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Zebulon Stores to Offer Christmas Shopper Top Values for Yule Money

Zebulon merchants will offer their customers the greatest bargains ever presented in this community during the 1953 Christmas shopping season, reports made to the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their November meeting indicated.

Because of the short tobacco crop and subsequent scarcity of cash money in this section, local

merchants realize, President Ferd Davis said, that if they are to receive their usual share of pre-Christmas patronage, it will be necessary to offer quality goods at prices at least as low as in other shopping centers, and a check with Chamber of Commerce members shows that Zebulon stores will surpass announced plans of other towns in this respect.

News of these bargains will be presented in two pre-Christmas editions of the *Record*, the first on November 24, and the second on December 8. These two editions of the newspaper will go to every post office and rural box holder in the Zebulon trade area.

The Chamber of Commerce is also making plans for Santa Claus to be in Zebulon during the Christmas shopping period. Pat Farmer is in charge of arranging details of Santa's visit here.

Holiday Decorations

The municipal authorities and the Chamber of Commerce are cooperating in decorating the business district for the holidays, with essentially the same street decorations with a tree at the intersection of Vance Street and Arendell Avenue planned.

In addition, prizes will again be offered for the best store and home decorations during the Yuletide, and individual merchants are offering special inducements to Christmas trade other than quality at bargain prices.

Further details of the Christmas preparations will be given in subsequent editions of the *Record*, including the two Christmas shopping guides.

ENGINEER



W. Ray Goodwin

W. Ray Goodwin, formerly of Raleigh, has come to Zebulon as the Electrical Engineer for the Zebulon district of Carolina Power & Light Company. With his wife and two daughters, Betsy and Martha Raye, he lived in the John Kemp home in Wakefield.

Price Funeral Is Held at Central; Massey Services Held at Pilot

Funeral services for Henry Lee Price, 32, of Winston-Salem, were held at Central Baptist Church Saturday at 3 p. m., with burial following in the church cemetery. The Rev. J. N. Stancil of Rocky Mount was in charge, assisted by the Rev. Joe Puckett, pastor of Central, and the Rev. A. D. Parrish of Zebulon.

In Truck Accident

Mr. Price was killed in a truck accident near Wytheville, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, the former Marguerite Hester of Wendell; two daughters, Suzanne and Sandra Lee, all of the home; his foster father, Mr. Alphas Cooke of near Wendell; four sisters, two brothers; his parents, Charlie N. Price and Mrs. P. R. Rouse, both of Tarboro, and one brother.

G. Urquhart Massey

George Urquhart Massey, 52, of Pilot died at his home Friday following a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Pilot Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, with the Rev. M. A. Pegram,

pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ralph Cannon of Kinston.

The body was taken to the church one hour prior to the funeral service. Burial was in the Hephzibah Cemetery.

Member at Pilot

Mr. Massey was a lifelong member of the Pilot Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and, for a number of years, as Sunday School superintendent. He was active in the civic life of the community.

Survivors Listed

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Buchanan Massey of Pilot; his father, Jeff Massey of Pilot; a son, Wayne Massey of the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Chanute Field, Ill.; two daughters, Laura Jean of Woman's College in Greensboro, and Betsy of the home; three brothers, Philip F. and P. Howard Massey, both of Zebulon, and J. Preston Massey of Pilot; four sisters, Mrs. J. E. Tharrington of Raleigh, Mrs. Gregory Bissette of Henderson, Mrs. Dollie Bissette of Oxford, and Mrs. Fred Hall of Pilot.

PARTICIPATE IN RALEIGH RADIO SHOW



Eight people from the Zebulon community were featured on the early-morning B.J. Show over Raleigh's radio station WPTF recently. The picture shown was made when Bill Jackson was here to record the show on tape at Massey's Hatchery. Left to right are Oren Massey, Jr.; D. H. Price of Selma, RFD; Harold Greene; Mrs. Oren Massey, Sr.; O. D. Massey, Sr.; Wilson Gay; Bill Jackson; and Steve Blackley.

Methodist Minister Says Americans Philanthropic, But Inclined to Be Dogmatic in Religious Views

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

As we survey the state of religion in our beloved America we see an interesting but badly mixed and blurred situation. On one hand we see many signs that encourage us to feel that we are indeed a godly nation that can rightly claim and receive God's blessing. More of our citizens are church members than ever before in history. Millions worship God on Sunday. Stately cathedral like churches adorn our cities, active churches abound in our small towns and lovely chapels adorn the country. Church giving runs into magnificent sums. Our churches support all kinds of benevolent and humanitarian institutions. As a nation we seek to play Good Samaritan to a hungry and needy world. Some of our citizens grumble about it, but deep down in our hearts most of us are proud to be citizens of a big hearted philanthropic nation.

So at a quick glance we might conclude that religion has had almost full sway in our land and that we can correctly be called a godly and a Christian nation.

Yet as we look a little deeper we find that there are glaring inconsistencies and shortcomings in our national and religious life. We find

that many religious groups do not have proper appreciation for each other. There are far too many divisions. While some churches are very cooperative and seek to weld the Christian people of the world into a spiritual unity and thus be-

that were either lost or won in past generations. Thus we have cold dogmatic churchmanship in some places instead of sweet spirited, warm hearted, brotherly, cooperative Christianity.

Probably the most distressing things about religion in America today is that it has not more completely transformed and changed society for the better. While some of us worship, others steal, kill, carouse and make their weekends nightmares of dissipation. The salt of the earth has not been sufficiently applied to the meat of the world, and therefore, the rottenness of sin and degradation has set in. The light of the world is not shining sufficiently on the dark spots of evil. As Christian people we must learn how to apply our Christianity more effectively to the people and the problems all over our great land. Then we will indeed be a godly nation. So let us not be discouraged, but let us remember that there is so much that is fine, true and Christian that whenever we church people take our religion seriously, a new day will dawn and a truly Christian America will come to pass. "Awake, thou that sleepest, arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."—S. E. M.



S. E. Mercer

writes article

gin to build a bridge that will make for peace and brotherhood, other groups seek to be more aloof and dogmatic than ever. Some are even trying to fight again battles

Says Town in Top Shape Financially

The Town of Zebulon is in mighty good shape financially, Town Manager Willie B. Hopkins reported to the Zebulon Rotary Club last Friday night in his annual review of town affairs. In spite of heavy expenditures for improvements to the town during the past year, a surplus was on hand at the end of the fiscal year.

Assets of the Town of Zebulon are \$316,500, the official reported, and liabilities, consisting almost altogether of the bonded indebtedness, amounts to \$147,824, giving the town a net worth of \$168,716.

This shows an increase in net worth during the past year of \$22,195.

In answer to the question of why

the municipal tax rate has not been lowered if a surplus is in the treasury, Willie B. reported this money is used for improvements. During the past year the improvements have included the National Guard armory site purchase, a \$2,400 garbage collection truck, a \$1,500 police car, and water tank repairs amounting to \$950.

Other Uses

The surplus also will be used for sidewalk paving. According to a ruling recently made by the Board of Commissioners, the town will pay half of the costs of paving sidewalks up to 70c a running foot, when all owners on as much as a block of the town request it. The

sidewalks must meet requirements of the town and money must be available in the town treasury.

Because of the need for continued improvements, the Board of Commissioners decided against lowering the tax rate, the speaker said.

Revenue for the fiscal year 1952-53 was \$62,642.06, and expenditures were \$61,192.67. This compares with the budget set for that year of \$59,000.00.

In answer to questions about the new privilege license tax schedule, Willie B. said that the new schedule was adopted to replace the obsolete schedule used without change since it was adopted by

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