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Mrs. Moss to Be Given First Poppy Sold Here

American Legion Auxiliary to Conduct Sale in Zebulon Tomorrow, May 23rd

Poppies by the millions will bloom tomorrow, May 23, in memory of America's war dead. Made of crepe paper, replicas of the poppies of "Flanders Fields" they will be worn throughout the United States to pay tribute to the hundreds of thousands of young Americans who have given their lives in the nation's defense in three wars — the two World Wars and the present conflict in Korea.

Here in Zebulon women of the Legion Auxiliary and Wakelon students will be on the streets early in the morning with baskets of the little red flowers of memory. They will work throughout the day and hope to have a poppy on every lapel before nightfall. The observance is being directed by Mrs. Pat Farmer, Poppy Chairman of Post No. 33's Auxiliary.

Made at Fort Bragg

Disabled veterans of both World Wars have been working for months in hospitals and convalescent workrooms making the flowers which will be worn tomorrow. Mrs. Farmer estimates that more than 30,000,000 poppies have been produced for the Auxiliary, with more than 10,000 disabled men who are unable to do other work being given employment. The flowers which will be distributed here have been made at Fort Bragg.

An army of nearly 150,000 women has been mobilized by the Auxiliary to carry out the nationwide distribution of the Poppies, Mrs. Farmer said. All will serve as unpaid volunteers and all of the contributions they receive in exchange for the flowers will go into the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of The American Legion and Auxiliary. The money will be used to support the vast work of these organizations for the welfare of disabled veterans.

The first poppy sold this year by the American Legion Auxiliary of Zebulon Post No. 33 will be presented to Mrs. Willie Moss, mother of Cpl. Clinton Moss, killed in line of duty in 1942. Mrs. Pat Farmer, local chairman of tomorrow's poppy sales, has announced.

Mrs. Farmer will present the poppy to Mrs. Moss today, she said, on behalf of an anonymous veteran of World War II who paid the traditional five dollars for the first poppy in order that it might go to the mother of a boy who gave his life in defense of his country.

Cpl. Moss, who graduated from Wakelon High School in 1940, volunteered for air force duty in 1941, and received training as a radio operator and gunner. He went overseas in July of 1942, and was killed in an aircraft crash in Africa about a week later on July 17.

Third Local Casualty

The local airman, only 22 years old when he was killed, was the third local man to die in World War II; Lt. Eric Davis was killed by Japanese soldiers in the Philippines less than a month after Pearl Harbor, and Sgt. Louis Poythress was killed in an aircraft crash in the United States early in 1942.

Mrs. Pat Farmer emphasized yesterday that there is no set price for the poppies; each person buying a poppy in remembrance of our nation's war dead is asked to give what he thinks he can afford to contribute to the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of the American Legion and its Auxiliary, and for the compensation of the 10,000 disabled veterans who are unable to do other work and were given employment producing the poppies.

Baptist Minister To Assume Duties Here on Sunday

By Theo. B. Davis

Rev. Mr. B. A. Asbury, a native of Elberton, Ga., who lately accepted a call to the pastorate of the Zebulon Baptist Church arrived in Zebulon Tuesday, and will preach Sunday. For three months Dr. Geo. Griffin has supplied the pulpit, or provided for the services through members of the Wake Forest College faculty or the S. E. Seminary. The congregation has heard some very fine sermons, but no doubt needed pastoral duties have been missed. The community is to be congratulated now that it has two very fine men to lead in the religious work of the churches.

Mr. Asbury comes to Zebulon unusually well-prepared to lead a progressive congregation of Christian people. He holds degrees from both college and University, being a late graduate of Yale. No doubt he has all the qualifications the old Scotch preacher said every minister should have: knowledge of the Bible, piety and common sense. The first two might be acquired, "but," said he, "Unless you have common sense already, may the Lord have mercy on your souls!"

His Only Fault

As was said of William Pitt, a great Englishman statesman, Mr. Asbury's only sin seems to be that of being a young man. No doubt with the passing years he will outgrow that!

The Zebulon Baptist Church is one of the best organized and working churches of its size in the State. It is above the average in its giving and seeks to reach every spiritual need of the community, especially among the young people.

The new pastor will need the sympathetic support and cooperation of all the church through its (See ASBURY, Page 10)

AT VESPERS



Rev. S. E. Mercer

Mr. Mercer, pastor of the Zebulon Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon at the vesper service for Wakelon seniors Sunday evening, May 24.

Todd Will Open Store Here Today

Opening today in Zebulon is Todd's Electric Company's newest outlet for the famous General Electric line of appliances. The store is located beside Wakelon Drug Company in the building formerly occupied by Lowery's Insurance Agency, and is staffed by local personnel.

A display of General Electric Refrigerators, ranges, home laundry equipment, dishwashers and disposals, home freezers, and Westinghouse and RCA television will be maintained.

Increased Business

Todd Electric Company, since its organization in 1946, has served many customers in the Zebulon area. Because of the increased demand for the company's service it was decided to open a store in Zebulon.

Since its beginning the company has tried to follow the motto, "Ser- (See TODD, Page 5)

Mercer to Speak At Senior Vesper Services Sunday

The Rev. S. E. Mercer, pastor of the Zebulon Methodist Church, will speak at the Senior Vesper Service to be held Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Wakelon auditorium.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. J. A. Caldwell, pastor of Hopkins Chapel.

The Rev. Beverly A. Asbury, pastor of the Zebulon Baptist Church, will read the scripture; and the Reverend Vernon Brooks, pastor of the Wakefield Baptist Church, will pronounce the benediction.

Special music will be provided by the Wakelon Glee Club, including Miss Sue Alford, soloist, who will sing "The Lord's Prayer."

Marshals this year include Rebecca Brantley, Chief; Helen Faye Todd, Anne Strickland, Katie Joyce Eddins, and Richard Bullock.

Marshals for the commencement exercises are chosen by their academic records. All are members of the junior class.

Senior Class Night will be held Tuesday evening, May 26, at 8 o'clock.

Final Graduation Exercises will take place on Thursday evening, May 28, when the graduates will receive their diplomas.

Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn Installs Club Officers

New officers of the Zebulon Junior Woman's Club were installed at the last meeting of the club year held Tuesday night in the Woman's Club building. Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn, retiring State President, was in charge of the installation ceremonies.

The club room was beautifully decorated by members of the Brownie Troop. Mrs. Evelyn Creech is Brownie director.

The new officers installed, to serve for the next two years, include Mrs. Barrie Davis, president; Mrs. Rochelle Long, vice president; Mrs. Garland Richardson, secretary; Mrs. Crafton Hudson, point secretary; and Mrs. Melvin Massey, treasurer.

Retiring officers are Mrs. Norman Screws, president; Mrs. Barrie Davis, Vice president; Mrs. Bertie Brantley, secretary; Mrs. Thurman Murray, point secretary; and Mrs. William Bunn, treasurer.

The new president appointed committee chairmen to serve with the elected officers and made a report on the Woman's Club State Convention held at Wrightsville Beach.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Thurman Murray, Mrs. Gilmer Parrish, and Mrs. G. R. Massey.

Severe Hail Storm

Hail early this week cut a path from south of Wendell through the Corinth Holders community, across Emit and to Middlesex in the east, completely wiping out some tobacco fields and causing farmers to have to replant acre after acre of the weed.

The tobacco growing season has just begun, and farmers are replanting their fields. Most crops will be delayed only one or two weeks because of the storm.

BUNN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1953



First row: Mascots Michael Ray and Winnie Carol Jeffreys.

Second row: Barbara Joyner, Betty Sue Gay, Audrey Horton, Jeanette Jeffreys, Alice Privette, Emma Jean Bullock, Treasure Martin, Kenneth Strickland, Donald Baker, Phyllis Tant, Patsy Bass, Barbara Driver, Mae Belle Pearce.

Third row: Evelyn Strickland Ward, Bobbie Jean Jeffreys, Mary Richardson, Boyce Pearce, Willard Strickland, Jocelyn Martin, Ann McGhee, Carl Sellars, Sherrell Lester, Danny Bunn, Ellen Batton,

Travis Driver.

Fourth row: Gerald Rogers, Hamilton Richards, Bobbie Edwards, Merle Dickerson, William Hill, Sue Lester, Joe Alford, Mary Elizabeth Mullen, June Perry, Carrie Arnold, Darrel Peoples.

Fifth row: Miss Betty Sanders, sponsor; Jimmy Ward, Dan Jones, J. L. Denton, Billy Wright, Edwin Brantley, Doris Horton, James Alford, Dan Wheeler, Harold Tant, Carolyn Joyner, Lanier Williams, Emily Baker, Mrs. C. L. Tippet, sponsor. Neal Mitchell was absent.