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Rolesville Seniors Receive Diplomas On Friday Night

Twenty-nine graduates were presented their diplomas by Principal G. W. Davis of Rolesville School at graduation exercises held Friday evening in the Rolesville School auditorium. N. C. Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Balentine was the principal speaker for the service, and was introduced by C. D. Matheny.

Olga Lea Wall was recognized as valedictorian of the graduating class, and Nancy Jane Hailey was honored as salutatorian.

Medals were awarded by B. E. Rogers, and Mrs. D. M. Lloyd made a special presentation.

The medals presented included Citizenship to Rupert Willis Hagwood; Activities to Dorothy Jean Perry; Home Economics to Barbara Ann Jones; School Spirit to Jessie Thomas Duke; Commercial to Lillie Belle Williams; Agriculture to Lee Roy Frazier; Athletics to Billy Massey; Music to Myrtas Frazier; and Scholastic to Linnette Williams.

Barbara Ann Bowden was honored for achieving perfect attendance for twelve years.

Senior Class

Members of the senior class include Donald Wayne Boone, William Crenshaw Bowden, Wesley Lee Carroll, Jessie Thomas Duke, Lee Roy Frazier, Rupert Willis Hagwood, Robert Lee Hurt, Richard Dinnis Jones, Wallace Gupton Jones, S. J. Journigan, Alex Clifton King, Clem Calvin Mitchell, Jr., Charles Lee Rogers.

Barbara Ann Bowden, Nancy Jane Hailey, Emogene Keith, Edna Gray McCullen, Lillian Ann Eddins Frances McDade Eddins, Vaniel Belvin Strickland, Rachel Piper Smith, Dorothy Jean Perry, Mary Lee Perry, Shirley Mae Puryear, Doris Delores Scarborough, Sylvia Christina Thornton, Mattie Cleo Wall, Olga Lee Wall, and Lillie Belle Williams.

The class mascots are Sue Carter and Ronnie Daniel.

Marshals for this year were Linnette Williams, chief; Carroll Dean Jones, Alma Doris Doyle, Esther Alice Wall, Peggy Jo Phillips, Edith Duke, and Betty Jean Matheny.

Clarence R. Breedin is senior sponsor for this year.

ON BOARD



Thurman Murray



Ed Hales

Murray, local grocer, and Hales, Zebulon fertilizer dealer, were recently named to the Wakelon School Board.

Fire Causes Damage Early Last Saturday

The Zebulon municipal fire truck had to substitute for the soon-to-be-bought rural fire truck early Saturday morning when a Mayflower Transportation Company moving van caught fire. Damage was limited to about \$300 even though the blaze was going strong when the volunteer firemen arrived.

The van was parked in front of the Walker Fuller home over three miles south of Zebulon, and the fire was discovered about 1:30 (See FIRE, Page 3)

Youth Killed, Brother Badly Hurt In Car - Motorcycle Crash Friday

One person was killed and another seriously injured in an accident involving a motorcycle and a car about 10:45 Friday night just north of the Zebulon airport on Highway 264. Joe Daniel Creech, 17, was fatally injured and his brother, James H. Creech, 19, is in a critical condition in Rex Hospital. Jim D. Gay, 20, of Zebulon, Route 3, is being held under bond of \$2,000.

The car driven by Gay struck the rear of the motorcycle ridden by the Creech brothers, ran up on the motor cycle, and "rode" it for around 100 yards with the front wheels of the auto off the highway, according to Patrolman F. R. Wicker.

Coroner M. W. Bennett said that he was told Saturday by James Creech that his dead brother was operating the motorcycle when it was hit by the car.

Gay was quoted by Patrolman Wicker as saying that he did not see the motorcycle in time to avoid the accident because it did not have any lights, and he was meeting another car headed south.

The officer said he was informed by witnesses, however, that Gay had just passed "at a high rate of speed" a car following behind the motorcycle, and that he ran into the back of the motorcycle when he cut back to the right side of the road.

Inquest Pending

Date of the inquest into the death is pending the outcome of injuries to James Creech, who received serious head wounds and other injuries.

Funeral services for young Creech were held Sunday at 3 p. m. from Corinth-Holders Baptist (See WRECK, Page 3)

Rural Fire Department Directors Requested By Members to Purchase Fire Truck Now

Wakelon Gives Special Awards

Outstanding students in every phase of school activity were recognized at the graduation exercises at Wakelon held Thursday evening. Special awards and certificates were presented for achievement in academic work, athletics, agriculture, and bus driving.

Ed Ellington, head of the agriculture department at Wakelon, made the presentations.

Sue Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burbon Richards, was named valedictorian and Juanna Joy Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell, was salutatorian of the graduating class.

The W. H. Chamblee Award, for excellence in the field of agriculture, consisting of a certificate and a cash award, was presented Jimmy Joyner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Joyner. The agriculture award is made by the Zebulon Record.

Athletic Awards

For starring in athletics, Juanna Joy Mitchell and Lowell Liles were honored with the best athlete awards.

Fan Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green, was presented the Home Economics award.

The Citizenship Award was presented Jimmy Joyner.

Juanna Joy Mitchell was given the activities award.

Delegates from the Junior Class to Boys' State, sponsored annually by the Zebulon American Legion Post, are Wayne Perry and Richard Bullock. The selection was announced by Commander Charles Creech of the local post.

The Girls' State delegates, sponsored by the Zebulon Legion Auxiliary, are Ann Strickland and Helen Faye Todd, both members of the Junior class.

Civic Awards

The World Peace Award, sponsored by the Zebulon Rotary Club, was presented Barbara Lou Chamblee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whitley Chamblee.

For their first time, special honors were conferred on the Wakelon school bus drivers for their work during the past year. The Zebulon Lions Club presented certificates and pens to the drivers for their work with the buses, with the competition stressing safety in driving, care of the vehicles, and general excellence as drivers.

First place among the drivers was won by Juanna Joy Mitchell and second by Glenwood Perry.

Safe Driving Certificates and pins were awarded to Jimmy Joyner, Carl Puryear, Roy Mitchell, Derwood Baker, Rodney Bell, and Bobby Raper.

The presentations were made by Clarence Hocutt and President Wilbur Debnam of the Zebulon Lions Club.

P. H. Massey, chairman, and John Terry, members of the Wakelon School Board, were thanked for their service as members of the Board and were awarded Life Certificates in appreciation of their efforts for a better school by W. R. Whittenton, superintendent of the School.

Both men will complete their terms on the School Board at the end of the current year.

IN GUARD



Sgt. Cooper Moss

Much of the credit for the superior rating given the motor section of Zebulon's National Guard unit belongs to Sgt. Moss, who is in direct charge of the training of the drivers and mechanics and the maintenance of the vehicles belonging to the artillery battery. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moss.

Lions Finish Campaign; Smith Talks at Rotary

The recent campaign for funds for the American Cancer Society was the most successful ever held in this community, with \$286.53 received for the fight against cancer, according to Gilbert Beck, chairman.

The Zebulon Lions Club sponsored the drive this year, and expressed its appreciation for the co-operation given them. The total this year is \$50 more than that given during any previous year.

Mrs. Elmo Harris, who headed solicitation in the colored community, was cited for special praise. Under her leadership more than \$50 was received for the fund.

Rotary Hears Smith

Stephen Smith, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex spoke at the meeting of the Zebulon Rotary Club last Friday night telling of his work and the problems faced at an orphanage. He was introduced by Ed Hales, program chairman for the evening.

Mr. Smith was formerly a fertilizer dealer and preached in numerous churches. In his introduction, Ed told of the financial sacrifice Mr. Smith had made in accepting the work at the orphanage.

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AT ROCKY CROSS

Revival to Begin Sunday

The Rocky Cross Baptist Church will begin its Revival Services on Sunday, June 7. The first service, in this series, will begin at 8:00 Sunday night, and continue through the following Sunday morning. All services will begin at 8:00 p. m. with the exception of the closing service on Sunday which will begin at 11:00 a. m. The Rev. Colon Jackson, a Wake

Action Is Taken After Discussion

Go ahead and buy us a fire truck, stockholders of the Zebulon Rural Fire Department, Inc., told the Board of Directors last Friday night following a lengthy meeting held in the Zebulon municipal building to decide the next step in the campaign to obtain better fire protection for the rural areas surrounding Zebulon.

The problem of handling the \$2,000 still needed for the fire truck purchase was left to the Directors to solve. The corporation has \$4640.30 in the treasury and an additional \$1,100 in pledges.

President M. L. Hagwood presided and opened the meeting with a resume of what has been accomplished by the group up to Friday night.

January Goal

The goal set in January, he said, was to contact every family within a seven mile radius of Zebulon. Only about half the farm families have been reached, he added, and 325 members have joined the organization. In the area there are nearly 900 eligible for membership.

Following the lengthy discussion period Barrie Davis moved that the members of the Zebulon Rural Fire Department, Inc., "request the Board of Directors to purchase a fire truck and use their own discretion as to the method of financing the unpaid balance; and that the membership drive be extended to the fourth Tuesday of January, 1954."

The motion, seconded by Hubert Eddins, passed without a dissenting vote.

Hinton's Motion Dies

Prior to the motion by Davis and Eddins, Mayor Worth Hinton moved that an alternative financing method be adopted. Mr. Hinton's motion met an unfavorable response, and failed for a lack of a second.

The fire truck project is sponsored by the Zebulon Farm Bureau. It has been entered in the Finer Carolina Contest as one of the six projects sponsored by this community.

Directors are M. L. Hagwood, Willie B. Hopkins, Robert Ed Horton, Dewey Massey, H. H. Eddins, R. E. Pippin, and Ed Hales.

Willie B. Hopkins told of the need of the fire truck and the work which has been done so far. He said that there are three ways open to purchase the truck immediately: 1) buy the truck on time; 2) borrow the needed balance from (See TRUCK, Page 3)