

Lawing Report ...

Employment Remains Good In Lincoln Area

The following report on employment conditions in the Lincolnton, Lincoln County, Cherryville area for the past month (February) was released today by Paul Lawing, manager of the local office of the N. C. Employment Commission:

The number of persons filing claims for unemployment insurance showed a decline over January 1956 as well as for February 1955. A total of 248 initial claims was filed last month as compared to 398 in January 1956 and 294 in February 1955.

Air Force Note Sent To County

Attorney John R. Friday, chairman for the annual Red Cross fund drive currently underway in Lincoln County, has received a letter from the 309th Troop Carrier Squadron at Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C., as a follow-up to the appearance here last week of an Air Force-loaned helicopter to stir up interest in the local Red Cross drive.

The letter is as follows: "Dear Sir: "We are in receipt of your letter and copies of THE LINCOLN TIMES for which we are most grateful. THE TIMES articles will remain a part of the history of this squadron. "It was a pleasure for us to be of assistance in your Red Cross drive, and, if we may be of further assistance at some future date, do not hesitate to call on us. "FRANK L. KEBELMAN, JR., "Major, USAF, "Commander."

Only 69 Pints Of Blood Received Here Monday

By LEWIS E. EVERLINE
Lincoln County
Blood Program Chairman

Only sixty-six blood donors from Lincoln County gave blood at the Monday visit. Sixty-six persons out of the total population of the county. This was far short of our quota of 125 pints.

Hugh Abernethy Named President Of District WOW

"Cook's Booster Club" of the Woodmen of the World held their regular quarterly meeting with the Lincolnton Camp Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: E. Hugh Abernethy, Lincolnton, President; G. N. Pilkinton, Lenoir, 1st. Vice Pres.; Jim Killian, Hickory, 2nd Vice Pres.; W. O. Bullard, Lincolnton, Secretary; J. D. Harbinson, Maiden and E. A. Rudisill, Escorts; C. M. Cooke, Hickory, Treasurer; J. B. Houser, Vale, Watchman; R. L. Propst, Drexel, Sentry.

Southside Baptist Church To Conduct Training Union Course

Southside Baptist Church will hold a Training Union Study Course from March 19 to 23. Rev. Hampton Serence will teach the adults, Benny Inzie the Intermediates, Mrs. Hampton Serence the Juniors, and Mrs. Dora Elmore the Primaries.

1144 continued claims being filed in February 1956 as compared to 1412 in January 1956 and a total of 2012 in February 1955, this represents about twice the number which was filed during the past month.

Job openings showed a slight improvement over last month as well as the corresponding month of 1955 with a total of 67 persons being placed on suitable job openings.

Airman First Class William Carswell Named Airman Of The Month

The local office recently completed testing the seniors at Rock Springs High School which makes a total of four high schools in this county where the seniors who are not going off to college or who do not have a job waiting for them after graduation.

663 APPLICANTS
At the present time we have a total of 663 applications for work in our files with 377 of these being female workers and 94 veterans. A large number of these are inexperienced while others have had office experience, textile, furniture, laborers and many others.

Junior Marshalls Chosen At Union High School

Marshalls from the Junior class at Union high school this year were selected by their scholastic average.

Membership Course Will Be Taught At Baptist Church

A series of courses in Church Membership will be taught at the First Baptist Church for several nights beginning Sunday evening at 6:30.

Three New Dallas Mills To Give Area Economic "Shot In Arm"

An economic "shot in the arm" was envisioned for this entire area this week with an announcement that three new textile mills — to employ between 800 and 1,000 persons — will soon be established in Dallas, 13 miles south of Lincolnton.



A/IC WILLIAM CARSWELL

William Carswell Named Airman Of The Month

Airman First Class William Carswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Carswell, of Lincolnton, Route 1, has been selected as Airman of the Month for February.

Information as to his selection came in a letter to his parents from Capt. Everett W. Abbott, Jr., Commander of the 17th Air Police Squadron at Hurlburt Field in Florida.

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An Open Letter ...

"Don't You Care About Red Cross"

Because of the lack of support from the public in its efforts to maintain operations and services, and especially the poor response to the current fund drive, Lincoln County's Red Cross chapter is in desperate straits. The Chapter now is near disbandment as the result of this lack of support. Red Cross Chapter Chairman Walter Clark and Fund Chairman John Friday describe the chapter's dilemma in the following:

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF LINCOLNTON AND LINCOLN COUNTY:

As citizens of Lincolnton and Lincoln County, we have been spared the awful consequences of flood and hurricane damage. We have been blessed with peace and plenty. Our business and our crops have been good.

... but, must it take just such disaster to awaken us? A short distance away, the American Red Cross has expended the staggering sum of \$16,969,500.00 on flood relief alone. A major portion of this large expenditure was channeled to assist disaster victims on our very own coastline. Work, in these and other areas, is still going on. It takes time ... and money!

And, who knows, we may be next! We might soon be grateful for the warmth and supplies given us by other generous citizens of the United States. And, we might be grateful that there is a Red Cross. It can happen here!

Life-saving blood; how many lives saved! What monetary value can we place on this service? Or, a child's life saved because an interested citizen engaged in life saving courses, or first aid?

As of this writing, citizens of Lincolnton and Lincoln County have contributed less than \$500.00 to the Lincoln County Red Cross Drive. Our goal is over \$7200.00. We are falling short. We stand to lose our local chapter — our one vital link with the humanitarian interests and work of the Red Cross; its blood program, its disaster relief, if we fail to meet this goal. We are running on borrowed time, and money.

If asked for bread, can we give a stone? We lack solicitors. One may not reach you. A contribution may be mailed to the American Red Cross, Lincolnton, N. C., or to one of the following:

(1) Mayor A. L. Tait, chairman of industrial division, (2) Mrs. W. A. Lilly, Red Cross Office, (3) Robert Rudisill, Treasurer, Red Cross, First National Bank, Lincolnton, N. C.

... Doesn't anyone care? Walter Clark, Red Cross Chairman. John R. Friday, Drive Chairman.

4 LHS Delegates To Attend State Convention Of N.H.S.

(Special To The Lincoln Times)
Four delegates from Lincolnton High School will attend the State Convention of the National Honor Society, to be held at Boyden High School in Salisbury, North Carolina, March 15-17.

They are: Willard Boyd, official; David Keefer, official; Nancy Shidal, official; and Rebecca Rhodes, official.

State officers, representing approximately sixty-two chapters in North Carolina, are: Glenn Ketter, Salisbury, president; Jim Herring, Durham, vice-president; Eleanor Evans, Raleigh, secretary; and Mary Margaret Kelly, Salisbury, treasurer.

The theme of this year's convention will be "Exploring New Horizons: How can we as National Honor Society members exert a stronger influence on today's youth problems?"

DISCUSSION TOPICS
Discussion topics will include:
1. Segregation: How will you meet tomorrow?
2. Vocations: Are you preparing adequately for tomorrow?
3. Recreation: What do you expect in a good recreational program?
4. Juvenile Delinquency: How

Roper Continues Talk At Rotary On Supreme Court

The Lincolnton Rotary Club met Monday at 6 p.m. for the regular luncheon meeting at the high school cafeteria.

Jack Thompson was in charge of the program. He introduced the speaker, Rotarian S. M. Roper. Mr. Roper continued his interesting talk about the operation of the U.S. Supreme Court, which he began during a previous Rotary program. Included in his talk was an account of the famous Dred Scott case.

Walter Clark, Red Cross Chairman, spoke briefly about the Red Cross Fund Drive. Many Rotarians volunteered to help in the canvassing for funds in the uptown business area.

Dr. Gordon Pace was a visitor. The president of the Rotary Club, Dr. Boyce Griggs, presided at the meeting.

Three New Dallas Mills To Give Area Economic "Shot In Arm"

As Dallas to make 2,000 dozen orlon sweaters a week for women, with yarn supplied by Carlton Yarn Mills of Cherryville, and that the plant would, at peak, employ 400 to 500 persons, many of them possibly from the Lincolnton area. The company, which will sell through H. Sweetbaum, Inc. of New York City, will be known as Dalnit Mills. All the common stock has been subscribed, but \$50,000 in 6 pct. preferred stock will be issued, to pay a bonus of \$250 for each \$1,000 invested at the

Dave Clark Files For 4th Term In House

Mayor Tait Asks Support For Girl Scouts

The following proclamation, designating March 11-17 as Girl Scout Week in Lincolnton was issued this week by Mayor A. L. Tait:

WHEREAS the Girl Scouts of the United States of America have rendered continuous service to their country and communities since their founding on March 12, 1912; and

WHEREAS, we the People of Lincolnton, North Carolina, are aware of the important contribution to the community welfare being made by Girl Scout leaders through their work with the youth of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout organization has grown to more than two million girl members and more than 600,000 adult leaders, who are each day living up to their promise to try to do their duty to God and Country, to help other people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout laws of loyalty, honesty, courtesy, cheerfulness, usefulness, kindness, and helpfulness to others;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, A. L. Tait, Mayor of Lincolnton, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, hereby proclaim March 11-17 of this year 1956 as Girl Scout Week and March 12 as the forty-fourth Anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouting in the United States of America. I, therefore, call upon all citizens to give the Girl Scouts now and in the coming years the fullest cooperation and support so that increasing numbers of girls may benefit from the splendid program of training in citizenship which the Girl Scout organization offers.

VFW Dance Set For Saturday, March 17

Another in the series of Saturday night dances at the VFW Club is scheduled for March 17.

Dancing, both round and square, will be enjoyed from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. Music will be by Tiny Jackson and his orchestra of Charlotte.

Admission will be \$1.50 per couple. The dance is for VFW members and their guests.

Five Traffic Deaths In Lincoln County In 1955

WAKE COUNTY—The Motor Vehicles Department completed today its final summary of traffic deaths and injuries for 1955.

The totals: 45,054 accidents; 17,875 injuries; and 1,165 fatalities. It was the second worst year in Tar Heel traffic history, the agency said. Accidents killed 1,289 in 1941, the bloodiest year since records have been kept.

Wake county, with 56 deaths for the year, led the fatality list.

In a three-way tie for second place was Guilford, Mecklenburg, and Robeson counties with 34 each.

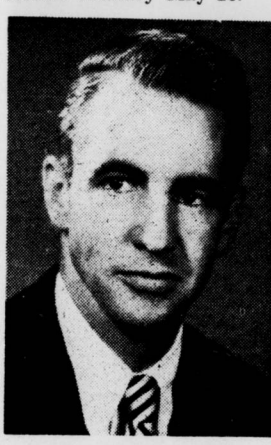
Cumberland, with 30 deaths, was in third place, Nash with 29 in fourth place, and Columbus and Randolph in a tie for fifth place with 28 each.

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Attorney David Clark announced from his Lincolnton office today that he has filed for re-election to the House of Representatives from Lincoln County, subject to the Democratic Primary May 26.



REP. DAVID CLARK

Ode Bost Files As Candidate For Constable

Ode Bost, former law enforcement officer in Lincoln county, this week re-entered the political scene when he filed as a candidate for Constable from Lincolnton Township, subject to the Democratic primary on May 26.

Bost, who served as a deputy under the Democratic administration of Sheriff George Rudisill and Sheriff Frank Heaver for 17 years, posted his \$5 filing fee Tuesday with J. Robt. McNeely, Lincoln county Elections Board Chairman. He invites the support of his friends in the primary.

If no other Constable candidate files before the April 14 deadline, Mr. Bost is expected to oppose incumbent Roy Weaver in the primary election. It is understood Mr. Weaver will seek re-election.

Mr. Bost, co-owner and manager of City Block & Tile Co., E. Water street, was born in the Laboratory section of Lincoln county. He is a son of Mrs. Carrie Bost and the late Jesse Bost. Former deputy Bost is married, and has one daughter, Mrs. George (Porky) Rose.

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Lincolnton Bypass Project Re-Advertised For Bids

A Lincoln county project was one of two paving jobs which the State Highway Commission in Raleigh this week re-advertised for bids. The project pertains to the new bypass.

The Lincolnton project, and one at Washington, N. C., were advertised in the February letting but were rejected because of irregularities in the bids, the Commission ruled.

A Hickory firm, Midstate Contractors, Inc., submitted the low bid (\$190,365.99) on the Lincolnton bypass work at the February letting.

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This means that the popular, 35-year old legislator will be bidding for his fourth term at Raleigh. He represented Lincoln in the 1951, 1953 and 1955 sessions of the General Assembly.

Rep. Clark told The Times he posted his \$5 filing fee this morning with J. Robt. McNeely, Chairman for Lincoln County Elections Board.

ISSUES STATEMENT

In connection with the filing of his candidacy, Mr. Clark issued the following statement:

"I deeply appreciate the encouragement my friends have given me to file again for this office. If the people of Lincoln County see fit to reelect me, I shall endeavor with all my ability to justify their confidence and will strive to serve the best interests of the people of our County and State."

Mr. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thorne Clark of Lincolnton, is not expected to have any opposition in his party's primary.

Lincoln County Republicans have not yet named a candidate for the House. At the party's recent county convention, announcement was made that any Republican wishing to file for a county office did not have to have the authorization of the convention to do so, but could file on their own before the April 14 deadline.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Only elective offices on the Lincoln level to be contested in the primary and general election this year are for the House of Representatives, Constables and Justices of Peace.

Incumbent Clark has strong political support in Lincoln county, and usually is his party's top vote getter. In his three terms in the General Assembly he has gained much prestige, made an impressive record, and been named to many powerful committees, serving as chairman on some of them.

SERVES ON COMMITTEES

In the 1955 General Assembly, he served on the following committees: (Chairman) Court and Judicial Districts, (Vice Chairman) Penal Institutions, Calendar, Conservation and Development, Constitutional Amendments, Corporations, Election and Election Laws, Finance, Health, Insurance, Judiciary No. 2, Mental Institutions, Military Affairs, Public Utilities, Roads and Highway Safety, Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement, Trustees of the University (N. C.). In 1954-55, he served on the judicial council; served on State Government Reorganization Commission 1953-55 (and chairman of this committee 1955-57).

The State Government Reorganization Commission will make a number of recommendations to the 1957 General Assembly.

Fast Driving, Fog Cause Of Wreck At Killians Crossroads

Fast driving in a heavy fog was blamed with an accident at 7:15 a.m. Monday at the intersection of Highway 150 and 16, Killians Crossroads, the Catawba-Lincoln county line area.

According to reports, a 1951 Ford driven by Thomas Frederick Moore, Jr., 19, of Cleveland was headed east on 150, and had stopped at Highway 16. A 1955 Oldsmobile driven by Clarence Lee Bridges, 35, of Forest City, was following the Moore car and failed to stop. The car reportedly skidded 124 feet before striking the Ford. Damage was estimated at \$350, and Bridges was charged with reckless driving.

Patrolman Harry Williams of Catawba county, investigating officer, said Bridges obviously was traveling too fast or too close in the heavy fog. No injuries resulted in the collision.

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