

### TOWN BOARD CALLS HALT TO BUILDING

A business building cannot be built in the residential sections of Zebulon, the Board of Commissioners ruled Tuesday night at a special call meeting held in the town office. The meeting was called at the request of Fred Hood, who asked that the Board of Commissioners grant him permission to continue construction on a florist shop started beside his home on Arendell Avenue.

The action of the commissioners in refusing to allow the construction work to continue was based on the zoning ordinance which defines the business, industrial and residential areas in Zebulon, and the types of buildings which can be in each.

Hood asked for and received a building permit in September to build a building of cement or cinder block on the back of his lot, and, the town board contended he violated the permit by starting his building on a line with his house facing Arendell Avenue.

Town Clerk W. B. Hopkins requested that building be stopped until some action could be taken by the Town Board, and Hood met with the Board at their regular October meeting. He was advised that business buildings were prohibited in residential areas, and two days later announced that he had contacted someone who could move the building for him to the rear of his lot.

Early this week he found that the cost of moving the structure would amount to over \$2,000. Since he had only \$800 invested in the building, he decided against the move and asked the commissioners to meet with him again.

Tuesday night he presented a drawing showing how he planned to connect the cement block building to the house with a 10-foot breezeway so that it would comply with the zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance allows additions to residences. The commissioners studied the drawing, noting that Hood's residence is of wood construction while the new building is of cement block.

After thoroughly discussing the matter, which Mayor R. H. Bridgers termed "a very unfortunate thing," the Board of Commissioners decided that since the zoning ordinance is law, made by the citizens of Zebulon, they are duty bound to enforce it, in spite of the hardships it will invoke in this instance. It was pointed out that Hood's original building permit stated the building was to be built on the rear of the lot, and was not complied with.

Hood has the privilege of appealing to the Zoning Board to have them re-zone his lot on Arendell Avenue as a business zone, if he wishes to do so. Whatever action the Zoning Board takes is subject to the approval of the commissioners. Dr. L. M.

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Massey is chairman of the Zoning Board. Other members are C. V. Whitley, Kermit Corbett, Pittman Stell, and Elbert Pearce.

Present at the meeting with Fred Hood were Mayor R. H. Bridgers, Commissioners R. Vance Brown, Howard Beck, Norman Screws, Bob Sawyer, Barrie Davis, and Town Clerk W. B. Hopkins.

### Cotton Estimate Is Slightly Lower

Reports October 1 from growers and ginner indicate a 1947 cotton crop of 450,000 bales in North Carolina.

The figure is two per cent under the September 1 forecast and about two per cent greater than the 440,000-bale crop harvested in 1946. The crop in the Zebulon trade area is estimated by local ginner at ten per cent above last year.

Harvesting of cotton is well advanced in Wake County and getting into full swing in coastal areas. The crop got off to a late start in the spring and many growers had difficulty getting a stand. As a result, said the report, cotton is opening very unevenly and harvesting in some sections may be extended over a longer period than usual.

Late cotton suffered heavy boll weevil damage, especially in the coastal areas, the Service stated. Very little "top" crop will be made this year, and bolls are averaging smaller than usual. In coastal counties, cotton is not turning out quite as well as it was expected earlier, but the crop in some Piedmont counties promises to be above pre-harvest expectations.

Reports from farmers on October 1 indicated a yield per acre of 349 pounds, compared with 370 pounds harvested last year. Such a yield would be one pound above the 10-year (1936-45) average.

Cotton acreage for harvest is nine per cent larger than last year. It is estimated at 619,000 acres, compared with 570,000 in 1946.

Reports from ginner showed that about 44,000 bales of the North Carolina crop had been ginned to October 1.

The October 1 forecast of production for the nation places the 1947 cotton crop at 11,508,000 bales. This is a decline of three per cent from the September 1 estimate and about 33 per cent above the 1946 crop.

Yield per acre now is estimated at 261.3 pounds of lint, compared with 235.3 pounds last year and the 10-year average of 250.6 pounds.

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### Sound Plan Urged For Saving Cream

Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott has urged that bakeries eliminate consignment selling of bread and thus save "untold thousands of bushels of wheat daily" to help the emergency food situation abroad, but yesterday local grocers advised the Record that they were still having to buy on a consignment basis.

Scott said in a wire to U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson that the bakeries' practice of "crowding the market" with consignment bread resulted in the loss of approximately 150,000 bushels of wheat annually in North Carolina alone, and he placed the estimated money value of the loss in this State at about \$1,000,000 a year.

Scott's wire said: "I earnestly urge that the government take immediate steps to get the bakeries of the nation to cooperate fully in eliminating the consignment selling of bread during the food emergency. That will save untold thousands of bushels of wheat daily and in North Carolina alone will result in the saving of approximately 150,000 bushels of wheat annually."

Scott said he got his figures from Department of Agriculture field men in the Pure Food and Drugs Division. Their survey showed, he said, that thousands of loaves of bread were wasted daily in North Carolina through the consignment practice of taking day-old bread off store shelves and withholding it from human consumption, with most of it going to city dumps.

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competition to keep only oven-fresh bread on store shelves.

Scott asked Anderson to send a Department of Agriculture representative into North Carolina for a series of conferences with bakers. At these conferences, the Federal representative would explain the need for food conservation and just how the bakers could cooperate in making more grain available for foreign commitments.

He acted after calling in William C. McIntire, Jr., of Greensboro, secretary of the North Carolina Bakers Council for a conference regarding the big waste of bread. McIntire said he would plan a series of meetings as soon as Secretary Anderson notifies him that a Federal representative will be available.

Scott pointed out that under the War Powers Act bakers were barred from consignment selling during the war. He urged that bakers themselves take the initiative in starting at once an industry-wide program to stop what the trade terms "crowding the market."

### PERSONALS

Mrs. B. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Will Lawrence, Mrs. R. G. Blackwelder of Raleigh, and Mrs. J. K. Barrow, Sr., were luncheon guests of Mrs. C. E. Flowers Tuesday.

The condition of J. B. Kemp is much improved.

Mrs. Theo. B. Davis left Sunday for Palisades, Washington, to join her husband, who is hospitalized as a result of a fall from a ladder recently.

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