

SANTA TO BE IN ZEBULON THURSDAY

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## Progress Reported on Zebulon Industrial Building

### Rotary Club Told Of Garden Plans

One of the most ambitious projects ever attempted by the Zebulon Garden Club has been adopted for the next two years, Mrs. Ferd Davis, president of the group, told members of the Zebulon Rotary Club last Friday night. The Garden Club plans to supervise the landscaping and beautification of the National Guard armory site.

Mrs. Davis gave this information during her report on the history and work of the local Garden Club. The talk was one of a series on community organizations.

The Garden Club was active in Zebulon during the years before World War II, but disbanded during the war so that its members could devote their time to rolling bandages and other war work.

In 1951 the Garden Club was reorganized, with the work sparked by Mrs. Charles Flowers, Sr. Mrs. Carsey Tippett was named first president of the reorganized club, and the members named it "The Carmen Flowers Garden Club" in honor of Mrs. Flowers.

#### Other Officers

Present officers of the club in addition to Mrs. Davis are Mrs. Elwood Perry, vice president, and Mrs. Rochelle Long, secretary. The Ways and Means Committee includes Mrs. Bernice Bunn, Mrs. Ruric Gill, Mrs. Randolph Hendricks and Mrs. A. D. Antone.

The purpose of the Garden Club is to foster the love of flowers and learn new and better methods of growing and displaying them. The state projects this year are conservation of water resources and the Elizabethan Garden at Manteo, which is a memorial to the first colonists.

Landscaping of the armory site will include planting pines, shade trees, bulbs, lawn seed, and ever- (See ROTARY, Page 8)

### Christmas Party Set By Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met Friday night in the home of Mrs. Frank Wall. Her home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme.

Following a business session, members gave Mrs. Wall a surprise shower.

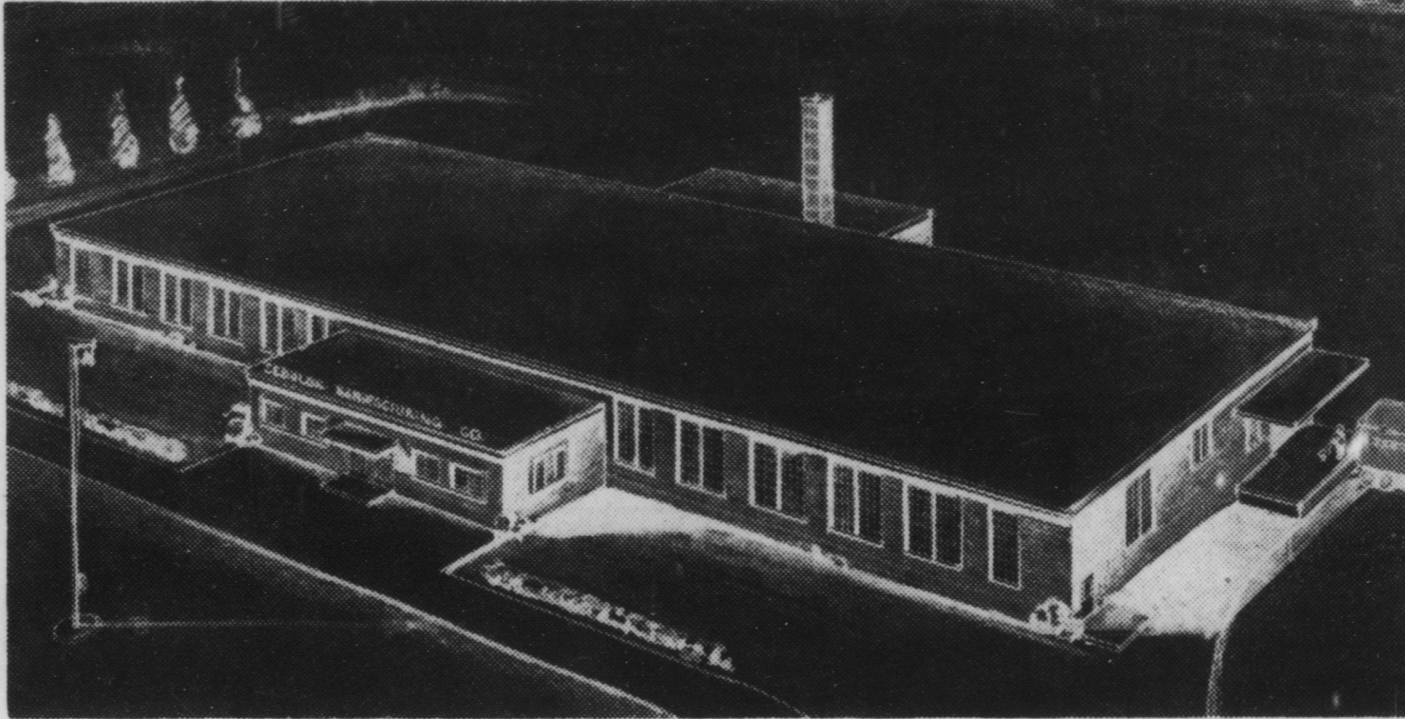
Plans were made for the family Christmas party which will be held this Wednesday night in the Woman's Clubhouse.

Miss Beth Massey, past president, was presented a past president's emblem, by the president, Mrs. Sidney Holmes, in appreciation for the wonderful job she did as president.

### New Library Books

One hundred and twenty new children's books, all approved by the N. C. Library Association, have been purchased by the American Legion Auxiliary, according to Mrs. Ralph Bunn, Chairman of the finer Carolina Library Committee. This brings the total number of books in the library to 1028.

### NEW INDUSTRIAL PLANT FOR ZEBULON



Architect's conception of new factory for Town of Zebulon

## Santa Claus to Pay an Early Visit To Zebulon on Thursday, Dec. 10

Santa Claus is coming to town! Of course he will be here the night of December 24, but he is going to pay a special early visit to Zebulon Thursday afternoon,

December 10, at 4:30 p. m., when he will fly direct from the north pole to the Zebulon Airport.

Chief of Police Willie B. Hopkins will pick up Santa at the airport on the new rural fire truck, and bring him to the intersection of Arendell Avenue and Vance Street where Santa will meet children from the Zebulon community and give free bubble gum to all who greet him.

#### Street Decorations

Pat Farmer and Dalmon Whitley, who have been in charge of getting the old gentleman to Zebulon early, announced yesterday that all is in readiness for his early visit, except Christmas street decorations, which will be up between now and Thursday afternoon.

#### Free Bubble Gum

A new feature of the street decorations this year will be a decorated tree at Vance-Arendell inter-

section. At this spot Santa will give away his gifts of bubble gum.

Other visits from Santa Claus are scheduled for the Saturday afternoons of December 12 and 19, and each afternoon of Christmas week, beginning December 21.

#### Special Bargains

Local merchants are planning special bargains for Thursday for parents of children who come to see Santa, plus the unusually low prices on all Christmas merchandise in Zebulon stores. Several general sales are planned to begin here Thursday morning, in addition to spot merchandise bargains in all stores.

Santa is expected to fly over town about 4 o'clock, the arrangements committee stated, and he will arrive here approximately 30 minutes later. All children in the community are especially invited to see him on his first visit here Thursday afternoon, December 10.

## Joe Wood Will Lead Masons

Joe Wood, local filling station operator, was elected master of the Zebulon Masonic Lodge last Tuesday night. He succeeds Clarence Hocutt, local drivers' license examiner.

Carl Kemp was named to succeed Wood as senior deacon, and I. B. Richardson was elected junior deacon, succeeding Kemp. R. Vance Brown was named secretary of the local lodge, a position he has held for several years, and William Bunn, former master, was named a trustee for three years, succeeding R. H. Bridgers whose term expires this month.

#### Bridgers Elected

Bridgers was elected treasurer of the lodge, replacing Dr. C. E. Flowers who had served the lodge as treasurer for over 20 years prior to leaving Zebulon last month to become medical director of the state prisons system.

An emergent communication with work in the first degree is



Joe Wood

planned for 7:30 p. m. tonight, Hocutt announced.

E. C. Daniel and W. C. Campen served a chicken barbecue supper to about 60 Masons prior to the meeting.

### Taxes, Interest Due January 4th

Prospects for early construction of a factory building for a proposed new cutting and sewing operation in Zebulon are good enough for people to start putting their money up, C. V. Whitley, chairman of the industrial committee of the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce, announced yesterday.

The announcement came in the form of letters to backers of the proposed industry, which calls for payment to be made on checks for interest and tax money on January 4, 1954.

The text of Mr. Whitley's letter follows:

It now appears that the manufacturing plant for Zebulon is a reality. There are a few details to be worked out; however, no hitch is contemplated in the remainder of the negotiations. We do lack some over a thousand dollars having the required amount to meet taxes and interest necessary to carry out our part of the agreement. Some of the solicitors have not been able to complete their work and we hope this will be done right away as we now need to bring this to a conclusion without further delay.

Grading on the land should begin in a few days and within a very short time — probably two weeks, work will begin on the building. With favorable weather conditions the contractor estimates that it will take something like 4 months to complete the building.

#### Huge Building

The building with adjoining office and other enclosed space will cover something like 34,000 sq. feet. It will be of brick veneer construction and substantially built throughout. We believe the appearance of the building will be unusually attractive for a manufacturing plant.

The completed building with land and other necessary requirements will cost considerably more than was first estimated and some more than we thought as late as 10 days ago. The committee working with Mr. Rosenstock, one of our local concerns and the contractors was able to work out revised specifications and also to get concessions that brought the price down considerably from the original bids. Our investigations show that the square foot cost is much less than buildings of this type usually cost.

#### Many Employees

We are also encouraged about the number that will be employed by this plant. It now appears that within a reasonable length of time that as many as 200 or more may be working with this concern. We feel sure that when this plant is in operation it will be a business that Zebulon and surrounding territory can be very proud to have with us.

As chairman of the committee working on this project, I want to thank you very, very much for your donation and the unselfish manner in which you gave of your (See FACTORY, Page 8)

BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO ZEBULON NEXT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, TO SEE SANTA