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## CAPITAL REPORTER

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There seems to be no last minute change in the status of the 1951 House of Representatives speaker-ship race between Frank Taylor of Wayne and Fred Royster of Vance.

Both sides still are claiming a majority, but both seem to be too optimistic. So-called political experts believe the fence-sitters — those boys who are waiting to see which way the wind blows before jumping — will decide the outcome. In other words, the speaker-ship may go to the man promising the most in the way of committee assignments.

The holidays provided little in the way of news. Most departments were too busy getting their pleas ready for the General Assembly, putting year-end reports together, and worrying about what presents to buy to take time out for politics.

However, some Capitol Hill squatters were pawing about Utilities Commissioner McMahan being pushed for president of Lions International. The interesting part about the rumor going around

is that some of the state's big power companies' bigwigs are the ones doing the most pushing for McMahan. They really are touting the Utilities Commissioner for the Number One Lions' job.

Meantime, McMahan is making a lot of speeches around the state-telling about operation of the Utilities Commission, of course but apparently doing a little Lion hand-shaking at the same time.

There's no public fanfare, but the Highway Department is pushing a safety campaign continuously. Carelessness costs money, a recent bulletin sent to all hands pointed out. As an example, the bulletin called attention to a recent avoidable accident. Seems the driver of a highway truck parked a mite too close to a railroad track. The result: a train came by, smacked the truck, and it cost the highway department \$250 worth of repairs.

Signs of the road-building times: On the Smithfield side of Clayton, this sign greets the motorist.

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## SEEN AND HEARD

### Feet or Head First

Since seeing the roof-top decoration of a home on the Poole Road several persons have been heard raising the question of whether Santa Claus goes down a chimney head first or feet first.

The decoration under discussion shows his legs only, sticking out from the chimneytop, while two Disney deer, also atop the house, eye him quizzically. No one in the arguments claims to have seen Santa making his descent, but that does not stop the discussion.

We cannot add information, but do recognize that the question is, after all, purely academic.

Did the Christmas Holidays in Zebulon seem as quiet to everyone as they did to us? And were they as enjoyable?

We read this week where a Chicago girl sued for annulment of her marriage on the grounds of fraud. She said her husband pre-

tended to be a \$50-a-day bricklayer when he was only a banker.

And speaking of bankers, Vance Brown observes that a woman who has a temper she can't control usually has a husband that she can.

We like small towns. We hope to see them grow, but we do not want to see it take up city ways. There isn't much to see in a small town, but what you hear makes up for it.

The time is fast approaching when we must sit down and compute the amount of income tax due Uncle Sam. We certainly will not alter our schedule of waiting until March 15 to mail in our payment. Everybody is willing to pay taxes with a smile, but the tax collector demands cash.

It is terrible to think of the number of homes saddened during the holidays by automobile accidents.

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Particular placed upon the readability as to subpography, and arrangement has been made to explain various types of taxable income, as well as the exemptions and deductions to which the taxpayer may be entitled.

The average taxpayer can hardly expect that the reading of this book will make him a qualified tax expert, but it is believed that a careful perusal will result in a better understanding of the tax laws, and will, in cost cases, provide the information desired.

### \$1.00 Paid for N.C.

An average price of \$16.00 hundred was paid for hogs sold at North Carolina's 11 market hog shows and sales during 1950, according to Jack Kelley, in charge of animal husbandry extension at State College.

Growers sold 1319 hogs weighing 234,269 pounds and received a return of \$52,775.74. The State's largest show was held at Rocky Mount, where 269 head of hogs were sold or exhibited. Highest average price was recorded at Wendell, when 114 hogs sold at an average of \$22.65 per hundred.

Four-H Club members walked away with a lion's share of the prizes for the year. Nine of the 11 grand champions belonged to 4-H Club members and the new state record of \$1.26 per pound was set by a 4-H Club entry at Smithfield.

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Regularly scheduled we drills will continue beginning Monday night, January 8. The drill starts at 7:30 p. m.

### Lions Meeting to Be Next Thursday Night

Worth Hinton, president of the Zebulon Lions Club, announced that the next meeting of the local group will be held Thursday night, January 4.

No meeting of the Lions was held last week or this week because of Christmas holidays.

### Fun for All When Santa Claus Visits Meeting of Rotarians

Christmas carols and a visit by jolly S. Nick highlighted the last meeting of the Zebulon Rotary Club, when the members entertained their wives and visitors at a Christmas party. Carlton Mitchell served as the genial master of ceremonies for the Yuletide program.

Members wrote short letters to Santa Claus on sheet of paper which had names of other Rotarians signed at the bottom. Christmas wishes ranged from "a wife equipped with six children" to keep Wilber Conn out of the draft to "the patter of little feet around the house" for several of the childless couples.

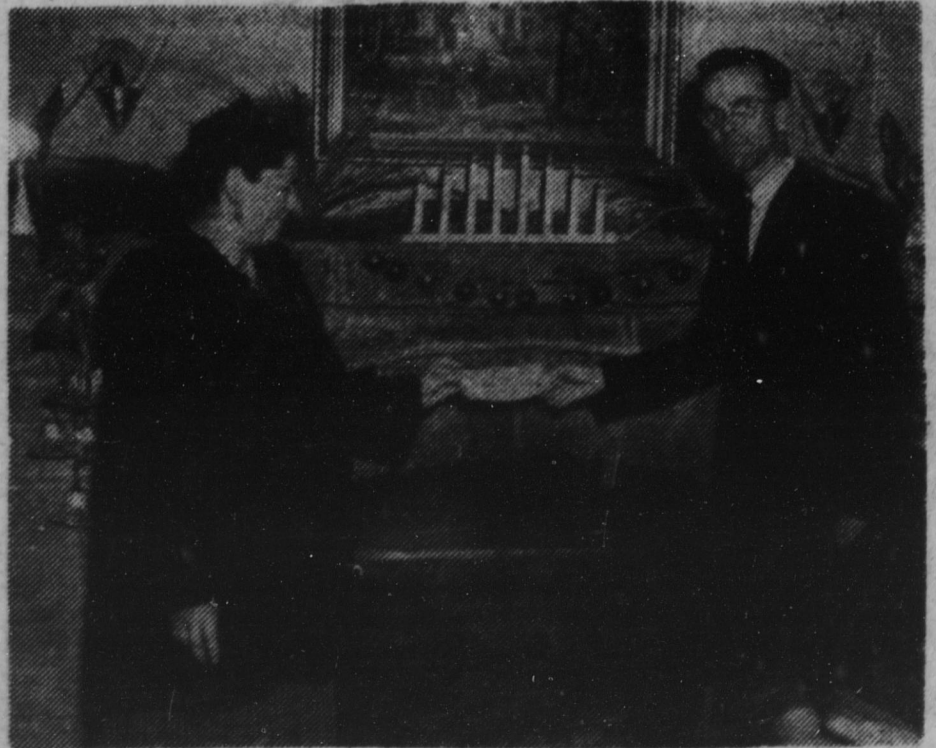
A huge and joyful Santa Claus was portrayed by Willie B. Hopkins, who read the letters, and presented gifts to the Rotarians and other ladies present.

President Ed Ellington extended a cordial welcome to the visitors of behalf of the members of the club.

### Methodists to Have Services on Sunday

Rev. S. E. Mercer will preach at Zebulon Methodist Church at 11 a. m. on Sunday, December 31. Special announcement is made for the benefit of all who would like to attend because this is a fifth Sunday appointment and not a regular one. Mr. Mercer will preach on the Stewardship of Time using as his text "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

### BURNS NOTE ON WENDELL CHURCH



Members of St. Eugene's Church at Wendell highlighted their annual Christmas party with the burning of the final cancelled note, which was taken three years ago during the construction of their parish church. Representing the Men's Club and the Altar Society were Mrs. Barker Kannon and Thomas Monk, both of Zebulon. Both groups were instrumental in meeting the \$3600.00 indebtedness.