

## Amendment Needed Already

We recommend the immediate amending of an ordinance passed only last Monday night by the town commissioners: the ordinance relating to compulsory sewer connection by Zebulon property owners.

Certainly no one, least of all us, will argue that an outdoor privy not built in accordance with regulations and recommendations of the State Department of Health is not a menace to health. Well and good: this ordinance is aimed at the persons who erect and maintain these privies which are not sanitary, smell to high heaven, and breed flies which carry the virus of infantile paralysis. The new law will protect us by putting an end to such disgraces.

But the ordinance will also hit another type of property owner. Before the recent sewer extension was completed or even projected, certain property owners built new homes. Because there was no sewer line on their street, they were forced to construct septic tanks. We maintain that it is unfair to take action which will force them to abandon these septic tanks — which are approved by the State Department of Health — and connect to the new town sewer system. Such action will in effect penalize these property owners for building their homes and paying taxes on them before the sewer was extended.

So we ask for an amendment protecting the rights of these citizens, feeling sure that the commissioners, who have thus far shown themselves a fairminded group, will take necessary action.

## Property Values Protected

The decision of the board of commissioners of Zebulon to extend the fire zone to include the entire business zone of the town is an action as necessary as it is commendable. A fire rate will thereby be obtained for all cooperating property owners which will be fair, uniform, and—best of all from a financial standpoint—lower.

Something is wrong with fire regulations in a town when a firm moves from one building to another in the fire district, both buildings built in accordance with those regulations, and the insurance rate immediately falls from \$2.67 to \$1.30.

The fault in that particular case lies in the failure of municipal authorities a generation ago to foresee the growth of the community, and the need for zoning. The damage is done, and no zoning ordinance can be made to operate ex post facto.

The town board has followed establishment of the zoning board last year with an equally forward step this year; they have further stabilized property values by preventing additional fire hazards. Certainly fire hazards already exist in the business district, but official sanction of forthcoming parallels has been precluded by the board's action.

## Two Good Talking Points

The Zebulon Chamber of Commerce has two ready-made talking points to use when attempting to bring new business and industry to our community: the high farm ownership rate and the high residential ownership rate.

Local agricultural income is spread more completely than in any other farming community we know. The fact that our farmers can turn their cash into goods or use it to improve their land holdings means a more stable business economy.

Similarly the fact that so few of the many new homes constructed in or near Zebulon are being built for rental purposes is a stabilizing factor. Fire premium rates are lower in these homes which are occupied by their owners, which means fewer dollars in the form of premiums leaving Zebulon for the big insurance companies. Home ownership means fewer dollars leaving Zebulon for absentee landlords. Local ownership of homes means better tended houses, and as a consequence more stable property values.

We could go on and on pointing out the advantages accruing to the community because of the enterprise and economy necessary to bring about the present happy state of affairs, but we will mention only one more, perhaps the most important of all:

The community has a spirit of well-being and contentment which is the aggregate of the individual feelings of satisfaction possessed by each man and woman who finally attain the goal most of us seek: a place to call our own.

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## This, That and the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

A small boy whom I know ran in from play to tell his grandmother of wholly unfair treatment by some larger boys. He naturally, yearned to retaliate, but the grandmother suggested that instead he try being specially nice to his tormentors. "In that way," she said, "you can heap coals of fire on their heads."

The child listened doubtfully. "I don't know whether I could get close enough to them to put fire on their heads," he replied, adding hopefully, "but I could heat rocks and throw at them."

My sister told me of an old woman, who was seen sitting by a bushel basket of tomatoes, eating steadily and stolidly, cutting wedges from the tomatoes, chewing them and swallowing without even adding salt.

Asked if she were specially fond of this vegetable, the eater replied that those in the basket were the last she had and she was going to eat enough of them to make her so sick she would not want any

more tomatoes until they ripened the next year.

One thing I do hope our school faculty makes clear to high school pupils is that requirements for graduation and requirements for entrance to college may not be the same thing, though credit units may add up to satisfactory sums. High school electives may cause confusion and trouble later on, if not selected with an eye to the future. Children seldom know about this, their parents may not know either, or may not think in time, so they really need advice.

My friends used to laugh at me for saying I'd rather take care of twins under six months old than one child from that age till old enough to have a little sense about what to do and where to go. But one can, at least, have a fair idea what babies too young to sit alone are doing; feeding them, bathing them, and changing diapers are the main items.

Let a baby once begin to crawl around or to pull up by holding to furniture, and there's no more peace for many months. The won-

der is not that they get hurt so often, but that any of them escape being killed. It is not safe to leave a very small child alone, though at times it seems one simply has to do so.

If you have one of those almost-ankle-length, raglan-sleeved, big-collared, flare-bottomed coats we wore about ten years ago, get it out, brush it off, try it on, look at yourself and see whether you like the picture. For those burdensome, weighty garments are almost identical with the ones offered by stylish shops for this fall and winter.

Wakelon's new principal is not among those whom I have met, but I do know he likes flowers. Last Wednesday morning early Rachel (Mrs. Wallace) Temple came to our house looking for flowers, explaining that Mr. Smith had asked for some to be placed on the rostrum before opening exercises that day, "even if only evergreens." I understand his feeling and heartily approve, only wishing that I might have cooperated to a far greater extent than circumstances permitted this week.

## Information for Veterans

This is the second in a series of articles about veterans' problems written for the Record by F. C. Sheppard of the Winston-Salem office of the Veterans Administration.

Veterans Administration today answered the 10 questions most frequently asked by World War II veterans about G. I. business loans.

Q. How does a veteran go about getting a loan for business purposes?

A. As in the case of home loans, he must first find a bank or other private lender willing to advance him the money.

Q. How much of a business loan made by a lender will VA guaranty?

A. VA will guaranty 50 per cent of the loan up to a maximum of \$4,000 if the loan is for the purchase of business real property, and up to \$2,000 for non-real estate business loans, such as for working capital.

Q. Can the veteran get a guar-

anteed loan for any type of business?

A. If the lender is willing, the loan may be used for any legitimate business purpose.

Q. Is there any limit to the duration of a business loan?

A. Non-real estate business loans are repayable in 10 years or less; real estate loans may run up to 25 years.

Q. Can a veteran enter into business with non-veterans and obtain a guaranteed loan?

A. Yes, provided the interest of the veteran is properly protected, but the guarantee must be limited to the veteran's portion of the business.

Q. Doesn't the veteran also get a gratuity payment if some kind?

A. Yes. VA pays the lender, for credit to the veteran's loan, an amount equal to 4 per cent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. For example, if the guaranteed portion is \$3,000, the lender will receive \$120 from VA to credit to the debt of the veteran.

Q. What interest rates are lenders permitted to charge on business loans?

A. In most cases, 4 percent is the maximum. However, the interest rate may be slightly higher for certain types of insured business loans.

Q. Must the veteran be experienced in the line of business he proposes to enter?

A. Experience is an important element in the success of the average business. The veteran should be able to show a reasonable expectation of success in his venture.

Q. Can a veteran get a G. I. business loan to buy a pleasure car or furniture for his home?

A. No. The loan must be used by the veteran for business purposes only.

Q. Does a veteran have to operate the business himself?

A. Yes, the veteran must devote his personal labor or supervision to the enterprise, or to the practice of a profession, on a full or part-time basis.

## Seen and Heard

Will has worked for us off and ent pair of ears in Zebulon.

Will has worked for us off and on for about a year, digging ditches, cutting weeds, and doing like tasks. We have found by sad experience that you can shout your head off at Will trying to make him work a little harder, but he will never hear a word you say.

But if you mention in a whisper that there is a watermelon out at the woodshed for him, he'll hear you from 50 yards away, drop his shovel, and take off like a scalded duck in the direction of the watermelon.

It reminds us of the time Will was being tried in the local court for breaking and entering J. L. Stell's dry cleaning plant. Will just sat all through the trial, never hearing any of the questions asked him about why he was in the pressing club at two o'clock in the morning.

But when Judge Gill said, in the low tone he normally uses in passing sentence, "Six months,"

Will let out a scream you could have heard in Middlesex!

That street in front of the Record office just will not stay fixed.

About two weeks ago Bill Strickland blocked off traffic on Arendell Avenue, and began pumping water from a broken main with a sump pump. He repaired the pipe, sealed the street, and went his way.

Unfortunately more work developed, and yesterday Willie B. Hopkins, our local protector of the peace, laid aside his police chief's uniform, and put on the white coveralls he wears when he functions as superintendent of waterworks. He and Artis Carpenter of highpocket fame spent the better part of the day tinkering with the water line.

As we go to press, we can't vouch for the final repair of the street, but one thing we know for sure: Willie B. got an awfully sunburned neck out there yesterday.

Harold Taylor, colored worker on Ted Hood's farm, read in the Record some weeks ago about the local Boy Scout troop catching some snakes, mostly red adders. So when he caught a 4-foot black snake last week he brought it to the printshop.

Unfortunately none of the local Scouts wanted a black snake. They wouldn't take the snake for love or money, and finally he was given to Robert Potter of Raleigh. Robert kept the snake for two days, trying to make a pet of him; but he gave up finally, having been bitten seven times in ten minutes by his pet on the second day.

Tuesday Ted himself brought a snake to town, a king snake this time. This particular snake is, we are informed, being rapidly domesticated—but not by us. Along with H. V. Andrews and Hilliard, we jump when anybody even says the word "snake," and when they bring a snake in the front door we go out the back door, mucho pronto.