

The Grand Jury suggested certain improvements be made to the county court house properties and facilities, and finding many facilities at the county jail which they felt outmoded and inadequate, recommended that "the old county jail be torn down and replaced by a

modern building as soon as necessary arrangements can be worked out."

The full report of the Grand Jury follows: Honorable Francis O. Clarkson Judge Presiding January Term 1956 Lincoln County Superior Court

We, the Grand Jury, have passed on all bills presented to us by the Solicitor finding all true bills.

COURT HOUSE We inspected the Court House and would like to make the following suggestions for improvement. (Continued on page 6)



POLIO VICTIM—Donald Paul Reinhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reinhardt, of 505 Magnolia Street, Lincoln, who came down with polio in 1948, is shown above as he lay for nearly eleven months in a hospital. He still wears a body cast but the cast is off his legs up to his hips. With the use of crutches and brace on one leg he is now able to walk some.

Mother Of Polio Victim Is Grateful To March Of Dimes

Mayor A. L. Tait this week received a letter from Mrs. William Reinhardt, of this city, in which she expresses deep gratitude to the March of Dimes for what it has done, and is doing, in the recovery of her son, Donald Paul Reinhardt, who was stricken with polio in 1948. The letter to Mayor Tait, which is self explanatory, follows:

Dear Sir: I read your article in the paper about how badly we need help in the March of Dimes. I, for one, am very grateful to each and every man, woman, boy or girl, who does a dime in for this most worthy cause.

I have a son, Donald Paul Reinhardt, who had polio in 1948 when so many of our children were stricken. Paul could not walk, not even sit up, but thank God that through his mercy and the help of Lincoln County March of Dimes he is on the road to recovery.

I could never have paid for all his operations, he has had about six-on his feet and legs and a spinal fusion. He is still in a cast from his hips to his head but he is at home now. He has to wear this cast eighteen months.

I am sending you one of Paul's pictures. This is what the March of Dimes has done for my boy. He uses crutches and a brace on one leg but he can walk now and gets around very well. This picture is how he lay in the hospital for nearly 11 months. The cast is off his legs now to his hips but he still has the body cast, will wear it six more months. He was in the hospital from December 28, 1954 to December 1955.

You can use this picture in the paper if you wish just to prove that our own county does need help for our March of Dimes. If not for their help my boy would have been a helpless cripple, for I could never afford the treatments he has had through the March of Dimes. Sincerely yours, Mrs. William Reinhardt 505 Magnolia Street Lincoln, N. C.

SEVENTEEN SHORT OF QUOTA...

By LEWIS E. EVERLINE Lincoln County Blood Program Chairman

Citizens of Lincoln County responded to the urgent call for blood with a total of 108 pints of this life-saving substance. This was 42 short of the amount desired and 17 short of the 125 quota for each visit.

It was a much better response than that given earlier visits this year. Again we depended too much on repeat donors, there were far too few new donors, there were only 10 new donors out of the 108 who gave blood at this visit. Industries accounted for only 42 pints, the largest number of donors from a single factory were from the Long Shoals Cotton Mill.

This was a good visit, but not as good as Lincoln County can do. Let's make a better showing at the next visit on March 12th.

We are grateful to the donors to give, we are also grateful to the those who came but were not able to give, we are also grateful to the volunteers who made the operation of this Bloodmobile visit a smooth and efficient one.

BLOOD DONORS Blood donors were: Mrs. Everet Shrum, James Davis, Grady Sisk, Vernon Knuckles, James Armstrong, Lex Ramseur, Arnold Tarr, Mrs. Effie Eaker, Charles H. Hoover, Mrs. Margaret Starr, Mrs. Mildred (Continued on page 5)

Many Cases Heard At Sessions Of Superior Court Monday, Tuesday

Many cases were heard and disposed of at the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday sessions of Lincoln county Superior court this week. Judge Francis Clarkson of Charlotte presiding, and Solicitor James Farthing of Lenoir prosecuting for the State.

Judgments rendered in the cases follow: MONDAY CASES Hubert Brooks, compliance to judgment. Court finds defendant is now serving sentence on public roads with 13 months longer to run; the matter is continued, defendant to be placed against defendant for his appearance after service of sentence he is now serving is completed. Arvin Dwight Bodenheimer, speeding 80 mph, reckless driving, driving after license revoked. Motion for judgment nisi continued until April term of court. (Bondsman in open court agrees that bond will be paid at that time if he is unable to produce the defendant.) John Rollins, false pretense, defendant having pleaded guilty to false pretense at September, 1955, court, and prayer for judgment having been continued to allow defendant to get up sum of \$46.20 and costs, court finds said sum of money has been paid into clerk of court, and decrees 60 day sentence against defendant. If, however, defendant pay \$41.20 into clerk of court office for benefit of prosecuting witness, plus costs, he is to be released and judgment vacated. Walter Ward, compliance. Court finds defendant now serving prison sentence, and had paid the costs and all of the \$130 except \$50, the matter is continued to April term of court; detainer ordered to be placed against defendant, to be executed at the expiration of sentence defendant now serving. Monroe Waters, false pretense. Judgment capias. Irene Latham, compliance, issue capias. Charles Wallace, compliance. Judgment nisi, scifa and capias. Leon Mitchell, speeding. Judgment nisi, scifa and capias. Bobby (nmn) James, speeding 80 mph 45 zone. Judgment nisi, scifa and capias. Bobby (nmn) James, driving after license revoked. Judgment nisi, scifa and capias. Jiggs Alexander, larceny. 60 days, suspended for a period of one year, by and with consent of defendant, on condition that defendant be of good behaviour, and (Continued on page 5)

Crutch-Hobbling C. Of C. Must Get Back On Feet

FIRST CHURCH HOST... Methodist Area Training School Here Jan. 29-Feb. 2

First Methodist Church, Lincoln, will be host church to the Lincoln Area Methodist Training School, beginning Sunday evening, January 29, 7:30 o'clock. The school will continue at the same hour, 7:30, each evening through Thursday, February 2. Serving as director of the school will be Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor of the host church. COURSES-INSTRUCTORS The following courses and instructors are scheduled: Bible Manners and Customs, taught by Dr. B. C. Russell of Pfeiffer College faculty, Misenheimer, N. C. This study is for parents and teachers through the Junior department. Interpreting The Bible To Youth, taught by Mrs. E. H. Saville of Roanoke, Va. This study is for parents, teachers and counselors of Intermediates, Seniors and older youth. Understanding Our Selves, taught by Rev. Jerry D. Murray, pastor of Methodist Church, Davidson, N. C. This study is for young people only, ages 15-25. Your Home Can Be Christian, taught by Rev. S. B. Biggers, pastor of Methodist Church, Randleman, N. C. This study is sponsored by the Young Adults and is open to all young adults, parents and teachers interested in the Christian home and the church. The Acts Of The Apostles, taught by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Durham, N. C., retired member of the Duke Divinity School faculty. This is a general course and is open to all members of the church. The daily schedule will consist of the two class sessions and worship. COMMITTEES Committees making plans for the school are: Rev. C. W. Kirby, Superintendent of the Gastonia District, The Methodist Church. Rev. Carl King, former Secretary, Conference Board of Education, Salisbury, N. C. Rev. J. M. Braxton, Director of the School, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Lincoln. Rev. J. J. Powell, pastor, Boger City Methodist Church, Boger City, and Rev. J. L. Johnson, pastor of Bethlehem and Bess Chapel churches, Cherryville, Publicity: Mrs. Frances Nantz, First Methodist Church, Lincoln, Texts. Steve Barneau, Lincoln, Finance. SPONSORS The school is being sponsored by the Methodist Conference Board of Education and by the Methodist Church, Lincoln. (Continued on page 5)

\$300,000 Fire Destroys Warlick Furniture Store In Bluefield, W. Va.

The Warlick Furniture Company store in Bluefield, W. Va., owned and operated by W. C. Warlick and Mrs. T. M. Epperson, both former Lincoln residents, was completely destroyed by fire last Friday morning.

The Sunset News, afternoon daily of Bluefield had this to say of the fire: Fire today destroyed the Warlick Furniture Company building in a spectacular early morning blaze that raged for two hours or more and covered the downtown area of Bluefield with a pall of acid smoke.

Firemen battled the raging flames from snow-covered streets in a twenty-degree temperature. The fire was directly across the street from Central Fire Station. There was no early official estimate of the loss, but an informed person close to the company said it would probably be in the neighborhood of \$300,000. That would make it the worst fire loss in Bluefield in many years.

FLAMES SPREAD At the height of the blaze flames engulfed the big four story building on North Mercer St. from the basement to the roof. Flames leaped from every window and the tons of water poured into the building by chilled fire-fighters was a bit fouled-up. (Continued on page 6)

Times Story Correct, But Head Was Wrong

The story was correct, but the head was wrong. A front page article in Monday's issue of The Times on Lincoln County's wholesale sales figures in 1954 was a bit fouled-up.

The article, based on Bureau of Census figures, was correct in stating Lincoln County's 19 wholesale establishments employed 98 persons in 1954; had a payroll of \$336,000, and realized sales of \$14,382,000. However, the two column head above the article was way off base. Payroll figures (\$336,000) were reported as sales. The heading should have read: Lincoln's Wholesale Sales in 1954 Totaled \$14,382,000.

Asa Miles, Father Of Local Citizens, Dies

Asa Miles, 70, of Gastonia, father of Mrs. Fitz Costner and Mrs. Nettie Davis of Lincoln, died Friday in a Gastonia hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 4 p. m. at Pentecostal Holiness Church, Gastonia. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery there. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ida Lewis Miles; a son, Willie, of Gastonia; four daughters, Mrs. Paul Holman of South Gastonia, Mrs. Nettie Davis and Mrs. Fitz Costner of Lincoln, Mrs. Chess Montgomery of Gastonia; 23 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Officers, Board Of Red Cross Meet January 26

The regular meeting of the officers and board of the Lincoln County Red Cross Chapter has been re-scheduled for the evening of January 26th in the reception rooms at the Crowell Hospital. This meeting originally was scheduled for January 12th but was re-set for the Jan. 26 date.

HOYLE LOCAL DEALER...

More Ford Cars, Trucks Sold In Lincoln During '55 Than Any Other Make

New Ford Car retail sales to customers and Ford truck retail sales to customers in Lincoln County exceeded those of any other make, according to net automobile registration figures made available today by the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association in Raleigh. HOYLE LOCAL DEALER Hoyle Motor Company, Inc. local Ford-Mercury dealer is extremely happy and proud that public preference in Lincoln County has made this record possible for the second consecutive year. They sincerely thank their many customers and friends that have made this record for the company during the year '54 and again in '55. FOUR LETTER AWARD Hoyle Motor Company, Inc. holds the "FOUR LETTER AWARD" from the Ford Motor Company. It is the highest dealership award given by FORD and has only been presented to a select group of dealers with outstanding records in business and service. The award was presented to the company last year for "outstanding performance" on the basis of sound finances, efficient management, competitive spirit and modern facilities. Bill Hoyle has been presented a beautiful watch and citation from Henry Ford II for outstanding Sales Management Performance during the year 1955. COMPANY OFFICERS The officers of Hoyle Motor Company are Hal Hoyle, Sr., President, W. F. Hoyle, Vice President, Hal Hoyle, Jr., Secretary and Manager, W. R. (Bill) Hoyle, Treasurer and Sales Manager and Harry Hoyle Ass't. Treasurer.

300 Members Goal In Rebuilding Program

Lincolnton's Chamber of Commerce, not up to needed strength and below its peak of effectiveness as a community-industry builder in recent years, has a big job cut out for itself in the new year 1956.

The Chamber must undergo almost complete revitalization, a big jump in membership is a "Must," Co-ordinated support of the town's people, merchants, professional men, industry, civic organizations will have to be forthcoming if operations are to continue and Lincolnton still have its Chamber of Commerce as a guiding, influential force in the city and county's growth and future.

MEMBERSHIP DWINDLES In 1947, when the Lincolnton Chamber of Commerce was first organized the organization had 377 members. In 1956, eight years later, membership in the C of C has dwindled off to 116. 300 members are needed if the Chamber is to safely operate, financially.

R. C. Lockman Dies In France

Word was received here late yesterday of the death near Paris, France of Robert Coyle (Doc) Lockman, 44, Lincoln county native.

News of Mr. Lockman's death, reported attributed to a heart attack, came in a trans-Atlantic telephone call about 6:30 p.m. to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. (Bob) Lockman of Lincolnton, Route 3. The call was from a daughter-in-law of the Lockmans, Mrs. Daniel Lockman, in England.

It was assumed that Lieut. Colonel Daniel Lockman, brother of the deceased, stationed with the U. S. Air Force in England, had flown to Paris upon receiving news of his brother's death, and that his wife had been requested to make the call to Lincoln county to notify the Lockman family. Efforts on the part of the Lockman family here today by means of cablegram and telephone to learn more details of the death proved successful. A brother, Russell, informed The Times he was able to reach his brother, Daniel, by telephone at the R. C. Lockman home in Vinney, France, near Paris, at 11:30 a.m. today. He said he learned from Daniel that their brother had died at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at his Vinney home, and that funeral services would be held next Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the American Church of Paris. Burial will be in the Bissonette family plot in Paris.

ERWIN SPEAKER Featured speaker at the event was Arthur Erwin, Lincolnton native, now an attorney with the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington.

Aware of the local Chamber's status, and local aims and objectives to rebuild it and make it a bigger, more effective organization, Mr. Erwin proceeded to outline a program that is necessary to build and develop a strong, active Chamber of Commerce. Regarding operations of a Chamber of Commerce, he pointed out that to be effective the Chamber must have a dynamic program of work. This program, he said, must not depend on the officers, secretary, board of directors, "but all citizens of the town."

A Chamber of Commerce, he emphasized, must fill local (Continued on page 6)

Gordon Keener Seriously Hurt In Auto Collision

Three Lincoln county persons were injured, one seriously, in an automobile mishap about 9:40 p.m. Tuesday on Highway 27, four miles east of Lincolnton near Saunders Furniture Mart.

Hospitalized with serious head injuries, facial lacerations, and a broken leg was Gordon Sully Keener, 51, of Lincolnton, Route 5. A Crowell Hospital attache reported this morning that Mr. Keener had spent a restful night. Receiving light injuries were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Edgar Bear of Lincolnton. They were occupants of a '48 Studebaker.

Highway Trooper Dave Houston, investigating officer, gave this account of what happened: PUSHING CAR ON HIGHWAY Mr. Bear, having mechanical trouble with his car, had stepped outside it on the steering wheel side, turned off the lights, and

was in the process of pushing it in an effort to get it started when the car operated by Mr. Keener, rammed into it from the rear. Mr. Bear told the patrolman that he saw the Keener auto approaching from behind and that he attempted to flick his car lights back to warn the driver, but his action was too late to prevent the collision. Keener reported he did not see the light-less Bear car on the highway ahead of him in time to avoid running into it, officer Houston said.

The force of the impact threw Keener about 12 feet out of his car and into a ditch, trooper Houston reported. Both cars were almost completely demolished. Houston said Bear was charged with reckless driving involved in accident, personal injury, and released under \$2,000 bond pending outcome of Keener's injuries.

W. E. Sisk Is Good Example Of Loyal Times Subscriber

It's men like W. E. Sisk of Vale, Route 3, that makes The Times proud of its large and growing family of subscribers.

Mr. Sisk has been in ill health of late, was hospitalized at the Crowell Hospital. Last week he had sufficiently recovered his health to be dismissed from the hospital. Normally, a dismissed patient usually heads directly for his or her home. But Mr. Sisk, you see is a long-time Times subscriber. He remembered it was about renewal time on his subscription. So, after hiring a taxi, he had the driver stop by The Times office enroute to his home. Mr. Sisk, still weakened by his illness, leaned on a cane for support as he stepped into the office. With a big, friendly smile on his face, he told office employee Shirley Wilson, "Let me subscribe for my paper another year. I'm just going home from the hospital and I don't want to miss any copies." He paid a year's subscription, and with a parting smile hobbled out the door and into the taxi.

Yes, The Times is proud of its family of readers. Especially one as loyal and conscientious as Mr. Sisk. We wish him a full, complete recovery from his illness... and many, many more years of enjoyment as a Times subscriber.

Buckley New President Chamber Of Commerce; 5 New Directors Seated

Pat J. Buckley is the new president of the Lincolnton Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Boyce Griggs, vice president; Robert Rudisill, treasurer; Mrs. Polly Crissin, re-elected secretary.

Election of the officers came in a meeting of the five new and ten holdover members of the board of directors following the annual banquet session of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association Monday night in the high school cafeteria.

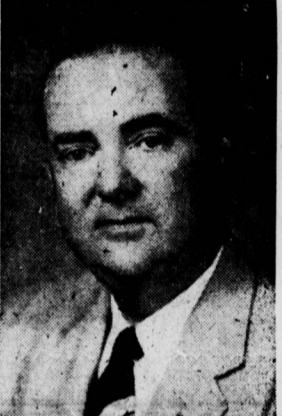
Mr. Buckley succeeds Harvey A. Jonas, Jr. retiring president of the Chamber.

NEW DIRECTORS

Five new directors, selected by membership by ballot vote 1 December, were officially Aled. They were: Carl R. Hartman, Frank H. Crowell, Elmore Goodson, A. L. Tait, Asbury Howard.

Holdover directors are Pat Buckley, H. A. Jonas, Jr., Dr. Boyce Griggs, Jack Brown, Dr. Sam Wilson, Hal Hoyle, Jr., Sam King, E. F. Drum, Robert Rudisill, Dewey Hoyle.

Mr. Buckley, the new C of C president, is owner of Piedmont Parts & Supply Co., serves as town alderman and vice mayor, and has long been identified with civic affairs. Dr. Griggs, vice president, is a



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prominent Lincolnton physician with offices in the Lincoln National Bank building. He is a member of the town school board, and also has long been closely identified with civic affairs.

Mr. Rudisill, treasurer, is cashier at the First National Bank. Mrs. Crissin, secretary, will be serving her fourth year in that capacity.

SPENDING \$25.97 PER PUPIL...

Lincoln Ranks 38th In Effort For Schools On The Basis Of Ability

Lincoln county stands thirty-eighth among the one hundred counties of North Carolina in its efforts toward education, as compared with its ability ranking of 46th.

A release from Raleigh showed that Lincoln ranked 38th among the 100 counties of the state from the standpoint of ability to pay with local funds for schools and the means of education, according to statistics from the State Board of Education. As referred to in the opening paragraph, Lincoln ranked 38th in effort.

\$23.97 PER PUPIL

Lincoln county, according to the state report, is spending \$25.97 per pupil annually on education. The state average is an expenditure of \$23.40 per pupil. State board members compiled the county-by-county statistics as a basis for distributing the final \$25,000,000 in school bond money. They took into account economic ability, local effort, and school needs.

Economic ability was determined by complicated data drawn from U.S. Census reports, covering per capita income and the like. Local effort was measured by the amount of local funds raised annually per pupil until 1955.

Exactly 50 of the 100 counties were rated as spending sums in keeping with or above their ability to pay, while the other 50 are spending less than their rated ability.

Ranking by ability and effort of some of the area counties are: Catawba, tenth in ability, twelfth in effort, spending \$45.55 annually per pupil; Gaston, eleventh in ability, fourteenth in effort, spending \$44.20 annually per pupil; Cleveland, thirty-second in ability, twenty-ninth in effort, spending \$31.88 annually per pupil; Burke, thirty-third in ability, fifth in effort, spending \$50.46 annually per pupil; Iredell, nineteenth in ability, fifty-third in effort, spending \$18.48 per pupil annually.

Death Claims W. H. Caldwell

William Henry Caldwell, 91, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Fish, on Lincolnton, Route 5, at 7:10 p.m. Monday.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in Lawing's Chapel Baptist Church near Maiden with the Rev. L. A. McClure officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are four sons, Lawrence F. of Maiden, Roscoe and George of Route 1, Maiden, Fred of Myrtle Beach, S. C.; two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Fish and Mrs. G. A. Bolick of Lincolnton, Route 5; 17 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren.

Murder Case Not Called Yet, In Local Court

The murder case against a Lincoln county man, Berge Williams, docketed for this week's Superior court, had not been called as the Times went to press today. Due to a heavy backlog of cases still being disposed of, it was not known if the case would be called this afternoon.

The Grand Jury ruled a true bill in the indictment, The Times was informed. Williams is charged with the fatal shooting last November of Pledger Kay. He claimed self defense in the shooting, investigating officers reported.