

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## U. N. IMPROVES ETHIOPIAN GRAIN



**FINDING OUT** about Ethiopian grain is Michael Miller (center), a Canadian agronomist. Mr. Miller, who is shown with his assistant (left) and an Ethiopian farmer, holding a basket of grain, is a member of a team sent by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization to advise Ethiopia on improving its grain crop.

## Recreation Leader Plans Meeting Thursday Night

By Bill Alheim

On June 25th at 7:30 there will be a meeting of the Recreation Commission of Zebulon. Discussions will be held pertaining to the purchasing of new equipment, the formation of a softball league and a recreation program for the Negro population. All members are urged to be present.

### Play Period

Throughout our summer program we are planning a daily "play period" for the children between the ages of 3 and 6. The children shall be under the guidance and supervision of Miss Gail Privette, a trained recreation leader from Wake Forest College. During the hours from 9 a. m. to 12 noon of each day, the young boys and girls will have the opportunity to associate and play with children of their own age.

Twice a week we shall take

groups of boys and girls to Wake Forest swimming. Cars will be our only means of transportation, therefore if any one has a car and wishes to volunteer to transport some children to and from Wake Forest, please contact Mrs. Doris Privette.

### Junior Team

We are also planning to form a Junior Baseball Team, which will play other Junior Teams from the surrounding area. Anyone interested in playing on the team, please contact the Recreation Director during the week of June 29.

### Equipment Available

During the day equipment will be available for those who desire to play softball, horseshoes, volleyball, ping pong, checkers, cards and many other games. Boys and girls of all ages are welcome to use the equipment anytime through the day.

## Farm Prices Continue to Decline; Labor Costs Remain at High Level

While the prices Zebulon farmers receive for their products have been registering some declines, the prices they pay for the things they need to produce and for living have decreased only slightly in comparison. This is borne out in recent studies by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

### Potatoes Drop

Among prices received by farmers, potatoes dropped from an average of \$2.31 to \$1.34 per bushel between April 1952 and April 1953. During the same period, a seventy-pound crate of lettuce fell from an average price of \$3.05 to \$2.75. Tomatoes per bushel dropped in the same period from \$7.25

to \$5.40 and strawberries from \$13.20 per crate to \$11.70.

The parity ratio between prices received for farm products and prices paid now stands at 93. Parity is a statistical means of expressing the relationship between prices paid by farmers and prices received by them. The years 1910-14 are used as a base period. A 100 per cent parity ratio means that prices paid and prices received stand at about the same balance as they did in the base period.

The present ratio of 93 shows that prices received by farmers average 7 per cent below the level which would restore the balance that existed in the base period. Such a balance existed just one year ago, when, on April 15, 1952, the parity ratio was 100.

## Soil Conservation Agent Observes Damage to Sod

G. L. Winchester

On a trip through eastern Wake County on Monday morning after the four to five inch rain on Friday night, I observed how ineffective terracing alone was in solving our conservation problem. One farmer said, "I believe I will plow down my terraces as I think I would have less washing without them." When he told me about how his field was washed, I asked if he had contour tillage. His answer was no, but he admitted that possibly that would have helped.

We later rode down to the field. It was Class III land on a long slope. I did not agree with him that he should destroy his terraces. Building terraces alone on this slope was like sending a boy out to do a man's job. If this field is to continue to produce good to high yields over a long period of time, he should have terraces reinforced with alternate strips of small grain. If he had only had every other terrace interval sown to small grain, his row crops then would have been cultivated on the contour and erosion would be confined to the cultivated strips rather than the gully erosion now present.

### Apex Demonstration

H. B. Hogwood and Ralph Council of Apex High School gave a soil conservation demonstration on 4-H Club Day in Wake County two weeks ago in which they said the loss of soil from cultivated fields was more than 100 times as great as it is from land sown to pasture. They also stated that when the speed of water reduced by one half it dropped thirty-one thirty-seconds of its load of silt and soil. We recalled these facts as we saw tons of soil deposited at the bottom of the slopes when the speed of the water was reduced.

In their talk they urged that the steeper slopes be sown to permanent pasture, hay, or sown crops using the more level lands for row crops. We observed that fields of alfalfa and pastures had been damaged very little due first to the fact that the force of the raindrop was broken by the close growing vegetation and due to denseness of the vegetation that prevents water from moving off at a rapid rate.

### Tippett's Plan

Joe Tippett of Zebulon sowed tall fescue in his corn at the last cultivation. If sufficient moisture is present, this grass should grow, giving some grazing during the fall and winter months. Such a practice might be worth while on tobacco land.

## Last Rites Held For Jim Fuller

Funeral services for Jim Fuller, 55, of Spring Hope, Route 2, who died at Franklin Memorial Hospital Saturday, were held from Lancaster Funeral Home in Louisburg Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial was in the family cemetery at his home.

Surviving are his widow, the former Rosa Lamb; four sons, James and Aucey of Bunn, and David and George C. Fuller of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Adabell Driver of Zebulon, Route 2, and Mrs. Lizzie Dorsey of Louisburg, Route 4.

## HE'S AT CAMP



Barrie S. Davis

Since he's the editor and will never run his own picture, we had to wait until Barrie went to camp to put his photograph in the Record. Commanding officer of the local National Guard unit, he is also president-elect of the Zebulon Rotary Club, historian of the local American Legion post, a junior deacon of the Baptist Church, a Woodman of the World, a 40 and 8-er, a Mason, and a former town commissioner and Scoutmaster.

## National Guard Unit in Alabama

Local National Guardsmen, under the direction of Captain Barrie Davis, arrived at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Tuesday, June 16, in good order and without injury, a telegram from the local battery commander said.

One member of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion, to which Battery A of Zebulon belongs, was killed when a Dunn driver jackknifed his truck and howitzer on a slippery mountain road near Anniston, Alabama, en route to Fort McClellan. Several other Dunn Guardsmen were injured in the wreck.

The local men spent Sunday night in Fort Jackson, S. C., after leaving Zebulon at 5:30 Sunday morning. Monday night was spent at the Army's general depot in Atlanta. Meals at all stops were prepared under the supervision of Sfc. Percy Parrish.

Now in the midst of training, Battery A will participate in a divisional parade at Fort McClellan tomorrow afternoon. Next week the local unit will be graded by Regular Army inspectors on the state of training, morale and discipline.

## Wendell Asburian Members Hear Miss Bridgers Review Guide Posts

The Asburian Class of the Wendell Methodist Church heard Miss Linda Bridgers of Zebulon give an interesting review of Guide Posts' topic on Faith at their June meeting Monday night in the home of Mrs. F. S. May with Mrs. Claude Holst and Mrs. Haywood Biggs as assisting hostesses.

"Wisdom of the Kings" was the devotional topic presented by Mrs. M. M. Veasey.

### Hardest Lesson

The speaker, presented by her aunt, Mrs. A. O. Bridgers of Wendell, chose chapters 1 and 2 of Guide Post, entitled "Hardest Les-

## Mobile X-Ray Unit to Be Here For Three Days

The mobile X-ray unit, checking Wake County residents for chest disorders, will be in Zebulon on Tuesday, June 30, from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. and on Wednesday and Thursday, July 1 and 2, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. It will be parked on Arendell Avenue near the Woman's Club.

Mrs. Wallace Temple, member of the board of directors of the Wake County Tuberculosis Association, urges that every person in and around Zebulon avail themselves of this opportunity to have a free chest X-ray.

"An X-ray today may save your life tomorrow. It takes only a few minutes and it is not necessary to undress. Tuberculosis can be cured when found in its early stages. It is a germ disease and could be wiped out if all the cases could be found and helped to get well. In the early stages it does not make a person feel sick, and yet this is the stage at which it is most easily cured," Mrs. Temple said.

### For All Over 15

"Every person 15 years old and older is urged to come," she continued. "Employers will be urged to encourage their employees to have a chest X-ray and cards showing that all employees have been X-rayed will be displayed. The units belong to the N. C. State Board of Health, and the use of the units is made possible by the Wake County Tuberculosis Association."

## Local Lions to Have Sing Tomorrow Night

The Lions Club of Zebulon is having an All Night Sing on Saturday at 8:00 p. m., June 20, at the Wakelon High School in Zebulon. They are promoting this program to help meet the expenses in their work with the blind and needy people of our community and state.

### Best Quartets, Trios Featured

They have an excellent program lined up featuring the best quartets and trios in North Carolina. The groups include:

The Carolinian Quartet of Asheville, The Live Oak Quartet of Selma, The Renfro Quartet of Winston-Salem, The Calvary Trio of Goldsboro, Baker Quartet of Hopkins Chapel, The Wakelonettes of Zebulon, Brantley Trio of Spring Hope, The Broadridge Quartet of Lumberton.

son" and "Paradise In The Back Yard," as subtitles of her informative and inspirational talk on "Faith."

Group singing and prayer opened the meeting presented over by Class president, Mrs. Calvin Richardson.

Miss Jean Robertson of Zebulon was a guest at the meeting.

The hostesses served a dessert course and presented a corsage to each guest and member as a favor.

The speaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bridgers, is a graduate of Wakelon School, and attended Mars Hill College last year.