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## ROTARIANS HEAR BIOGRAPHY

### It Took Fifty Years

Just a little over 50 years ago at Mt. Holly in Gaston County Horace Smith was born. Almost 50 years later he came to Zebulon. He has had little cause to regret either happening, Mr Smith said, in a talk made at the Friday night meeting of the Zebulon Rotary Club.

Mr. Smith is manager of Little River Ice and Coal Company in Zebulon.

For twenty years he lived on a farm near Mt. Holly, he said, then he began work with Swift & Company in 1926. He went back to the farm in 1931, but made it a part-time occupation when the A & P Store offered him a position.

In 1944 he began work as manager of the A & P Store in Shelby, continuing there until he was offered an opportunity to come to Zebulon with Little River Ice Company.

He is married and has two children, a son 24 years old and a daughter 14 years old. The son recently returned from Germany where he served as an officer in the army.

Interesting facts about the coal industry were given by the speaker during his talk. In 1952, he said, over 42 percent of heat and power energy was derived from coal. It required over 453,000,000 tons of coal.

Despite the tremendous amount of coal that is used, there will be no shortage in the foreseeable future, he advised. And the future, in spite of any competition from oil or atomic energy, will find a growing use for coal.

Russian coal production has increased tremendously, he said. Machines are used which in 16 hours can cut and load 400 tons of coal with only 67 men working on it. Other machines, working on different types of veins, can cut and load up to 700 tons in the same period of time.

This community will continue to use more anthracite coal, he said, for it is proving to be one of the most satisfactory and economical methods of curing tobacco. The installation costs of coal-curing equipment is higher than other methods, but the operating costs are much lower.

### Truck Registration Requires More Facts

North Carolina truck and trailer owners must supply the Motor Vehicles Department with certain licensing information when applying for 1954 tags, Registration Director Foy Ingram said today.

Space is provided on the reverse side of the owner's renewal card for this information which must be filled in prior to the issuance of new plates. Those applying by mail must be certain to include the information on their renewal card.

Miss Ingram explained, "Truck and trailer owners must declare the empty weight and maximum load carried by their vehicles at the time they apply for 1954 licenses. This is due to the fact that the basis for license fees has been changed from the manufacturer's recommended gross weight to the owner's declared weight.

The regulation affects only truck and trailer owners Miss Ingram said.

### ON PROGRAM



Mrs. E. G. Hill

### Women's Groups To Meet Tonight

The annual joint meeting of the Zebulon Senior Woman's Club, the Junior Woman's Club, and the Garden Club will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the club house. The Senior Club will be hostess for the meeting.

Mrs. Carsey Tippet, chairman of the music department for the Junior Club, will be in charge of the program, which will be presented by Mrs. E. G. Hill, teacher of public school music at Wakelon School.

The Garden Club is preparing special decorations for the club room.

### Classified Gets Dog When Radio Fails

Leaman Brantley, from out on Route 1, Zebulon, was a happy man when he came in the shop yesterday. He wanted to cancel the classified advertisement telling of his lost dog. The dog had been found as a result of the first two insertions.

It was interesting, Leaman said, because the dog had been lost near Middlesex and the person who found it lived north of Wendell. The finder had learned of Leaman's loss by reading the classified column in last Tuesday's Record.

Not only that, Leaman said, but the advertisements, which cost him only 75 cents, got results when announcements over two radio stations had failed.

"Getting that little dog back made my children happier than Santa Claus ever will," Leaman commented.

### Miss Reba Privette Nursing Graduate

Included in the sixteen graduates of the Wilson School of Nursing that has been registered recently as a result of examination given by the North Carolina Board of Nurse Examiners was Miss Reba Florence Privette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Privette of Zebulon, Route 3.

Miss Privette is currently employed by State Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.

### Action Planned For December 28 On Cub Scouting

Zebulon parents will move Monday night, December 28, to restore Cub Scouting in this community, when a meeting will be held at the Zebulon Baptist Church with Bill Ray, Raleigh scouting executive, to name leaders and other workers in the local program.

At a preliminary meeting held at the Baptist Church on Sunday night at 6:30, J. R. Sawyer was elected unanimously to head the local Cub program. Mr. Sawyer then set the December 28 meeting date, with the consent of parents present, and asked for a larger attendance at the later meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p. m. in the Baraca room.

Mr. Ray, who was introduced to the local parents by Rev. B. A. Asbury, spoke at length about Cubbing and what it means to boys and parents, and called upon Scoutmaster Armstrong Cannady to tell of Zebulon's experience with Cubbing in the past.

All speakers emphasized that the responsibility for making Cub Scouting successful depends more upon the Cub's parents than on any other person, and asked that parents participate quite as much as the child.

Mr. Sawyer expects to make more information available to the public prior to the meeting on December 28.

### Wakelon JV Team Meets Wendell Here

The Wakelon junior varsity basketball team, coached by George Massey and Willie Griswold, will meet the Wendell jayvees at the Wakelon Gymnasium tomorrow night, December 16, at 7:30.

The first game between the two junior varsity teams, which was played at Wendell last Wednesday night, was won by Wendell, 45-41. Robert Jenkins with 12 points and Tony Wilson with 11 points led the Wakelon scoring.

Local citizens are urged by school authorities to support the junior varsity team by attending its games, which were scheduled in an effort to give future varsity performers competitive experience before they actually meet other varsity players.

### Lions' Last Meeting Of Year Thursday

The final 1953 meeting will be conducted by the Zebulon Lions Club on Thursday night of this week, Lions President Gilbert Beck announced yesterday as he urged all members of the local club to attend. The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock.

The year has been an active 12 months for the Zebulon Club, which has gained state-wide recognition for its activities. President Beck asked that local Lions end the year right by attending the final assembly.

### Prices Down

In North Carolina the average of all beef cattle prices dropped from \$24.20 per hundred pounds in April, 1952 to \$12.20 in September, 1953.

### Agencies Share Collections For Zebulon United Fund; New Officers Are Elected

The Zebulon United Fund accepted funds from solicitation workers, voted to spend them, and elected ten officers for the coming year at a busy session last Friday night in the municipal building.

J. C. Debnam, retiring president, announced his inability to continue as president of the local organization beyond the present term, and expressed appreciation for the loyal support given him.

Following Mr. Debnam's statement, several members expressed regret that he would not be able to serve as president, and an expression of appreciation for Mr. Debnam, Treasurer R. Vance Brown, Solicitation Chairman Ralph Talton, and other officials of the United Fund was passed unanimously by the membership.

Howard Beck, local venter plant manager, was subsequently elected to succeed Mr. Debnam as president, and Horace Smith, manager of Little River Ice Company, was named vice president. Mrs. Ferd Davis was elected secretary, and R. Vance Brown was reelected treasurer.

New directors were named for three-year terms, succeeding Mrs. Ralph Bunn, Mrs. Wallace Temple, Gilbert Beck, and Mrs. Vernetta Harris; for a two-year term, succeeding Mrs. Billy Privette; and for a one-year term, succeeding Mrs. Vera Rhodes.

Named to a three-year term were Mrs. W. W. Watkins, Mrs. Ferd Davis, Frank Wall, and Harold Beck was named to a two-year term, and Jack Mitchell was elected to a one-year term.

The United Fund membership voted to pay the various participating charities on the basis of 90 per cent of the declared goal, since the amount contributed was approximately 90 per cent of the budget. Thus the Recreation Commission, with a budget of \$1,000, will receive only \$900 from the United Fund this year. Other agencies will share accordingly.

Although attendance at the meeting was relatively light, the members present seemed reasonably well satisfied with the initial United Fund effort this year.

### CHAIRMAN



Howard Beck

Mr. Beck was elected last Friday night to serve as President of the Zebulon United Fund for the coming year.

### NG Armory Work Behind Schedule

There's no hope for the National Guard armory being ready by Christmas, but it should be ready by the first week in January, according to Frank Christopher, construction superintendent. Unless something unforeseen occurs, there should be no hitches in the work that remains.

Painting is going on this week. The main assembly hall has yellow ceiling, and two-tone green walls. Green, in fact, is the predominant color throughout the \$100,000 building, with offices, rifle range, and class rooms all painted greens.

This week the heating contractor is installing radiators and boiler, and nearly everything but cleaning up the building will be done before Christmas.

The local Guard unit plans to move into the new armory about January 10.

### Little River Woodmen Elect New Officers; Price Will Head Camp

Joseph "Pet" Price, local driver's license examiner, was named consul commander of the Little River Camp of the Woodmen of the World Thursday night, December 10, at a meeting at the Woman's Club. He succeeds Paul Strickland, who has served for two terms as head of the local WOW unit; Strickland will serve as past consul commander for the coming year.

Price, Strickland, and other officers will be installed at a ladies' night supper meeting, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday night, January 13, at 7 o'clock.

Other officers named at the Thursday night session were Melvin Lanier, adviser lieutenant; Bertie Brantley, banker; Wilton Price, escort; Durwood Richardson, watchman; C. F. Wallace, sentry; Barrie Davis, auditor; and Claud

Dunn, secretary. Dunn has served as secretary of the Little River Camp since it was founded.

Local Woodmen will go to the Middlesex Orphanage tomorrow night, December 16, at 7 o'clock, to present gifts to the children there on behalf of the Bethel district of Woodmen of the World. Last year the WOW gift to the orphanage was a television set; this year the main WOW gift is a new hot water heater for the kitchen.

### More Snap Beans Grown in N. C.

As of November 1, early fall snap bean production in North Carolina is estimated at 84,000 bushels, 57,000 bushels above the short 1952 crop and 9,000 bushels above average.