

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## DANISH GYMNASTS ON U. S. TOUR



Seven members of the Danish Gym Team, a group of 35 boy and girl amateur athletes, perform in unison a difficult handstand on cars being used on a 20,000-mile, 11-month motor tour of the United States. Members, carefully selected by competitive tests in their native Denmark, appear under auspices of churches, colleges and YMCA's.

## Snider Tells Road Story From Start Until Present

By William D. Snider

North Carolina's Highway Commission supervises the largest state system of roads in the United States.

The Tar Heel road network embraces 63,000 miles of double-lane boulevards, regular hard-surfaced highways and remote rural roads, spreading from Manteo to Murphy, and from Georgia to Virginia. It includes a four-lane highway from Charlotte to Gastonia, and a new dirt road by Graham Bunn's home. Such is the scope of its operation.

Only three other states—Virginia, West Virginia and Delaware—have direct jurisdiction over all rural roads as well as highways. North Carolina's 63,000 miles exceeds the mileage managed by highway departments in these states and all the others in these states and all the others in the Union.

### Enormous Task

By statute the Highway Commission has a task which includes the building of roads with its own forces, the supervision of road construction in charge of private contractors and the maintenance of the State's 63,000 miles of roads and highways.

To do this job it employs about 8,000 regular and approximately 3,000 temporary workers. The size of the payroll varies with the roadbuilding season. (Construction has been at peak capacity recently because of the mild autumn.)

The Commission itself comprises a chairman and ten members, one from each of ten designated highway divisions. The Governor appoints both chairman and commissioners for four-year terms. Working directly under the commissioners is a State Highway

### Crop Gifts Will Be Accepted for 9 Days

Dr. L. M. Massey, member of the Wake County CROP Committee, announced last Friday that contributions would be received through December 15, by Kenneth Hopkins at the local town office as well as by Raleigh Alford at the Zebulon Gin.

The local campaign, he declared, should produce a thousand bushels of corn. He urged persons having no corn for donation to give a dollar to buy a bushel for overseas relief.

Engineer. He supervises an engineering staff consisting of engineers who handle equipment, maintenance, construction, road-way planning, bridges, statistics and planning, materials and testing and roadbuilding activities in ten highway divisions. All subordinate positions of an engineering nature come under the authority of these department heads. Heading administrative departments are general assistants to

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### Supervisors' Election Scheduled This Week

County supervisors of soil conservation districts are being elected in 88 of North Carolina's 100 counties during the week of December 5-10.

Joe Tippet of Zebulon, Wake supervisor, is not up for reelection this year, having 2 years of his unexpired term to serve.

Four counties—New Hanover, Watauga, Henderson, and Macon—are holding supervisor elections for the first time and will elect three supervisors each. The other 84 counties will choose one supervisor each. The three supervisors in each county serve staggered terms of three years each.

A number of polling places have been set up in each county, and voting may be done any time during the week.

County supervisors do not receive a salary for their services.

## Farm Engineer Cites Local Fire As 'Unnecessary'

Much of Wake County's costly property destruction and tragic loss of human life from farm fires this fall could have been prevented, believes H. M. Ellis, in charge of agricultural engineering for the State College Extension Service.

Nearly a dozen farm residents, including one child from Little River Township, have lost their lives in disastrous fires in the eastern part of the State during the past month. Wake County suffered two bad blazes in 10 days, and several other counties have been similarly hit with family tragedies. The loss in farm buildings has been considerable.

Ellis recommends several steps to keep down farm fire loss. First he suggests a periodic inspection of the home heating plant. He urges checking for rusted stovepipes, fallen leaves gathered in a place where they may be ignited by sparks, collections of soot in the chimney, and inflammable material on the roof.

Second, Ellis advises an active program of fire prevention. This includes keeping matches away from children, storing gasoline and kerosene in tight containers, and avoiding use of these materials in building fires. At least one of Wake County's disastrous fires is thought to have been due to pouring kerosene on live embers.

Third, says the State College specialist, the farmer should have a good fire protection system. Ladders and fire extinguishers should be readily available, as well as pails and barrels filled with water so that precious time will not be wasted at the well. A good source of water has saved many a buildings.

### K. G. Byers Addresses Local Rotary Friday

K. G. Byers, manager of the Raleigh office of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, addressed local Rotarians at their supper meeting last Friday night, on the subject of telephone courtesy. He was introduced by Dr. L. M. Massey.

After a brief talk in which he cited progress made in this community by his company during the past two years, Mr. Byers showed a sound movie on telephone courtesy. The film, he said, is available to other organizations on relatively short notice.

## SUPPLY PASTOR



Malbert Smith, member of the Wakelon High School faculty, is now serving as supply pastor of the church at the Kennedy Home, Baptist orphanage near Kinston.

## Wake H-D Agent List Cheap Foods

Pork is first on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's monthly plentiful foods list for December, Mrs. Maude McInnes, home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, said this week.

The very large corn crop of last year, followed by heavy spring farrowing this year, has resulted in a nationwide bounty of pork, she explained, and hog prices have declined seasonally under heavy marketings.

Next to pork, USDA lists turkeys, apples, cranberries, and tree nuts as top plentifuls for southern markets.

Three bushels of apples were grown this year for every two produced last season, and on November 1, USDA estimated total 1949 production at 133,388,000 bushels. The cranberry harvest will equal 835,000 barrels—about 26 percent above the ten-year average. Three tree nuts—almonds, filberts, and walnuts—will set production records. The pecan crop, estimated at 130,000,000 pounds, is about a fifth above average.

Fresh fruits on the December plentiful list are grapes, winter pears, and oranges, with dried raisins and prunes added for good measure.

Good vegetable buys, the list shows, will be spinach, snap beans, kale, and canned corn, with chickens, dairy products, eggs, dried beans, and frozen fish plentiful in the protein class.

Other foods listed by USDA as southern plentifuls for December are honey, cooking fats, sugar cane sirup, and molasses.

## Over 500 Lions To Attend Local Charter Night

Five hundred or more Lions and Lionesses from all sections of North Carolina are expected here Friday night, December 9, for the most elaborate "Charter Night" program in the history of Tar Heel Lionism.

The occasion will feature the presentation of the official charter of Lions International to the new Lions Club of Zebulon and Governor W. Kerr Scott, recently made an honorary member of the Lions Club of Swepsonville, as the principal speaker.

The North Carolina Lions are focusing their official attention upon Zebulon because the new club here, happened to be Club No. 200 organized in Tar Heel Multiple District 31. It was sponsored by the Lions Club of Rocky Mount, home club District Governor Louis K. Day of Eastern District 31-C.

Emphasizing the Statewide significance of chartering Club No. 200, all three district governors will be on hand, the others besides District Governor Day being Jeff B. Wilson of Biscoe, 31-B, and Paul L. Cashion of North Wilkesboro, 31-A.

### Other Notables

In addition, Edward H. McMahan of Brevard and Raleigh, Southeastern Director of Lions International, and Zone Chairman W. Paul Lyman of Raleigh, in whose Wake County zone the club is located, also are on the program. Many former district governors also are expected, these being known as counsellors of Lions International.

The local Lions, who expect to have around 40 charter members by Friday night, are making plans to handle an audience of from 500 to 800 Lions, Lionesses and guests. Such a throng would break all records for a North Carolina "Charter Night" celebration.

The program for Friday night will open at 7:30 in the Wakelon Gymnasium, with President M. W. Page of the Zebulon Den calling the assemblage to order for the singing of America and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### Tail Twisters

Zone Chairman Lyman will introduce the tail twisters, who will make merry by fining Lions for various infractions of Leonine law. District Governor Wilson of 31-B will introduce the toastmaster, International Counsellor Dr. W. Amos Abrams of Raleigh. Guests will be presented by Deputy District Governor Wilbur A. Pike of Pikesville. The address of welcome to the new club will be made by District Governor Cashion of 31-A and a Zebulon Lioness will respond.

International Counsellor Norman Trueblood of Elizabeth City, now a special representative of Lions International organizing new clubs in all parts of the State, will present the extension awards to members of the sponsoring Rocky Mount club; and this will be followed by an entertainment interlude furnished by the Zebulon Lions.

International Director McMahan will introduce Governor Scott. After the Governor's speech, President C. W. Parker of the Rocky Mount club will present a Lions gong and gavel to the local club and District Governor Day then will turn over the official club charter to Zebulon's President Page.

## Late Fall Planting Program Is Given For Zebulon and Surrounding Area

If you haven't already planted all your bulbs, do so at once. They will flower a little later in the spring when planted now than those planted earlier. Now is a good time to plant English, Dutch and Spanish Iris.

If you have any steep banks or slopes on your lot now is the time to throw Italian rye grass seeds on them and the grass will hold the soil during the winter freezes and thaws and rains which erode the soil.

William Lanier Hunt of Chapel Hill says that Camellias are harder than most people think and that some gardeners in more and more inland areas are beginning to grow camellias of the very early varieties—those that begin to

bloom in late fall and early winter. These make fine Christmas presents. One of the earliest is Daikagura, and in recent years several new varieties have been derived from the original Daikagura.

Now is the time to move any large shrubs. Before moving large shrubs, trim them back considerably. Hollies and other broad-leaved evergreens can be shaped by clipping and shearing. Don't be afraid to cut back long branches of holly or magnolia. They will be more shapely.

Prune grapes, scuppernongs, and Muscadines before Christmas. Apply a dormant spray to all fruit trees.

Feed azaleas and camellias now

if you haven't already done so.

Place garden furniture under cover.

Scour, sharpen and oil garden tools.

Keep sod or mulch away from fruit-tree trunks.

Plant hardy annuals now. Sweet peas should be planted now.

Clean up the garden by removing dead limbs, dead annuals, leaves, trash, and stalks of dormant perennials. Mulch perennials and border shrubs. Spade flower and vegetable beds and allow the soil to lie as dug for wintering.

Don't burn your leaves when you rake them up. Make a compost pile and add them back to your flower and vegetable gardens.