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Drag racers cut these hashmarks in a road near Oakboro with the kind of driving that has dozens of Tar Heel communities jittery.

## Drag Racing — A Maniacal Sport

As incredible as it sounds there are public roads in North Carolina where speeding cars — two abreast — may come hurtling out of the darkness at you at 100 miles an hour.

If you manage to escape, then you're a survivor of drag racing, a maniacal "sport" rapidly achieving notoriety in dozens of communities throughout the state.

It's happening not only on the back roads, but increasingly so on main-line thoroughfares. Mostly teenagers — who haven't the stom-

ach for professional racing—stage the mad sprints in defiance of the law and all common sense.

Such illegal racing already has resulted in 31 deaths since last October estimates highway Patrol Major D. T. Lambert, who is watching the problem with eagle-eyed vigilance.

According to information gathered by the State Highway Patrol the races are anything but casual. Most of those reported in the past few months are semi-organized affairs with ring-leaders who issue periodic challenges to others with the racing fever. The challenges are seldom ignored and plans are drawn up for a race.

State troopers, especially in the Piedmont area, say that groups of 12 to 15 or more may engage in the race when it comes off. They wheel up to a pre-selected spot in powerful, late model cars, risperatch scout cars to decoy officers, and sometimes barricade roads adjacent to the racing site. Spectators, often numbering in the hundreds, join in the fun with side

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## Bailey and Hinton Announce for Constable

Kermit Bailey of Kenly, Route 2, has announced his candidacy for constable of O'Neal's township, Johnston County, subject to the Democratic primary of May 26.

Bailey is being opposed by Waylon Hinton, who only last week announced his candidacy for constable. Hinton lives near Emit.

Both candidates are Democrats.

## Wakelon Youths District Science Fair Winners

Winners in the 1956 North Central District Science Fair held at Duke University on Saturday have been disclosed by Fair Director, George W. Nace of the Duke zoology faculty.

Some 70 exhibits in the biological and physical sciences were entered in the district finals by juniors and senior high school science students from 17 counties. The five top winners of exhibits and essay awards will be eligible to enter the state finals which will be held at the University of North Carolina April 20-21.

Among the senior high winners of biological exhibits were: sec-

ond place, Joy Wayne Tippet of Zebulon; fourth place, Dorothy Smith of Zebulon; and fifth place, Leona Weston of Garner.

Senior high winners in the physical science division included: third place, Atlas Buffaloe of Garner; and Junior high winners: first place, Percy L. Tomlinson, Wilson Mills; second place, Patsy Cox of Rolesville.

Awards in the competition consisted of cash and book prizes and seas of merit. The annual fairs are sponsored by The N. C. Academy of Science for the purpose of encouraging scientifically talented students.

## Soil Conservation Poster Contest Winners Named by Lions Club

The Lions Clubs of Wake County are sponsoring a poster contest in the sixth grades throughout the county. P. H. Massey, Chairman Agriculture Committee for Zebulon Lions Club, has announced.

The purpose of the contest is to promote soil and water conservation through teaching a unit in soil and water conservation in the rural schools of the county.

The sixth grade teachers and pupils in Wakelon School have completed their unit of study and have done an outstanding job. A great deal of enthusiasm was evident at the time the judging of posters was done last week.

Winning posters were: Betsy Alford, from Mrs. Chamblee's room; Dennis Debnam, from Mrs. Perry's room. Honorable mention went to: Connie Cook, Michael Pearce, Sue Gainey, Joe Green, Connie Lee Rogers, and Donald Price.

The Zebulon Lions Club is indebted to Mrs. Coressa Chamblee and Mrs. Lillie J. Perry for the excellent work that has been done on this project in the sixth grade.

## Philip R. Whitley Candidate Again

Philip R. Whitley has announced his candidacy for re-election to the House of Representatives from Wake County subject to the Democratic Primary on May 26.

He is an overseas veteran of World War II, and presently a Lt. Col. in North Carolina's 30th (Old Hickory) National Guard Division. He served as chairman of the Military Affairs Committee during the last session. He was vice-chairman of Banks and Banking and among other important committees, was a member of Finance, Insurance, Agriculture and Judiciary No. 1.

Whitley was the author of a law that spelled out the penalty for racing on the public highways of North Carolina. The measure was enacted after serious opposition in the Senate and several defendants have been convicted under its provisions.

He introduced and pushed through as an economy measure the resolution showing the poorly attended Saturday sessions could be eliminated. He supported the bill giving local school boards authority to assign pupils.

Whitley, a Wake County merchant-farmer, is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Wendell. He is a veteran of the last three sessions of the legislature and will serve in the special session which the Governor has announced will be called this summer.

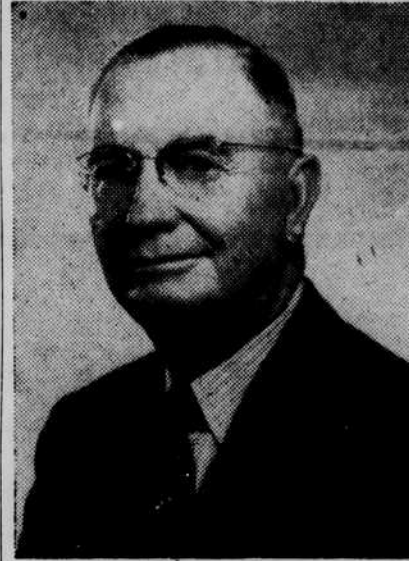
## Wakelon Wins

Wakelon defeated Wake Forest at a baseball game Tuesday by a score of 10 to 9. The game went into extra innings before Linwood Liles drove in the winning run.

Linwood Liles pitched for Wakelon and completed the game. Branch started for Wake Forest but needed help in the seventh when Warren relieved him.

Hodge led Wakelon with three hits and Alford led Wake Forest with three hits.

## C. V. Whitley, Irby Gill File For May Democratic Primary; Both Candidates Unopposed



C. Vaiden Whitley

C. V. Whitley, a member of the Wake County Board of Education, filed for re-election last week with the Wake County Board of Elections. He has been a member of the Board since 1942.

He will be subject to the Democratic primary on May 26.



Irby D. Gill

Irby D. Gill has announced his candidacy for Judge of Recorder's Court of Little River Township and Zebulon, subject to the May 26 Democratic primary.

Gill, an incumbent, has no opposition.

## Membership in Southern Association Views Given

Membership in the Southern Association is the best guarantee that a community can have that it has a good high school. It is the best guarantee because it has the highest standards of excellence affordable by any accrediting agency for secondary schools. It is concerned with the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the school. To determine the effectiveness of a high school a commission of the Southern School Association examines by visitation the quality of schooling provided. It is not speculation on their part, although the committee is composed of experts in their field, check lists are pro-

vided through use of the Evaluative Criteria, which is a manual on school standards developed by leading educators from every section of America.

Evaluative Criteria has in it various sections that cover every aspect of school operation and relative factors including believe it or not a report on the influence of local pool halls and theaters. But before any committee member of the Southern Commission sees a single report the different sections of the Criteria must be filled out by the high school faculty and they must evaluate themselves.

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## Tate and Companion Are Confronted With Theft Charges in Johnston County

Two men have been arrested and bound over to Johnston County Superior Court on armed robbery charges in the theft of a safe containing \$70,000 from the home of W. T. Webb in Banner Township last January.

Dewey Hunter Moore, 31, of Norfolk, Va., and Horace Garland Tate, 50, of Zebulon, were given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace E. C. Jones here.

They were being held in jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

The Johnston County Grand Jury is expected to receive indictments against the two when it convenes Monday.

The State Bureau of Investigation has other charges pending against the pair, Sheriff B. A. Henry of Smithfield said, and four other persons also are being sought in the Johnston safe robbery.

The robbery took place at 10:45 Thursday morning, January 5, when four men held up Mrs. Mattie Webb, 70-year-old mother of W. T. Webb, and took away the safe, according to Henry.

The safe later was found, empty, in Sampson County.

Tate occupied an apartment here until his apprehension in ing and speech contest held at the charge.

## Director Named For Swim Classes

John S. Blanton will direct Water Safety activities of the Wake County Red Cross Chapter during the coming swimming season. This was announced by Edgar Hartley, Jr., Chairman of the local chapter's Water Safety Committee, at its meeting last night. The Committee which consists of Miss Helena Williams, Chase Ambler, Jr., and Louis H. Gray plan to stage a Water Show in May for members of the chapter's Board of Directors.

Red Cross instructors are expected to conduct free swimming classes at facilities throughout the county during the summer.