

# FOOTE SEEKING BERYLLIUM BY-PRODUCT BUT CASTLE SAYS RESULTS STILL ARE "NOTHING"

Footo Mineral Company is working on a cooperative project with the Bureau of Mines to obtain the element beryllium as a by-product of its lithium extracting operations.

As yet, Footo Manager Jim Castle reports, the result is "nothing". Mr. Castle was commenting at the Herald's request on an Associated Press dispatch out of Washington, D. C., of May 2, in which it was stated that the Geological Survey has found that beryllium reserves in the "tin-spodumene" belt of North Carolina total 823,000 tons, treble the previously estimated amount.

The Associated Press report continued: "The survey's report was made available to a reporter today in connection with a Bureau of Mines announcement that domestic consumption of beryllium is less than a third of the total supply that became available during 1953. Beryllium is the sole commercial source mineral of the strategic metal beryllium. Beryllium is used in nuclear energy work but its main use is with copper to make hard, strong

alloys which withstand fatigue and wear and at the same time conduct electricity at high temperatures. The metal is also alloyed with nickel, aluminum, manganese and iron.

"Beryllium oxide is used in the production of high quality refractories and electrical insulators. The Bureau of Mines said this country imports about 90 per cent of its beryllium. Domestic mine shipments in 1953 were about 750 tons while imports exceeded 8,200 tons. "Future beryllium supply prospects appear favorable," the bureau said, "Estimated reserves in Brazil, the largest beryllium-producing country, have been increased recently, and geological survey... estimates beryllium reserves of the tin-spodumene belt in North Carolina at 823,000 tons, nearly three times the amount formerly estimated."

"The geological survey described the tin-spodumene area of North Carolina as a narrow, 25-mile belt of crystalline rocks extending from Gaffney, S. C., to a point a few miles east of Lincolnton, N. C. "The report said the beryllium estimated to be in the belt "would satisfy domestic beryllium re-

quirements for many years if a satisfactory method is devised by which the beryllium can be profitably extracted from the rock."

"The extraction will obviously require grinding the rock, and the values of the various minerals in a turn of average spodumene ore... indicates that most of the cost of a milling operation will have to be repaid by sale of spodumene and feldspar, beryllium, and heavy minerals will be byproducts."

**Scout Leaders Meet In Shelby Tuesday**  
SHELBY, May 12 — Scout officials announced today that the bi-monthly dinner meeting of the Executive Board of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at Hoyle Memorial Methodist church at East Shelby on Tuesday night, May 18, at 7:15 o'clock. Some 75 or more men from the counties of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, McDowell, Polk, and Rutherford are expected to be in attendance. The officers of the Council, the Council Operating committees

and commissioners of each county district will meet at 6:00 for regular committee meetings in preparing their reports to the board meeting which will follow. The principal business of the meeting will be to motivate the activities of Scouting for the summer months and especially to provide for every possible Scout to attend camp. Some 2,500 Scouts are expected at Piedmont Boy Scout camp at Lake Lanier this summer with practically all the space for the ten weeks of the summer being reserved. 126 troops are already enrolled to attend.

In addition to reports from the eleven county districts of the area and from the Operating committees and Commission Service, brief reports will be made by those who attended the annual meeting of Region Six of the Boy Scouts of America in Atlanta in April. Charles K. Bryant of Gastonia, president of the Council, will preside at the meeting of the Executive Board and Operating committee chairmen will preside over the committee discussion meetings.

## HOLDERS Convert All Of Footo's Debentures

PHILADELPHIA — All of Footo Mineral Company's four percent Convertible Subordinate Sinking Fund Debentures have been converted into common stock, according to J. S. Gates, treasurer.

Footo first advertised its notice of redemption on April 5, indicating that the bonds would be called on the redemption date, May 5, 1954. For sometime, the price of Footo common stock has been well above the current conversion rate of one share of common for each \$45.84 principal amount of debentures. Therefore, debenture holders converted their bonds prior to the termination of the conversion privilege on the redemption date.

The Company's entire outstanding debt is now \$1,800,000 under a term loan and revolving credit agreement. Approximately 318,875 shares of common stock are outstanding after conversion of the debentures.

## Baptismal Services Held In Grover; Music Pupils To Give Annual Recital

GROVER — The Rev. W. F. Monroe brought an inspirational message on the theme "The New Birth" to his congregation at the First Baptist church on Sunday morning. Mother's Day was also observed. The oldest and youngest mother present was recognized. Mrs. C. A. Mullinax was presented a corsage by Rev. Monroe for the oldest mother present, and Mrs. Ralph Wright received the corsage for the youngest mother.

The corsages were pinned to the lapels of their coats by Mrs. R. E. Hambright. Baptismal service was conducted at the First Baptist church on Sunday evening. The following were baptized: Mrs. Tommy Harry, Fonda Bridges, Cynthia Wright, Mary Anne Herndon, Sandra Spangler, Jimmy Owens, Kenneth Tesseneer, Jack Mullinax, and Tommy Hudson. The social hour of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. B. A. Harry.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. W. I. Beam and prayer was offered by Mrs. Harry. Taking part on the program were Mrs. E. B. Herndon, Mrs. H. L. Beam, Mrs. A. F. Collins, Mrs. B. F. Bird, and Mrs. W. F. Monroe.

During the social hour, Mrs. Harry served refreshments. The women of the Shiloh Presbyterian church will hold their general Auxiliary meeting in the church basement on Wednesday evening with Mrs. Louis Morgan, Mrs. M. I. Hardin and Mrs. J. D. Hambright as co-hostesses. Mrs. F. B. Hambright will present her music pupils in recital Thursday and Friday evenings, May 13th and 14th.

The Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, May 16 will mark the beginning of the graduation program series, which will come to a climax on Wednesday night, May 19, at 8 o'clock. The exercises will come to a close with the presentation of the diplomas to the graduates. The valedictorian for the year is Miss Betty Watterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Watterson. The salutatorian is Miss Theo Huffstetler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Huffstetler of the Allen Memorial community. The Baccalaureate sermon will

be held at the First Baptist church. The Rev. M. E. Robbins of Bethlehem church will deliver the sermon. The Rev. K. L. Hollifield, The Rev. Paul Allen, The Rev. Park Moore, and The Rev. W. F. Monroe will assist. Marshals are Jimmy Owens, Scott Wright, Sue Keeter, Ann Davis, and Peggy McGinnis. The agriculture boys, directed by their teacher, Paul Hambright, are working on the school grounds. They are sowing grass, planting iris and an assortment of plants.

Mrs. W. F. Powell and Mrs. E. B. Hambright are supervising the project. Vardell Neal is a patient at Oteen hospital. Mrs. Walter Turner and Mrs. Tyree Keeter attended Memorial service at Sulphur Springs Methodist church on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tesseneer, Miss Barbara Tesseneer and Willis Greene attended memorial services at Prospect church near Cliffside on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cockrell and Starr Cockrell spent Sunday with Bill Cockrell at Clemson college. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Becknell visited Mr. and Mrs. George Beck-

nell of Pacolet, S. C., on Sunday. Mrs. Addie Beam visited Marion Beam at the Kings Mountain hospital on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Collins and sons, Larry and Gary, were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Turner of Earl on Sunday.

Mrs. Lola Dillingham visited her brother, E. S. McSwain and Mrs. McSwain of Spartanburg on Sunday. Mrs. Cora Casey and Miss Ruth Casey visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jones of Spartanburg on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Shuford and Raymond Camp are spending 10 days with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shuford of Key West, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Ramsey visited Mrs. O. B. Black at the Gaffney hospital on Sunday. Mrs. Curtis Hambright is a patient in the Shelby hospital. Sgt. and Mrs. Carson Carner of Columbia spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Beam, and Mrs. Ethel Carner. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Quinn of Spartanburg spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Byers. Mr. and Mrs. Max Rollins of Lincolnton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rollins. Miss Odessa Moss of Gastonia spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Moss. Ellis Tate of ASTC, Boone, spent the weekend with his pa-

rents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tate. Harry Beam of Atlanta spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Beam. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ledford and children of Lincolnton visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Beam on Sunday. Mrs. Eunice-Norman, Mrs. Reola Beam, Miss Janie Boheler and Mrs. Bertha Clinton, the two latter of Kings Mountain, spent Saturday night at New Port, Tennessee and visited Knoxville, Chattanooga, and several places of interest on Sunday.

Mrs. Pitt Kirby spent the weekend with her husband, Mr. Pitt Kirby at Black Mountain. Lt. and Mrs. "Duh" Hicks and son, Mickey, of Greenville, S. C., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Keeter and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hicks, Sr. Bobby Keeter, USN, of Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Keeter. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kirkpatrick and son, Gene Irvin, of Shelby, were Sunday guests of the R. B. Keeters. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore Byers and Charles Byers attended memorial services at Mary's Grove church near Cheryville on Sunday and reside at a quartet. Extra storage space for between 150 and 250 million bushels of grain is needed this year in the United States.

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