

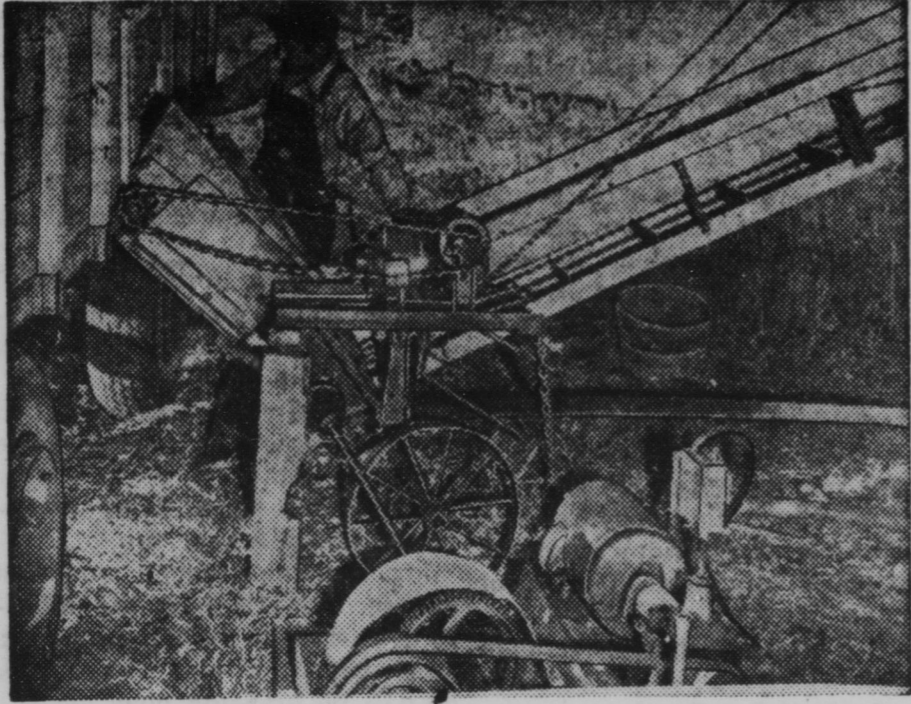
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ANOTHER WAY TO LIGHTEN WORK



Electricity will do almost anything, according to Ralph Talton, and farmers are setting about proving his words. Pictured is an electrical elevator used to load and

unload wagons. In the scene above it is onions that are getting moved about. "The elevator really knows its onions," Ralph told us, coining a pun.



C&D Chief George Ross finally got around, late last week, to handing Forestry Division Head Bill Beichler his walking papers.

Ross and Beichler have disagreed politically for some time. In addition, Ross says Beichler is not cooperating in the Forestry program.

Meanwhile, Beichler reportedly was cornering individual members of the State Board of Conservation and Development and trying to get Ross' job — or at least, according to the grapevine, trying to get Ross fired.

And recently Ross picked Beichler's assistant, Clarence Claridge, and moved him up as his (Ross's) administration aid.

Since so little has been made public about the whole affair, it is difficult to evaluate. Beichler was a Charley Johnson supporter who apparently was unable to forget the election. No one has had anything to say publicly about Beichler's ability, or inability, to direct the state's forestry program — an apparent secret, itself.

Scott Appointee

Ross was appointed C&D director after serving as a liaison man for Governor Scott with the 1949 Legislature and reportedly helping shove the governor's program through. No reporter saw any evidence of Ross's aid paying off, however. At any rate, nothing has ever been published to indicate that Ross had any qualifica-

tions other than political for getting the job.

Then, recently, Ross called a meeting of the C&D Forestry Committee. At that meeting — which was closed to press — Ross reportedly asked that Beichler be removed. The committee adjourned without taking action, because of opposition to the move by Walter Damtoft — who holds a Federal job in addition to his state position as C&D board member.

Finally, last Friday, Ross pulled Walter Anderson and fired Ross. Or rather, he "relieved him of his duties" effective October 15. Meantime, Ross stipulated, Beich-

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Fifth Sunday Services Set for Methodists

There will be a special fifth Sunday worship service at Zebulon Methodist Church at 11 a. m. on September 30. The pastor, Rev. S. E. Mercer, has designated this as Family Pew Sunday and urges all families of the Church to attend in complete family units. Special recognition will be given to the family having the largest number present and also to all families who are all present. The pastor will preach on the text "Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." A most cordial invitation is extended to this and all other services.

Wendell Tobacco Average Remains Above Average for Eastern Belt

With tips predominating in the offerings of tobacco on the Wendell Market the past week, the average per hundred pounds was off a little from the past week, but good grades continued to bring prices satisfactory to the farmers.

Through Friday, September 21, last week saw 2,505,440 pounds of tobacco sold on the warehouse floors here for a total of \$1,248,896.63. This amounted to an average per hundred pounds of \$50.04.

Good grades, however, averaged from 68 cents to 74 cents a pound. Better grades began to show up again Monday on the Market, and Mrs. Ruffin Hinnant, of near Lake Myra, sold all the tobacco off an

acre of her land which weighed 1,964 pounds and brought a total of a few cents more than \$1,212.00. Some of this tobacco brought as high as 70 cents per pound.

For the season on the local market through Friday, September 21, a total of 8,215,598 pounds of tobacco was sold for \$4,224,966.62, or an average of \$51.50 per hundred pounds. For the Eastern Belt over the same period, the average was \$51.03.

Some of the farmers interviewed Monday were of the opinion that tobacco was selling better than last week, and that after a visit to other markets, the Wendell Market appeared to be as strong as any.

Road Term Given Man in Local Court For Stealing Plugs

Whiskey and speeding brought most offenders into the Zebulon Recorders Court on Wednesday, where Judge Irby D. Gill imposed his usual liberal fines. A theft resulted in a jail sentence of four months for R. C. Pruett, Richmond, Va., man, who was found guilty of taking for his own use from Chamblee's Esso Station seven spark plugs valued at \$5.60. Pruett, who was reported a member of the carnival which played in Zebulon last week, paid a \$25 fine in addition to drawing the jail term.

Donnie Lee Carlyle of Spring Hope paid \$40 and costs for possession of non-tax-paid whiskey.

Joe Ruffin Preddy, for speeding 70 mph, was fined \$60 and costs.

Wiley Bruant Cox, guilty of speeding 65 mph, was fined \$50 and costs.

William J. C. Hodge, guilty of disregarding a stop sign, paid \$10 fine and costs.

C. T. Watson of Route 1, Wendell, found guilty of drunken driving, was sentenced to six months, suspended upon payment of a \$200 fine and costs.

For public drunkenness in Zebulon, Jasper L. Brinkley paid \$10 penalty and costs.

Careless and reckless driving cost Thurman B. Pate \$50 fine and costs.

A Wilson man, Sam Gordan Evans, was found guilty of speeding 70 mph in Zebulon and fined \$60 and costs.

Other Local Cases

Keever Baker, for speeding 65 mph, was fined \$40 and costs.

Public drunkenness in Zebulon cost Lucille Carter and Elvis Hampton each a \$10 penalty and costs.

Marvin Wilson Andrews of Raleigh, guilty of careless and reckless driving and having a collision, was fined \$25 and costs.

Frank Perry, Jr., guilty of driving with no operators license, was fined \$25 and costs.

For driving a wagon with no lights at night, James Richardson was fined \$10 and costs.

Herbert Price, guilty of careless and reckless driving, was fined \$25 and costs.

Thomas Richardson was found guilty of driving with no brakes, which resulted in his having a wreck with a state highway truck. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs.

Guilty of drunken driving, Buddy Junior Pulley received a sentence of 90 days suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Albert Little was charged with assaulting James Chavers with an axe with intent to kill, resulting in serious and painful injuries to Chavers. The case was sent to the Superior Court and bond for Little set at \$500.

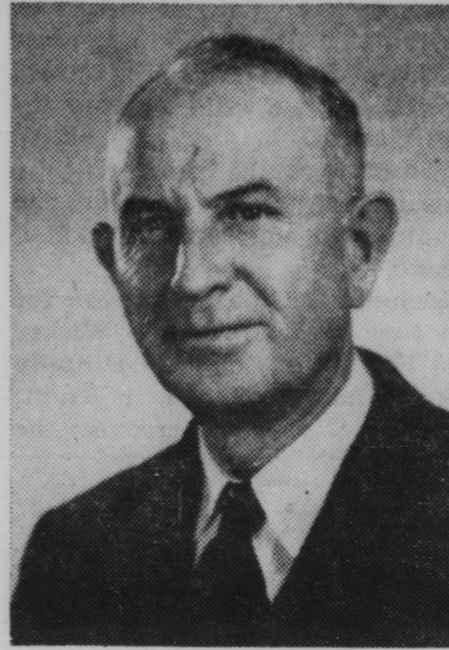
Rufus Beckworth, guilty of speeding 65 miles per hour, paid \$50 fine and costs.

Henry Semon Smith, for drunken driving, was fined \$100 and costs.

Homecoming Day

Homecoming at Bethany Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, October 7, with the Rev. Ralph Moore of Chesterfield, S. C., delivering the Homecoming message. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

LAUDED BY PM'S



M. J. Sexton, postmaster for Zebulon, won national recognition for his enterprise in providing the town with a building for its post-office. Postmaster Sexton recently returned from a Washington conference.

Kenneth Hopkins Gets Guard Post

Corporal Kenneth Hopkins will become administrative assistant to Captain Barrie Davis on October 16, replacing CWO Clifford Gilliam, who is resigning the post which he has held for over two years to farm with his father. Corporal Hopkins is employed now as clerk and office manager for the Town of Zebulon.

As administrative assistant for Battery A, Hopkins will be in direct charge of all personnel and property records, and will supervise the reports which are submitted to higher headquarters.

No replacement has been announced for Sgt. J. P. Arnold, caretaker, who is resigning to accept a position with Wakelon Trading Company. The name of the new caretaker will be announced next Tuesday.

Federal Inspection

Work during drills is concentrated on preparations for the Federal Inspection to be made October 29. This inspection plays a major part in the rating given the artillery unit for its year's work.

Since its organization in 1949, the local National Guard unit has achieved an outstanding record, both in armory and field training. Although it is the youngest battery in the 113th Field Artillery Battalion, it placed only four points out of first place for its performance at Ft. McClellan, Ala., this summer. For their enthusiasm and ability, the men received praise from Col. A. C. Ball, Regular Army instructor with the battalion.

Six drills are scheduled during October, on every Monday night, and on Thursday, October 25.

Women's Groups Hold September Meetings Tuesday

The Senior Woman's Club met Thursday afternoon for its first meeting of the year with twenty members present. The meeting was devoted to business, after which Mrs. Falc Bunn, hostess, served delicious refreshments of iced drinks, cookies, and potato chips.

After the meeting the members made an inspection of the newly redecorated club house.

Junior Club Meets

The Junior Woman's Club met Thursday night for the installation of new officers for a two year term. Mrs. Joe Wood installed Mrs. James Alford as the new president, Mrs. William Bunn as treasurer, and Mrs. Bertie Brantley as secretary.

Mrs. Rochelle Long, Ways and Means chairman, made a report on the fair booth at which approximately \$150 was cleared.

Mrs. Alford appointed chairmen of various committees after which a social hour was enjoyed.

Card of Thanks

The Junior Woman's Club wishes to thank the people of Zebulon not only for the patronage of their booth at the fair, but also for the active help which was given by those who are not even members of the club. It was greatly appreciated and helped immeasurably in making the undertaking a success.

Sexton Gets National Recognition Recently

Postmaster M. J. Sexton of Zebulon received national publicity as an example of what a little enterprise will do at a meeting of the nation's postmasters held in Washington, D. C., early in September. Sexton was one of 75 postmasters from North Carolina who attended the conference in the Stratler Hotel.

In 1949 the lease ran out on the postoffice on the corner of Vance Street and Arendell Avenue, and the government wanted a new one, so Mr. Sexton built it.

"It appeared to be the only way we could get it, so that's what I did," he told a group of postmasters who were talking about the need of post offices in Congressman Cooley's office.

The only trouble the Zebulon postmaster had was with the government itself. He had the building completed eight months before the new post office equipment arrived. The government has agreed to lease it for 10 years, at least.

Class Officers Named in Elections By Wakelon High School Students

Bettie Lou Bunn was elected president of the Wakelon twelfth grade in elections held last week, according to a list of class officers released this week by Principal W. R. Whittenton. Other senior officers include Ned Moss, vice-president; Ernestine Corbett, secretary; and Artelia Bailey, treasurer.

Junior officers for the 1951-52 school year are Bobby Raper, president; Fan Green, vice-president; Juanna Joy Mitchell, secretary; and Sut Richards, treasurer. Helen Faye Todd is president of

Room 10y; Wayne Perry, vice-president; Geraldine Phillips, secretary; and Sarah Tippet, treasurer.

For Room 10x, Richard Bullock is president, Jo Ann Jones, vice-president; Jean Corbett, secretary; and Bobbie Ruth Doyle, treasurer.

For Room 9y, Jo Ann Perry is president; Douglas Perry, vice-president; Patrick Leonard, secretary; and Leonard Lewis, treasurer. Edgar Bobbitt is president of Room 9x; Billy Green, vice-president; Peggy King, secretary; and David Alford, treasurer.