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National Guard Makes Final Plans For Ft. Bragg Trip

Members of Zebulon's Battery A will leave the armory next Saturday morning at 7:30 for Ft. Bragg, where they will spend the weekend on the rifle range with other units of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion. Final preparations for the range work were made Sunday during an all-day drill.

Six Boy Scouts from Troop 340 will accompany the Guardsmen to the military post. They participated in the preliminary training with the Guardsmen.

Work With Dunn Unit

Battery A will shoot on the range with Battery B from Dunn. The batteries from Youngsville, Louisburg, and Smithfield will use an adjoining range.

The training with the famed M-1 rifles has been under the supervision of Lt. Jack Potter, executive officer. He commended the 27 men in the classes on their interest and enthusiasm.

The Sunday morning worship service was led by the Rev. Troy Barrett, Methodist pastor.

Men 17 to 18½ years of years are eligible to enlist in the National Guard. Those who enlist now will participate in the 15-day summer encampment at Ft. Bragg in August and through their work in the National Guard will earn deferment from the draft.

Band Meeting

Alger Batts will hold a meeting at the Wakelon School auditorium Tuesday night at 7:30 for the purpose of organizing practice band sessions for the summer. All students interested in beginning band lessons for the first time are also requested to be present at this meeting.

An invitation is also extended to all parents of band students to attend the Tuesday evening meeting.

Benefits Derived from Finer Carolina Contest Are Related by Supervisor

The story of the Finer Carolina program and its helpfulness to community growth was told last Friday night by John Boytner, who supervises this department of Carolina Power and Light Company, sponsors of the Finer Carolina contest in the area the power company serves. He appeared at the regular meeting of the Zebulon Rotary Club.

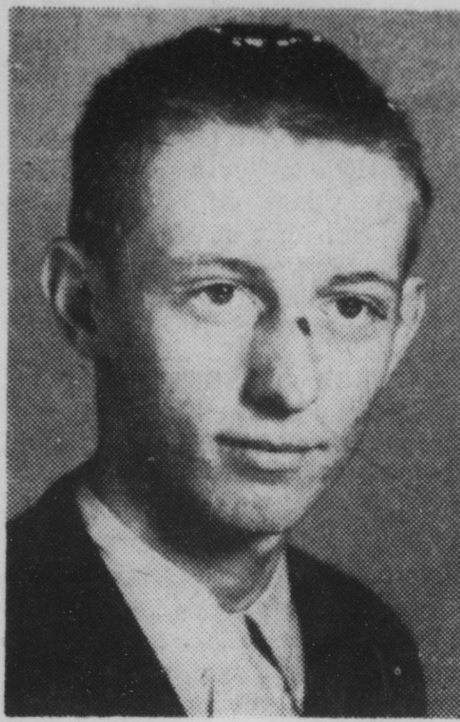
Thurman Murray, chairman of the Finer Carolina Steering Committee in Zebulon, told of the five projects entered by Zebulon in this year's contest.

154 Communities Included

Ralph Talton, district manager for Carolina Power and Light Company, introduced the speaker.

The contest this year includes 154 communities among the contestants. The speaker cited benefits derived as: 1) everyone in the community has an opportunity to help improve the community; 2) the improvements made; 3) the new attractiveness of the com-

DELEGATES TO BOYS' STATE



Gene Autry Parrish, wearing his ear-to-ear grin, and Tony Pearce, sporting bruises earned during the 1954 football season, were selected from the rising Wakelon senior class as delegates to the 1955 Boys' State sponsored by the American Legion. Delegates are chosen for their leadership ability. They will attend the Chapel Hill assembly from June 12 through 19.

ON PONIES AND WOMEN

It's What You Believe

By Barrie Davis

Ever tried to saddle a pony when it was a toss-up whether the pony or the saddler was most disturbed about the operation? That happened to me last week when, in an effort to prove myself a hero in the big brown eyes of son Michael, I attempted to corner a black pony and attach a saddle to the pony's back.

The pony, along with ten of his brethren, lives out on Judd Robertson's farm; and there's no peace around our house since they arrived, for Michael is sure heaven has come to earth complete with ponies.

We've about got him to realizing it isn't actually heaven out there, since these ponies have no wings. He still gives an argument on occasion.

When Michael learned that Frank Kemp left a saddle out on the farm, it excited him no end (I was my usual calm as a cucumber self). We climbed in the truck, drove down almost within

the legal speed limits to the farm, and slid to a stop at the stable.

There the ponies were — eleven of the little beasts scattered over the pasture mowing the grass. I am no longer than they are, but I am taller, so the struggle to get a saddle on one of them should have been even.

But I failed to reckon with the pony's superior intellect.

That little fat pony gal saw me coming. I didn't think she wanted anything to do with me and she knew darned well she didn't. But Michael was watching, and he's the type who thinks man should be master of woman, even if the woman is a female pony. (Wait (See PONIES, Page 5)

New News Editor Named for Record

Durell Bullock of Charlotte has replaced Hunter James as News Editor of the Record following James' transfer to Greensboro. Mr. James left Zebulon May 21 to become editor of the monthly newspaper of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Mr. Bullock is a 1955 graduate of Wake Forest College where he majored in journalism. During his time at Wake Forest, Mr. Bullock worked on the staff of *Old Gold and Black*, the college newspaper, and did creative writing for the *Student* magazine of the college.

Mr. Bullock plans to work in Zebulon until such time as the military draft calls him into the service. He is 21 and unmarried.

Softball Entries

Hopkins and Union Hope have already entered softball teams in the local league being formed by the Zebulon Recreation Commission, according to Franklin Jones, Commission Director.

This season's program will begin on Monday, June 20 and end on Friday, July 29. Entries are still being accepted for competition in the softball program. Those interested in entering a team in the league should contact Mr. Jones at 3811 as soon as possible.

Benson Singing Convention Scheduled for June 25-26; More than 40,000 Expected

Inquiries Now Being Received from Groups Planning to Sing

Regatta

Plans are under way to stage the second Buggs Island Lake Regatta, Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 10, sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 8163, and sanctioned by the American Power Boats Assn.

Last year thousands enjoyed the Regatta. This year the Regatta Committee has added additional attractions to make this the biggest boat race on the east coast.

Saturday and Sunday the Regatta will have Mile Trials to see if any of the drivers can break the world records in his or her class.

In addition, on Saturday, a Beauty Pageant will be staged to select Queen Miss Buggs Island Regatta of 1955.

Among the many entries that have registered for Regatta, will be world famous Doug Creech, Charlotte, Hap Owen, Wisconsin, and Bill Tenney, Dayton, Ohio.

Auxiliary Winner Of Special Prizes

A large silver loving cup was presented members of the Zebulon Legion Auxiliary at the Legion Convention held in Raleigh last week for making the greatest increase in membership of any Auxiliary unit in the ninth district.

The Zebulon Auxiliary was further honored when Mrs. Sidney Holmes, president, was presented a \$5.00 prize for the unit's scrapbook, which was judged best in the district.

Members of the local group were present at sessions held Friday and Saturday.

Commercial Grad

Certificates were given to 161 girls completing the one-year commercial course in special Commercial Class graduating exercises held Friday in Elliott Hall.

Included in the list of graduates is Sarah Genevieve Tippet of Zebulon.

IT HAPPENED SOMEWHERE

Balloons and Ballyhoo

A man in New York had a yen for adventure above the clouds. This travel-happy gent took off in a homemade rig suspended from 60 gas balloons and floated six miles in an hour and a half, drifting down to the arms of the law who arrested him on charges of flying without a license.

Alaska Is Growing

Alaska is still the fastest growing area under the U. S. flag. Its civilian population has increased over 57 per cent since the 1950 census, totaling about 171,000 civilians. Military population last

State-wide interest already being shown indicates that the Thirty-fifth Annual State Singing Convention to be held here the weekend of June 25-26 will surpass all previous events of this kind ever held in this city, according to Ralph Delano, president of the Benson Chamber of Commerce.

Honeycutt Manager

Sponsored jointly by the Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Benson, this year's songfest will again be under the direction of Simon P. Honeycutt, who in addition to being one of the convention's founders, has managed and directed each of the prior 34 gatherings of singers from this and adjoining states. C. H. Blackman, Mayor of Benson, will be assistant manager.

Inquiries already received at the Chamber of Commerce and by Mr. Honeycutt point to the largest gathering of singing talent ever to participate in such an affair, and it is expected that the attendance will break last year's record of 40,000.

Entries Invited

Mr. Delano stated that those wishing general information about the Sing should write the Chamber of Commerce, while entries in the various singing contests should be addressed to the convention's manager, Mr. S. P. Honeycutt, this city.

Ned Moss Seen In Motion Picture

Airman First Class Ned Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Moss of Zebulon, Route 4, appeared in the motion picture, "Strategic Air Command," with Stars June Allyson and Jimmy Stewart. The film depicts the long range arm of the Air Force.

Ned is a mechanic on the famed B-47 jet bombers with the 368th Bomber Squadron, 306th Bomber Wing, stationed at MacDill Air Force Base at Tampa, Fla. He is a graduate of Wakelon High School.

Bulb Anniversary

The first bulbs were brought into Europe from Turkey 400 years ago. The first importation launched Holland's bulb industry.

Debt Solution

Keep drinking coffee and plan a trip to colorful Guatemala — and that government will be grateful! Guatemala is counting on these two factors to help put (See BALLOONS, Page 8)