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NAMED AS FARM MEN OF YEAR



John W. Umstead, left, and J. H. Clark, right, have been honored by *Progressive Farmer* through selection as men of the year in North Carolina agriculture. Both men have been active in seeking to provide hospital facilities for all North Carolinians, including rural residents, and were honored by the farm publication for their efforts in this field.

Santa Claus to Visit Zebulon; First Appearance Dec. 10th

Santa Claus, busy man though he is, is going to make a pre-Christmas appearance in Zebulon at 4:30 Thursday afternoon, December 10, when he will fly to the Zebulon Airport, hitch a ride on the rural fire truck, and ride to Zebulon to meet the children of this area.

Christmas Week

Santa will remain in town between two and three hours that day, Chief of Police Willie B. Hopkins said yesterday, and will return the following Saturday afternoon. He will be in Zebulon a third time on Saturday afternoon, December 19, and will come to town for a few hours each afternoon of Christmas week, beginning Monday, December 21.

Christmas decorations will line the streets by the time of Santa's arrival, Chief Hopkins stated, and

an additional item of decoration will be a large Christmas tree at the intersection of Vance Street and Arendell Avenue.

Zebulon merchants are expected to have their stores completely decorated by December 10, and several merchants are planning to offer special shopping bargains on the day Santa pays his first visit to Zebulon, in addition to the list of bargains already on sale in local stores.

Special Edition

Another special edition of the *Record* will be published next Tuesday, December 8, when the local newspaper will go to every home in this trade area. Shoppers are urged to read the advertisements in that edition with special care, since hundreds of gift bargains will be noted by local merchants.

Sidney Eddins Speaks to Rotary Club on Oil Resource Conservation

"Conservation is not hoarding, but is making fullest use of natural resources," Sidney Eddins, local oil distributor and filling station operator, told members of the Zebulon Rotary Club last Friday night. He gave this observation in acquainting his fellow Rotarians with his life and work.

The speaker said that except for the years he worked in the ship yards at Wilmington during the war he has been in the Zebulon community ever since he was born a mile from town in 1914.

He graduated from Wakelon School in the depression year of 1932 and farmed for four years after his graduation. In 1936 he joined Avon Privett in the filling station business, working with him until the war began and he went to Wilmington.

In the spring of 1946 he joined Irby Gill in the operation of the

Atlantic Service Station, working there until he went back into business with Avon Privett.

Interesting facts about the oil industry were related by Sidney during his talk. He stated that two gallons of gasoline sold today is equivalent in power to three gallons sold in 1925.

More Oil Used

As an example of conservation practiced in the oil industry, Sidney said that a few years ago only one-fifth of the oil that came out of the ground was used. Today, through improvements in refining processes, up to 80 percent of the crude oil is utilized.

The annual Christmas program honoring the Rotarians will be held in the Wakelon cafeteria on December 18. No meeting will be held Christmas Day.

Frank Coiner, a former member of the club, was a visitor.

Finer Carolina Workers Plan Final Reports in '53 Contest

New Armory Gets Oil, Other Items

The new National Guard armory has progressed to a point where Battery A is having to dig deep into its available funds to finance preparations for its occupation of the building some time this month, according to Unit Administrator Johnsey Arnold. Last week the artillery unit brought 3,700 gallons of fuel oil for its storage tank at the new armory.

Wesley Liles, local oil distributor, supplied the fuel oil to the National Guard unit at a cost below that paid by the State of North Carolina.

Liles, a Zebulon town commissioner who has two sons in the Zebulon unit of the National Guard, said that when he learned the fuel oil had to be bought with funds provided by the local National Guard unit, he agreed to furnish the oil at no profit.

The appreciation of the Guard unit was expressed by Capt. Barrie Davis, commander. He stated that when the armory is completed, it will be the responsibility of local Guardsmen to provide blackboards, desks, and chairs for the classrooms, kitchen stove and refrigerator, and lockers for the clothing. He estimated the cost of this necessary equipment at nearly \$5,000. State and Federal funds are not provided for this purpose.

Plans for square dances, turkey shoots, and other activities in the armory to raise the necessary funds are being made.

The next drill for Battery A will be held Monday night, December 7. This is the only assembly scheduled for December, except a special drill to be called for moving equipment if the armory is completed.

Christmas Seal Data Is Given to Public

At the close of the second week of the Annual Christmas Seal Sale Mrs. Tom Grier, seal sale chairman, reported \$6764.04. On the basis of this return Mrs. Grier expressed confidence that the Association's goal of \$20,000 will be met by the people of Wake County.

Meeting this goal means the continuation of the Free Diagnostic Clinic. For the past three years this clinic has averaged 10,000 X-rays per year at its clinic. The Association cooperated with the State Board of Health in bringing mobile X-ray units into all sections of the county last summer. During the eleven days the units were in the county, 6,672 persons were X-rayed.

PTA POSTPONED

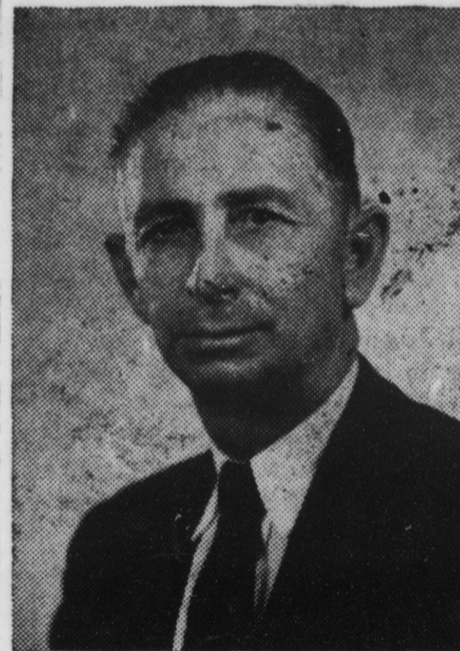
There will not be a P. T. A. meeting during the month of December. The next meeting will be January 18, 1954.

HONORED



R. Vance Brown

18 years of service



Irby D. Gill

24 years of service

The two Rotarians pictured above have been honored through designation as senior active members of their civic organization, joining C. V. Whitley in this classification which is open to Rotarians who have completed at least 15 years of service through Rotary membership and work. Mr. Brown has been a Rotarian for 18 years, Judge Gill for 24 years.

Four Projects Are Completed in Year

With four of its five projects completed, and the fifth postponed temporarily for good reason, Zebulon should stand a good chance of winning recognition in the Finer Carolina Contest, according to Ed Hales, chairman of the Finer Carolina Steering Committee here.

The final date for reports on work done this year is due on December 11. The contest is sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Company.

The four completed projects include the incorporation of the Zebulon Rural Fire Department, Inc., and the purchase of a fire truck; the collecting and cataloguing of 1,000 additional books for the community library; the landscaping of the community park; and the purchase and installation of playground equipment at the park.

One Postponed

The fifth project, a community building, was postponed to permit the community to concentrate its efforts on obtaining a factory building for a new industry which wants to establish a large plant here.

The 1,000-book goal for the Community Library was passed nearly a month ago, according to Mrs. Ralph Bunn, chairman of the project. The books are of excellent quality and in like-new condition.

In addition to the books, Mrs. Bunn is having a sign painted to be placed over the door identifying the library.

The biggest project, the purchase of a rural fire truck, was under the chairmanship of Robert Ed Horton. The Zebulon Farm Bureau sponsored the project, and members of the Farm Bureau cooperated in the months of work which made the project successful.

The landscaping work at the community park was completed yesterday when tractors cut the

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Funeral Services Are to Be Held This Afternoon for James Davis

Funeral services for James Clifton Davis, 41, of Durham will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Hall-Wynne Funeral Chapel in Durham. The Rev. A. D. Parrish of Zebulon will officiate at the rites. Final rites and interment will be held at the graveside in the Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery near Zebulon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Davis died at his home early Sunday morning after suffering a heart attack. Born in Johnston County near Middlesex, he was the son of Mrs. Virginia May Moody Davis and the late Jim Davis. He lived most of his life in Johnston County, having

moved to Durham in 1941. He was a veteran of World War II, and a member of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Johnston County. He was married to the former Vila Poole of Selma, who survives. Other survivors include his mother, Mrs. Virginia May Davis of Zebulon; six sisters, Mrs. Rudolph Manning of Zebulon, Mrs. Early Hocutt of Wendell, Mrs. Howard Lynch of Graham, Mrs. John Robb of Greenwich, R. I. Mrs. Margaret Kelly of Utica, N. Y., and Mrs. Tommy Thompson of National City, Calif., three brothers, Howard Davis, Durham; Worth Davis, Middlesex; W. E. Davis, Zebulon.