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I WAS LUCKY: CANCER FAILED TO KILL ME

When they told me I had cancer, my first reaction was one of extreme shock. After all, cancer was something that happened to somebody else, not to me. Cancer had always been in the category of such disasters as earthquakes and landslides — terrible but somewhat remote.

My second reaction was one of relief — because the cancer had been discovered in time to save my eyesight and my life.

I was luckier than I like to remember; but thousands of people in North Carolina will have no such good luck unless you make a contribution to the current cancer drive and make an early, life-saving diagnosis possible for them, too.

Sycamore Street Mystery

Out toward the western end of Sycamore Street I have undertaken a small construction project which has excited a good deal of curiosity (and laughter) among my neighbors.

Gordon Temple took one look at it and said it is the finest machine gun emplacement he has ever laid eyes on.

Jimmie Greene told me that he couldn't understand why a man with no tobacco allotment needs to build a barn.

The paper boy said it is the first bomb shelter he has ever seen.

My mother-in-law glanced at it in passing and remarked: "You're doing a real nice job on that, Ferd, and when you finish it, you ought to build Selma Ann an outdoor fireplace."

For the information of these and other smart alecks, I am building Selma Ann an outdoor fireplace.

Their Excellent Judgment

The editor of this paper took me somewhat to task for a slighting remark made last week about the backward state to our south.

"After all, Ray Gainey and Ben Thomas come from South Carolina," he chided me.

I'll admit that the fact that Dr. Thomas and Ray Gainey moved to Zebulon from South Carolina is important — it confirms my high opinion of their capacity for exercising good judgment.

Not a Candidate

There must have been several sighs of relief from the backers of Messrs. Bridgers, Screws, and Hinton when Monday night passed and Avon Privette did not file for mayor. There had been a lot of talk that Avon would file, and there were several local businessmen anxious for him to run.

He might or might not have defeated the present candidates, but the fact that he is not running simplifies the task for all three of the men seeking our highest local office. Avon has many friends, even among those who have opposed him in the past.

Distinguished Appearance

I will deliver myself of one unbiased opinion concerning this election: the candidates are a lot better looking than usual. Generally a candidate's picture looks like a rogues' gallery photograph; but our twelve politicians appear more on the order of Hollywood stars—heroes, not villains!

—Ferd Davis.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST OF FAMILIES!

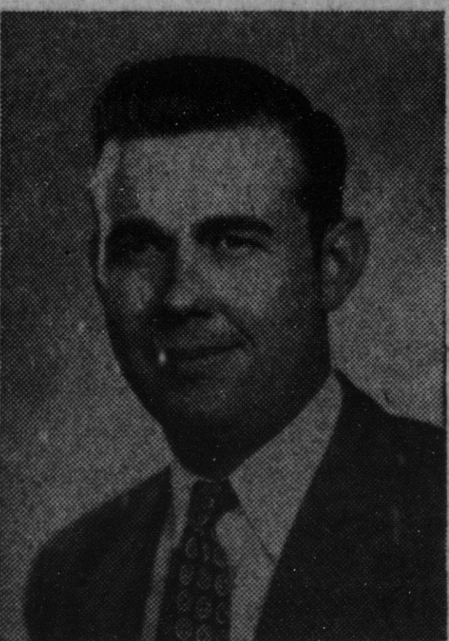


Troubles plague the best of businesses, and the newly-established Beck Veneer Plant is no exception. Gilbert Back, standing, and Howard Beck, kneeling, probe the innards of the control box for the big hydraulic press which bonds the glue-coated veneer into plywood.

DEDICATION OF CHIMES

On Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at the Wendell Methodist Church the Rev. S. E. Mercer of Zebulon will conduct a brief dedication of Norton Tower Chimes which were recently presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. D. L. White. After the dedication Mr. Mercer will deliver a brief sermon entitled "Singing the Lord's Song." — All interested persons are cordially invited to attend these services.

Legion Commander



Charlie Hawkins

Charlie Hawkins was elected commander of the Zebulon American Legion Post at the May meeting held Wednesday night in the Zebulon Woman's Club building. He succeeds Ralph Bunn, who has commanded the group since its organization last year.

Phil Bunn was named vice commander, succeeding Ferd Davis. Horace Gay succeeds Frank Massey as adjutant; Carl Kemp was reelected treasurer; Sidney Holmes sergeant at arms; and Gordon Temple was reelected chaplain.

Conference on Family Is Planned Next Week At the Baptist Church

The annual Conference on Family will begin at the local Baptist Church on Sunday evening at 7:00 and continue through the following week each evening except Tuesday at 7:30.

Mrs. Leonard Middleton of Raleigh will lead the Adult conferences. Mrs. Middleton has wide experience in the leadership of conferences on family life, having prepared for this work through study at Meredith College, Crozer Seminary, Union Seminary and Columbia University.

The Adult Conference will be divided into three areas of study: first, the presentation of principles; second, demonstration and parent participation; third, informal question period. Topics for the week include: Sunday, Are Modern parents obsolete? Monday, The Family Gaining Increasing Appreciation of the Good, the True and the Beautiful; Wednesday, Managing or Manipulating our Children; Thursday, Organizations, Books and Periodicals to Guide Us in Developing Fine Family Life; Friday, The Family Plans for Their Recreational Life.

Special Conference

A special conference will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30 for the parents of older children and teenagers. This special conference will be under the direction of Mr. Mitchell. Special attention will be directed to the relationship of the parent to the Church and Sunday School.

A conference for the teenagers will be held as a part of the total program. Mr. Mitchell will lead this conference which will deal with the relationship of the teenager to the home and preparation for Christian marriage.

All are invited to attend the conferences. A nursery and play group is being provided for the smaller children.

Three Candidates Seek Mayoralty; Nine Want Place on Town Board

Bridgers, Hinton, Screws in Race for Top Municipal Position; Election to Be Tuesday

Three men, including the incumbent, are seeking the number one elective position in Zebulon's town election next Tuesday, May 8, and nine other men are seeking the five places on the Board of Commissioners. Mayor R. H. Bridgers, Commissioner Norman Screws and ex-Commissioner Worth Hinton are candidates for mayor.

Wake County Farmers Now Terracing Fields At Much Faster Rate

John F. McBane

It has been another busy week with farmers in attempting to ward off the evils of soil erosion. Many are completing their water disposal systems. More farmers are running their rows across the slope rather than up and down the hill.

The Soil Conservation Service personnel assisted O. R. Whitley of Knightdale in laying off rows by the string method. After tearing down the old terraces, constructing and seeding three meadows, Mr. Whitley said he did not want to stop with the job half done but wished to go all the way. His tobacco and cotton rows were laid off so each row will carry its own water. In this manner the water is carried off in an orderly fashion allowing the maximum water to soak into the ground. Land on which this system is used can usually be plowed earlier than when the rows are run up and down the hill. Mr. Whitley constructed a good wide terrace with the flow line extending well into the ground.

Stabilizing Terraces

Graham Smith of the Bethlehem Church Community has recently completed terracing a field emptying most of the terraces into a wide stabilized meadow.

W. A. Kirk of the same community has recently constructed three meadows and terraced about twenty acres of land after leveling down old terraces.

Mr. Milton Mangum, County Treasurer, recently sowed two meadows and terraced about fifteen acres of land.

Mayor Bridgers, manager of Home Builders Corporation, has served two terms as head of the Zebulon town government. He defeated Avon Privette for mayor in 1947, after having served in that capacity during the 1930's. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Commissioner Screws has served on the town board for several terms, and has consistently led the balloting in local elections. He is manager of Whitley Furniture Company. He is a Baptist and a Rotarian.

Worth Hinton is a former commissioner, retiring from the town board in 1947. He is the owner of Zebulon Dry Cleaners, a member of the Baptist Church, and president of the Lions Club.

Nine Candidates

The nine men seeking membership on the town board are R. Vance Brown, R. Wesley Liles, J. Raleigh Alford, and Howard Beck, incumbents; and Philip Massey, Armstrong Cannady, M. M. "Buck" Phillips, Thurman Murray, and J. C. Debnam.

Vance Brown is cashier of Peoples Bank & Trust Company; Wesley Liles is the local Purol products distributor; Raleigh Alford is owner of the Zebulon Gin Company; and Howard Beck is one of the owners of Beck Brothers Veneer Company.

Philip Massey, a former commissioner, is manager of the Zebulon FCX Store; Armstrong Cannady is a salesman for King Drug Company; Buck Phillips handles truck sales for J. M. Chevrolet Company; Thurman Murray is an owner of Wakelon Food Market; and J. C. Debnam is manager of Little River Ice Company.

Tuesday's edition of the Record will be issued a day early in order to bring voters last minute statements of candidates.

OLD FRIENDS MEET AGAIN



His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman and General Douglas MacArthur shake hands and exchange pleasantries in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. The parade motorcade stopped briefly there during New York's great welcome to the General returned from the Far East. Cardinal Spellman later called on the General in his hotel. They had previously met in Tokyo in 1948.