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Zebulon Lions Hear 15-50 Club Leader Speak Wednesday

Members of the Zebulon Lions Club, meeting Wednesday night at the Methodist Church, heard Capt. L. C. Robinson tell of the aims of the 15-50 club, a group designed to promote highway safety and courtesy. At the end of Capt. Robinson's talk, local Lions signed 15-50 membership cards for 1950, pledging observation of traffic laws and safety habits.

Ladies of the Methodist Church served the Lions supper at 7:00 p. m., followed by a piano solo by Lioness Wesley Liles. Lion Rudolph Manning, program chairman for the night, then presented the speaker.

Members Are Fined

Tailtwister Clarence Hocutt fined Manning for not wearing his Lions pin, cutting off Rudolph's tie when he failed to pay up. Joe Tonkel was fined for being caught with a piece of silverware in his pocket, and Frank Wall was fined for attempting to make off with two biscuits in his pocket.

Hocutt promoted \$5.63 for the local March of Dimes campaign with a guessing contest. He exhibited a jar of corn, and permitted Lions to guess the number of grains in the container for ten cents a try. Philip Massey guessed 375 grains, the exact number in the jar, and received a beautifully wrapped package. (It contained a penny sucker.)

General Will Inspect National Guard Unit

A Battery 113 Field Artillery Battalion, is making preparations this week for the visit of Major General John Hall Manning, commanding general of the 30th Infantry Division, and members of his staff. General Manning will be in Zebulon Tuesday, February 7, and the time for next week's drill has been changed from Monday night to Tuesday night for his inspection.

First Sergeant Sidney Holmes supervised the training of the cannoneers last Monday night. Sgts. Vonnice Gay and Frank Massey are chiefs of the firing sections.

In the wire section, Cpl. John Clark and Cpl. Wesley Pearce demonstrated the operation of the telephones and switchboard after installing batteries and readying a switchboard for use.

In addition to General Manning, members of his staff are also expected Tuesday night including Colonel Griffin, divisional artillery officer, and Lt. Col. Greene, commanding officer of the 113 Field Artillery Battalion.

A preliminary inspection of the records and files of the battery will be made before the drill.

Landlords Reminded Control Still on Rent

Landlords and tenants in Zebulon are reminded that rent control is still on in Wake County and rent can be raised only after an order is obtained at the Rent Control Office located at 303 Capital Club in Raleigh.

R. B. Lewis of the Raleigh office, was in Zebulon last week, investigating several cases of rent increases. He warned that tenant can collect substantial sums of money from landlords who raise rents without proper authority.

All landlords should register property which they rent, Mr. Lewis said, and this registration will protect landlords as well as tenants from possible court action.

North Carolina Continues to Make Progress in Building Good Roads

By Bill Snider

On January 1, 1950, North Carolina moved into the second half of the 20th Century — and what undoubtedly will be its greatest year of roadbuilding.

With a \$70,000,000 annual income augmented by \$200,000,000, the State Highway Commission expects to finish more miles of primary and secondary roads during 1950 than in any one year of its history.

January contracting projects will break all-time records of the Commission. Some 384 miles of roads are being placed under contract covering work in 36 counties. Thirty-five of 48 projects represent bond money roads. Division commissioners promise the same volume of work for the early months of spring.

Long-range planning, started last June, began to show up in work schedules for January. Dr. Henry W. Jordan, Commission chairman, reiterated his previous

warning that private contractors would find it difficult to absorb all the work planned for their forces — if prices remain in line.

The Commission's ten new highway division chiefs plunged into their planning program immediately after the June 4 bond election. By the end of summer they had laid the foundation for an ambitious four-year program — the results of which are now beginning to be seen in every part of North Carolina.

Survey Is Made

First there was the business of surveying the state's more than 47,000 miles of unimproved secondary roads to determine which roads merited first attention. Commissioners and their engineering staffs traveled thousands of miles surveying roads and arranged dozens of public road hearings. Out of their trips and contacts in all the state's 100 counties, they set up priority lists for road improve-

ments. Some commissioners designated representative county groups to assist in road selections. The Tenth Division asked citizens to vote on roads in open meetings.

Out of these deliberations — and after detailed studies of traffic counts, home and school bus surveys and other factors bearing on road importance — came a stream of road selection lists.

By January 15, 1950 the Commission had announced 5,347.7 miles of roads for hard-surfacing under the first phase of the bond program. This constitutes almost one-half of the 12,000 miles of paving set as a goal by Governor Scott last year. Most of this mileage will be finished by the end of 1950.

Because good weather lasted through the end of 1949, more road work was done than expected. Commissioners finished only a small mileage of bond roads at the end of the year, but numerous (Continued on Page 4)

Campaign for Money For Fight on Polio To Be Continued Here

The March of Dimes in the Zebulon community was acclaimed a success yesterday by Rev. R. H. Herring, chairman. Although no goal was set, contributions totaled more than \$800.00 last night, which exceeds the sum given here last year. Nearly two weeks remain of the extended time, and Chairman Herring said that additional contributions will raise the final total.

Wakelon Theatre, under manager Jimmy Wiggs, was cited for its excellent cooperation in the drive. All through January a special film on the March of Dimes was shown, and over \$165.00 was given at the theatre.

Children Are Praised

School children who solicited funds to fight polio were highly praised. Shepard School has not yet turned in a complete report, but the colored school is expected to exceed the amount collected last year.

Civic groups, especially the Lions Club and Mrs. Eugene Privett's Girl Scout Troop, were responsible for much of the work and Chairman Herring commended them for their cooperation. The Zebulon Rotary Club sponsored the drive.

Extra Two Weeks

Because Wake County failed by such a large margin to equal last year's total, the drive in the county was extended for an extra two weeks. The Zebulon chairman stated that the active campaign for donations has ended here, but those who still want to give can leave their donations at the Zebulon Record office or with Rev. Herring.

"The general response," said Rev. Herring, "has been gratifying, and I am proud that Zebulon is one community which is doing its part in fighting infantile paralysis."

Funeral Services Held For Newman Baker

Funeral services for Newman Russell Baker, 24, of Rt. 4, Zebulon, were held Wednesday afternoon at Hopkins Chapel Church, with Rev. Fred Crisp, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Baker died Monday night of injuries received in an automobile accident early Monday morning, when his car left the road in front of his home.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Baker, one brother, Edward, four sisters, Joyce and Melba Jean of the home, and Mrs. J. B. Shark and Mrs. T. R. Gaddy of Raleigh.

No Cage Loop. Entry Planned by Rolesville

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Little River Basketball League held in the Theo. Davis Sons office Monday evening, representatives from Rolesville stated that they would not have a team in the league this year.

The Rolesville representatives expressed interest in next year's plans, and stated that they expected to have a team entered then.

The Board of Directors is composed of the managers or their representatives of the five teams in the Little River loop. The league is made up of Knightdale, Bailey, Youngsville, Wendell, and Zebulon.

Regulations Listed for 1950 Essay Contest

"My Part In The Farm Program Of Tomorrow" has been selected as the title for the 1950 Cooperative Essay Contest conducted each spring for rural boys and girls in the Carolinas.

The title for the 1950 contest was selected by a committee appointed by the sponsoring organizations from a long list of subjects submitted by rural high school principals, county agents, vocational agriculture teachers, and home demonstration agents in the two states.

In announcing the title for the 1950 contest, M. G. Mann, general manager of both sponsoring organizations and originator of the event 22 years ago, said, "While there were hundreds of worthy titles submitted, I feel that the committee has selected a title that is outstanding and timely. It offers contestants unlimited possi-

bilities to put forth ideas on some of the most current farm plans for the future of farming. In addition to offering a challenge to every rural youth, it is exceptionally appropriate at this time when it is so evident that farming must be adjusted to fit into an era that will bring about great advances in farm practices."

Thousands to Enter

Approximately 75,000 rural youth entered the contest from 1928 through 1949, and Robert A. Ponton, director of the contest, is preparing for 8,000 entries this spring.

The contest is open to any rural boy or girl in the Carolinas not over 21 years of age who is enrolled in regular high school work and who has not been a State winner of a previous contest. It will begin in the individual schools

where a school-winner will be selected by school officials during February and March. The school winner will advance to the county finals and county winners to the district finals. After five district winners have been selected, the five finalists will compete for State honors in the finals in Raleigh.

The State winner will receive a year's tuition scholarship to any college or university in the State, plus a cash award. Prizes for county, and district winners also will be awarded.

In many schools, the entries in the contest are being handled through the vocational agriculture teachers and the home economics teachers; however, in schools where these are not available, any rural youth may enter by asking his teacher to write, Robert A. Ponton, Farmers Cooperative Exchange, Raleigh.

Dogwood Planting Week Observed

This week January 29th through February 4th, has been set aside by the North Carolina Garden Club as Dogwood Planting Week to encourage the propagation of the official state flower. Mrs. R. J. Pearce of the Raleigh Garden Club is chairman of the project and made the announcement.

Since the first Dogwood Planting Week began in 1946, Mrs. Pearce has been state chairman and the interest has grown by leaps and bounds. Last year more than 15,000 trees were reported planted by garden club members and it is estimated that an equal number was planted by other groups. The two

garden clubs of Wilmington planted 1,325 trees and the Raleigh Garden Club 550.

Not only residential sections have been planted in dogwood in recent years, but the grounds of public buildings have been beautiful with them in various parts of the state. In Hickory, N. C., mass planting in the cemetery has been emphasized.

This year, special attention is being given to roadside planting. The "Model Mile" of beautification with dogwood is being undertaken in many communities says Mrs. Pearce. If this idea is carried out on a large enough scale, North

Carolina will truly be the Dogwood State, she said.

Each year the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Development has aided the project by compiling lists of certified commercial nurseries, issuing price lists and reports on the quantities of plants available. To assist further those interested in the project, a revised bulletin entitled "Dogwood" has been printed and will be available free for distribution throughout the week. Copies of the bulletin or price lists may be obtained by writing P. A. Griffiths, Division of Forestry, Raleigh.

His Teeth Are Loose, But His Hands Are Lovely

Riding over the dirt roads which wander out from Zebulon gave me the reason that a wash board is able to get the dirt out of clothes. A wash board bounces the dirt out just like these rippled roads bounce the nuts and bolts out of the cars which travel over them. (A trip over one of the roads had the fillings in my teeth joggling, too.)

Ah, my lovely, lovely, lily white hands. If the wife just stays sick and the dishes hold out, I'll soon have the larger part of the printer's ink washed from the pores

of my hands. Whenever I hear some printer complain that his hands will never come clean, I am ready with the perfect answer to his problem: dishwasher.

I've heard women complain mightily of small kitchens, and ours looked as tiny as any I've seen. It's loaded down with an 11-foot refrigerator, a dinette, a small electric stove, sink, cabinets, and the host of et ceteras usually found there. My brogans manage to bang against the table or knock over a chair or kick the garbage can every time I come in. I have to move out of my chair if any-

one wants to get in the refrigerator, and when the oven door is open nobody can go in and out of the kitchen.

But in spite of its smallness and frequent inconveniences, I'm liking it more and more as time goes by and dishes have to be washed. Without moving, I can pick the dishes off the table, put them in the sink, wash them, rinse and dry them, and put them all the way across the room in the cabinet. You won't hear me complain of small kitchens as long as some of the kitchen work is done by me.

—Barrie S. Davis