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## CUT WOOD ERE WEATHER WORSENS



Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture

"Now there's a smart owner that knows this is real 'fall' weather!"

## Hilliard Greene, Flowers Are Decoration Winners

The most elaborate and beautiful Christmas decorations ever prepared in Zebulon and the surrounding community made the selection of prize winners in the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored contest difficult for the team of out-of-town judges on Christmas Eve night. Winners in two divisions, stores and homes, were named.

The judges highly commended the Christmas spirit exhibited all through the community.

### Huge Santa Claus

The home of Hilliard Greene, with an 8-foot-high Santa Claus in the front yard and little angels on the large picture window on the front of the house, was awarded first place. Second place went to Mrs. Elwood Perry, who prepared a manger scene on the picture window of her home.

Flowers 5c to \$5 Store won first place for decorated stores, and Whitley Furniture Company took second.

Honorable mention in the homes were awarded in the following

order: Mrs. Norman Screws, Mrs. Frank Wall, Mrs. Charles Flowers, Mrs. Riggsbee Massey, Mrs. S. H. Hoyle, and Mrs. Elbert Rhodes.

The contests are sponsored annually by the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce.

### Back from Korea

Harold F. Hales, commissaryman third class, USN, son of Calvin H. Hales of Route 1, Zebulon, arrived at San Diego, Calif., last week aboard the amphibious force attack cargo ship USS Washburn. The Washburn, returning from her second tour of duty in the Far East, left the United States last June for the Korean war zone.

When the war started in Korea, the Washburn was enroute to Alaska. After unloading her cargo at Point Barrow she was ordered to Inchon by way of Bremerton, Washington, and Japan.

The Washburn is tentatively scheduled for a brief upkeep and overhaul period and routine west coast operations.

## College President Hopes for Reform During Next Year

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As we enter a new year grave problems and dangers confront our nation. The gravest danger of all, however, lies in the fact that so many Americans do not recognize nor understand the true situation. Many have been lulled into a "fool's paradise." Haven't we just experienced one of the freest-spending Christmases in history, they ask; aren't work opportunities plentiful, wages high, hours short; and haven't our government leaders been assuring us that the state-of-the-nation is good, the future still bright in spite of clouds?

Well, what are the actual facts?

After winning World War II just six years ago at great cost in lives and resources, and then losing the peace, we are now in a shooting war with the Communists which our military leaders say we cannot win at the present time. The stalemated, unending, half-way war in Korea is bleeding us of our finest manhood. Korean losses: 101,000 casualties; an estimated 8,000 American prisoners of war brutally slaughtered.

### Hard-to-Take Facts

Russia now rules a billion people, she has the atom bomb and a bigger and perhaps better air force and submarine fleet than have we. A powerful Communist Fifth Column in America has been permitted to steal our military secrets and is ready to sabotage our factories and transportation systems when Stalin gives the word. Our government is taking approximately 30 per cent (\$1 out of every \$3) of the national income in taxes; citizens are working one-third of their time, on the average, to pay taxes. The national debt is \$260 billion—about \$7,000 on every family in the nation.

Inflation is crippling the purchasing power of the dollar; in fact the dollar is worth less today than at any time since the Constitution was adopted 162 years ago. Inflation is undermining thrift, endangering our whole economic life. And government policies are feeding inflation, not heading it off.

### The "Gimme" Disease

Nearly 25,000,000 people are now regularly getting checks from the Government. More and more people are getting the "gimme" disease. The virtue of self-reliance, which built America, is becoming a casualty of the times.

It now requires 2,500,000 civilian workers to staff the Federal bureaucracy. The salaries alone amount to \$8 billion a year—nearly two times the total federal taxes collected in any year before 1940.

Studies made among school student bodies in many sections of the nation in 1951 indicate that our schools and colleges are turning out a generation of young men and women who, while qualified along special lines, are not well educated, are not aware of the comparative advantages of the American economic system, do not understand how it works, and are therefore easy marks for the propagandists seeking to change our way of life into a government-operated welfare state. Nationwide polls show the adult public to be woefully uninformed on economic facts.

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## SLEEPY HEAD



This pretty coed may not be a Phi Beta Kappa, but she is smart as can be when it comes to clothes. She made her shorty nightgown, a favorite style with college girls everywhere, from two ordinary cotton print feed bags.

## Wake Polio Drive Will Begin Soon

There's a job for everyone in the 1952 March of Dimes, which is the layman's weapon in the fight against infantile paralysis, says Willis Smith, Jr., Wake County campaign director, in an appeal for volunteer workers to assist in the month-long campaign currently under way.

"Don't wait to be asked," he said. "Offer to help now."

The director suggested that people wishing to assist the March of Dimes drive offer their services by reporting to headquarters at Chapel Hill by telephoning 2-2722.

Throughout the county, efforts will be redoubled in this year's March of Dimes in an attempt to end the "deficit financing" for par-

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## Baptists Set New Radio Hour Next Sunday Afternoon

The Raleigh Baptist Association will sponsor a radio program originating in the Wendell Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and lasting for one hour. The program will be given on three successive Sunday afternoons, December 30, January 6, and January 13.

This program is in the nature of an experiment whereby the Raleigh Association is seeking to go into the various churches in its membership for the presentation of this type of program.

The combined choirs of churches in the Zebulon-Wendell area will provide music for the services.

The Rev. Earle J. Rogers of Wendell will deliver the sermon on December 30, to be followed by the Rev. Charles Summey of Knightdale on January 6, and the Rev. Carlton T. Mitchell of Zebulon on January 13.

Other participants include Mr. John Holmes of Raleigh, music director; the Rev. Kermit Combs, the Rev. Malbert Smith, the Rev. Joe Roach, the Rev. Fred Crisp, the Rev. Albert Lamm, the Rev. Joe Puckett, the Rev. Theo. Davis, the Rev. Robert H. Herring, and Mr. John Parker.

The Executive Secretary of the Raleigh Baptist Association, the Rev. Lee Pridgen, also will participate on the programs.

The series of programs will be produced under the direction of the Rev. L. J. Morriss of Raleigh.

All are invited to attend the worship service in the Wendell Church.

### Two Cage Games

Two doubleheaders are scheduled for the Wakelon basketball teams next week, according to the scheduled released by Coach Jim Fish.

The new year opens with the Wakelon boys and girls playing Millbrook Tuesday night on the Millbrook court.

Friday night, January 4, Wendell comes to Zebulon for the highlight of the week.

## 1951 GUARD PAY \$25,000

Quarterly payrolls for Battery A will be prepared and mailed in this week, according to Cpl. Kenneth Hopkins, administrative assistant for Zebulon's National Guard unit. Checks will be mailed early in January to pay the 58 officers and men in the battery for their drill time during the past three months.

The payroll for the last quarter of the year is expected to bring the annual payroll to about \$25,000.

Members of Battery A, a unit of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion, receive a full day's pay for each two-hour drill. During October, November, and December, 12 drills were held at the local armory. Individual pay checks for the drills will range from \$30.00 for recruits to over \$95 for the

highest ranking non-commissioned officers.

The first drill of 1952 will be held on Monday night, January 7, at 7:30.

During 1952 the classes will be divided so that recruits and men who have been with the unit for longer than one year will receive separate instruction.

Cpl. Robert Lee Privette, a cadet lieutenant in the ROTC at State College, will assist in instructing drill and tactics training for the recruits.

Cpl. Talmadge Pearce, member of the communications attending school at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, was home for the Christmas holidays. Cpl. Pearce is the first member of the local unit to attend a Regular Army school.



While you were out in the woods looking for Christmas greens and berries, you probably noticed that many of the holly trees had no berries at all and, if you will observe them again, you may find that they never will have berries.

The American holly is a dioecious plant—that is, it has male flowers on one plant and female on another plant. Therefore, only the female plant will have berries. The same is true of persimmons and most varieties of Muscadine grapes.

Also you will find that some holly plants have better and larger berries and leaves than others. Where possible the better strains should be selected for planting or propagation. Holly may be propagated by means of cuttings treated with rootone and placed in a mixture of half sand and half peat. They are very difficult to root.

The American holly is classed as a tree and not a shrub. Therefore, it should be planted where it will have plenty of room to grow. I have seen holly trees with a trunk diameter of more than 15 inches. However, they are very slow growing and are very often used as shrubs.

Other species of holly which make excellent evergreen shrubs in most of North Carolina are Chinese holly, English holly, Japanese holly, and for Eastern North Carolina, Yaupon and gall berry. The Japanese hollies (*Ilex crenata* sp.) do not have red berries but are valuable for their beautiful foliage and low growing, bushy form.

The deciduous hollies (those that lose their leaves in winter) are native in all sections of the State and are valued for their pretty red berries during the winter season.