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Wakelon School Opens Thursday; Board Takes Part in 1953 Opening

At 9:30 Thursday morning the Wakelon High School opened for the year; and Principal W. R. Whittenton and his staff of 28 teachers were kept busy all morning in enrolling all students and arranging class schedules for the hundreds of school children, some of whom rode a score of miles to reach the school.

PROMOTED



Charlie D. Hawkins, Jr., has been promoted to the position of Customer Serviceman, First Class. Ralph Talton, Manager, announced Hawkins' promotion this week. Hawkins first joined C. P. & L. in 1948 and has been with the company since that date. He has been stationed in Zebulon during the entire period, and before his promotion was a Customer Serviceman, Second Class.

The exercises began with a prayer led by Rev. Theo B. Davis. After special announcements Mr. Whittenton presented Mayor Hinton of Zebulon who spoke words of encouragement to the student body.

Four members of the school board were present: Thurman Murray, A. S. Draughton, Wilson Gay, and Ed. Hales, Chairman, who addressed the assembled audience.

Mrs. Ruth Chamblee, President of the Wakelon P. T. A., was introduced and made announcements pertaining to the P. T. A. organization and work.

Rev. S. E. Mercer, who is a member of the school board, was not able to be present owing to illness.

A large number of patrons and friends were present to see the boys and girls begin school with enthusiasm and earnestness.

First Cotton Bale

Zebulon's first bale of cotton was ginned by the Zebulon Gin Company on Tuesday of this week. The 463 pound bale was grown by Williford Gay of Route 2, Zebulon, and was graded as middling cotton.

Guidance, Development Program Initiated at Wakelon High School

One of the forward steps in the program at Wakelon School was the establishment of a Guidance program, under the direction of Miss Irma Walker and Principal W. R. Whittenton. Miss Walker holds a Master's Degree in Guidance from the University of North Carolina and Mr. Whittenton has done graduate work in guidance, so the program benefits greatly from the experienced leadership provided.

Guidance is a process dealing with the total development of the individual, whether in school or in the community. It can not be set apart as a special department in the school but it must be an integral part of the total school program. To have a successful program there must be an understanding and faith among teachers, students, and parents.

Development Aided

The Wake School Counseling Program aims to help each pupil develop to the best of his abilities by understanding him better and helping the pupil understand himself better. An effort is made to improve records and use the information available on each pupil, and have individual conferences with each student to discuss his personal problems if necessary. Job placements and help in choosing an occupation are given.

Mitchell Surrenders

Johnny Mitchell, local Negro who killed his wife and his hog in a fit of anger Monday, surrendered to officers Monday night, and is now being held in the Wake County jail in Raleigh.

In the school cumulative records are kept an up-to-date record for grades one through twelve. Autobiographies for all high school students are in locked files. Achievement tests and placement tests are given each student.



Miss Irma Lee Walker
Science

A special eighth grade orientation day is sponsored by the Student Government. This day gives the student a chance to know what courses are offered in the high school.

A Future Teacher's Program is sponsored by the Student Council, and members of the Student Council are on duty in the principal's office to help in any way possible.

PANEL SPEAKERS AT FARM MEETING



Three members of Congress will serve on a panel to answer farm questions at the 19th annual meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and the N. C. Cotton Growers Association in Raleigh Tuesday, September 8. They are, left to right, Rep. Harold D. Cooley of Nashville, member of the House Agriculture Committee; Sen. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee; and Rep. Clifford R. Hope of Kansas, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. Also serving will be Dr. D. W. Colvard, dean of the State College School of Agriculture, and Dr. L. Y. Balentine, North Carolina agriculture commissioner. About 5,000 farm people are expected to hear them.

Raleigh Physician Must Stand Trial Here For Alleged Speeding Violation in August

The case of *State v. Herring*, which started out as a run-of-the-mill speeding case but developed into a top North Carolina news story during the last ten days, will probably be tried in the Zebulon Recorder's Court next Wednesday.

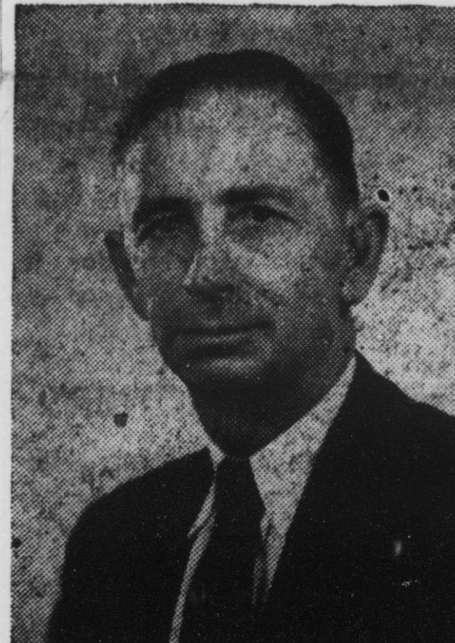
The traffic violation action, which has brought more publicity to Zebulon than either the Farmer's Day or the industrial conference held here last month, involves Dr. Edward Herring, Raleigh physician, charged by Patrolman F. R. Wicker of the State Highway Patrol with driving in excess of the legal limit.

When the case came on to trial in the local court, Judge Irby D. Gill heard no evidence in the action, but gave a special verdict of not guilty, which he declared could be appealed to the Wake County Superior Court.

Solicitor Foster D. Finch protested Judge Gill's action, as did Patrolman Wicker — with sad results for the patrolman, whose superior officers slapped a five-day suspension on him for reducing the alleged speed of the doctor's car from 85 to 70 miles per hour in an effort to save the physician's driver's license.

A wave of editorial comment

swept the state press as a result of the special verdict, but Judge Gill continued to maintain that the state could appeal from his special verdict. Tuesday afternoon, how-



Irby D. Gill

... plagued by press ...

ever, Attorney General Harry McMullan declared that the local case had never been tried, and there was no basis for a special verdict inasmuch as no evidence was heard.

(A special Verdict is a verdict in which the jury finds facts, and on the basis of those facts the judge decides whether the defendant is guilty or not. Evidence is generally required to support such a verdict, even where a judge sits both as judge and jury, as in the local court. No appeal could be taken from such a verdict in a recorder's court until 1945, when the legislature provided for such appeals to both the superior and supreme courts of the state.)

Since Solicitor Finch had pressed for the trial of Dr. Herring and Judge Gill had stated that he was willing to leave his decision up to the Attorney General, the Raleigh physician will probably have to answer the speeding charge in person or through counsel this month.

Judge Gill stated yesterday that he had no comment to make at this time. Solicitor Finch stated only that he intended to try the case on Wednesday, September 9.

The affair has caused much local interest as well as statewide interest, but comment has now largely subsided here, except for speculation as to the disposition of the matter if and when it comes before the court again.

IT'S DEFINITE NOW:

Rural Fire Truck to Arrive in October

The bright red fire truck ordered a long, long time ago by the Zebulon Rural Fire Department, Inc., will be here October 1, according to President M. L. Hagwood of the Rural Fire Department. With three other local representatives, he made a special trip to Charlotte to tell the manufacturers of the truck to put up or shut up because the community is tired of waiting for the needed equipment.

With President Hagwood went Robert Ed Horton, chairman of the Fire Truck Project entered in the Fire Carolina contest; Ed Hales, who is chairman of the Fire Carolina Steering Committee; and Willie B. Hopkins, director of the

Rural Fire Department.

The long delay in the completion of the truck was caused by the government wanting the same type of high pressure water pump required on the truck. The government has first call, of course, so the Dolly Pump Company in Chicago had to postpone shipment of the pump for the Zebulon truck until the government orders were filled.

But the pump arrived in Charlotte Monday, according to President Hagwood, and he and the other three Zebulon visitors saw with their own eyes that the pump and equipment to be mounted on the truck are on the floor ready to be mounted on the chassis.

The delegation visited a fire department near Charlotte which has been using a truck with the same equipment for the past two years. The members of this fire department were highly enthusiastic about the equipment.

"We renewed the contract," President Hagwood said, "when I received a personal letter from the Dolly Company explaining the delay in shipping was caused by government orders and not through any fault of the Charlotte firm."

The Zebulon Rural Fire Department could have had the truck delivered over a month ago by agreeing to a smaller capacity pump, but the Directors felt the larger pump's value justified the wait.