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Local Man Named Head of Bladen State Forest Unit

Graham Chamblee, a Zebulon native, has assumed his duties as supervisor of the 36,000-acre Bladen Lakes State Forest in Bladen County, State Forester Fred H. Claridge announced today.

A son of Mrs. Cleveland S. Chamblee and the late Mr. Chamblee, Chamblee relinquished his position as forest manager for the Newport News, Va., municipal waterworks system, a post he had held since 1946, to take over the job of supervising the immense State forest.

Chamblee entered the Army shortly after he was graduated in 1941 from the North Carolina State College School of Forestry. He saw service with the Eighth Division as a rifle company commander and participated in five major campaigns during the two years he spent overseas in the European Theater of War. He sustained three wounds while in action and was awarded the Purple Heart with cluster. He was also awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the French Croix de Guerre for gallantry in action.

Yorktown Forester

Following his return from overseas duty in early 1946, he served for a time as forester at the U. S. Naval Depot at Yorktown, Va. He was retired from military service as a major.

Chamblee succeeds J. M. Stingley, who resigned to enter the field of private forestry consultants.

"Mr. Chamblee comes to us highly recommended and we feel sure he will do a good job of supervising the many activities of the Bladen Lakes State Forest," Claridge said.

C and D Lease

The Bladen Lakes State Forest was leased to the State Department of Conservation and Development in 1937 by the Federal Government for a 95-year period. The department's forestry division carries on numerous and varied work in development of forestry products in the huge area.

Married and the father of two sons, the Chamblees have established their new home near Elizabethtown.

Mitchell and Screws Address Rotary Club

A full report on the activities of the District Convention of Rotary International held two weeks ago at Burlington was brought to the Zebulon Rotary Club last Friday night by Norman Screws and Carlton Mitchell, incoming president and vice president of the organization. The newly-elected officers were delegates from the Zebulon club at the convention.

The entire program was inspirational, Norman said, and he found every speech promoting Rotary ideals.

Toured Mills

Included in the activities of the two-day convention were tours of Burlington textile manufacturing centers, luncheon and golf at the country club, and gifts of hose and compacts for the Rotarians.

Carlton Mitchell reported that the talks had more content than any delivered at any gathering he had ever attended. He urged the Rotarians to attend the convention in 1953.

FORESTER



Graham Chamblee

Mr. Chamblee has been named as head of the mammoth Bladen Lakes Forest project of the Board of Conservation & Development.

Youth Delegates Named by Legion

Jimmy Joyner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Joyner, and Leroy Trevathan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trevathan, will be delegates from Wakelon School representing the Zebulon American Legion Post at Boys' State, which will be held in Chapel Hill June 8-15. The names were approved at the Legion meeting held Wednesday night.

The two students were selected by members of the faculty of Wakelon School. To be selected, a candidate must exhibit unusual qualities of leadership.

In the recent election at Wakelon School, Jimmy Joyner was elected youth Mayor of Zebulon and Leroy Trevathan was named to the Board of Commissioners. With the other elected officials, they ran the municipal government of Zebulon during a special day set aside for them.

Boys' State delegates are expected to be leaders in their schools after they return from the week-long session. They put into practice in the schools the principals of democracy learned at Boys' State.

Harvest Winners

Billy Wayne Bunn and Mrs. J. S. Baker were winners in Zebulon second Silver Harvest Day, collecting \$8.00 each from the treasury. The event is sponsored by 42 contributing merchants and businessmen in Zebulon.

No Leads Found Yet in Robbery Of Freezer Plant

No leads as to the identity of the persons who broke into the Colonial Frozen Foods freezer locker plant in Zebulon Tuesday night, although investigators from the Wake County's Sheriff's Department were in Zebulon Wednesday checking for fingerprints. Entry into the building was made by a side window.

Suspicion was directed at two convicts who escaped early this week from the Franklin County Prison Camp. The quantity of cold drinks consumed in the locker plant by the intruders indicated more than one was present.

Two break-ins were reported in Wendell this week, neither of which had been reported solved yesterday afternoon.

No Meat Lost

"It is not so," W. M. Sutton emphasized Wednesday after a second freezer locker patron had come rushing in to learn if meat had been lost in the break-in at the Colonial Freezer Locker plant earlier this week. The locker manager said that rumors had been spread that heavy losses were suffered by patrons of the plant in the robbery.

"I was the only one that lost," Sutton continued, "and I lost a few Cokes and some clothes." He itemized the loss at six bottles of Coca-Cola, an overcoat, and a suit of clothes.

Nothing in the storage portion of the building was touched, and as far as could be determined, this part of the plant was never entered.

For Mrs. R. Griswold Last Rites Are Held

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Corinth Baptist Church for Mrs. Rebecca Griswold, 84, who died at her home on Zebulon, Route 1, Wednesday morning following a long illness. The Rev. A. D. Parish officiated.

The body remained at the home until just prior to the services at the church.

Mrs. Griswold was the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Henderson Hocutt.

She is survived by five daughters, Misses Ethel and Mae Griswold, both of the home; Mrs. Ida G. Eason of Clayton, Rt. 2; Mrs. Katie Bealsy, Durham; and Mrs. Maggie Strickland of Zebulon.

Board to Ask New Bids On Arendell Sidewalks, Revision of Ordinances

Few people are very eager to pave the sidewalk on Arendell Avenue from the stop light to Wakelon School, the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Zebulon discovered on Monday night when they began to open bids for the work. Only one bid was submitted, so the Board, on motion of Commissioner R. Wesley Liles, decided to re-advertise for bids for two more weeks.

Present at the meeting, the regular May session, were Mayor Worth Hinton, Commissioners R. Wesley Liles, J. Raleigh Alford, Howard Beck, and Philip Massey.

Five hundred feet of 2½-inch fire hose were ordered from Eureka Fire Hose Company for \$1.90 per foot. Howard Beck made the motion to accept this bid when the closest competitive bid was \$2.07 per foot for inferior hose.

After lengthy discussion on the need of rewriting the Ordinances for the Town of Zebulon, it was decided to inquire about the costs of employing legal help in revising the laws.

Members Reappointed

Ralph Talton and Mrs. Eva Page were reappointed by the Board to succeed themselves as public representatives at large on the Zebulon Recreation Commission. Their terms will run for three years.

A mowing machine was ordered purchased from Hales Farm Supply Company to be used in keeping the town neat. Wesley Liles made the motion, which was seconded by Philip Massey.

The Commissioners hesitated to take action on purchasing a site for the proposed National Guard and motor vehicles building because they feared they would suffer blame if anyone opposed the move. After discussion, it was decided that Mayor Worth Hinton, working with Ferd Davis and Barrie Davis of the National Guard, should call a mass meeting in the near future at which proponents and opponents of the purchase could be heard.

Pumping Power

The problem of providing power for the pumping station at Little River was solved at a special called meeting held April 28, when the Commissioners agreed with Vance Brown's motion to request Carolina Power and Light Company to provide the Town of Zebulon with power at the filter plant and pumping station direct from their lines.

The motion stated that the changeover was to be made by the power company without charge, and the rate for power would be the same as it is now.

New Highway

The move was made necessary by the new highway under construction from the Zebulon city limits to Hephzibah Church, which will run through the present locations of the municipal-owned power poles carrying current to the pumping station. Since the poles were erected on the highway right-of-way after the old dirt road was already in use, the town is required to move them at its own expense to make way for the wider paved highway replacing the first road.

Joint Meeting

There will be a joint meeting of the Garden Club and the Senior Woman's Club Tuesday, May 20, at 3:30. The Garden Club will not meet at its regular time.

Everyone is asked to bring an arrangement of flowers.

Mrs. Theo. B. Davis will speak on "Birds."

TO SELL LAND



Dr. Charles Flowers

Dr. Flowers has agreed to sell land to be used by the Zebulon Recreation Commission as a park for local citizens.

Committee Given Park Land Option

Zebulon's dreams of a spacious municipal park drew nearer reality yesterday afternoon when Dr. Charles E. Flowers, Zebulon physician, agreed to give the Zebulon Recreation Commission an option to purchase three acres of land located on North Wakefield Street to be used for a park. Chairman Wilbur Debnam of the Zebulon Steering Committee announced Dr. Flowers' decision late Thursday afternoon and commended him for his offer.

The option will be made with the understanding that the sale will be completed as soon as the Town of Zebulon paves the street leading to the proposed park from the corner of Wakefield and North Streets to the city limits, a distance of about 400 feet.

Money to complete the purchase has been promised to the Recreation Commission by C. V. Whitley. He agreed sometime ago to give (See OPTION, Page 10)

Guard to Camp at Butner Saturday

Tomorrow morning at 11:30 more than 50 officers and men of Battery A, Zebulon's National Guard unit, will mount the big 6x6 trucks and begin the trip to Camp Butner, where they will spend Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning on the carbine firing range. For the past two months the National Guardsmen have been preparing for this weekend with special classes in firing and caring for the weapons.

On Monday night, Sfc. Bob Sawyer, supply sergeant for the unit, issued tents, blankets, mess kits, and other personal equipment to the men. The carbines will be issued tomorrow.

Meals during the weekend will be prepared by Sfc. Percy Parrish and the battery mess section. Box lunches will be served after the

men arrive at Camp Butner, and hot food will be prepared for all other meals.

Only the Fire Direction Center personnel will be excused from the firing, and the men in this section will work during the entire two days with Lt. Jack Potter learning their duties.

Target Master

Lt. George Hinds will be in charge of the targets and pits at Camp Butner, supervising the scoring and timing the time targets are raised.

Henry Kitchings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kitchings and a senior at Wakelon School, enlisted in the National Guard Wednesday. He was assigned to the newly-formed survey section. Kitchings is a three-letter athlete at Wakelon.

On Monday night Sfc. Carl Kemp instructed the Non-Commissioned Officers class, held during the first drill period. He used a moving picture and other training aids to describe the various methods of instruction which should be used in teaching a class.

Next week the battery will return to section training, and the work until summer camp will be the most intensive since the battery was organized in 1949.

The two firing sections which will be taken to Fort McClellan will be commanded by Sgt. Hilliard Greene and Sgt. Ralph Creech, who were recently assigned as chiefs of section when Sgt. Frank Massey and Sfc. Carl Kemp were promoted to Chiefs of Firing Battery.

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