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President Truman Carries Township by 25 to 1; Scott Leads Ticket in Township, County, Carolina

Truman's Victory Surprises People Around Zebulon

Residents of Little River Township, who gave the Democratic Party a solid vote of confidence Tuesday, were only a little more pleased with the outcome of the national election than they were surprised. Few local people had given President Truman even a fighting chance of election, although they voted 25 to 1 for him against Thomas E. Dewey.

Apprehension Tuesday gave way gradually to amazement and then jubilation Wednesday morning, when Governor Dewey conceded the election to his underestimated Democratic opponent. As much pleasure—if not surprise—was expressed over the Democratic majorities in the House and Senate as over the President's sweeping victory.

Forgotten was the bitter civil rights issue, as local Democratic voters thought of the despair of the Hoover era. Most Little River Democrats resolved then never to vote for any presidential candidate except a Democrat, and at least 1,078 kept that resolution.

A poignant reminder of the depression was given voters by the placing of a Hoovercart by the *Record* as near the local polling place at the fire station as election laws allow. Barrie Davis placed on the Hoovercart a sign reading, "If you recognize this, you will vote the straight Democratic ticket," and Maltous Alford later in the day hitched a mule to the vehicle and drove it about the streets.

The Hoovercart was the same one used by President Truman in his fighting speech at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh last month. It was built by Ed Ellington and Ashley Murphy from a trailer belonging to Fred Smith, after a lengthy search for a Hoovercart requested by State Chairman Capus M. Waynick for the President failed to produce a genuine Hoover cart in all of the township, not to mention portions of Nash, Franklin, and Johnston Counties.

First Monthly Trade Day Held Yesterday

The Zebulon Chamber of Commerce, blessed with a day of sunshine after a night of torrential rain which flooded streams, sponsored its first monthly Trade Day auction sale yesterday, when Zebulon farmers and merchants sold cars, livestock, stoves, and miscellaneous items.

The auction, which was held on the town parking lot with Maltous Alford as auctioneer, was well attended by farmers, who took advantage of bargain offered by Zebulon merchants as well as the auction itself.

Fifty dollars in cash good will prizes and items of merchandise were given away by the Chamber of Commerce following the sale.

C. V. Whitley and Ed Hales directed the auction, while President Ralph Talton and Treasurer Vance Brown directed the awarding of Chamber of Commerce prizes.

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME (APOLOGIES TO J. HATLO)

AT THE CONVENTION THE BOYS AND GIRLS WORK UP A LOT OF LOUD HATRED FOR EACH OTHER!



BUT BEFORE ELECTION DAY THEY'RE ALWAYS HOLDING HANDS AGAIN!



Plan Is Offered for Paving All Local Streets at Board Meeting on Monday

The paving work being done on Wakefield and North Streets is not costing the Town of Zebulon one cent, the Zebulon Board of Commissioners was told by Robert Dawson at the group's regular November meeting held Monday night. Owners of the property on each side of the street where the work is being done are financing the entire cost, the resident engineer stated.

He emphasized that the paving service is available to any street in town, provided property owners on the street are unanimous in agreeing to pay the entire cost of the project.

Two blocks on North Street and one block on Wakefield Street are being paved at a cost of not over 75 cents per foot frontage, Dawson reported. He stated that the cost would be higher on certain other streets in Zebulon since they are wider and more grading and top soil would be required.

Town Clerk W. B. Hopkins stated that he had canvassed residents on several streets in Zebulon regarding paving streets, but that property owners on North Street and Wakefield Street were the only ones unanimous in agreeing to pay the paving costs.

Mayor R. H. Bridgers reported that the deep wells are delivering water satisfactorily, and ridiculed reports that the filter plant has been required to provide sufficient water for the town.

Members of the board passed a resolution asking the State Highway Department to take over five blocks of city streets and maintain them. The streets named are

Wakefield Street from Highway 64 to North Street, and North Street from Wakefield Street to Highway NC 264, and from there to Highway 64.

Present at the meeting were Mayor R. H. Bridgers, Commissioners Bob Sawyer, Norman Screws and Barrie Davis, Town Clerk W. B. Hopkins, and Robert Dawson.

Fund for Wakelon Athletic Field Lights Reaches \$1380 This Week

The campaign for funds to install lights at the Wakelon ball park was proceeding fairly well, proponents of the plan stated yesterday, with the fund nearly half reached.

Contributions during the week together with the placing of dormant school funds in the light account brought the total available to \$1,381.76, Treasurer Vance Brown stated. This sum, which includes no uncollected pledges, is now on deposit at the Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Zebulon.

As yet no intensified solicitation

of funds has been made in the community, but members of the local school board, together with other backers of the program, expect to make the township-wide request during the next week.

Placed in the fund to date have been the following contributions, in addition to \$689.76 taken from a dormant school account:

Previously acknowledged, \$400; Wallace Temple, \$50; C. V. Whitley, \$100; Leonard Gay, \$5; K. P. Leonard, \$5; G. K. Corbett, \$5; M. W. Chamblee, \$5; Loomis Strickland, \$2; Zebulon Supply Company, \$50.

Dixiecrat Failure Reflected Here; Wallace Given 1

The United States went Democratic again Tuesday, but Little River Township did a little better job of it than anywhere else. Traditionally Democratic, Zebulon and Mitchell's Mill precincts gave an overwhelming majority to all the party's candidates.

Kerr Scott, who carried the township by 3 to 1 in the Democratic primary last summer, again got the backing of local voters, receiving more votes than any candidate for state or national office, but he led the field only slightly. Most voters simply marked the straight Democratic ticket.

Governor-elect Scott also led in the rest of Wake County, receiving approximately 1,500 more ballots than the next high Democrat, Senator-elect J. Melville Broughton, and 4,000 more votes than President Truman.

The Dixiecrats ran much weaker in Little River Township than elsewhere in the county, receiving only 5 votes; so did Henry Wallace, who got one vote locally.

The total vote for office-seekers in both precincts of Little River Township follows: For president: Truman 1,078; Dewey 40; Thurmond 5; Wallace, 1. For U. S. Senator: Broughton 1,055; Wilkinson 34; Brown 1. For Governor: Scott 1,084; Pritchard 26; Mary Price 1.

For U. S. Congressman: Cooley 1069; Johnson 30; Wright 1. For Lieutenant - Governor: Taylor 1052; Hayes 26; Harris 0. For Secretary of State: Eure 1036; Dewey 31. For State Auditor: Bridges 1060; Hickman 27.

All other Democratic candidates received approximately the same vote as did Mr. Bridges. They include Cecil Hopkins, candidate for justice of peace; Irby D. Gill, candidate for judge of the Zebulon Recorders Court; Steve Blackley, local constable; Wake Representatives Arch Allen, W. T. Hatch, and James Little; and State Senator R. N. Simms, Jr.

Local Rotary Hears Robert Kemp Horton

Robert Kemp Horton, former officer in the U. S. Army, gave one of the most interesting talks ever heard by the Zebulon Rotary Club at their regular meeting last Friday night, when he discussed the Central American country of El Salvador.

Following his talk, Mr. Horton showed several dozen Kodachrome slides taken by the speaker during his stay in the tiny republic. As he pointed out, the photographs told much about the life of the life of the country.

The El Salvador discussion was the last in a series of programs under the direction of Dr. L. M. Massey on the general theme of international service. Included in the group were talks by natives of England and Poland, and a discussion of present European conditions by Ed Sykes of Wendell, who recently made a business trip to Europe.

Local Man Is Killed in Hit-Run Case

A wreck near Zebulon Thursday night claimed the lives of two men—Ronald Lee Perry, 35, of Wendell, Route 2, and Harvey Duberry, 33-year-old Negro of Raleigh, Route 5.

State Highway Patrolmen O. W. Dean and J. M. Cash filed charge against Joe Foster, 24-year-old Negro of Raleigh, Route 5. Foster admitted he was the driver of a car which left the highway and struck Perry, fatally injuring him.

Perry was taken to Mary Elizabeth Hospital following the acci-

dent, but he died within an hour after being struck.

With Duberry riding in the front seat with him, Foster was driving a borrowed 1934 sedan in a westerly direction on the Hood Road several miles from Zebulon. A car to which a trailer was attached was parked on the right shoulder of the road, facing Foster's car. To the right of the parked car was a six-foot embankment.

The patrolman said that Foster's car left the road and went between the parked car and the bank,

striking Perry and veering up the embankment.

Charles Creech, his brother-in-law was with Perry at the time, but saved himself by leaping from the path of the vehicle. Perry attempted to save himself, but could not clear the car's path.

Foster ran from the scene of the accident without identifying himself. Officers arrested him four hours later in a tobacco field near his brother's home.

Perry is survived by his wife; (Continued on Page 7)