

WAKELON SCHOOL OPENING AROUSES GREAT INTEREST

For reasons known only to themselves the citizens of the community have a great interest in the rapidly approaching date for the opening of Wakelon school. As the time for the arrival of the teachers, new and old, draws near people may be heard to speculate upon the possibilities and probabilities of the coming term.

BEGINS NEW ADMINISTRATION

A large part of this unusual concern may be accounted for by the fact that this year marks the beginning of a new administration. E. H. Moser will serve as superintendent, being assisted by W. M. Johnson as high school principal and athletic mentor. During a term served here several years ago Mr. Moser gained a reputation as a competent handler of students, teachers and school patrons. His return is attracting attention from the local citizenry because they expect his methods and system to prevail in making radical changes in the management and conduct of the school.

Evidence of this prevalent spirit of watchful anticipation can be gained from a talk with any high school boy who has received news of a statement that Mr. Moser is said to have made to a few of the students. In a talk with two of the boys he intimated that the habit of not studying would become a thing of the past at Wakelon High School. His position seems to indicate that he expects a certain standard of scholarship from his students, this having been reached, participation in extra activities would be permitted. This attitude seems to have instilled in the boys a respect for the new teacher and at the same time to have guaranteed their cooperation.

One project which Supt. Moser expects to carry out is the organization of a school band, which he believes would aid materially in improving the school spirit and furnish an excellent means of musical expression for the boys of the school. It is Mr. Moser's idea to have S. A. Braxton, well known band director of Raleigh, to organize and teach the boys. Mr. Braxton has been successful with student bands in Raleigh, where he has a Boy Scout organization, in Wilson, with the high school band, and in Durham where he put the Duke University Band on an operating basis.

Those students who have been interviewed by the writer of this article expressed an earnest desire to work in an organization of this type. With a nucleus from the local town band it would be possible for the school organization to play in public within a short time. Such an effort on the part of the school officials should receive the hearty commendation of the parents of school boys interested in the band.

For several years Wakelon has not had a first rate athletic coach. Teams have always managed to appear on the field but never seemed to have the punch that a competent tutor can give. Mr. Johnson comes here with an excellent record for developing enthusiastic and strong teams. While attending State College he coached basketball here and is remembered by the "old timers" as "Red" Johnson and a good fellow. Consequently, his coming arouses attention second only to that surrounding the activities of the superintendent himself. Mr. Johnson has not announced a definite policy but he has given local people to understand that his major interest is in basketball and baseball. He will also devote considerable attention to intramural athletics. Under his direction Wakelon is expected to make a strong bid for the county title in the two major sports.

ARRIVAL OF TEACHERS

In addition to his duties on the athletic field, Mr. Johnson will be at the helm of the high school faculty and will teach classes in mathematics. He and Mr. Moser are expected to move their homes here at an early date. Mr. Moser will live in the house belonging to Mrs. C. M. Bunn which borders on the school campus. Mr. Johnson will occupy the house formerly used for the boys dormitory. Mr. W. T. Whitely, caretaker for the school property, lived there during the past few years. However, he has recently moved into a new home in Zebulon.

Mrs. Carrie Sykes of Columbia, N.

C. will operate the teacherage this year as she did last year. The lunch room in the grammar school building will be run under the auspices of the Parent Teachers Association again this year.

The arrival of the teachers, which has aroused so much interest, is scheduled to begin by the time this paper shall appear. Since they must attend a county teachers meeting at Mt. Vernon-Godwin the latter part of the week it is expected that several of the teachers will arrive here shortly in order to be present also for the local teachers meeting. Monday

At any rate it won't be long before we will know what to expect from the students and teachers in Wakelon school this year. According to the teachers themselves, all that is required to make the old Wakelon machine run smoothly and successfully is the cheerful co-operation of everyone concerned.

Will Carry On Spirit Of Wakelon

On the Wakelon School Campus last week, I looked at some of the trees and thought about the time when they were only sprouts. In a few years they have grown up and taken the form of trees. I thought too about the boys who planted them. They too were young then. Now they have taken on the form of men and the duties as well as responsibilities of manhood. The girls and boys of that day are scattered. I have run across them in many cities in this and other states. Most of them are doing well, leaders, in their community activities.

Such is the spirit of Wakelon.

This spirit has been manifest since I first met the school board in Dr. Bell's Drug Store on a spring day in 1911. The school has progressed. Its leaders have had the forward look.

Today, however, new tasks face us. High school pupils, in order to meet life as they will find it make heavier demands on the schools than ever before. We are facing a change in the social scheme. To meet this change the schools must give opportunity for more points of contact with everyday activities. Schools should touch the vocations and interests of the community through the state. This can be done through the teachers, courses of study, library and general community interest in the welfare of our school children.

It is our ambition to keep the purpose and spirit of Wakelon forever looking forward. We want as far as possible to make its courses of study, and its allied activities meet the needs of every child who places his development in our hands.

Schools assume large responsibilities. They should be made for the children and not the children for the schools. A child enters school to find himself. The contacts he has, such as courses of study, library, outside activities, and teachers help him to do this. From observation and experience, I am persuaded that any normal girl or boy will respond to some worthy interest and find a means through which he can develop if that way is opened by a sympathetic teacher and backed up by a friendly attitude on the part of the child's parents.

If we hold a sympathetic attitude towards school girls and boys in school and at home, we find a pleasant task in keeping up with their ever extending desires and ambitions.

School age is not the age to quench the spirit of the inquiring, but to direct and help. Remember the child does his own growing. He only needs guidance, encouragement and wise administration from grown ups. What an interesting task for teacher and parent if we follow it through.

This is not an article for the paper. It is a conversation I would have with any parent interested in a wide awake girl or boy. We give our best to our children. Our character is expressed in them in a little while. Our ideals are the measure of our character. What our nation is tomorrow depends upon the training of our youth today. The sturdiness of our future manhood and womanhood depends on

First Coast to Coast Endurance Flight



The Spokane Sun God refueling at Roosevelt Field, N. Y., just before it headed back for the coast. The trans-continental endurance plane is piloted by Nick Namer and Art Walker.

the character of the teachers and parents of today. We cannot evade this task if we would. We should take joy in the team work required to accomplish the task of moulding the citizenship we desire manifested in our men and women of tomorrow. If we care to continue to be the land of opportunity and the home of the free we must continue to call upon the home and the school to produce men and women of character. In this way our nation is perpetuated.

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P. T. A. Plans Its Year's Program

The Wakelon Parent-Teacher Association has plans made for a fine year. The first meeting will be held September 10, at 8:00 p.m. The new corps of officers want to get this new idea across right now, that the Wakelon P. T. A. belongs to YOU just as much as Wakelon does. If you can't take part in the programs, come to the meetings, anyway. The Association needs you there. The children of Israel, returning to their native land after the captivity, could never have rebuilt their temples had not Joshua and Zerubbabel and other prophets encouraged and inspired the workers. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. S. H. Hoyle, president; Mrs. W. N. Pitts, vice-president; the secretary is to be elected; Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. House. Committee chairmen are: Mrs. W. W. Bullock, ways and means; Mrs. W. N. Pitts, Program; Mrs. E. C. Daniel, Social; Miss Maude Johnston, publicity; Miss Annie Rose Southerland, Membership.

The main objective of the Association this year is to retain the public school music teacher.

The school lunch room will open its doors Thursday, September 5, the second day of school! It will be managed by Mrs. C. M. Bunn, a woman known by a large majority of Wakelon patrons to be a most capable and business-like person. The lunch room will be under the auspices of the P. T. A. and an advisory committee will meet with Mrs. Bunn once a month to help keep everything running along smoothly. This committee consists of Mrs. S. H. Hoyle, Mrs. F. E. Bunn and Mrs. J. D. Horton.

It is hoped that a "milk fund" can be raised to provide milk in some form for all under-nourished and under-weight children in the lower grades. Anyone wishing to donate milk or money to this cause will please advise any one of the committee.

Plan to attend the first meeting of the P. T. A. September 10 at 8:00 p.m. Meet your children's teachers and enjoy a sociable evening.

DAY AT KNIGHTDALE

Mr. F. N. Day, lay evangelist of Winston-Salem, helping Rev. Oldham in a revival meeting at Knightdale this week. Mr. Day, it will be remembered, helped with a meeting here several years ago and a large number of persons were brought into the church.

MEREDITH MAN TO PREACH

Rev. H. Judson Perry of Meredith college, Raleigh, will fill the pulpit at the Zebulon Baptist church Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Herring, is holding a meeting at Boiling Springs.

Zebulon After Spinning Mill

ALL PAPERS SIGNED, BUT MUCH WORK YET NECESSARY BEFORE MILL IS CERTAINTY

What about the spinning mill for Zebulon? That is a question that has been much discussed the past few weeks and has even been the subject of a news article in other newspapers. Well, it seems that an agreement has been reached, whereby capital will be raised elsewhere, the local people supplying the building with necessary alternations. It is true the Center Brick Warehouse has been considered for the mill, as the most suitable building for such an important project. This will not in any wise affect the tobacco market, as the Center Brick will operate as usual this season. Should the plans carry out, provision is already being made to build a larger and better warehouse to care for the market needs. This was the only feasible plan to get the mill promptly and yet not interfere with the tobacco market.

However, it might be said there is "many a slip betwixt cup and lip," and what looks like a certainty now may prove a dud. We are all for the mill, but we are not making whoopee over it yet, and will not until the machinery comes in and operating capital is raised.

Wendell very nicely congratulates us, wishing us well. The Gold Leaf Farmer says in part: "Local people feel in the mood to congratulate Zebulon of the acquisition of this new industry, and it is hoped that with cooperation and earnest effort it will be possible for local citizens to crystallize the plans that have been on foot for the past several months leading to the location of a similar industry in Wendell. With the present tendency to decentralization of industry it seems that the small towns and villages, where there is an active and progressive effort on the part of local citizens, may be coming into their own in regard to the location of future industries in all lines. This is especially true in the textile industry at the present time, since, due to great depression in this line, and a consequent lowering of wages, and cutting of working time, there has been much unrest in the ranks of textile workers and leaders in the industry, noting that less trouble has been experienced where the units of employment have been small, and where there have been fewer mills in one town, are inclined to scatter future mills, putting them into small towns."

SCRAPING STREETS

Chief of Police L. A. Baker is a man of his word. When citizens of Zebulon and the drivers and passengers of the busses that come through here began to complain about the washboard quality of the dirt streets in the town he promised immediate relief as soon as he could secure machinery to work the thoroughfares. Monday found him at the job. A huge tractor and scraper, the property of Wake county, were seen going methodically over the main unpaved streets, putting them into shape.

Wouldn't a modern girl look effeminate wielding one of those feathered fans of bygone days?

Big Market Opening Is Zebulon Outlook

Zebulon's Business Forecast For 1929-30

By E. C. Daniel, Jr.

When discussing fall business the merchants of Zebulon maintain an undecided spirit of conservatism. That was the observation of the writer, preparatory to writing this article. Twelve months ago a similar survey was made, disclosing the prevalence of a similar state of affairs. However, a significant feature of last year's predictions was this: That under the conditions we could expect no better than a fair fall.

The keynote of this declaration was sounded by L. M. Gould, cashier of the Zebulon Banking and Trust Company, in a statement made during an interview for The Record. Again we find that an idea propounded by the bank official is the one generally accepted and argued by his business associates.

Depending upon the farmers and farm crops as we do, a change must needs be made in the agricultural system of our section before we can be assured of any degree of economic success. That is the general idea as presented by the majority of the men interviewed for this column. In other words we can not depend on making a living out of a group of people who only work a few months of the year, raising crops of uncertain quality, and quantity, and price.

According to the business men of Zebulon, a radical revolution must take place among the agriculturists before we can ever expect to benefit greatly from trade with them. Mr. Gould and others were the opinion that stark necessity and not education or a system of farm relief would accomplish the desired change in this state of affairs. The remedy they offer is diversification and a twelve months working calendar for the farmer. However, no one seems able to offer a method whereby the farmers can be brought to recognize the importance of a new departure.

Mr. Jones, a master farmer of near Wake Forest, spoke to the Zebulon Rotary Club on this subject at one of their regular meetings during the summer. He declared that the farmer who arranged his crops so that each month in the year would yield a harvest and supplemented his "money crops" with the raising of minor commodities would never find himself in difficulties, financial or otherwise. The same idea was urged by a speaker at the East Wake Fair when it met here last fall. In fact, business men and economists of foresight are encouraging a similar principle everywhere.

The practice of raising insufficient foodstuffs, for family and stock, is a related problem. Farmers and merchants alike have said that this has always been one of the most serious drawbacks in the farm program of Eastern North Carolina. Illustrating this point, a local man has emphasized the importance of such a small item as canning vegetables. He says that a saving of many dollars can be made with a minimum of cost and trouble by employing a bit of foresight and judgment.

Even the time merchants of this and other towns are beginning to realize that the existing system of long term credit to farmers who raise tobacco and cotton exclusively is unprofitable to all concerned. Consequently, farmers now face the danger of having their credit cut off unless they take the precaution of supplying themselves with "ready money" earned through complementary home activities.

We have already seen the evidences of reform among the agriculturalists of several counties. During the year \$12,000 was brought to this community by the sale of poultry. That is a hopeful sign, for when this type of project proves itself to be profitable to a few we can expect its adoption by the majority. Prof. P. H. Massey, of the Wakelon High School faculty, who sponsored the poultry cars here, expects the returns for the coming season to be even greater. Another important activity is the operation

Every preparation has been made by Messrs. Mangum, Horton, Baker, and Pitts and Co., at the two local warehouses, the Center Brick and the Farmers, for the big opening next Tuesday, September 3. And there is strong promise that it will be one of the best openings ever experienced in this section.

For many months these gentlemen have been riding the section, interviewing the tobacco growers, and ascertaining what is the general opinion of the Zebulon market. They have met with expressions of good will and approval on every hand. The tobacco growers and cotton growers like to come to "The Friendly Town" where they are sure of a hearty welcome whether they come to buy, sell, or just visit and be sociable. There is a degree of friendliness in the very atmosphere about this town that cannot be overlooked.

Tuesday's opening heralds in the 38th year of tobacco selling over warehouse floors in eastern North Carolina. The start was made back in 1891 in Greenville in a warehouse 70 feet by 120. Today the movement has spread over the whole of eastern Carolina.

Zebulon makes its bid for tobacco on its record for good prices, good warehousemen and efficient buyers. This year adds to that another reason why the farmers in this section should sell in Zebulon—the agreement of the large buying companies to stabilize prices on the various grades. The result of that decision will be a set price; the same price will prevail here as on every other market in the belt. Zebulon will benefit by such a move, because it has to offer our farmers a saving in marketing expense. It is not necessary to come to Zebulon and spend a couple of days in order to get a load of tobacco sold, during which time the grower must be at much expense and trouble. It offers the shortest haul and the quickest sale for our growers.

Then, too, the buyers, not being in the great rush as on big floors, give more time and attention to the quality of leaf offered and the grower is more certain to get a just classification for his crop. That means money, in his pocket.

Opening day, to those acquainted with it, is a joyous occasion. It means pay for months of hard work and worry; it is harvest time when the tiller of the soil reaps the financial gain from his work. He "closes books" on the year's work. His is a full life. In the spring he faces the year's work with optimism and a light heart. The balmy spring air, the fresh smell of the upturned sod, the return of the birds—all stir the blood that has grown sluggish through the winter's inactivity. Through the summer he enjoys a peculiar satisfaction that comes to one who creates, and no one enjoys that feeling to a greater degree than the farmer.

To those who are strangers to the opening day scene, it is a revelation. The auctioneer, going up and down the long rows of baskets piled high with the golden leaf, chanting unintelligible phrases in a weird, musical, unknown tongue, is stared at and listened to by the open-mouthed stranger who is watching his first tobacco sale. There is no question about it, an auctioneer must be born; he cannot be made.

Meet your friends in Zebulon Tuesday and plan to give this market a trial. Aside from the fact that you will get just as much for your crop here, it is always worth while to be loyal to the home market. It all works around in a circle: Sell in Zebulon, trade in Zebulon, and Zebulon will be able to take care of you in times of need. It is a give and take proposition, in a way of speaking, wherein there cannot possibly be any taking unless made possible by giving. You get PERSONAL consideration here where you are well known, whereas in the larger places you are only another cog in the wheel, with nothing to distinguish you from all the other cogs.

An exchange tells of a citizen who dropped a bundle of laundry on the sidewalk and broke both bottles.

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