

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## Talk about the Weather— Well, You Oughta See Ours

The sun came out just before noon yesterday for the first time in several days, and began the slow and messy process of melting the heaviest local snow since 1948.

A heavy rain changed to sleet and later snow Friday night, and resulted in over five inches of ice and snow by Saturday morning. Low temperatures kept the roads in dangerous conditions over the weekend, although main roads were largely free of ice by Sunday afternoon.

Unpaved roads suffered most from the snow, causing rural Wake County schools to be closed yesterday and today. County School Superintendent Randolph Benton stated that he hoped that schools would reopen tomorrow, after a long weekend for school children to build snow men and bring out sleds unused for years.

Streams were out of their banks before Friday night's blizzard, with

most damage resulting along the Pee Dee, Cape Fear, and other streams west of Wake County. Little River was up to the mill house on the Hephzibah cut-off, and Moccasin Creek looked a mile wide along US 264. Turkey Creek, always rampant after heavy precipitation, was lapping at the bottom of the improvised bridge east of Middlesex.

Many home owners reported water in their basements for the first time in years, with floor furnaces in several homes without basements out of action because of high water.

### Road Workers Busy

Highway workers had a rough time Friday night, with James Brown holding half his men on night duty and having the remaining force start early Saturday morning on the work of clearing roads. Working efficiently, the highway personnel did a remarkable job of clearing ice under adverse conditions.

Stores generally did a poor Saturday business in Zebulon, with only groceries being sold on a normal basis. Many people came to town, but as soon as they got enough supplies to last them over the weekend, they went home again.

### State Fans Brave Cold

Local State College basketball fans proceeded with business as usual, however, and attended the State-LaSalle game in full force, with the exception of Ed Hales, who found a willing buyer for his tickets. Ed Ellington, Hardin Hinton, Robert Ed Horton, Jack Potter, and other State boosters made the icy trip to Raleigh as casually as if no snow had fallen.

One death was reported from exposure in Wake County Friday  
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## Funeral Services Held For Paul V. Bunn, 51

Funeral services for Paul V. Bunn, 51, were held yesterday from the Zebulon Baptist Church with the Rev. Bev. A. Asbury in charge. Mr. Bunn, formerly of Zebulon, died in Richmond, Va., last Thursday morning following a heart attack.

Surviving are one daughter, Carol Bunn of Richmond; three brothers, J. H. Bunn of Danville, Va.; W. M. Bunn and William Bunn of Zebulon; two sisters, Mrs. L. W. Tracy of Greenville, and Mrs. S. P. Bachelor of Wilmington.

## Rogers Rites Held

Funeral services were held for J. C. Rogers, formerly of Youngsville, at Harris Chapel Baptist Church, Youngsville, at 2:30 Sunday. Mr. Rogers was killed while attempting to save a fellow worker from poisonous gas in a chemical plant in New Jersey. Four men lost their lives in the tragedy.

Survived are his wife and two small children; his mother, Mrs. Herman Rogers; five brothers and two sisters. A cousin, Milton Rogers, lives in Zebulon.

## Wakelon PTA Sees Rumor Clinic Prove Dangers of Inadequate Facts

During the Wakelon School P. T. A. meeting Monday night, January 18, the Rev. Bev. Asbury conducted a "Rumor Clinic" to demonstrate the growth of rumors and the dangers involved.

The program proved to be an interesting presentation of the hard truth that when hearing a rumor one should always ask the narrator how many facts of the story he actually knows and question the reliability of the person telling the rumor.

The Rev. Vernon Brooks, pastor of the Wakefield Baptist Church, led in devotion. Terry Kemp, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Nellie Kemp, at the piano, did two song and tap dance numbers.

During the business portion of the meeting, which was presided over by Vice-chairman Wilbur

Debnam, Mrs. Billy Privette announced that the State Prison Band will appear at the school in February. Mrs. Garland Godwin installed Mrs. Robert Sawyer as president of the P. T. A. to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Fred Chamblee.

Principal W. R. Whittenton reports that response to the open house held by the teachers in their classrooms was good.

## Fire Truck Meet

The Zebulon Rural Fire Department, Inc., will hold a membership meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Municipal Building to elect officers for the coming year. A treasurer's report will be given.

## GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES ROSENSTOCK ON ZEBULON MOVE



Governor William B. Umstead, extreme right, congratulates Lewis Rosenstock, New York manufacturer, on his decision to locate a plant in Zebulon. Looking on are, left to right, Bill Guthrie and Paul Kelly of the Division of Commerce and Industry, Department of Conservation and Development, and Ben Douglas, C & D Director. Rosenstock's decision came after several months of negotiation, begun with the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce by Guthrie last summer, and a long, vigorous local campaign for funds headed by C. V. Whitley. (State News Bureau photo.)

## Work Begins at Zebulon Factory Site; C. V. Whitley Plays Big Part in Effort

Visible evidence of progress made in one of Zebulon's 1954 Finer Carolina Contest entries, grading work began last week at the site of the new dungaree plant on US 264 — and just as soon as work was begun, it was halted by a combination of the wet ground and last weekend's blizzard.

Delay of the project is only temporary, however, and grading and actual construction will begin as soon as the ground dries sufficiently for the bulldozers and pans to work at the site.

### One More Delay

This particular delay on a factory for Zebulon is characteristic of delays throughout the long effort to obtain a new industry for the community. Obstacles have arisen time and time again, especially since the beginning of the current effort; but each time, after a short delay, the obstacle was overcome and progress was made, with the end result that a new factory, employing local people, will begin operation this year.

The successful effort to obtain a sound manufacturing plant for this area began in 1952, when an industrial committee, headed by

Mayor Worth Hinton, met with Ferd Davis, then a member of the Board of Conservation and Development, and Commerce and Industry personnel, including Paul Kelly, Marion Shuffler, and Bill

Guthrie, to see what could be done for Zebulon.

Two prospects were produced from this movement, both willing to locate in Zebulon, provided a factory building was constructed by local capital. Local efforts to provide building funds bogged down, and these two prospects located their factories in other North Carolina towns which were willing to put up buildings for them to rent.

During the next twelve months, the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Ed Hales, circulated various manufacturers, advertising local resources, but no bona fide prospects were produced.

### Building Required

Last July Bill Guthrie, C & D industrial agent, contacted Ferd Davis, newly elected president of the Chamber of Commerce, and advised him that another prospect — Lewis Rosenstock, who already had installed a dungaree plant in Wendell and had another under construction in Spring Hope — was willing to talk business with Zebulon, again provided a building  
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C. V. Whitley