

HEAVIEST HAIL STORM IN YEARS

Storm Visited Section Eight Miles East Of Zebulon

Last Sunday afternoon, about 5:30 o'clock, one of the worst hail storms that has been recorded in the section of Franklin county, about eight miles North of Zebulon, in the neighborhood of Pearce's school, just beyond Pearce's Store, the hail came down in stones as large as guinea eggs.

It is said that at the home of Mrs. Jane Pearce, the hail stones were large enough so that when it hit the roof of her garage and crib—which was made of Asphalt roofing—it litterly tore the top to pieces, and it made both roofs useless. It is said that the hail stones fell so thick and fast that soon the ground was covered to at least one inch thick, and in some places where the hail drifted was piled up to a depth of two inches.

A Ford car belonging to Mr. Willie Pearce, of Zebulon, was so damaged, from the hail that he will have to have the top replaced with a new one. The hail beat holes all over the top and many dents were made in the Ford body that were made from the force of the hail as it fell.

So far we have not heard of any lives being lost, but it is said that many fowls—such as chickens, and geese were killed by the hail.

ROUTE 91 SURVEY COMPLETED

We understand the engineers have completed the surveying of the proposed Route 91 between Zebulon and Middlesex. They found the grade only a little over 4 per cent, that the route will be almost a straight line between the two towns, that only one-half of any size will have to be crossed by a cut, and that the saving in cost of construction over the old route will possibly be as much as \$100,000.

Zebulon people feel very much gratified over these practical advantages, and believe such conclusive arguments will without debate bring the route through this town. It will also open up a fine section that now has virtually no convenient road, we understand.

J. E. WILSON WINNER IN NATIONAL CONTEST

An oratorical contest was held in the Junior class at State College Monday night between W. E. Wilson, R. R. Fountain and J. E. Tiddy.

The winner, W. E. Wilson, had for his subject, "The Bankruptcy of Constitutionalism." By winning first place in this contest Mr. Wilson will go to Colorado to represent State College in an international oratorical contest to be held under the auspices of Pi Kappa Delta, the largest forensic fraternity in the world.

R. R. Fountain chose for his subject, "The Fighting Instinct," and J. E. Tiddy's oration was "War the Outlaw."

All the orations were ably delivered, and hotly contested for, the decisions being close. The judges were T. L. Wilson, C. G. Keeble, A. I. Ladu, and J. D. Clark.

LEE-BOBBITT

Louisburg, Feb. 12.—The marriage of Miss Catherine Wilder Bobbitt, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bobbitt, of Louisburg, to Mr. William Osborne Lee, of Lumberton, will take place Wednesday evening, February 17, in the Louisburg Baptist church at 8 o'clock with Rev. J. A. McIver officiating.

WALL-MURPHEY

Miss Mary Murphy and Gelter Eugene Wall were married in Raleigh, at the home of Rev. Betts, Thursday, February 11, 1926. Mr. Betts performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Wall is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Murphy, of near Selma. Mr. Wall is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wall, of Wendell. Only a few friends and relatives were present. Both have a host of friends who wish them a long and happy life.

FIFTY THOUSAND INCOME BLANKS

All Persons of \$5,000 or Less Ought To Get One of Them

Fifty thousand Federal income blanks were mailed Monday by Collector Gilliam Grissom, of Raleigh. These are not all the blanks he expects to mail, but all persons paying income taxes on \$5,000 or less are supposed to get one this week.

Corporations and individuals paying taxes on more than \$5,000 will not receive their blanks until the conference committee of the House and Senate agree on these provisions. The rate on incomes of \$5,000 or less have already been agreed upon by the House and Senate.

Collector Grissom calls attention to the larger personal exemption for a single person, which is now \$1,500 instead of \$1,000, as formerly, and \$3,500 for a married person instead of \$2,500 as formerly. There is also a reduction of 25 per cent in the printed rate.

The income tax blanks were printed many months ago, and have been held in reserve pending the action of Congress. They have been held up with the purpose of sending along with them specific instructions as to how to fill them out.

All Federal income tax returns, as well as State, returns, must be reported before March 15.

AGENTS DISCUSS GIRLS AND WOMEN'S WORK

District home demonstration agents met with Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State Home Demonstration Agent, Monday to discuss plans for the coming year which included the farm women's short course to be given at State College the week of June 14 which is expected to be attended by from 100 to 200 women; and the girl's short course at State College the week of July 11 which is expected to be attended by around 275 girls.

The discussion also included plans for the annual meeting of the federation of home demonstration clubs which meets at the same time as the farmers' convention. Last year were 535 women attending this meeting. Each county sends two voting delegates, and other members of the home demonstration clubs attend.

Miss Ethel Nightingale, who has charge of the institute work for rural women of England, was in Raleigh Monday observing the conference. She has been observing the work of separate clubs, and expressed herself pleased with the work among the girl's clubs, especially the demonstration classes in clothing.

Mrs. McKimmon will visit Pender and Duplin counties Thursday and Friday of this week. County-wide meetings will be held in each case.

VALENTINE PARTY

The members of the Round Dozen Club very delightfully entertained their husbands at the home of Mrs. B. H. Johnson on last Friday night. Mrs. Johnson's home was lovely with its Valentine decoration of red hearts, cupids, and softly dimmed lights.

After an interesting hour spent in playing heart's dice, it was found that Mrs. Johnson had won the ladies' prize, a lovely wall vase, and Mr. M. J. Sexton, the gentleman's prize, a shaving set.

Mrs. Johnson, assisted by Mesdames Shamburger, Hinton and Whitley, served a delicious chicken salad course followed by Angel hash and cake.

ARRIVALS AT HOTEL CLAYTON

The following is a list of those who registered at Hotel Clayton during the past week.

T. C. Ethredge, Kinston; E. Wooten Norfolk, Va.; W. Henry, Charlotte; L. H. George and wife, St. Augustine, Fla.; M. Y. Wall, Tarboro; R. L. Isaacs, Mutual Life Ins. Co.; G. Conoday, Saranac Lake, N. Y.; E. F. Whittle, Petersburg, Va.; S. C. Bruce, Atlanta; Grover Wood, Raleigh; T. A. Holland, Raleigh; Jim White, Greenville; L. W. Rogers, Raleigh; L. W. Newton, Raleigh.

WANTS TO OPEN DETENTION HOME

Funds Needed, And Each Community Must Help

The County Commissioners have given the Old County Home, just north of Raleigh, as a site for the Detention Home, and have asked that the general public meet the demands for the maintenance of the home for the first year.

Mrs. Bickett, of the Welfare Department, at Raleigh, is very anxious to open the Home by the first of March, and the only chance for her to do this is for the various societies, as well as the general public, to send in their donations to Mr. Bickett at Raleigh, or to Mrs. Clarence Chamberlee at Zebulon at once. If every one would make a sacrifice for this worthy cause, the amount needed could be in hand ready for work in a very short while.

Mrs. Bickett is depending on the people of the county who are interested in the work to give the money to run the home for the first year. The committee worked out the plans very carefully and found they will need \$180.00 per child for a year. All of the clubs, missionary societies and other organizations in Raleigh are to help with this, and each town and community in the county is asked to take part in it. Zebulon and community will be expected to raise \$360, enough to keep two children for one year. The money is to be deposited in a bank as the "Detention Home Fund" and used for that purpose alone.

They are asking that each community pay as much of its quota as possible at once. Of course it will be necessary to know as early as possible just how much each organization in Zebulon will be responsible for. The Woman's Club, of Zebulon, have promised to raise \$50, and it is hoped the other clubs and the lodges will raise the balance.

The Editor of the Record has been asked to act as Treasurer for fund for the County Detention Home by Mrs. Clarence H. Chamberlee, member of the Co. Welfare Board, and Rev. Theo. B. Davis, local advisory member of the Board. It is hoped that a number of our people will make personal contribution to this very worthy object. All money received will be acknowledged in the Record. So, let our people come right along with their contributions and let Zebulon be first to "go over the top."

The Record is confident that the people of this section will respond liberally to this worthy cause.

SEMI-ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

On Friday, March 5th, the Rodasi Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will give their semi-annual Fashion Show at Wakelon High School.

Miss Esther G. Thomas, of Wilson, N. C., is district manager, and Mrs. W. H. Strickland, of Zebulon, is local representative. The public is invited.

WILL BE PATIENT IN A RALEIGH HOSPITAL FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS

The Editor will be absent from his office for a few days, and will be a patient in a hospital in Raleigh.

The purpose for which we will go to the hospital is for a minor operation, and we hope to be at our post of duty soon—a place we love and where we feel more at home than any other place, where we can serve our friends.

Any assistance given our office force during our absence will be appreciated by the entire management.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN'S CHAIRMAN OPTIMISTIC

New York, Feb. 15.—Ernest Williams, chairman of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, sees a good industrial outlook in the section served by the road and expects revenues for the early part of 1926 to exceed those of last year. He said the outlook for agriculture this spring was excellent. The question of dividends on the company's \$16,000,000 stock had not been considered and no new financing was contemplated.

MAKES SAVING IN DEPARTMENT

Agriculture Dept. Appropriates For Old Men Now

It was pointed out Wednesday by W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, that while the force of the department was decreased from 120 to 84 and the payroll from \$17,018.08 to \$13,361.54 between December, 1924 and January, 1925 that the saving was more apparent than real.

Mr. Graham explained that through the arrangement with State College the department turns over \$60,000 a year to the college with which to pay the employees who were transferred.

If this \$5,000 be deducted the total saving per month in all the departments is \$10,642.32 a month out of an aggregate monthly payroll of about \$3,000,000.

The above savings include abolitions of positions by the Legislature, the departments and the Salary and Wage Commission and salary cuts by the commission, as offset by subsequent raises and new positions.

F. H. JETER TO TALK ON SUCCESSFUL FARMING

Mr. F. H. Jeter, Agricultural editor, of North Carolina, will speak at Wakelon school, Thursday night, February 25, at 7:30. Mr. Jeter is vitally interested in developing the rural sections of North Carolina.

We are very fortunate in being able to secure him. He will talk on successful farming in North Carolina and its relation to other business enterprises.

Mr. Jeter's talk will be of special interest to the Business and Professional men of our town and community as well as to the farmers. He is a splendid speaker, as well as writer, and he will give us some good ideas for developing community spirit. We hope to have a large attendance.

P. H. MASSEY.

ROUND DOZEN CLUB MEETS

On last Wednesday afternoon The Round Dozen Club met at the home of Mrs. A. S. Hinton. In a very unique contest, "Let's Stop and Smell Awhile" (of bottles containing various liquids), it was found that Mrs. L. M. Gould possessed the best sense of smell for which she received a bottle of toilet water.

The hostess served refreshments consisting of chicken salad on lettuce, saltines, pickles, heart-shaped sandwiches, and coffee with whipped cream.

REVIVAL MEETING AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist congregation unanimously voted last Sunday to have a series of evangelistic meetings during the month of March. The pastor wired Dr. J. C. Owens to assist in these meetings. The following telegram was received Tuesday from Dr. Owen, at Biltmore, N. C.:

Wire delayed. Come March fourteenth. Letter follows. (Signed) J. C. Owen.

The church and community are most fortunate in being able to have this talented and consecrated man of God in their midst for several days. Dr. Owen is a native of western North Carolina, is a graduate of Wake Forest College, and was for several years a missionary to China. Owing to a break down physically he returned to America, and for some time has been pastor of the First Baptist church, Meridian, Miss. He is a strong preacher and a successful evangelist.

These meetings will begin the second Sunday in March and continue for 10 or 15 days. All Christian people are cordially invited to attend and co-operate. All regular services at the Baptist church from now 'til the coming of Dr. Owen will be preparatory to the success of the meeting.

Louis E. Holmdahl, American arrested by Mexican authorities in Chihuahua after the reported beheading of Francisco Villa's body, has been freed and left Chihuahua Saturday for the United States, the state department has advised by Consul McEnelly.

TREE FELL ON 5-YEAR-OLD BOY

Father Was Felling Tree, Did Not Know Boy Was Near

One of the saddest accidents to happen for sometime occurred Monday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock about three miles from Zebulon near Rosenberg.

Tom Strickland had a 5-year-old son who was very devoted to him, and loved greatly to follow his father as he went about his work. Monday morning Mr. Strickland went to cut down a tree, and the little fellow followed him. Just before the tree fell, the father looked around for his boy, and not seeing him, supposed he had returned to the house. But the child had returned and was so near by that when the tree fell it crushed him to earth, a limb crushing his chest and another struck his head. He was hurried to Zebulon, but died before reaching a doctor.

Our sympathy goes out to the grief-stricken parents. The boy was a grand-son of John Strickland who live at Rosenberg.

NINE MILLION AUTO TAXES IN 7 MONTHS

(Raleigh News Letter from Fiscal Year)

More than nine million dollars has been collected by the State of North Carolina in gasoline taxes, automobile license and title registration fees, during the first seven months of the present fiscal year, according to figures in the offices of the Revenue Department showing collections through January.

Total collection during the preceding fiscal year were, a little more than ten million dollars and the prospects are that the collections during the present fiscal year will run about three million dollars ahead of the preceding year.

The bulk of these collections comes from the gasoline tax and is applied to the sinking fund to retire the State highway bonds.

Total collections for January have amounted to \$728,493.92. This is more than two hundred thousand dollars than the collection in January, 1925 when only \$503,317.98 was collected.

A table showing the collections for the past month classified and compared with collections for January, 1925 follows:

Item.	1925	1926
Gas tax	\$636,643	\$425,221
Auto License	81,596	68,613
Title Fees	10,253	9,482

MECKLENBURG COUNTY WILL BUILD SANATORIUM

Mecklenburg county is preparing to care for its tuberculous citizens with a county sanatorium of 120 beds. Following a recent successful election on the question of issuing bonds for this purpose, the county commissioners have let the contract for erection of buildings to cost \$97,304. The sanatorium is to be located about thirteen miles from Charlotte. Work is to begin at once. The plans are similar to those of the Guilford county sanatorium, which has been in operation about two years. It will be of two stories and will accommodate 96 white and 24 negro patients.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, ZEBULON, N. C.

Preaching each second and fourth Sunday morning and evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Epworth League Sunday 7 p. m. Woman's Missionary Society each 2nd Monday.

"AN OLD-FASHIONED MOTHER"

Don't forget the play, "An Old-Fashioned Mother" at Wakelon high school, this Friday evening at 7:30. The members of Wakefield Baptist church are staging the play and will use the proceeds for church building fund. Be sure to see this play. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

The boundary line between Poland and Germany is often crowded with men, women and children bicycle riders.

ZEBULON'S NEW P. O. QUARTERS

Up-To-Date In Every Way And Credit To Our Town

Zebulon is to be congratulated at last on having a post office that is in keeping with our needs and future possibilities for sometime to come. It is located in the corner Duke building near the depot and across the street from the Zebulon Supply Co.

While the building itself is ample in every way, yet it is the furnishings and either equipment that especially impresses one on entering. The boxes run all across the front, and are of both the lock and combination make. There are about 300 of these. There are general delivery, stamp and money order windows. On one side is a large wall table for the use of patrons. In the rear are mail racks, tables, and rural carriers' desks.

While the furniture is not new it looks so and is just as good. It was purchased from Southern Pines, N. C., having been used there until the Postoffice Dept. put in their own equipment. Postmistress McGuire is to be congratulated on the splendid up-to-date service she is able to give her patrons. And Zebulon should feel a worthy pride in having what is probably the best equipped postoffice in the State for a town of its size.

BURNING OF HOME

Late Monday afternoon a tenant house about a mile from Zebulon on the farm of Nathan Horton was burned. The house was about a five-roomed frame building. The fire is supposed to have originated from an over-heated stove. The roof had caught fire twice before within the last 60 days. Nearly all the household goods of Mr. Tippet, who occupied the house were destroyed. Mr. Horton had a few hundred dollars insurance on the building.

In this connection we are reminded that our community has suffered an unusual loss by fires within the last year. Hot fires during very cold weather, faulty stoves and chimneys and hanging flues account for many of these fires, while in some cases, no doubt, they were the result of carelessness. Every owner of a building of any value should carry insurance and of course by all means, be just as careful as possible with matches and fire.

WORLD RECORD IS MADE AT WILSON

Wilson, Feb. 13.—Sales that exceeded the previous world's record established in 1923 were established on the Wilson tobacco market during the 1925 season which came to a close Saturday. The sales for the past season exceeded the 1923 mark by 5,256,780 pounds, while the average price was considerably higher than it has been for the past three seasons.

Official figures show that 76,764,130 pounds were sold on the floors of Wilson warehouses during the 1925 season for which the tobacco companies paid \$20,592,841.68 or an average of \$26.83 per hundred pounds. The record established here in 1923 was 71,517,350 pounds which sold at an average of \$22.18.

An excellent chance to break the receipts record was missed by about two million dollars. The 1919 receipts (Wilson's banner year) were \$22,720,280.44, while the receipts this year were \$2,127,438.36 under that amount.

Tobacco sales on the local market since the 1919 season are as follows: 1919—43,330,596 pounds; price \$22,720,280.44; average, \$53.67. 1920—62,204,930 pounds; price, \$13,446,382.91; average \$21.61. 1921—42,864,162 pounds, price, \$12,169,100.76; average, \$28.38. 1922—42,342,360 pounds, price \$12,679,644.28; average \$29.94. 1923—71,517,350 pounds; price, \$15,856,541.43; average, \$22.18. 1924—52,931,467 pounds; price \$14,125,168.25; average, 26.68.

The poppy again flourishes in China since the revolutionary generals have revoked the Imperial Edict of 1906 suppressing the cultivation of that crop.