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The last gavel has rapped for the 1951 General Assembly, and the time has come to try to evaluate the actions of the Legislature just ended.

In the final days of the session, the lawmakers themselves were trying to do a bit of reviewing themselves. The "hold-the-liners" — perhaps better described as the status quo or "do-nothing" boys — were on the defensive as they tossed bouquets at each other terming this "the best" Legislature of them all. At the other extreme were those who called this "the worst" Legislature in history, with the possible exception of reconstruction days.

In between were the bulk of the legislators, who had come to Raleigh honestly hoping to do what was best for the State, regardless of what legislation was recommended by whom.

And they were in the middle. Lobbyists combined with Scott-administration haters to take over the so-called House leadership. Special interest advocates were in the saddle in the Senate. The liberals had no leadership.

Beating His Head

"I feel as though I've been beating my head against a stone wall for three months," one of these caught-in-the-middle lawmakers said. "It's hard to think of anything really constructive that this Legislature has done."

Rep. Bill Rodman of Beaufort, an honest and sincere hold-the-liner, said he thought the outstanding accomplishment of this General Assembly was the acceptance of the Samuel H. Kress Foundation offer of a million dollars worth of art. This will be matched by the State's \$1,000,000 — appropriated and set aside in 1947 for the purchase of art treasures.

"This is the first big step in making North Carolina the art center of the Southeast," Rodman said. "We will be able to look back with pride upon our part in the establishment of a great art center here."

That was a major action, it is true.

But there are two other pieces of legislation that stick out in my mind as the ones that this Legislature will remember with pride — and they had better treasure these, because they are among the very few actions of the 1951 General Assembly that would not be better forgotten.

One Forward Step

First is the great forward step taken to provide for the treatment of the mentally ill. For years we have been housing our mentally ill — inadequately in many instances — and that is all. Little if any treatment has been provided. We just put a roof over their heads, fed them and gave them clothes, then let them wait around either to die or cure themselves.

But this Legislature set up a psychiatric teaching hospital at the University of North Carolina. It provided an extra half-million dollars to give more adequate physical and mental treatment of patients.

And they earmarked \$50,000 a year to be spent in getting the top

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Mrs. Combs Gives Talk Before Local Women Tuesday

In an informal presentation of her subject Mrs. Kermit Combs delighted members of the Zebulon Woman's Club Tuesday afternoon with a talk on Art in Everyday Life.

Speaking first of beauty Mrs. Combs mentioned some of the things free to all and in which beauty may be had for the seeing. These ranged from bubbles to stars, from mere contour lines to infinite detail. Drawings and photographs were used in illustration.

The second division had to do with industrial art, showing the problems faced by those who would attract buyers to a product by the appeal of beauty. In illustration brown paper packages were contrasted with cellophane or brightly labeled products.

Containers Shown

Various containers were shown with remarks on their strong or weak points. From Zebulon Drug Store and the City Market had been borrowed many items used by the speaker, others coming from her home. Color and form were emphasized and explained. Marketing became an artistic adventure instead of a chore.

Mrs. A. S. Hinton, president, conducted a business session. Mesdames C. V. Whitley, Exum Chamblee and B. H. Johnson, hostesses used spring flowers in profusion in decoration and served refreshments.

Mrs. James Alford Is Named Club Leader

The Junior Woman's Club met Tuesday night at the Club House. New officers for the coming two years were elected. They are Mrs. James Alford, president; Mrs. Norman Screws, vice-president; Mrs. Rondall Phillips, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Thurman Murray, recording secretary; and Mrs. William Bunn, treasurer.

Joyce Young was presented by Mrs. James Alford, program chairman. She gave an interesting and informative talk on art, with some of her own work to demonstrate different techniques.

Club members discussed plans for the Tom Thumb Wedding to be given by the club April 24.

Guest Speaker

Dr. Charles E. Flowers, Jr., Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the State University of New York, State University Medical Center in New York, has recently appeared as guest speaker on several radio programs at Radio Center on a medical forum. He has also had several of his articles published in Modern Medicine and Current Medicine.

YWA MEETING

The YWA of Hopkins Chapel will hold a special meeting Monday night at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Harvey Hopkins. All members and girls who wish to become members are urged to attend.

OFF TO A GOOD START



These kindergarten youngsters respond enthusiastically to a hot breakfast furnished for them by the Red Cross. Helping out with food for the hungry is but one of hundreds of services rendered by the American Red Cross, whose Wake County Chapter is now carrying on its annual drive for funds. There is still time to make your contribution to your local Red Cross representative, Dr. Ben Thomas.

Local Minstrel Has Full House on Tuesday Night

A packed auditorium watched the Lazy Moon Minstrels, presented at Wakelon School Tuesday night by the Parent-Teacher Association. Over \$235 was added to the funds for the PTA project for the year by the gate receipts from the performance.

Taking leading roles in the minstrel were Hardin Hinton and Mary Green as Pappy and Mammy Washington.

Others appearing included Edgar Wayne Bobbitt, Janet Upchurch, W. A. Allman, Willie B. Hopkins, Hilliard Greene, Jr., Welbourne Sutton, Marie Horton, Erdene Perry, Virginia Wood, Virginia Creech, Bobby Strickland and Jimmy Spivey; Royal Bunn and Elizabeth Sutton.

Special Acts Given

Special acts were presented by Kep Kemp and Franklin Perry, the Middlesex Monkeyshiners; duets by Anne Allman and B. B. Barham, Jr.; a dance by Peggy Greene; and popular melodies sung by Miss Salmon's girls glee club.

Soloists appearing with the glee club were Martha Temple, Sandra Bunn, Alice Faulkner, and Sidney Oakley. Mrs. Wesley Liles and Miss Anne Allman were accompanists at the piano.

Soil Conservation Workers Discuss Work Being Done in Wake County

G. L. Winchester
John F. McBane

Meadows being prepared and sown to oats and lespedeza, terracing fields that are subject to erosion, along with other farm work, have kept many farmers in "high gear."

Mr. Frank Prince, who has bought the Tingen farm south of Apex, is preparing and seeding three meadows with oats and lespedeza to be sown to a permanent mixture next fall. Several fields are being terraced. Quite a bit of the cultivation will be done with tractors. A system of rows will be attempted that will conserve soil

and moisture yet facilitate the use of power equipment. Mr. Prince stated, "We," meaning he and the boys, "are buying this farm for our home and we are going to farm it so that we will conserve the topsoil. Whatever it takes to hold the soil where it is now is what we are going to do." He continued, "I farmed this land more than twenty years ago and much of the topsoil has washed down in the draws and into the edges of the surrounding woods." The fields are not smooth and will be difficult to manage so as to conserve soil and yet work out a row system that will require a minimum of turning while cultivating. Turning a few extra times may be a cheap price for good topsoil.

Eugene Wall of the Knightdale Community is sowing one meadow now in lespedeza and oats to be followed with alfalfa and orchard grass next fall.

Mrs. Combs Elected Local PTA President

Mrs. Kermit Combs was named president of the Wakelon Parent-Teacher Association at elections held at the regular April meeting of the group on Tuesday night. The new president and other officers elected will be installed at the final meeting of the school year next month.

The new vice-president will be Wilson Braswell. Mrs. Sidney Holmes was elected secretary and Mrs. Willie B. Hopkins treasurer.

During the short program Miss Anne Allman, accompanied at the piano by Miss Elizabeth Salmon, sang several numbers. Short skits from the PTA Minstrel Show were presented, also.

Wake REA Has Yearly Meeting, Elects Directors

The annual meeting of the Wake Electric Membership Corporation Meeting held last Saturday, April 14, at the Wake Forest High School was quite a success from every standpoint. Around 950 people attended the meeting.

At the business meeting which began at 10 a. m., the president of the Wake Electric Membership Corporation told members that the year 1950 had been a year of progress. That 55 miles of new line was built, 350 new members were added and total revenue increased by 21 per cent. He also reported that expenses, including depreciation increased 18 per cent over the past year, but the net margin for the year 1950 was almost as much as the net margins for all other years that they have operated put together.

Umstead Speaks

After the business meeting, former U. S. Senator W. B. Umstead made an excellent talk that was not only interesting but informative to farm people. He talked on the Farm Program of the USDA. He helped draft the first Rural Electrification act in North Carolina and did all he could for REA while senator. He was born and reared on a farm and is interested in all phases of the farm program.

Chamblee Named Again

He said we are most fortunate to be living in a democracy where we have so many privileges and opportunities which make for better living.

The following directors for 1951 were elected: T. W. Allen of Creedmoor, Rt. 1; E. C. Hunt of Wake Forest; C. E. Young, Wake Forest, Rt. 2; J. P. Bailey, Wake Forest, Rt. 1; C. S. Chamblee, Zebulon, Rt. 3; N. C. Brummitt, Kitrell, Rt. 2; J. M. Barnes, Henderson, Rt. 4; C. M. Parker, Oxford, Rt. 5; Jesse E. Davis, Wake Forest, Rt. 1.

Baptist Services Are Listed for April 22nd

"On Growing Up" will be the title of the sermon preached by the Rev. Carlton Mitchell, pastor, at the Zebulon Baptist Church Sunday morning. The Women's Choir will sing the anthem, "When the Lord of Love Was Here," and Mrs. L. M. Massey will sing the solo, "How Beautiful upon the Mountain."

The Baptismal Service will be conducted during the evening. A trio from the Girls Choir will sing "Breathe on Me, Breath of God."

Herbert Appenzeller, coach and teacher at Wakelon School, will speak to the Youth Group at 7 p. m. in the fifth of a series of programs on "Choosing a Christian Career."

Rotary Club to See Movies Here Tonight

A moving picture of the coming Atlantic City Conference will be shown to the members of the Zebulon Rotary Club tonight at 7:00 following the weekly dinner of the group.

Next week delegates from the club will make a report on the district conference being held at Rocky Mount this weekend.

TOM THUMB

The Zebulon Junior Woman's Club is sponsoring a Tom Thumb Wedding on Tuesday night, April 24, at 8 o'clock in the Wakelon Auditorium.

Admission is 15 and 35 cents. A rehearsal will be held tomorrow afternoon.