

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## GOVERNOR, DIRECTOR TO BE HERE



Ben Douglas



Governor Umstead

Governor William B. Umstead and Ben Douglas, Director of Conservation and Development, will speak in Zebulon next Tuesday night at a regional industrial conference scheduled for 7:30 p. m. in the Wakelon School Auditorium. The public is invited.

## Area Industrial Meet Is For Zebulon on Tuesday

State-wide interest is being shown in plans of the State Board of Conservation and Development to step up efforts to bring more industries to North Carolina, especially in the smaller communities of the State.

This information is contained in word from Raleigh from Director Ben E. Douglas of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

In order to speed plans for securing new industries that will provide more jobs, Director Douglas points out ten "Development Forums" will be held in various places throughout North Carolina during the next six months, with the first scheduled for a nine-county area at Zebulon.

### Nine Counties

The nine-county area includes: Franklin, Wayne, Johnston, Wilson, Granville, Nash, Vance, Warren and Wake. Governor Umstead, who is chairman of the State Board of Conservation and Development, has consistently emphasized the need for more new industries and the expansion of present industries so that not only more jobs will be provided for Tar Heel citizens, but that more tax dollars will also be provided, Douglas said, to carry on present State services without having to boost current State taxes.

Gordon E. Garnhart of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, director of

real estate and insurance for Westinghouse Electric Corporation, will speak at the industrial forum to be held in the Wakelon auditorium in Zebulon on Tuesday evening, August 18, according to Ben Douglas, director of the Board of Conservation and Development.

Director Douglas said that Garnhart was instrumental in helping local the \$10,000,000 Westinghouse plant near Raleigh.

### Hanes Is Chairman

Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, president of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., is chairman of the C. and D. Board's Committee on Commerce and Industry, the unit which is spearheading the all-out efforts to bring more industries to the State. Serving with Mr. Hanes on this important committee are: Leo Harvey, Kinston, vice chairman, Charles S. Allen, Durham, Carl Buchan, Jr., North Wilkesboro, Amos Kearns, High Point, Henry Rankin, Fayetteville and T. Max Watson, Forest City. All are recognized business leaders in their communities, Douglas said.

### Assistance Promised

"These forums," Chairman Hanes explained, "are intended to extend the maximum assistance to the various communities of the State which are eager to encourage industrial development and to obtain the greatest possible cooperation from individuals and organizations for the State program."

All citizens interested in securing new industries for their communities are invited to attend the forum meetings, with special invitations to be sent mayors, town boards, city councilmen, county commissioners, members of Chamber of Commerce, city managers, promotional groups, and civic club members, Douglas said.

## Armory Construction Progress Seen Here

In spite of the delay in the arrival of the steel door frames and windows, the construction of the Zebulon National Guard armory is proceeding according to schedule with nearly all the walls already 12 feet high. The 13,600 square foot building is scheduled for completion in January, 1954.

Exterior walls of the building are cinder block with brick veneer and interior walls are 12-inch cinder block. There will be 14 rooms in addition to the rifle range and main assembly hall.

## Wakelon Opening

Wakelon School will open for the 1953-54 term on Thursday, September 3, according to Superintendent W. R. Whittenton. A complete list of the teachers elected to teach this year will be published in next week's Zebulon Record.

## Thousands Attend Zebulon Farmer's Day; Scott, Manning Make Principal Addresses

### Commerce Group Expresses Thanks

By Ferd Davis

Along about three o'clock yesterday morning Selma and I formed the "Thank God It's Thursday" Club. We are admitting as charter members M. L. Hagwood, Robert Ed Horton, Ed Hales, and all the other folks who worked so hard to make Wednesday a successful Farmer's Day, and, like us, are bound to be glad this event is behind us for this year.

We finished up the details that couldn't wait until the next day not long after midnight, but we sat and talked quite a spell about how cooperative EVERYONE had been. We went over everything that went wrong, and how goodnatured folks were when things were not as they should have been.

### Many Workers

So many people did so much that it is impossible for me to recognize them all in print; you know how it is—often the person who worked the longest and hardest at the roughest job is inadvertently overlooked. If I do that now, I apologize and ask forgiveness in advance.

I now express the gratitude of the Chamber of Commerce to the following:

The thousands of people who came to our event, and the hundreds who remained for all its features.

The merchants who contributed prizes and money as gifts for the folks attending the Farmer's Day.

Frank Kemp for taking charge of the collection and distribution of prizes, and for bringing his ponies for children attending the exercises to ride.

### Mayor Is Thanked

Mayor Worth Hinton for the use of his public address system during the day and evening, and William Bunn for assisting him.

"Bubber" Eddins and Harold Green for cleaning the field of weeds and high grass, and Julius Murray for dragging the baseball diamond.

Frank Wall and Wilbur Debnam for handling the registration booth.

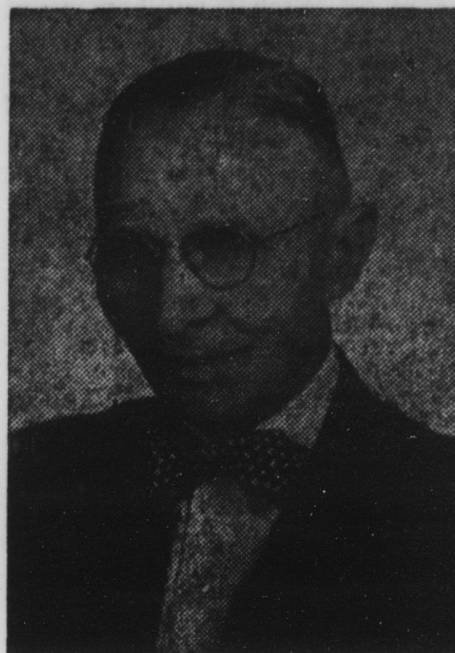
J. P. Arnold, Jack Potter, Wayne Perry, J. L. and Bobbie McGee, Ed Ellington, Warren Greene, and Barrie Davis for erecting the registration tent and speaker's canopy.

The farm equipment dealers who put on such a fine demonstration during the afternoon.

Jack Mitchell and Andrew Draughton for the softball arrangements.

The newspaper reporters, especially George Penny of the News (See THANKS, Page 6)

### LAY LEADER



E. H. Moser

The service in Zebulon Methodist Church on next Sunday at 8 p. m. will be in charge of Lay Leaders, Tom Bailey and E. H. Moser. Rev. S. E. Mercer and Mrs. Mercer are taking a ten day vacation at Lake Junaluska. Mr. Mercer may be reached at Junaluska Apartments, Lake Junaluska, N. C., if necessary.

## Recreation Report Made for Colored

By Lizzie B. Foster

Friday August the 7th brought the close of a six week recreation program for the colored citizens of Zebulon and joining communities. The entire six weeks of work and play have been inspirational and enjoyed. The time has been well spent and we have been benefited through its activities. As such we the Negro citizens of Zebulon and communities lift grateful hearts to the town commissioners and all who have helped to make this program possible. To them we extend our appreciation and thanks. We also thank the parents for their loyal support in making it possible to carry on by sending their children to the recreation center. Participation and interest ran high for four weeks after which tobacco needed attention. This caused the group to become less in number. We all understand that our tobacco and other crops should be taken care of when needed. Despite the handicaps we have managed to carry on. We all know the objective for a recreation program, which is to promote wholesome social life through which develops an individual morally, mentally and physically. This we have tried to do. We will cooperate with the good citizens of (See RECREATION, Page 7)

## Hundreds Remain For All Six Events

Farmers came by thousands to Zebulon's rural fire truck and Farmer's Day events at Wakelon School Wednesday, and they said they had a good time. Apparently they meant what they said, for they came early and stayed late.

The day's activities began at 1:00 p. m. when farm equipment dealers from Zebulon, Raleigh, and other towns put on a demonstration of what their particular implements would do. Introduced to the crowd by Wake County Agent Grady Miller, each dealer drove his equipment in front of the athletic field bleachers and performed for the farm crowd.

At four o'clock welcomes were extended to the crowd by Mayor Worth Hinton, Principal W. R. Whittenton, and President Dewey Massey of the Zebulon Farm Bureau. Prizes were drawn, following the welcome, with Frank Kemp in charge of this event. Short talks were made concerning the fire truck project by several local citizens, including Finer Carolina Chairman Ed Hales and Fire Truck Project Chairman Robert Ed Horton.

### Scott Main Speaker

At five o'clock the crowd heard the principal address of the afternoon, when W. Kerr Scott, former Governor of North Carolina, spoke on the theme of farm progress in this state, citing the local fire truck program as a striking example of what farmers and townspeople can do when they work together.

The dairy farmer from Haw River rode to Zebulon with Ben Roney, his former secretary, but drove Crip Duke's 1914 vintage Ford from the entrance to the school grounds to the athletic field. Scott cranked the Ford himself, after checking with Constable Duke on the kicking propensities of the T-model.

### Guests Introduced

Following the arrival of Scott, President M. L. Hagwood of the Rural Fire Department acted as master of ceremonies, and introduced the distinguished guests present, after an invocation by Rev. Theo. B. Davis.

Guests present for the events in the afternoon included L. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture; A. C. Edwards, former Farm Bureau president and member of the General Assembly; Carl Hicks, president of the Flue Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation; County Agent Miller; C. W. Sheffield of the Department of Agriculture; Sam Yancey of Varina, former Wake County Farm Bureau president; Willard White, Wendell mayor now serving as Wake County Farm Bureau president; Joshua James, former utilities commissioner; and Carl Williamson and Garland Bobbitt of Raleigh.

### Scott Praises Zebulon

Scott, who was introduced by Ferd Davis, a close friend of the former Governor, praised the local fire truck program, and urged non-members to sign up with the Zebulon group. He pointed out the advantages of such fire protection, (See FARMERS, Page 6)

## Finer Carolina Show Here Monday

The Finer Carolina Show will be staged in the Wakelon School auditorium in Zebulon on Monday night, August 17, featuring performances by top radio entertainers and interviews of local people who are working on the Zebulon project in the Finer Carolina Contest. The show begins at 8 o'clock.

The program was scheduled originally for Tuesday night, but was moved up one night to avoid

conflict with the development forum at which Governor William Umstead will speak Tuesday night.

Bob and Mary Bird, David Witherspoon, and Bob Sawyer at the Hammond will be the main attraction. They are well-known to local radio listeners.

Zebulon citizens who will appear include Ed Hales, chairman of the Finer Carolina Steering Committee here.

Admission is free and no ticket

is required to see the one-hour show of songs and jokes.

The program will be broadcast over 23 radio stations in Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina for 30 minutes on Sunday, August 23.

"You can see the show produced, and then hear it again over the radio the following Sunday afternoon," said Ralph Talton, Zebulon district manager of Carolina Power and Light.