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Kenneth Royall of Goldsboro and Raleigh, newly appointed Secretary of War, is pictured with Mrs. Royall shortly after he took the oath of office. Royall served as a colonel and brigadier general during the war, and subsequently became assistant secretary of war under Judge Patterson, who resigned his post earlier in July.

Second Deep Well Proves Greater Producer Than First; Third Planned

Zebulon's second deep well proved a big success Wednesday afternoon as the 24-hour check came to a close. For one full day the test pump drew from 80 to 110 gallons per minute from the well without exhausting the supply. The water was pumped from the 200 foot level and the surface of the water remained at 80 feet below the ground.

Red Cross Announces Third Water Course For Local Swimmers

Registration for the Red Cross water safety "instructors" course, which will start at Hayes Barton Pool Monday, August 4th, will be held next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Red Cross headquarters in Raleigh, it has been announced by Louis H. Gray, chairman of the Wake County Chapter's water safety committee.

Those who successfully take the instructors course will be eligible to instruct and qualify students in life saving, swimming and rescue work, including land, water and surf. The course will be given by Al Demsey, of Atlanta, water safety field representative of the regional office of the Red Cross.

Individuals at least 19 years of age, and who have taken the Red Cross course of instruction in senior life saving during the past three years are eligible for the course. Registration hours, Chairman Gray said, will be between 9:30 and 3:30 in the afternoon.

This is a followup of the Water Safety Course in Life Saving taught by Jack Lowder at Lake Mirl for the last three weeks.

Concrete Blocks for Homes, Barns Better Since State Law Passage

Dave Privette, who is regarded locally as "the expert" on concrete work, says that blocks being sold on the Zebulon market are vastly improved since minimum standards authorized by a new state law went into effect the first of last month.

Privette said that some masonry blocks are now being made with a load-bearing strength of 1,400 to 1,500 pounds per square inch of gross bearing area, which is double the State's minimum requirement of 700 pounds per square inch.

The pressure on the bottom blocks of the average concrete or

cinder block tobacco barn is less than 100 pounds per square inch normally, but where mortar is not distributed evenly the pressure may be increased as much as 500 per cent.

Regulations designed to protect the public from sales of inferior cement and cinder blocks were adopted by the State Board of Agriculture following legislative authorization by the 1947 General Assembly.

The penalty for non-compliance with the regulations may be a fine ranging from \$50 to \$500 or imprisonment ranging from 30 days to one year, or both.

Tobacco Production Low in State Local Per Acre Yield Also Down

State Yield Expected To Be 1,150 Pounds Per Acre Average

Production of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina this year promises to be around 864,985,000 pounds, the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service in the State Department of Agriculture said in releasing its first production forecast for the 1947 crop.

This represents a decline of 47,985,000 pounds, or five per cent from the all-time record crop of 1946 when 912,970,000 pounds of the flue-cured crop were grown on North Carolina farms.

This forecast is based upon conditions as of July 1 and is subject to change each month until the crop is sold, depending, of course, upon weather conditions and the development of the crop. The late, dry Spring caused delay in getting the crop to the fields and most fields show an uneven growth but the crop has made much progress in recent weeks, the report stated.

The acreage of flue-cured tobacco in cultivation this season is estimated at 811,000 acres, or one per cent above 1946. Although quotas were slightly less this year than in 1946, growers attempted to plant closer to their allotments than during the war years.

Growers are not expecting as high a yield per acre as was harvested last year, which accounts for the decline in production prospects. In 1946, the average yield on all flue cured farms was 1,138 pounds per acre, but July 1 conditions this year point toward an average per acre yield of only 1,067 pounds, or six per cent less than in the previous year.

Belt Predictions

The acreage, yield and production by types for 1946 and the indicated acreage, yield and production for 1947 are here given in that order:

Type II (Old and Middle Belts): 311,000; 1,120 and 348,320,000 pounds; 1947 indicated—317,000; 1,075 and 340,775,000 pounds.

Type 12 (Eastern Belt): 395,000, 1,150 and 454,250,000 pounds; 1947 indicated — 399,000, 1,090 and 434,910,000 pounds.

Type 13 (Border Belt): 96,000, 1,150 and 110,400,000 pounds; 1947 indicated—95,000, 940 and 99,300,000 pounds.

The burley crop in Western North Carolina is estimated at 15,250,000 pounds, or 16 per cent greater than last year. The acreage was placed at 10,000 acres — an increase of two per cent. Conditions on July 1 indicate a yield of 1,525 pounds per acre, or 50 pounds larger than 1946.

Tommy Temple Back From Hospital Stay

Tommy Temple has returned from Duke Hospital where he underwent an operation to restore full use of his right arm, which was injured when he fell through a glass pane at Wakelon school two years ago. His arm is in a cast to prevent further damage to it while it is healing. The cast must be changed every two weeks until the arm is completely well.



Vic Huggins of Chapel Hill, district governor of Rotary International, will speak to the local club next month on his plans for the 189th District during 1947-48. Huggins is a past president of the Chapel Hill club.

Early Moser Speaks To Zebulon Rotary Club on Principles

Early Moser spoke to the Zebulon Rotary Club last Friday night, giving the charge to all new Rotarians and reviewing the principles of Rotary for all the old Rotarians. The program was another in the series planned by Program Chairman Sidney Edkins to acquaint the members with the working of Rotary Clubs.

The entire organization is planning to attend charter night of the Middlesex Rotary Club, which is just being organized. The Zebulon group will present the new Rotarians with a gavel and bell in the charter night ceremonies.

The Rotary Annes will return to the kitchen to serve the Rotarians next week. They have been on vacation for about six weeks, during which time the club has subsisted on sandwiches and cold drinks.

Alton Temple, Bobby Gill Take Cub Scout Soap Box Derby Here

By Armstrong Cannady

Saturday afternoon before several hundred spectators, the Cub Scouts put on Zebulon's first Soap Box Derby. Weeks of hard work were put into this race to make it a success, and we all think that it went over big for the first one.

The local merchants were a big help in making Derby Day a success, as they supplied all of the prizes and material used in the race. Each of the following merchants gave either money or help in a big way: Wakelon Food Store, Temple Market, Carolina Power & Light Co., Firestone Store, Theater, Theo. Davis Sons, Zebulon Dry Cleaners, Zebulon Supply Co., Massey Lumber Co., Massey Lumber Co., and Western Auto Supply. We are indeed grateful to these merchants who showed such a splendid coopera-

Local Tobacco Light With Drop of 200 Pounds Per Acre

Tobacco farmers of Zebulon and the surrounding area may expect to receive slightly more per pound for their crop this fall than farmers in other sections, but expect to produce fewer pounds per acre than the state average, reports from local farmers indicated yesterday.

The yield per acre is expected to be 200 pounds under the 1,300 pounds reached last year by most farmers of the section formed by the junction of our four counties. Local farmers predict a yield of 1100 pounds an acre this year, as against an expected Eastern Belt average of 1150 pounds.

Robert Ed Horton, Little River Township AAA chairman, reports that his tobacco has a fine color, but his first three primings have all "felt like paper."

"I averaged 1300 pounds per acre on 25 acres last year," he said, "but I don't think I'll average over 110 pounds this year. I think my crop is about average for this section this year."

Paper thin tobacco is also reported by others, including C. S. Chamblee, Waylon Finch, Cleveland Hicks, Jesse Bunn, Millard Duke, and Pettigrew Gay of Zebulon, and Philip Whitley of Wendell.

Rev. A. D. Parrish says that much of his crop is light, but mentions a test plot on his Pilot farm which is fairly heavy despite the recent rains.

Soft Soil Holds Up Extension of Sewer

With two lines already completed, work on Zebulon's third sewer extension was proceeding slowly this week along Arendell Avenue. Considerable difficulty on the excavation toward the school, said Foreman O. D. Wyatt of the F. D. Cline Construction Company, is causing the unexpected delay.

A dragline is being used to dig the third ditch in the soft soil.

tion in Community Service.

The seventy-five yard course started from a ramp in front of The Peoples Bank & Trust Co. and ran down the hill to the railroad tracks. The streets were roped off and the local Police Department, assisted by Cub Scouts, directed traffic around the course. The race was run in four heats. Winning first place was Alton Temple, crossing the finish line in 16 seconds. Second place was won by Bobby Gill, who took 18 seconds. Third and fourth places, respectively, were won by Malcolm Martin with 20 seconds and J. L. McGee, 26 seconds.

First prize was a brand new Daisy air rifle and twelve passes to the local theater. Second prize was an air rifle and a free airplane ride. Third and fourth prizes were hunting knives and cases.