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Guard in Parade At Rocky Mount; Croom Is Praised

Members of the Zebulon Lions Club and of the local National Guard unit made up two units of the 2½-hour parade at Rocky Mount last Tuesday, celebrating the combined convention of Districts 31-E and 31-F of Lions International.

The Lions rode in decorated cars, and the National Guardsmen moved through town in a jeep and four trucks, towing one of the unit's 105-mm howitzers.

High School and college bands from all over eastern North Carolina took part in the parade.

Guardsmen Featured

Cpl. Worth Croom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Croom of Zebulon, was featured in the Hertford County Herald for his work in the Ahoskie National Guard unit and at Chowan Junior College in Murfreesboro, where he is a sophomore.

Cpl. Croom enlisted in the National Guard in Zebulon in June 1950, and transferred to the Ahoskie Military Police Company when he enrolled at Chowan in 1951.

A graduate of Wakelon High School, he played football and basketball here. At Chowan he has been a star guard on the football team, and is a member of the Athenian Society, a social group organized on the campus. He is enrolled in a business education course.

In the National Guard company, he works in the personnel section.

Cpl. Croom says he thinks the National Guard is "fine for young men," and he plans to reenlist in June when his "hitch" runs out.

Important Changes

A new Table of Organization and Equipment has made important changes in the organization of artillery batteries, according to Unit Administrator Johnsey P. Arnold of Zebulon's Battery A. The chief effect the change will have on the Zebulon Guard unit is rearming nearly half the officers and men with the M1 rifle, the basic weapon of the infantry.

The change was recommended because of the experience gained by the artillery in the Korean war. Frequently, guerrillas had made it necessary for artillerymen to defend their positions as infantrymen, and the M1 rifle has much more effect in this type of combat.

All members of the howitzer sections will be armed with the M1 rifle, Sfc. Arnold said. This has necessitated a change in plans for the Camp Butner trip, because few of the men in the battery have had experience with the rifle. Instead of firing the carbine Battery A will shoot the M1 rifles during the weekend of May 2-3.

Hinds in Charge

Lt. George Hinds, assistant executive officer of Battery A, will be in charge of firing at Camp Butner, and Lt. Jack Ayscue, who served for one year as Forward Observer with the Zebulon unit, will be in charge of the pits and targets.

At least ten hours of intensive training will be conducted for the National Guardsmen under Lt. Jack Potter before the firing at Camp Butner.

Eligible men between the ages of 17 and 18½ are urged to enlist in the National Guard now and receive the benefits available of rapid advancement and good pay.



Wakelon PTA Expresses Sympathy for Principal

Members of the Wakelon Parent-Teacher Association expressed sympathy for Principal W. R. Whittenton, now suffering from a heart disorder, and assured him and other faculty members of cooperation in maintaining school progress in a resolution passed at the PTA's January meeting, held Monday night.

The resolution was passed unanimously, following a report on school affairs by Ed Ellington, agriculture teacher, who is assisting with office duties during Mr. Whittenton's absence.

A nominating committee, with Thurman Murray as chairman and Mrs. Garland Richardson and Mrs. Harold Green as members, was elected by the membership, with a report from the committee due at the March meeting.

Other business of the Monday

Hilliard Greene Leads Scoring in Conference

Hilliard Greene, Jr., graduate of Wakelon High School, is currently leading the North Carolina Junior College Conference in basketball scoring, having tallied 208 points in 9 games while playing center for Coach Herbert Appenzeller's Chowan College team.

The local boy's average of 23.1 points a game is nearly two points better than his closest rival for individual scoring honors, although the Chowan team is only in fourth place in conference standings with a record of four victories and three losses.

Gay's Store Represented, Too!

Jimmy Byrnes represented South Carolina, Lt. Gov. Luther Hodges represented North Carolina, and Walter Pidgeon represented Hollywood at the inaugural ceremonies in Washington Tuesday. Communities in this area, including Zebulon, Mitchell's Mill, Hopkins Chapel, and Gay's Store were represented, too!

Austin Perry, Willie B. Hopkins, Burbon Richards, and

night session included a report by Mrs. Wilson Braswell, PTA president, on the meeting of the United Forces for Education at the S&W Cafeteria in Raleigh Friday night, and a report by the treasurer, Mrs. Willie B. Hopkins, who reported \$1,078.25 in the PTA treasury.

Attendance prizes were won by Miss Cooper's third grade, Miss Thompson's fifth grade, and Mr. Holt's tenth grade.

Mrs. Kemp Sings

Prior to the business session, Mrs. Frank Kemp sang the Star Spangled Banner, and the members repeated the Lord's Prayer as the meeting's devotional exercise.

Mrs. Kemp sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Ed Ellington as pianist, following the business session: Gershwin's "Summertime" from "Porgy and Bess," and "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.

Speaker of the evening was Dr. L. M. Massey, former member of the State Board of Education, who gave the association his views on compulsory school attendance, but requested that his talk be considered "off the record." He was introduced by Mrs. Eugene Privette.

Barbecue Dinner

A pig and chicken barbecue will be held by the Church of God on Saturday, January 24, from one to six in the afternoon, at the parsonage on Horton Avenue.

Tickets are on sale now and can be obtained from the pastor or any church member.

Sanford Is Top Winner In Finer Carolina Test; Wendell Gets \$100 Prize

The town of Sanford has been judged North Carolina's "finest" in the realm of "helping to build a Finer Carolina." The county seat of Lee County got the nod as judges selected 21 winners among the 149 towns which competed last year in the "Finer Carolina" community improvement contest sponsored by the Carolina Power & Light Company. Wendell and Spring Hope each won honorable mention awards.

As top winner for North Carolina, Sanford won \$1,000 in cash. The town also won \$750 as second prize in its population class, towns of 2,500 or more. First prize in this class went to Hartsville, S. C., which was judged the "finest" in South Carolina, where the power company also operates.

Rural Fire Truck Meeting Monday

A special meeting will be held in the Zebulon Municipal Building on Monday night, January 26, at 7:30 to plan the kickoff in the campaign to acquire a rural fire truck for the community, according to Robert Ed Horton, secretary of the Zebulon Farm Bureau, which is sponsoring the project.

Special invitations are being mailed the Farm Bureau Directors, Zebulon Chamber of Commerce Directors, and Commissioners of the Town of Zebulon.

Receipt books have been prepared for the drive for funds to purchase the truck, and everyone who contributes will be given a written receipt.

The cost of the modern truck selected by Directors of the Farm Bureau as the goal of the drive will be about \$9,000. The truck will have a powerful pump, self-contained water supply, and sufficient hose for fighting rural fires.

Everyone interesting in helping buy a rural fire truck is urged to attend the meeting.

Strickland Thanked

The people of Corinth Community would like to express their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Clarence Strickland of Zebulon for his skilled advice and helpful service in building their new church. His suggestion and assistance have saved the Corinth people many hundreds of dollars.

Mr. Strickland refused any pay whatsoever, but the people of Corinth want to express their thanks to a fine man.

The people of Zebulon should feel honored to have such a man in their community that is willing to help in a time of need.

May God's blessings abide with such a fine man.

—Corinth Baptist Church

Wendell Wins

Honorable mention awards of \$100 each went to 15 towns whose community improvement accomplishments in some instances, the judges said, were scarcely less notable than the top money winners.

These awards were won by: Henderson, Jacksonville, Asheboro, Dunn and Mount Olive, all in the top population bracket; Pittsboro, Wendell, Spring Hope, Swannanoa and Fuquay-Varina, all in the 1,001-2,500 population bracket; and by Lamar, S. C., Pine Bluff, Bladenboro, Pinewood, S. C., and Maysville, all in the smallest population bracket.

Zebulon's Project

Zebulon's accomplishments in the Finer Carolina Contest, which were not sufficient to win an honorable mention, included the acquisition of a five-acre park site, a shelter and two fireplaces in the park, the establishment of a community library, the writing of new town ordinances, cleaning and improved maintenance of the cemetery, and many blocks of new paved sidewalks.

The Zebulon Finer Carolina entry was featured in last week's issue of The State magazine, which told of the day when 14 tractors from neighboring farms converged on Zebulon to work at the park.

Better Chance

Wilbur Debnam, who served as Chairman of the Finer Carolina Steering Committee in Zebulon last year, said that he feels Zebulon will have a better chance of winning in the 1953 contest, since normal civic improvements will not be permitted this year.

"Our major accomplishments last year were all originated by the Finer Carolina Steering Committee," he said, "and Zebulon certainly profited from the contest." (See CONTEST, Page 8)

Scout Hut Renovation Completed; Return of Equipment Requested

A special request for all equipment belonging to the Zebulon Boy Scout troop be turned in at the Scout Hut was made this week by Scout leader Armstrong Cannady, who said that recent repairs to the hut made possible a safe place for equipment storage.

Work has been in progress at the hut for the past three weeks, under the supervision of troop leaders.

New Windows

Recent improvements at the hut include new windows, weather-proofing all the log walls, putting shutters on the windows, and building overhead storage for equipment.

At the meeting Monday night,

January 19, 35 boys were present and organized seven patrols, indicating the surge in interest in Scouting under the new leadership.

Window Displays

The patrols are making plans for window displays as part of the troop observance of Scout week this year.

Boys interested in Scouting are urged to attend the Troop meetings held every Monday night in the hut.

Troop Committee

A new Troop Committee is being organized and will conduct a monthly Board of Review to examine Scouts recommended for advancement.