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Franklin R. Jones Named Director Of Rec Program

Franklin Ross Jones, principal of Wakelon School, has been named director of the summer recreation program for the Zebulon community, it was announced yesterday by George H. Temple, chairman of the Zebulon Recreation Commission. The program will begin Monday, June 20, and close on Friday, July 29.

Miss Martha Temple will be assistant for Mr. Jones, and a second assistant to work with the Negro groups will be chosen from recommendations of Garland Crews and Harold Taylor.

The morning program will consist of playground activities, a constructive play program to be carried out with the help of the mothers. Mothers willing to help supervise should contact Mrs. James Creech.

Swimming Sessions

In the afternoon for two afternoons each week the children participating in the program will be provided free transportation to one of the nearby lakes for a supervised swimming program.

Other plans include a midweek team to play baseball one afternoon each week.

At night the program includes softball, tennis, horseshoes, badminton, ping pong, and checkers. The director is now organizing a softball league. Teams desiring to enter should contact Frank Jones.

Family night will be observed on several Friday nights during the summer. More definite plans about this and other summer highlights will be announced later.

Man Fined \$100 In Zebulon Court

Arcaford Williams of Raleigh paid over \$100 in fines and costs in Zebulon's Recorder's Court last week when he was found guilty on two counts. For careless and reckless driving, Williams was sentenced to 90 days suspended on payment of \$75 fine and costs. For speeding he was fined \$25 and costs.

For driving with no operator's license, Graham David Miller, Jr., of Wendell, and James Dorcus Alford of Route 1, Youngsville, were each fined \$25 and costs.

Romas Horton of Zebulon was fined the costs for giving a worthless check.

Failed to Heed Sign

Houston Emeral Vaughon of Route 3, was fined \$5 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

For assault, Millard Pruitt of Wendell, Route 2, was fined \$25 and costs.

Jones Marshall Marrett of Rolesville was fined the costs for possession of non-taxpaid whiskey.

James Willard Lewis of Route 1, Louisburg, was fined \$10 and costs for using and displaying a dealer's license plate.

Lonnie Earl Baine of Route 1, Middlesex, was sentenced to four months for drunken driving. The sentence was suspended on payment of \$125 fine and costs.

Dewey W. Massey was found not guilty of failing to yield the right of way.

STATIONED IN GERMANY



M/Sgt. Woodrow W. Grimes (left) of Rocky Mount, checks a training schedule with a fellow soldier in Germany, where he is assigned as first sergeant in Headquarters and Service Company of the 1st Infantry Division's 63rd Tank Battalion. Sergeant Grimes, overseas since June 1953, has been in the Army since 1938 and wears the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. His wife, Gertrude, lives in Zebulon, and his mother, Mrs. Ann Grimes, lives in Rocky Mount.

Memorial Service

The principles taught by Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, must be followed before world peace can be achieved, Cale K. Burgess told those attending a Memorial Day service at the Zebulon cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Paying tribute to the war dead, he said they had not lost their lives but had given their lives for the cause of peace.

Others taking part on the program, the first outdoor Memorial Day Service to be conducted here, were the Rev. Bev. A. Asbury, E. H. Moser, and Barrie Davis.

Quartet Leads Singing

A quartet, composed of Mrs. Helen Massey, Miss Ann Allman, Alger Batts, and Wallace Temple, led the group in singing two songs.

Members of Battery A, Zebulon's National Guard unit, under M/Sgt. Carl Kemp and Sfc. Ralph Creech, served as the color guard and honor guard for the Gold Star Mothers present.

Wakelon Buglers Play

Four members of the Wakelon band played taps to end the program.

Preparations for the service were under the direction of Mrs. Dabney Gill and were sponsored by the Zebulon unit of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Sidney Holmes, president of the Zebulon Auxiliary, presented Gold Star membership pins to Mrs. W. H. Moss and Mrs. Joe Pearce.

UNCLE FERD'S ALMANAC

Money Victorious over Morals

American gangsters all too often hold one or two persons for ransom, but they cannot compete with oldtime British soldiers, who from time to time would hold an entire city for ransom.

The English would not always require cash to be paid for a city's ransom; sometimes they would let the place go for a piddling consideration, like the opium concession, which would bring in only 50 or 60 million dollars a year.

Double-Barrelled

Our English friends brought off a double-barrelled transaction 114 years ago today, when they collected a ransom of \$6,000,000 for the city of Canton from the Chinese government, and also got the opium concession. That is, they got the right to have the Chinese authorities close their eyes whenever the British brought in a load of narcotics; officially it was still against the law to sell opium, sort of like the liquor business in Oklahoma (and some North Carolina counties.)

That eminent moralist, the Hon.

Warren Hastings, set the standard for the English opium traffic 172 years ago when he said that opium is a pernicious article of luxury which ought not to be permitted except for the purpose of making money off foreigners. The English hate opium; they just love the money they make from it.

Opium can be smoked or eaten. Either way it will make you mentally, physically, and morally sick. It is habit forming, a result of the morphia in the seed or leaves.

Some morphia is found in all poppies, but it is profitably extracted from only three or four varieties. The European strains developed in the last century give a high yield of morphia, but the Persian and Indian varieties are generally grown in China where most illicit opium is now produced.

Gas Chamber Stuff

If you check tobacco against opium, you note that tobacco is much worse for you except for one little item — morphia. There is eight times as much hydrocyanic

Taxes of \$1.50 per Pound On Tobacco Are Hurting North Carolina Farmers

Farmers May Suffer Discrimination In Sale of 139 Tobacco Variety

Using comparative figures to prove his point, Phil Hedrick, tobacco marketing expert with the Department of Agriculture, spoke strongly against any state tax on tobacco in a talk before the Zebulon Rotary Club Friday night. He traced the development of tobacco farming and told of many problems which face tobacco farmers.

At present, the Federal tax on tobacco is \$1.50 a pound, Mr. Hedrick said, and this heavy tax burden is already limiting the use of tobacco.

High Cost of Taxes

Illustrating the cost of tobacco taxes to the farmer, Mr. Hedrick said that in North Carolina, with Federal taxes of \$1.50 a pound, farmers will average just over 50¢ per pound for the tobacco they sell. In Venezuela, where there is no tax on tobacco, the farmers receive over \$1.80 per pound.

The speaker, who is well known in this community, has spent his lifetime in tobacco work. In 1920, with Dick Atkinson and Dewey Massey of Zebulon, he went to China for the China-American Tobacco Company to assist in tobacco production there.

In 17 Countries

During his time overseas, he worked in 17 foreign countries. He said that American tobacco growers need not fear foreign competition, for "it is impossible to supply the world market by one country alone."

Sending Americans to teach other countries tobacco farming is not

SOFTBALL

Those wanting to play in the Softball League in the Zebulon Recreation Program should contact Frank Jones, director, as soon as possible.

a one-way proposition, he said, for from other countries we receive a great deal of information and plants for breeding purposes. The 101 variety, which is resistant to Granville wilt and Black Shank, was developed from a South American tobacco.

The progress in tobacco production was emphasized. In 1920 30,000 acres were grown in Wake County, yielding 650 pounds per acre for a gross yield of 19 million pounds. In contrast, 27,000 acres were planted last year, but the yield was 1,300 pounds per acre for a gross yield of 35 million pounds.

The new 139 variety developed by Coker has been on the market one year, and it has been tested by tobacco companies and found good. This variety is grown extensively in Venezuela, where 3,000 pounds per acre is harvested and 70 percent is graded first grade.

Offset by Weight

While some discrimination against the 139 variety may be shown by buyers this year, Mr. Hedrick said he believes the added weight will offset any cut in price.

"There will be a different buying pattern in 1955 due to the switch in consumer preference to filter tipped and king-sized cigarettes," the speaker said. Manufacturers can make filter-tipped cigarettes from tobacco which is not top quality, and the farmer may pay the penalty in lower prices, he said.

The solution to the high cost of tobacco production lies in mechanization, he said, but progress is slow in this field. Chemically treated plantbeds and mechanical transplanters have reduced the amount of labor needed. Some advance has been made in mechanical cultivation, and chemicals have helped in controlling suckers.

Mechanization Progress

Topping tobacco must still be done by hand, but new mechanical harvesting has reduced the labor costs slightly. However, there has been no mechanization or improvement in curing since the use of oil began. This can not be speeded, because it requires the correct amount of time to properly cure the weed. New chain belt graders are helping reduce the time required for this operation.

Tobacco requires 450 hours per acre to raise, which is the highest time needed for in crop. In comparison, cotton needs only 125 hours an acre.

The speaker was introduced by L. M. Massey, program chairman.

Sunday Drill Held

A full day of training was devoted to the M-1 Garand rifle by the National Guards men in Zebulon's Battery A on Sunday. The citizen-soldiers are preparing for the weekend firing at Ft. Bragg on June 10-11.

The work was under the supervision of Lt. Jack Potter, executive officer. Others instructing included Lt. Glen Hensen and Lt. (See SUNDAY DRILL, Page 8)