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## POWER COMPANY WILL DEDICATE PLANT ON FRIDAY

Senator Willis Smith and Rep. Graham Barden will speak at the dedication of the Carolina Power and Light Company's new billion-kilowatt-hour generating plant at Goldsboro on June 15th, it was announced today by officials of the Company. On that occasion, a new steam electric generator will be brought up to full capacity, infusing the transmission lines with 100,000 horsepower of electricity. It will be the largest single generating unit in the company's system.

L. V. Sutton, president of CP&L, said work already is well underway at the Quaker Neck site on a second steam electric generator of about the same capacity. The second unit is due to "go on the line" in mid-1952. The two units together, operating 85 per cent of the time, will generate 1,100,000,000 kilowatt-hours per year. This is approximately eleven times as much electricity as was used in 1940 in the entire Goldsboro area, including a dozen adjacent communities with 73,500 customers.

### Hundreds Expected

Several hundred state and local public officials, power customers, and civic leaders from eastern North Carolina are expected to hear Smith, Barden and Sutton in a 45-minute ceremony at the plant located on the banks of the Neuse River. Following the speaking, conducted tours of the plant will be held. The public is invited to the ceremony and also to visit the plant on the tours, Sutton said.

### Second Large Plant

The Goldsboro plant is the second large generating station to go to Eastern Carolina in the last two years. The first unit of the new Lumberton plant, with a capacity of 65,000 horsepower, went into production in September 1949, and a second generator of equal capacity went to work in June 1950. A third unit, this one of 100,000 horsepower, is now being installed at Lumberton and will be ready for service in mid-1952.

With 200,000 horsepower assured at Goldsboro, the plant there has been basically designed for the addition of two more generators in case they are needed, Sutton said today.

## Rev. Mercer Addresses Local Rotarians Friday

The Rev. S. E. Mercer, pastor of the Zebulon Methodist Church, addressed the Zebulon Rotarians at their regular meeting last Friday night, June 8, on the place of justice, mercy and humility in modern living.

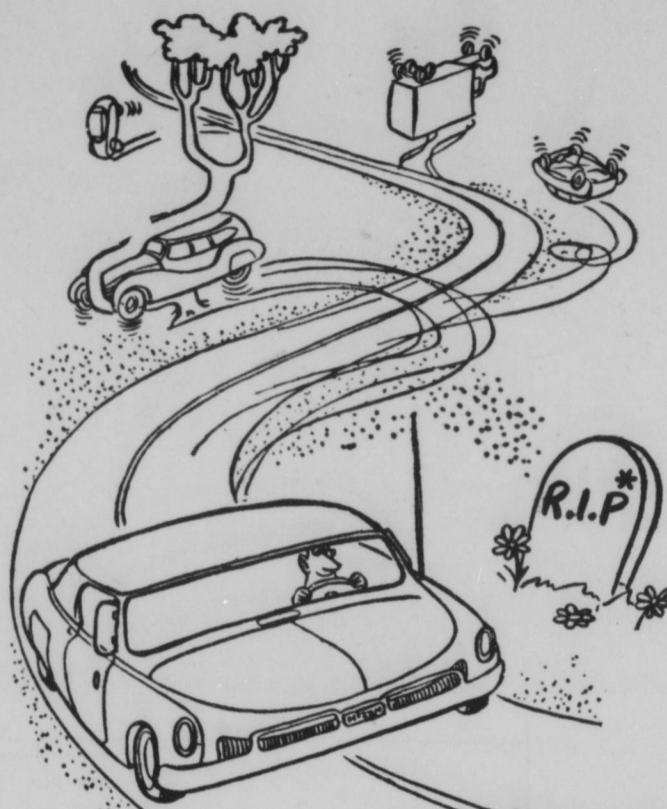
Mr. Mercer, who appeared as the guest of Vance Brown, entertained the Rotarians with many anecdotes during the course of his talk, which was given a warm reception by the listeners.

The Rev. Edgar Fisher, who attended school here years ago and is now a district superintendent of the Methodist Church, was a guest at the meeting.

Members of the local club, winner of a recent attendance contest with the Middlesex Rotary Club, will be guests of the Middlesex organization at a supper meeting there tonight.

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YOU'LL REST  
IN PIECES IF YOU  
GET THE IDEA THAT  
YOU OWN THE ROAD



Kinston shouldn't have any trouble becoming North Carolina's fastest growing city. The multi-million-dollar DuPont plant is going up nearby, and last week the Kinston Air Base was picked for one of nine civilian-operated Air Forces cadet training centers.

Truman Miller of Raleigh got the contract to operate the Kinston Air Base and training school. Would be pilots will be sent to Kinston, trained as pilots by civilians, commissioned and sent on to advanced training schools.

### Leased to Civilians

The Air Force is doing away with its own operation of basic training and leasing this part of its program to civilians. It's being done, believe it or not, because the Air Force has found that civilians can do it cheaper and provide more experienced flight instructors for the fledgling airmen. That's a nice note from a government that — according to Republicans and some alleged Democrats — is supposed to be determined to socialize and bankrupt the country.

The base will get into full operation in Mid-November. Following a \$250,000 building program. 134 trained pilots will be turned out every 40 days when the program gets in full swing. Each pilot will get 160 days of pre-flight and flight training.

### Another Bum Guess

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Landon Rosser's guess that patrol car bids would be high turned sour last week. Bids were lower than they were six months ago,

## THE RAINS CAME

Moderate rains falling in this area during the past ten days have been worth "millions" of dollars, according to Wake Farm Agent Grady Miller and farm agents for Franklin, Nash and Johnston Counties.

with the lowest being \$1,087 and the highest \$1,445 (this for Pontiacs). Low bid last December was \$1,348.

Rosser had asked the Council of State to up the \$1,500 legal limit for car purchases to \$1,650, leaving the impression that cars could not be bought for \$1,500 or less anymore.

### Wanted a Big Car

Real truth was that Rosser wanted to give bigger cars to patrol officers, "distinguishing" them from plain patrolmen.

Now the Council is studying establishment of a policy on who — if anyone — rates a better State-bought car than someone else. With Council members elected, it's a pretty safe bet that the decision will be that the lowest bid is a good enough car for anyone.

So it's likely that the Highway Patrol brass will have to ride around in the same style low-priced cars as the privates.

Ain't that a shame?

### Merry-Go-Round

Washington Columnist Drew Pearson predicts Capus Waynick, now ambassador to Nicaragua, will be promoted to ambassador to Bolivia. The News and Observer says editorially that it hopes Capus will get the job.

Does that mean that the N&O doesn't want Capus to run for governor?

### Capitol Visitors

Senator Ralph Scott of Alamance dropped by the Governor's office but missed seeing brother Kerr . . .

Rep. Alonzo Edwards of Greene, in town for a Board of Awards session, says folks down his way are lookin' for rain. Tobacco's okay, though . . . Rep. Andy Anderson of Martin was trying to help a young fellow get a job. Rain and tobacco situation down his way about the same as in Greene . . . Rep. Tom Allen of Granville says he's becoming a regular commuter to Raleigh. His wife has to come to the capital (Continued on Page 4)

## Solicitor, Town Clerk, Other Local Employees Reelected by Board; Social Security Will Be Provided

Anybody who expected fireworks at the meeting of the mayor and board of commissioners last Monday night was sorely disappointed, as things went smoothly as clockwork. All municipal employees were retained in their present positions.

As the session of June 4 was coming to an end, Commissioner J. Raleigh Alford moved that municipal employees (including A. R. House, Records Court solicitor, Chief of Police Willie B. Hopkins, Policemen Ray Gainey and M. G. Crowder, and Office Clerk Kenneth Hopkins) be continued in office. His motion was quickly seconded by Commissioner Wesley Liles, and it carried unanimously.

## Artillery Unit Shoots Problems on Range At Fort Bragg Sunday

Tired but happy, 45 officers and men of Battery A returned to Zebulon Sunday evening from a successful weekend spent on the firing range at Fort Bragg where they participated in service practice with their 105-mm howitzers along with the other batteries of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion.

Observers of the firing were generous in their praise of the conduct and performance of the Zebulon Guardsmen. The entire unit performed like veterans throughout the exercise.

### Special Praise

Cited for special praise were the mess section and two firing sections. The mess section, under Sfc. Percy Parrish, served steaks for supper Saturday, ham and eggs for Sunday breakfast, and barbecued chicken for the Sunday dinner.

The firing sections, under Sfc. Frank Massey and Sfc. Rudolph Liles, delivered fast and accurate fire. Assistant gunner Baxter Hopkins, seeing the howitzers fired for the first time, did excellent work, as did all the other cannoneers.

### No Motor Trouble

All six trucks and the jeep which transported the battery to Ft. Bragg made the journey without mishap. Upon his return to Zebulon, Sgt. J. P. Arnold, motor sergeant for the unit, said that he believes the vehicles are ready now for the trip to Ft. McClellan, Ala., late in the summer.

Lt. Jack Potter, executive officer, and Lt. Dave Finch and Lt. George Hinds were commended for their performance as forward observers. Lt. Potter supervised the firing sections, Lt. Hinds the motor section, and Lt. Finch the communications sections.

## SPEAKER



The Rev. S. E. Mercer, local Methodist minister, who addressed the Zebulon Rotary Club last Friday night.

Mayor Hinton, who had been expected in some quarters to oppose reelection of all the municipal employees, made no attempt to halt the election. The new commissioner, Philip Massey, joined with the old board members in support of Alford's motion.

### Gill Asks for Raise

At an earlier stage of the session, which was attended by Mayor Worth Hinton, Commissioners Alford, Liles, Massey, Howard Beck and R. Vance Brown, and Town Clerk Willie Hopkins, Irby D. Gill, judge of the local Records Court, requested that his salary be increased to \$40.00 per day. The board informally agreed to consider his request at its meeting next month.

Mrs. Dallas Parker and H. E. Mann asked the board to take action against stray dogs roaming Zebulon's streets. The members agreed that the dogs constitute a menace and directed Chief of Police Hopkins to have published in the Record a statement that "all dogs not on the tax books and vaccinated" will be destroyed.

### Board Splits on Audit

The town board voted, three to two with Commissioners Alford and Massey opposed, to award the annual audit of the municipal accounts to R. L. Steele & Company at the same price paid the firm for its last year's audit.

The commissioners voted unanimously to carry workmen's compensation for municipal workers, to provide social security for the town employees, and to have a survey made of city streets for the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Establishment of a speed zone at Wakelon School was also discussed.

## Legion Holds Meeting Here Wednesday Night

K. P. Leonard, veteran of World War II and a Legionnaire for over a quarter of a century, addressed the Zebulon American Legion Post at its June meeting last Wednesday night at the Woman's Club. Commander Charles Hawkins presided at the supper meeting.

Mr. Leonard, a former commander of the Cedric Harris Post of the Legion (Wendell-Zebulon) addressed the local post on the ritual and procedures of the American Legion.

The membership voted to buy softball equipment for the team entered in the municipal softball league under the Legion's auspices, donating a dozen softballs.

On motion of Sidney Holmes, a present was authorized for two local girls who assisted the Legion Auxiliary in selling \$65 worth of poppies on Memorial Day.

Vice commander Philip R. Bunn was named chairman of a program committee for the July meeting to be held on Independence Day.