

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## THIS, THAT, & THE OTHER

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

I was in error last week in saying two acres of rocks on the Edmunds farm near Straightstone, Virginia, has been sold for \$2500 an acre. The price was \$5,000 an acre. This sounds more wonderful to me because the whole farm was bought by my mother's first cousin's husband for five hundred dollars, to be paid at the rate of fifty dollars a year. And, if crops were sorry and prices so low the annual payment could not be met, arrangements were made satisfactory to both debtor and creditor, and the farming went on another year. But not on these rock acres! They did nothing whatever toward the support of the farmer and his numerous family, waiting in stony aloofness for modern progress to come around wanting them. I could take a personal interest in seeing them ground up for highway paving, my only regret being that Cousin Jim and Cousin Wilsie couldn't have had some of that ten thousand dollars. For interest rate on mortgages was ten percent in those days in that state.

### Reason for Gratification

A mother I know was most appreciative when her young son declared he meant to keep his room in better order and encouraged him when he spent hours going over the accumulation of comics, school papers, crippled toys and odds and ends, heaping them into a good-sized pile. She lost some of her appreciation, however, when, instead of carrying the lot to the trash pile, he deposited it in his little sister's room.

### All Kinds of Rocks

Mention has been made in this column of the round-edged stones that may be picked up all along the slope south of our place. They are not large and I frequently bring some of them to the house. They held patterns in place, serve as paperweights, as playthings for grandchildren, as a means of keeping flower cuttings in place for rooting.

One day last week a small granddaughter was playing at cooking a meal while I sewed. She had two of the rounded stones, one tan-colored, and about the size of a pullet's egg, the other nearer flat and larger. She was using them for hardboiled eggs in her play. At last she said she might as well break the eggs as dinner was ready, and tapped the smaller rock briskly with the larger. More neatly than an egg might have done the rock Ann tapped split into even halves. And in the center was an orange-tinted oval that really resembled the yolk of an egg, also split in half.

The play cook and I stared at each other for an instant in amazement that has not wholly passed away yet. I want someone who knows geology to identify that rock and tell me about it.

### Pruning Shrubs

Good gardeners tell us if we will cut back the early-blooming annuals now, they will put out new shoots and bloom much longer. In case you try this, remember to cut down the stalks instead of up, or you may find yourself pulling up the whole thing, as I did before learning better. They come up far more easily than do weeds.

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R. I. P.

By V. I. P.



## CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

Some prominent farmers in the State are reportedly thinking in terms of setting up a Farmers-Cattlemen Cooperative Bank, if it can be worked out.

Seems as though it's pretty tough to get a loan to purchase cattle. Some of the smaller banks are making such loans, but the big banks are doing nothing about the problem.

And that Yankee outfit that was supposed to come in and make it easy for a farmer to borrow money to go into the cattle business is keeping mighty quiet.

Many farmers have planted permanent pasture with the hope of raising either beef or dairy cattle to supplement their income, or to be their primary source of cash.

But when they go to talk to the banker about a loan to buy said cattle they've been getting the brushoff in too many instances.

So some of the prominent farmers are reported as having an eye on entering the banking business. They are investigating the possibility of setting up a cooperative bank, keeping loan costs low on a non-profit basis, in an effort to give the cattle business the stimulus it needs in North Carolina.

The state is a natural for dairy or beef cattle raising, if the farmers can get the capital to get started. These same farmers are thinking in terms of either state or federal help in getting their bank started.

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## Zebulon Residents Asked to Give Blood for Use of Men in Korea; Facilities to Be at State Hospital

An urgent call to citizens of Zebulon and Wake County for whole blood for the fighting forces in Korea has been made this week by the Wake County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which will have a bloodmobile located at the Recreation Hall of the State Hospital on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

According to Ruth Walker, member of the Chapter staff, the blood will go straight to Korea to be used to save the lives of United Nations fighting men.

The bloodmobile will be at the State Hospital Monday from 12 noon to 6 p. m., and on Tuesday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

There is absolutely no pain connected with giving blood, Red Cross officials said, and the donor may contribute toward saving a life.

The Wake County quota for this drive is 500 pints.

Those who plan to give blood at this time are asked not to eat for three hours before giving the blood. Refreshments will be served by members of the Red Cross at the bloodmobile.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 33015, Raleigh.

## Bible School to Continue Another Week at Local Church; Services Listed

The Vacation Bible School at the local Baptist Church will continue each morning through the coming week at 9 a. m. Through Thursday 205 pupils had been enrolled and the average attendance for the first week was 187.

On Sunday morning the pastor, Carlton T. Mitchell, will use as the sermon theme, "On Conscience and Guilt." Two visiting soloists will contribute to the music of the worship service.

### Conn, Watson to Sing

Pvt. Wilber Conn, tenor, who is now stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and Mr. J. K. Watson of New Bern will sing selected solos.

The Adult Choir will sing the hymn anthem "True Lovers of Mankind" by Horatio Parker.

The Youth Choir will sing at the evening service and the pastor will preach on the topic, "Making a Career of Christian Discipleship."

## Harrell in Korea

James Harrell, chief boilerman, USN, husband of Mrs. Virginia Harrell of 789 Del Mar Ave., Chula Vista, Calif., and son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Harrell of Rt. 1, Zebulon, is serving aboard the landing ship dock USS Whetstone, now operating with the Naval forces off Korea.

The Whetstone serves as a mother ship to small vessels of the amphibious forces. Ships of this type are able to partially submerge to allow smaller craft to enter her hold for repairs or transportation.

## Local People Examined At Nash Cancer Clinic

Twenty-seven persons were examined in the Cancer Detection and Diagnostic Clinics yesterday, when the clinics were held for the 65th time by physicians of Edgecombe and Nash Counties.

These clinics are held each Wednesday at 12:00 o'clock at the Municipal Building in Rocky Mount, and they are open only to persons forty years of age, and older, regardless of race or ability to pay.

The twenty-seven persons examined consisted of: five white men, fifteen white women, six colored women, and one colored man. Only two of the examinees had been referred to the clinic by a physician.

Persons examined represented Rocky Mount and outlying areas, Weldon, Enfield, Robersonville, Zebulon, Elm City, Nashville and Castalia.

## Barrett Ray Completes Navy Electronics Course

Barrett D. Ray, airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ray of Route 3, Zebulon, N. C., recently was graduated from the Aviation Electronics Technician Electronicsman School, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

Ray, who has been transferred to Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., entered the Naval service April 10, 1950. He received his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

Before entering the Navy, Ray graduated from Bunn High School and attended Wake Forest College.

## Horner Rites Today

R. C. Horner, formerly of the Wakefield and Rosenberg communities, died Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. Funeral services will be conducted from the Mt. Pleasant Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The body will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to the service.

## MARVIN SHOWS HILLBILLIES HOW!



Marvin A. Horton, aviation machinist's mate, third class, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Horton of Zebulon, Route 4, teaches the Sons of the Pioneers some North Carolina ballads. He is serving at the U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif. He joined the famed show group backstage during their recent stage show at San Diego.—Official U. S. Navy photograph.