

## REFUSE TO COOPERATE

# March of Dimes Won't Take United Fund Help; Plans Independent Drive

Jack McGee, representing the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, told the Zebulon Rotarians last Friday night that a March of Dimes campaign will be conducted in this community in spite of funds already available for the fight against polio in the United Fund.

What was scheduled to be a five-minute report to the club turned into a full half-hour discussion, with the planned program postponed to make way for the hearing.

Mr. McGee reported on the progress made in the fight against polio, and explained how the money raised in various communities is divided between local and national purposes.

The National Foundation will not accept money from United Funds or similar organizations because it believes more money can be solicited through an independent drive, he said. For that reason, it will not accept money from the Zebulon United Fund.

Members of the Rotary Club explained that resistance to charitable drives is increasing in the community, and that the United Fund was instituted to answer the need of a single, intensive campaign. It was agreed by the community that the United Fund would replace the usual multitude of drives to be held in 1954.

It was explained that the Rotary Club, which has conducted the March of Dimes here for years, could not accept the project this year without "breaking faith" with the community, for the people voted for and supported the United Fund believing it would eliminate

## C. E. Seawell Resigns Fire Department Post

C. E. Seawell, a member of the Zebulon fire department 18 years, tendered his resignation effective Dec. 31. Fire Chief Hopkins accepted the resignation with regret.

Mr. Seawell gave as his reasons for relinquishing the position the unexpected call to service in case of fire without being able to leave any one in charge of his business, and the fact that younger men are available who could discharge the duties of a fire fighter when called upon.

He served under two fire chiefs: Jack Hinton and the present chief, W. B. Hopkins.

## Big Farm Investment Made to Pay For Progressive, Industrious Farmer

G. L. Winchester

The writer visited the farm of Exum Hare recently and found good pastures there. Black Angus cattle were also observed grazing tall fescue in a tobacco rotation. The rotation is (1) tobacco and (2) small grain (tall fescue). The tall fescue may be mixed with any of the small grain and drilled. After small grain is harvested, the grass will grow and may be grazed or cut for hay during the late summer or early winter. Mr. Hare is practicing good land use, using small grain and grass on much of his land not adapted to the growing of tobacco and corn.

B. O. Holland's friends told him he paid too much for a farm

campaigns for purposes included in the United Fund.

The consensus of the members was that no March of Dimes campaign should be conducted here this year, although consideration should be given to the policy of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis when the budget for the United Fund is made up prior to the campaign next November.

Honorary Member R. H. Herring was recognized as having reached his eighty-third birthday.

Ashley Murphy reported that Foster Young, local trucker, had generously contributed all the oranges purchased by him in Florida and included in the Christmas baskets given by the Methodist and Baptist Churches and at the Middlesex Free Will Baptist Orphanage.

## Last Rites Held for Mrs. Minnie Watkins

Mrs. Minnie Watkins, 84, died Sunday morning in a Raleigh hospital. She was the widow of the late Dan Watkins who died in January, 1942. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Beulah Christian Church near Rolesville. The Rev. W. C. Barham, former pastor of the church officiated.

Grandsons were pallbearers, and interment was in the family cemetery near Rolesville.

Surviving are three sons, Coley, Fred and Otis Watkins, all of Rolesville; three daughters, Mrs. T. B. Montague and Mrs. Gordon Truelove of Raleigh and Mrs. Jack Honeycutt of Wendell, Rt. 1; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Horne of Zebulon, Rt. 4; three brothers, Jim Arthur and Bob Watkins, all of Zebulon, Rt. 4; and 23 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren.

## Soil Conservation Cause of Progress

G. L. Winchester

In the summer of 1923 I left Raleigh in a "T" Model Ford to visit a family near Angier. I had never been to Angier or even Fuquay Springs but was told to travel south of Raleigh on what is now 15A and turn left at a small store before reaching Fuquay Springs. I pulled up to the designated little store and inquired of an old Negro man sitting out front

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## SAFETY HELMETS PRESENTED WAKELON TEAM



Sam Narron, former Wakelon High School and major league baseball star, is shown at left in the picture after presenting two of the famed safety batting caps to Tony Pearce of the Wakelon baseball team. With Sam are, left to right, Coach William Weir, Tony Pearce, and Coach Herbert Holt. The occasion was the recent Lions Club meeting when Sam told much of his major league experiences. The popular athlete is now coach with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He broke into major league baseball batting for Dizzy Dean against the great Carl Hubbell.

## Unwanted, Stray Dogs Chief Cause of Rabies

By Dr. A. C. Bulla

The unwanted, unowned, free-running dogs are the ones which play havoc with poultry and livestock owned by farmers and other people in this county. It is difficult to estimate how much damage they do in any one year, but perhaps it is greater than we have any idea without being able to estimate the number of such dogs. Hungry, half-wild, unwanted, stray dogs must have food to live and they will seize every available morsel of food be it poultry, livestock or what not in order to obtain something to eat.

In 1953, under the Rabies Control Program, 1,322 dogs were picked up and impounded; and, in addition to this number, 229 were disposed of by other means, bringing the total to 1,551. There were 11,194 home owners who indicated that they had their dogs listed for taxes and later on in the year 12,500 had their dogs protected against rabies by means of vaccination.

It was estimated by the State Highway Commission of Virginia that 10,052 dogs were killed during the year 1952 on the highways of that state. Since the mileage of North Carolina is greater than that of Virginia, it is assumed that the number of dogs killed on highways would be larger in this state. I think it can be reasonably estimated that the majority of these dogs would come within the category of the unwanted, unowned, stray dog because people who have valuable dogs, as a rule, do not permit them to run at large

## Radio Stars Appear At Ferrell's School

Hack Johnson and his Tennesseans, popular radio and stage entertainers, will appear at Ferrell's School on Wednesday night, January 13, at 8 o'clock, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of Social Plains Baptist Church. Admission will be 30 cents for children and 60 cents for adults.

and be exposed to the danger of highway traffic.

Wake County has been free of rabies for a number of years for which we are very thankful, but when we look at the map of the State and the several counties in it, we find that more than half of the counties in 1953 had a total of 157 dogs reported as having rabies. Some of these counties adjoin Wake County and we would not be much surprised at any time to have a report of rabid dogs in this county.

From a report by Dr. Martin P. Hines, Chief, Veterinary Public Health Section, Division of Epidemiology, State Board of Health, it is estimated that about forty of the larger counties of the State are picking up and disposing of approximately sixty dogs per month, which would mean that during the year 1953 around 30,000 unwanted stray dogs have been disposed of in these counties, which represent approximately 60 or 70 per cent of the population of the State. This shows progress but it is not complete enough to prevent rabies

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## Middlesex Enjoys Dedication Service For Floor, Clock

The new timeclock and floor for the Middlesex School gymnasium were dedicated on Tuesday, January 4, with ceremonies held prior to the Middlesex-Whitakers basketball games. The dedication was made by Julian W. O'Neal, principal.

Dr. James W. Long, associate director of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics at Wake Forest College, was speaker for the service.

Members of the Middlesex and Whitakers visitors. Jo Stallings standing in the center of the new floor. He told of the need for healthful activities in schools, and gave the "ten commandments" of sports.

After Dr. Long's speech, the Middlesex girls continued the happy evening by winning over the Whotakers visitors. Jo Stallings and Lou Daniel led Middlesex. Players, coaches, cheerleaders, and referees were introduced by Prin-

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## National Guard Armory Dedication Is Set for Tuesday, February 9

With assurances from everybody concerned that Zebulon's National Guard armory will be completed and ready for occupancy by February 1, the date for the formal dedication of the beautiful \$100,000 armory has been set for Tuesday, February 9, according to Capt. Barrie Davis, commanding officer of the local National Guard unit.

The dedication will climax over two years of waiting since it was first announced that Zebulon held a high place on the list of communities to receive armories when funds were available.

The armory was begun in June of last year, and was scheduled to be completed by January 2.

However, material shortages delayed the work past the scheduled completion date.

Battery A, Zebulon's Guard unit, was organized in 1949, and since then has used the rear of the old water plant building as an armory.

In spite of being handicapped by a severe lack of classroom and storage space, the unit has earned a reputation as one of the state's finest National Guard units. It has eight officers and fifty-five enlisted men.

Unit Administrator Johnsey Arnold said that the clothing and equipment will be moved into the new armory about February 1, in time to be made ready for the dedications ceremony.