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ZEBULON HAS OPPORTUNITY

Will She Avail Herself And Get Busy

To The Editor:

The writer has just spent a week in a North Carolina town where the very air seems to be charged with the spirit of growth and prosperity. The citizens appear genuinely and intelligently interested in the good-will, harmony and development that should obtain their city.

Worthy leadership is carrying on plans to keep the citizens awake to their opportunities. They are statesmen-like in their efforts to arouse practical appreciation for vast opportunities and rare possibilities, and to lay bare the dangers that lurk in discord and strife.

Thriving towns are not built upon selfishness aims, nor carried forward by reckless haphazard methods. Most towns marked as "dead" have at sometime been filled with promising development sacrificed to the ill-will resources, and short-sighted actions of their own people.

Zebulon has opened the door of a New Year, and stands at the threshold of a vast storehouse of possibilities. Shall we have growth and prosperity, shall radiant prospects move us to unselfish farsighted activity in united efforts? Our own people must answer. We have citizens—capable in ability, means and responsibility—to take the leadership in restoring confidence sufficient to revive our hopes of becoming a growing community; to fill us again with the friendly spirit of co-operation that will move us forward. Civic pride can be aroused. Bickering and controversy can be conquered. The sign of the times indicate a year of progress. What is Zebulon going to do with her opportunities? Our own people must answer. Radiant prospects quicken the pulse of Carolina! What will Zebulon do?

E. H. Moser.

HEART DISEASE AGAIN TAKES HEAVIEST TOLL

During the month of December, the Grim Reaper took a toll of 75 lives in Raleigh.

Heart disease again led the list with a total of twelve while pneumonia came second with six. Stillborns and premature births accounted for six each. Nine deaths were from physical causes. Of these, two were murdered; two killed in automobile accidents, one by suicide; one accidentally fell down an elevator shaft; one was poisoned; one was accidentally burned; and one died from suffocation.

The death rate was highest with male whites, with 25; while female whites came second with 23. Fourteen negro males and thirteen females died during the month.

The oldest person to be claimed by death was a negro woman 90 years of age, who died of senility. A prematurely born negro male, who lived five minutes, had the shortest sojourn.

THE ZEBULON CAFE

The place of the old Zebulon Cafe which was operated by Mr. Dizer has been thoroughly renovated and an up-to-date cafe is being run by Bray Bros. of Winston-Salem. They have new counter, tables and chairs. The walls have been given a fresh coat of paint, and the place is clean and attractive in appearance. A first class cafe is very important in any town and especially so in Zebulon where so many of our clerks and others "drop in" for meals. We hope these gentlemen will find the business good, and that they may remain to help our town become one of the best small towns in the state.

WENDELL WINS OVER WAKELON

Friday night the Wakelon basketball team fought a hard game with the Wendell boys. They were defeated by a few points, the score being 11 and 14 in favor of Wendell. The boys played hard for both teams. The snow prevented a large crowd to root for the boys, which is always much encouragement.

SHORT COURSES STATE COLLEGE

To Be Held Latter Part January And First February

(By C. B. Williams)

Head, Department of Agronomy, State College of Agriculture

At the North Carolina State College during the latter part of January and early part of February there will be given three 3-day practical short courses for North Carolina farmers and others who may be interested in more efficient farming, as follows:

(1) Hay Grading Course—January 19, 20 and 21.

(2) Cotton Classing Course—January 24, 27 and 28.

(3) Soils and Fertilizers Course—February 9, 10, and 11.

The short course in Hay Grading consists of grading alfalfa, clover, timothy, clover and timothy hay mixtures. This course is intended for producers, consumers, brokers, merchants and dealers. Much inferior hay is being shipped into North Carolina annually. The purpose of this course is to make known the United States official grades of hay so that purchasers may know what they are buying.

The short course in Cotton Classing is intended primarily for busy farmers. It will consist of actual grading and stapling 100 bales of North Carolina cotton each day. The central idea will be to familiarize those who attend with the factors which determine grade and with the best methods of handling from the field to the gin. Cotton grades cannot be improved, it must be done before the cotton is baled.

The grade of cotton helps to determine the price. A knowledge of grade factors, courses and methods of eliminating unfavorable factors result in better grades. Better prices to the farmer.

The short course in Soils and Fertilizers has been arranged especially for busy farmers. In it matters of direct practical value will be considered with reference to the main soil needs of the State and how most economically to supply them by the use of fertilizers and in other ways.

Since North Carolina farmers are spending something like thirty-five million dollars annually for commercial fertilizers, it will appear to be important that users of these would find it to their advantage to avail themselves of every opportunity to secure accurate knowledge with reference to the most economical purchasing and use of these. To do this they should know the strong and weak features of their different soils and how best to handle them. It has been planned in this course to give information from the results of long continued field experiments conducted with different crops on various soils in different parts of the State.

All of these courses will be conducted by specialists of the Department of Agronomy of the college in their various lines. There will be no fees charged by the college, and there is no limit as to the age or experience of those who may come to the college for the courses.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Commencing Sunday morning, the pastor of the Zebulon Baptist church will preach a special sermon of not more than five minutes to the children. So many of the children remain over for the hour of church worship pastor Davis believes that some part of the service ought to give special recognition to the children. This sermon to the children will be immediately following the first hymn and prayer. The subject next Sunday morning will be "the cat that had no tail." A picture of this cat will be shown to the children. The lesson is for the old as well as young.

The subject of the regular sermon will be "All the World in all the Word." The public is invited to this and all other services of the church.

London may have a municipal theatre.

ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY STATE OF POLITICAL LIFE

In politics it is almost a commonplace that a party of order or stability, and a party of progress or reform, are both necessary elements of a healthy state of political life; until the one or the other shall have so enlarged its mental grasp as to be a party equally of order and of progress, knowing and distinguishing what is fit to be preserved from what ought to be swept away. Each of these modes of thinking derives its utility from the deficiencies of the other; but it is in a great measure the opposition of the other that keeps each within the limits of reason and sanity.

—John Stuart Mill.

ANNUAL MEET AT N. C. COLLEGE

Will Be Held April 29 to 30th. Interest Manifested

Greensboro, Jan. 14.—The school of music at North Carolina college is just now getting ready for the big seventh annual music meet for the high schools of the state, which will take place in the auditorium of the college April, 23 and 24. Dr. Wade R. Brown, dean of the school, has recently sent out announcements which give information about the details of the gathering.

The interest in the meet this year is expected to be even greater than that of last year; however, there was no lagging during that last gathering in April of 1925. But the new music building, now open to the visitation of the persons who will come to the city this April, will no doubt be a source of attraction to some of the students. Then, too, knowledge of the meet has by this time become so widespread that it is thought the crowd next April will be the largest which has ever gathered for the event.

In the fifth contest staged at the college there were 564 entries. Last year the number jumped to 964, a number not far from double that of the preceding year.

The general purpose of the contest, according to Dr. Brown, is the encouragement of musical activity in the high schools of the state by giving students and teachers the opportunity to compare work and thus establish higher standards in music.

Two new features this year should catch the attention of those interested in the meet. One of these is the different classification of high schools. High schools with an enrollment of more than 500 have been put into class "A"; those with an enrollment of 500 or less have been placed into class "B". Last year the number used as a basis of classification was 150. The number was changed to bring about as much fairness as possible in the judging of the work of the many groups which will compete. The second feature of the coming meet is the introduction of an entirely new event, the competition of high school bands.

Dr. Brown has the following to say of this event in his announcement: "School bands in North Carolina being so young and so few, it has been decided that in the first state band contest there will be no division into classes; and that, when it is deemed necessary or advisable, grammar grades may be drawn from to round out the high school band, thus encouraging smaller communities to exploit every possible resource for the organization and maintenance of a school band."

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE

Selma, Jan. 8.—According to Postmaster Johnson, the receipts at the local postoffice for the last quarter of 1925 were seven hundred dollars more than they were for the same period in 1924. The postoffice has recently been moved from Raeford St. to a new and more spacious building on Anderson Street. New fixtures have been installed in the new building and more boxes been added.

An attempt is being made to raise grouse in New Zealand, the birds being imported.

THIS YEAR TO BE YEAR BUILDING

State Making Wondrous Progress, On Increase

Atlant, Ga., Jan. 9.—Building and construction in sixteen Southern States for the year 1925 far eclipsed any other year in the history of the section. An estimated total of \$919,603,75 is forecast for the 140 principal cities of these States by the survey department of G. L. Miller and Co., Southern investment house dealing in building securities. The gain over 1924, when the total was \$632,008,980, is given as 45.5 per cent.

This estimate for the principal cities indicates a South-wide building program of at least one and a quarter billion for the year, which is more than a quarter of a billion in excess of 1924 figures.

The feature of the survey is the marvelous leap made by the Florida figures. Forty of the municipalities of that State, where statistics are obtainable, registered \$302,507,538, to \$87,624,417 for the previous year. While Florida's gain contributed largely to that of the entire South, it is noted that other States gained more than fifteen per cent during the year.

The closing month of the year showed construction going forward at the same record-breaking pace, which indicates that the huge schedules for 1925 will be carried into 1926. The month of December not only gained forty per cent over the same month in 1924, but bettered the November record of 1925 by 25 per cent.

Miami and Houston were again battling for honors at the top of the list for the month, duplicating their feat of October, when both made high records for the year. Their exceptional month's record was sufficient to place them in first and second position for the year among cities of the farther South.

REV. S. W. OLDHAM SPEAKS TO JUNIORS

Last Sunday was a big day with the Junior Order at Wendell. Council No. 200 had a special treat at the Baptist church at Wendell where they assembled to hear Rev. S. W. Oldham preach a sermon to the members of the order.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather something like 40 members were present.

Rev. Oldham's text was from Matthew 22: 20-22; "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

The Junior order lodge at Wendell is a flourishing lodge, and it is said to have about 200 members.

Many of the old Zebulon lodge of Juniors have their membership in the Wendell lodge. Those that attended services from Zebulon enjoyed it immensely.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church is holding a "week of prayer," through the present week. The services Wednesday night was with the regular mid-week prayer meeting at the church. Thursday night they met at the home of Mrs. C. M. Bunn and tonight (Friday) they hold the last services at the home of Mrs. R. M. Sanford. The subject will be: Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. Mrs. W. H. Strickland will lead the services.

LAST WEEK IN SUPERIOR COURT

Sentences And Fines Imposed on Those Convicted

With life's prospects wrecked and ruined in the grand smash, Robert Fowler appeared before Judge M. V. Barnhill in Wake Superior Court Saturday. Solicitor Evans prayed judgment on the former sentence and took a nol pro as to other charges.

Judge Barnhill imposed a sentence of from three to five years upon John Palmer, negro, convicted of manslaughter for killing Tony Christmas and Pearce McRae, whose gun is said to have done the killing, was given three months on the roads for carrying concealed weapons.

Matthew Marcom, convicted of a charge of having carnal knowledge of a child under 16 years of age, was given a term of from one to three years in the State Prison.

Walter Williams, negro, charged with murder, through his attorneys, entered a plea of mental incapacity and was allowed to have a formal plea of not guilty entered also. The case was continued until another term.

The jury recommended mercy for Maud Johnson, colored, charged with running a disorderly house, and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Or's Harris, negro, was found not guilty of a charge of putting two hogs in a neighbor's barn. The jury acquitted the negro upon the theory that he did not cause the hogs to enter the barn.

Lot Yates, negro, convicted of hitting his wife, was let off with the costs.

The father of Percy Pendleton, a negro youth, convicted of stealing an automobile tire, appeared in court Saturday and asked that the boy be given a road sentence instead of a fine of \$25 and the costs. The father said the boy was inclined to be wayward and he wanted him taught a lesson. Upon his request, Judge Barnhill imposed a sentence of four months on the roads.

SHORT COURSES IN AGRICULTURE AT WAKELON SCHOOL JANUARY 18

(P. H. Massey, Teacher of Agriculture)

All who are interested in a short course of agriculture please meet with me at Wakelon School Monday, January 18, 7:30 p. m. The course will probably be on poultry or hogs. Will be glad to have any one who is interested.

Come out and let's make the class a success.

NEW QUARTERS FOR POST OFFICE SOON

The local Postmaster hopes to be in new quarters by February 1, 1926. There has been an increase of over 80 per cent in the quarter ending, December 31, 1925, over quarter ending, December 31, 1924. This office while still of the third class, is making rapid progress towards a higher class—and within the next two years, the advancement is expected to come.

During the quarter ending December 31, 1925 this office sold \$17,178.00 worth of money orders. The citizens of our town ought to strive to keep so much of this money from going out of our town.

LITERATURE AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT WILL MEET

Literature and Music Department will meet with Mrs. F. E. Bunn the last Tuesday of January. This will be a most interesting meeting and hope to have a good attendance. Mrs. Hall, chairman of the music department has at each of our meetings given us something that we have carried home with us and stored on our memory shelves, a greater appreciation for composers and their wonderful works.

Mrs. W. K. Phillips will have in charge the literature program for the month. The subject will be "The Quare Women," by Lucy Freeman. Please bring all last year's club books to this meeting. Remember the time 3:30.

C. F.

STATE PRISON MAKES RECORD

One Of The Best Crops For Many Past Seasons

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—Record-breaking cotton crop and biggest population in state prison history marked the annual report of the state prison board today in a sitting filled with routine but dashew with interest nevertheless.

The state is feeding 1,415 prisoners as of January 1, 1926. Of these are 202 able bodied men who are available for any hard work. The cotton crop is 2,500 bales. The cash deficit is approximately \$240,600 for the year. But the cotton has not been marketed and when it is sold it would seem that 2,500 bales will easily wipe out the debt for the year.

The board was expected to do something in the case of Basil Hedgecock, High Point Banker, who mixed up his last week with booze and was flung from high grade A to low grade C.

Unless the directors intervene, the financier of the Caledonia farm is good for another two years or so. Hedgecock, who is a fine accountant, most too fine for his own good, has been a very useful man at the Halifax farm, but he has been returned to Raleigh, and he is now a disfranchised citizen of the central institution. Aforetime he was a sort of out of doors ambassador, going back and forth, mostly forth. Pardon Commissioner Sink won't help him to regain his lost paradise.

James A. Leak, of Wadesboro, as chairman of the board of directors of the state's prison, issued the following statement:

"The board of directors of the state's prison held its regular monthly meeting at the prison at Raleigh.

"Besides routine matters the board received a report on the population of the prison for the calendar year 1925. It showed an increase of 189 convicts for the year, the prison having a total population on January 1, 1926, of 1,415 prisoners. During the year 59 convicts made escape from the various points of confinement. Of these 46 were recaptured. There were eight deaths from natural causes, which the board considers a fine record. Three prisoners were killed attempting to escape. In each instance the board made a personal investigation and a coroner's jury exonerated the guards. One prisoner died of exposure after escape.

"The farm committees reported a yield of more than 2,500 bales of cotton, which is a record production for the prison, so far as available records disclose."

"The board took up for final consideration the placing of the prison cotton from the 1925 crop and the 1926 crop in the Cotton Growers association. The decision of the board was that they would not join the association.

"The board advised of an average monthly cash deficiency for the year of approximately \$20,000. However, the cotton has not yet been marketed.

"The board further advises the public in general that there are now 202 able bodied convicts available for construction of highways or other public construction work, for which the superintendent and the board are unable to obtain work. This large number of die prisoners together with the large number who are physically unfit constitute an enormous drain on the treasury of the prison.

Bids were awarded for materials and supplies to be used in the new convict dormitory at Caledonia farm. The following were low bidders and will be awarded contracts if approved by the budget bureau: "Plumbing—Weldon Sheet Metal works.

"Jail work—Pauly Jail company. "Cement—E. T. Bulard. "Lime—E. Dillon Sons. "Miscellaneous iron—Dewey Bros. "Roofing—Waters brothers. "Brick—Nash Brick company.

"All members of the board were present and expressed satisfaction with the prison affairs in general."

An electrical wringer that can be easily moved to any part of the house has been invented.