

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## WAKELON HOMECOMING QUEEN



Sarah Johnson

Sarah Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Johnson of Zebulon, was crowned Homecoming Queen for Wakelon School at coronation ceremonies held at halftime of the homecoming football game played last month. Elections are held each year to determine the winner of the coveted title, and this year's competition was particularly close.

## Gardeners Given Advice On Winter Flower Care

By Robert Schmidt

Now that the frost has killed the dahlia plants we can think about how we will store them for the winter. If the soil in which they have been grown is well drained they may be left in the ground until spring in eastern and Piedmont North Carolina. Most people do not have good storage facilities and leaving them in the ground is the only way they may be kept. As soon as the plants are killed, cut the stalks off at the surface of the ground. Before hard freezing weather cover the hills with 4 to 6 inches of straw or other mulching material. Do not allow water to stand around the hills. In the spring when growth starts the dahlia clumps should be taken up and divided and then replanted. Even if you do not want to increase the number of plants you will get better dahlias if you divide the clumps, plant back one division and give the rest away to your friends.

### Use Root Cellar

If you have a root cellar or basement where the temperature ranges between 40 and 50 degrees F., it would probably be best to take the clumps up in the fall. I take mine up each fall and grow a crop of crimson clover on the garden plot which is turned under in the spring.

The stalks should be cut off at

### Fourteen Checked At Cancer Clinic

Fourteen persons were examined in the Cancer Detection and Diagnostic Clinics yesterday, when the clinics were held for the 116th time by physicians of Edgecombe and Nash Counties.

Persons examined represented Rocky Mount and outlying areas, Macon, Scotland Neck, Wilson, Zebulon, Middlesex and Lucama.

the surface of the ground soon after the plants have been killed by frost. With a spading fork loosen the ground all around the clump of roots. Then work the spading fork underneath the clump and lift it out of the ground. Care must be taken not to break the necks of the roots in lifting the clump out. A root with a broken neck is worthless. The soil may be removed or may be left on the clump to protect the roots. In the storage cellar or room the clumps may be placed directly on the floor or may be packed in boxes. They should be covered with peat or vericulite to prevent drying out.

In the spring as soon as the buds or sprouts begin to show the clumps should be divided. Remember that the buds or eyes are usually on the base of the stem or crown and not on the roots themselves.

## Funeral Services Held for Beloved Citizens of Area

Funeral services for the Rev. William Debro Stencil, 77, were held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, November 8, at Bethany Baptist Church, of which Mr. Stencil had been a member for the past 63 years.

The Rev. W. W. Turner, pastor at Bethany, the Rev. C. S. Creech, and the Rev. A. D. Parrish officiated at the rites. Burial was in the family cemetery near the Bethany Church.

### Served as Pastor

Mr. Stencil, who had served as pastor of many Baptist churches in this area during his life, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. B. Smith of Wendell after several months of declining health.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Worth Whitley of Kenly, Rt. 2, Mrs. Wiley Creech of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Smith; four sons, Rev. J. N. Stencil of Rocky Mount, and Vernon, Ermitt, and Luther Stencil, all of Kenly.

### W. L. Medlin

Funeral services for W. L. Medlin, 93, who died at his home Wednesday night, were held Friday afternoon at the New Hope Christian Church. The Rev. Carl Wallace officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his widow; four daughters, Mrs. Jack Jones and Mrs. Clifton Barnette, both of Louisburg, Rt. 1, and Mrs. Willie Pearce and Mrs. Charlie Baker, both of Zebulon; one son, Wesley Medlin of Louisburg, Rt. 1.

## E. H. Moser Speaks At Rotary Nov. 7th

E. H. Moser, former principal of Wakelon School and now executive secretary of Wendell Chamber of Commerce, addressed members of the local Rotary Club on Friday night, emphasizing to the Rotarians the necessity for adjustment to the changes that take place in modern civilization.

The Rotarians held their second consecutive perfect attendance meeting, according to Secretary R. C. McNabb. President Norman M. Screws presided at the session.

Pat Farmer and Howard Beck were named to represent Rotary in helping to provide a site for the proposed new National Guard armory in Zebulon.

## Finer Carolina Contest Planned for Next Year; Zebulon to Give Report

The "Helping to build a Finer Carolina" contest which pitted 148 towns for \$8,750 in prize money for community improvements this year will be sponsored by Carolina Power & Light Company again next year.

In addition to being repeated, the contest will be enlarged to give rural customers of the company a chance to compete for prize money.

The decision to enlarge upon the contest and repeat it in 1953 was announced today by E. N. Pope, ad-

vertising director for CP&L and manager of the competition.

A special set of prizes, which will be announced before the competition beings, will be offered to Carolina farmers who join in the campaign for "helping to build a Finer Carolina."

Basis of judging the farm competition, Pope said, will be achievement in conservation practices.

"Progressive farmers will agree," he commented, "that fundamental, lasting contributions to rural welfare are founded upon our conservation and wise trusteeship over the natural resources with which we are so richly endowed."

### Reports Due Soon

Although the 148 competing towns will have the month of November in which to prepare reports of their progress, they can take credit in those reports only for community improvements accomplished by November 1.

The final reports will be due December 1, after which they will be submitted to a panel of impartial judges for consideration. After the judges have analyzed the reports, they will visit the outstanding towns to select "Carolina's Finest" on the basis of specific projects accomplished.

It is expected that the judges will make their decisions by next January 1.

Meanwhile, both old towns and new ones which wish to join the competition will be signed up for prizes to be offered for 1953 "Finer Carolina" projects.

### Cash Awards

For the current competition, there will be a total of 23 cash awards. There will be first prizes of \$1,000 each and second prizes of \$750 each for three population groups: towns of 1,000 or less, those of 1,001 to 2,500 people and those above 2,500. There also will be two \$1,000 prizes for the "finest" in each of the Carolinas. There will be 15 prizes of \$100 each for honorable mention.

"This year's competition has been gratifying," Pope commented. "On the basis of advance inquiries, next year's contest will be even greater."

### Zebulon Report

Wilbur Debnam, chairman of the Finer Carolina Steering Committee for Zebulon, stated last week that the local report on the contest just completed will be submitted to the judges by December 1. The written report will be accompanied by photographs to show the progress made during the past year on the five main projects selected by the community.

Greatest progress has been in the establishment of a community park, the rewriting of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Zebulon, and the founding of a community library.

### Fire Destroys Office

Fire gutted the office of S. D. Stallings, local lumberman, Sunday morning around 11 o'clock, destroying records and several thousand dollars worth of parts and equipment.

The office building, which was located behind Wake Builders in Wakefield, was not insured.

## TO BE KEYNOTER



George Ross

George R. Ross, director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, who will deliver the keynote address at the opening session of the Conservation Congress to be held in Raleigh, November 17, 18 and 19. "Conservation and Development in North Carolina" will be the subject of Director Ross' address. Full-scale discussions on the State's human and natural resources will feature the three-day Congress, whose sessions will be open to the general public.

### In Capitol Building

The Congress, sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Development, will hold all sessions in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the State Capitol. A number of outstanding authorities in the fields of human and natural resources will appear on the program.

## Four Counties Set High CROP Goals

As the end of the '52 CROP drive approaches, four counties lead in goals set it was announced by the Rev. Carl R. Key, Durham, State CROP Director. They are Forsyth, Harnett, Mecklenburg and Martin Counties.

Forsyth County seeks a car of powdered milk valued at \$7,650. Harnett County set a goal of 50 bales of cotton worth \$7,500. Mecklenburg seeks 25 bales of cotton estimated at \$3,750. Martin County is canvassing for 300 bags of peanuts valued at \$3,600.

The 21 counties expected to canvass in the next two weeks have fixed a goal of one train carload each of corn, wheat, cotton, peanuts, or powdered milk. Total goals set for all counties are now valued at \$60,500.00. As other counties report goals indications



are that the \$3,000 average per county will be maintained.

Other counties included in this list are Durham, Beaufort, Craven, Granville Wake, Cabarrus, Wayne,

Wilson, Guilford, Robeson, Union, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford, Orange, and Stanley. Seventeen other counties are expected to report goals in the next few days. Most of the canvassing will be done the week of November 9-15 and the week of November 16-22. A few counties will canvass later in the month of November.

Mr. Kay was quite optimistic over the final total of carload gifts. He stated that he fully expected the counties to accept 30 carloads valued at some \$75,000.00.

So far the largest single gift to the 1952 North Carolina CROP drive was made by Mrs. G. S. Proctor, Bethesda Road, Aberdeen. Mrs. Proctor donated two acres of corn. Arrangements are now being made to harvest the corn to be credited to the Moore County goal.