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Legion Chaplain Cites Importance Of Duty to God

Legionnaires have a duty to home and country, but duty to God comes first, members of the Zebulon American Legion Post No. 33 were told Wednesday night by the Rev. Harold F. Leatherman, department chaplain of the Legion.

Mr. Leatherman, a Methodist minister now serving the Knightdale and Ebenezer churches, spoke to the Legionnaires at their February session on the Legion's "Back to God" movement.

Two phases of the organization's project were emphasized by the speaker, the importance of regular church attendance by veterans and their families and the spiritual effect of daily family devotionals.

"If these two habits are practiced," Mr. Leatherman declared, "America need have no fear of communism, for we cannot attend church regularly and have family group worship in our homes, however simple our daily devotionals may be, without becoming spiritually strong. And communism cannot and will not overcome a spiritually strong nation."

The minister discussed briefly the membership campaign undertaken this year by the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, and urged that the local post meet its quota.

The Zebulon unit is within three per cent of its 1954 quota already, having enrolled 73 members. The 1954 Zebulon quota was set by state headquarters as 75 members.

Commander J. P. Arnold introduced (See LEGION, Page 8)

Zebulon Farm Bureau To Meet Monday

The importance of using the right fertilizer for each field and each crop will be discussed at the regular meeting of the Zebulon Farm Bureau next Monday night, February 8, in the Wakelon auditorium. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

Dr. J. W. Fitts of the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. McCotter, soil expert, will be featured on the program.

Pictures and slides showing the necessity of proper fertilization will be used to illustrate the talks by the two prominent visitors.

The Farm Bureau Auxiliary will meet in the home economics building where Miss Lane Siler, Carolina Power & Light Home Economist, will present a cooking school.

United Fund Sends \$90 Check to Home

R. Vance Brown, treasurer of the Zebulon United Fund, presented the Children's Home Society of North Carolina a check for \$90.00 when a request for the sum was made Wednesday by the Zebulon Junior Woman's Club, local sponsors of the Society.

Mrs. Jack Potter, project chairman, expressed the gratitude of the club for the opportunity to participate in the United Fund, but stated that the club will be ineligible for the Preyer Trophy, which is awarded annually to the club deemed of the most service to the Society during the project year. (See HOME, Page 8)

GUARDSMAN



Brigadier General Edward P. Griffin, commander of the 30th Division Artillery and former commander of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion, will be a special guest of Battery A at the dedication of the new Zebulon Armory Tuesday.

General Praises Local Guard Unit

Words of praise came for members of Battery A of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion as the Zebulon unit prepared for dedication of their new armory next Tuesday.

Brigadier General Edward Griffin of Louisburg, who serves Franklin County as solicitor and county attorney in civilian life, complimented the local Guardsmen on their attention to duty in a personal message this week.

General Griffin, who served in World War II as commanding officer of the 113th FA Battalion and was commanding general of IV Corps Artillery before assuming his present National Guard assignment as artillery commander of the 30th Infantry Division, praised officers and men alike in his statement, which called attention to the superior rating accorded the Zebulon unit by Regular Army inspectors last summer.

Thorough Training

"It is my opinion that the training of the Zebulon Guardsmen during the past year has been the best since it was activated," he declared, "and the fine results could have been obtained only by the thoroughness, the proper training methods, and the high sense of performance of duty on the part of all the officers and men of the Guard."

"Naturally, I am most gratified," he continued, "at the wonderful record that has been made and my hope is that the standards set during the past year will continue, as I know they will, in the future."

General Griffin, regarded by his superiors as one of the finest officers in the entire United States military establishment, will be one of the guests of honor at the local armory dedication.

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club will meet Monday night, February 8, in the new armory at eight o'clock to complete plans for the supper. All members are urged to be present.

Armory Dedication Is Set for Tuesday; Governor to Be Speaker in Afternoon

First Four Men Enlist as February Recruiting Begins

National Guard Recruiting Month began with a rush for Battery A, as four new men volunteered for three-year hitches in the local artillery unit. Sworn in on Monday night were J. L. McGee, William Tant, Carl Pulley, and Homer Lambeth.

Sfc. Kenne Hopkins, battery supply sergeant, reenlisted at the same time, bringing the strength of the Guard unit to 67 men and eight officers.

The recruiting campaign will continue through February, and special events have been planned for all through the month.

To speed the basic training of the 23 new men in Battery A, a special class for recruits has been organized. Lt. June Routh will be in charge of the training, and Sfc. Gordon Temple will serve as platoon sergeant.

CWO Johnsey P. Arnold, project officer for the recruiting campaign, expressed the appreciation of the unit for the cooperation given by Dr. Ben Thomas and Dr. George Tucker in examining the men who enlist in the unit.

Men 17 to 18½ years of age are urged to contact Mr. Arnold at the armory at any time during the week.

Charter Night Is Planned by Cubs

A special program for the presentation of the charter to the Zebulon Cub Scouts is being planned for Wednesday night, February 17, according to R. G. Privette, Cubmaster.

The program will feature the charter presentation, a talk on Scouting, and entertainment by the two Cub Dens. Parents of boys in the Cub age group are urged to attend the meeting, to be held in the Baptist Church.

Public Invited to Four Events during Big Day

North Carolina's chief executive, high ranking National Guardsmen, and distinguished guests from over the state will be on hand next Tuesday, February 9, for the dedication of Zebulon's new National Guard armory. The program, which begins with an open house at 3 o'clock, continues through the evening.

Governor William Umstead will make the dedicatory address during ceremonies beginning at four o'clock.

The public is invited to both the open house and the dedication ceremonies. During the open house, weapons and equipment will be on display in the armory for public inspection.

In addition, many of the military training aids used for teaching the

Guardsmen will be on exhibit, and members of the unit will describe the exhibits to visitors.

At 7:30 the doors of the armory will again be open to the public, when the famous 94th Army Band will be presented in concert. Under the direction of CWO Millard P. Burt, a special program featuring military music has been planned especially for the dedication.

Following the concert, a public dance will be held to the music of a nine-piece orchestra. The dance will end shortly after 11 p. m., closing the activities.

Opening the dedication ceremony at 4 p. m., Capt. Barrie Davis will welcome those present on behalf of the local National Guard unit. Mayor Worth Hinton will respond on behalf of the visitors and the Town of Zebulon.

Major General John Hall Manning, Adjutant General of the State of North Carolina, will be featured speaker for the special supper for Guardsmen and their guests at 6 o'clock. The supper will be served by the Carmen Flowers Garden Club. Profits will be used to finance beautification of the armory site.

Among prominent members of (See ARMORY, Page 8)

Reuben Warford Masonic Speaker

An unusually large number of Masons, including several from Whitestone and Archer Lodges, heard Reuben Warford of Siler City, district deputy grand patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, deliver an address to the Zebulon Lodge, AF&AM, Tuesday night, February 2.

Virtually every seat in the hall was taken when the Siler City Mason gave a detailed lecture on the history of Freemasonry. Beginning with the traditional history of (See MASONS, Page 8)

Asheboro, Grifton, Latta Winners, Zebulon Takes \$100 in AFC Contest

Asheboro and Grifton, N. C., and Latta, S. C., are "Carolina's Finest."

So the judges of the 1953 Finer Carolina contest announced here today.

The three towns won \$1,000 first prizes each in their respective population classes. The three runners-up were Manning, S. C., Burgaw and Maysville, N. C., each taking a \$500 prize; and third-place winners of \$250 each were Dunn and Wallace, N. C., and Lamar, S. C.

Fifteen towns were cited for honorable mention and \$100 each. They were Jacksonville, Rockingham, Mount Olive, Roxboro, Franklinton, Zebulon, Spring Hope, Troy, Swannanoa, Hazelwood, Weaverville, Spruce Pine, Milton and Pine Level, N. C., and Pine-wood, S. C.

The prizes, totaling \$6,750, will

be awarded by Carolina Power & Light Company, sponsor of the contest; and the money must be used by the towns for further improvement.

Grifton became the only repeater as a first-place winner by investing last year's \$1,000 winnings in a new city park. Latta took \$750 for second place last year and used it to climb to first place in its class for the year just ended.

Judges were picked from points outside the competing areas. They were Dr. S. H. Hobbs, Jr., of Chapel Hill, professor of rural sociology at the University of North Carolina; F. H. Kinard of Clemson, S. C., dean of the school of arts and sciences at Clemson College; and Bud S. Moss of Atlanta, Ga., manager of the rural division of Georgia Power Co.

The judges examined scrapbooks

submitted by the majority of competing towns. The books listed civic improvements during the contest year and contained photographs illustrating the projects.

Asheboro, winner among the larger towns, listed these five projects: (1) general improvement and beautification, (2) new industry, (3) adding school facilities, (4) improving and extending recreational facilities and (5) cultural development. Gains noted for the year included the new \$3,500,000 hosiery finishing plant of Burlington Mills and \$1,500,000 worth of new school facilities, financed largely by local bond issues. Lee J. Stone served as general chairman for Asheboro.

Latta, S. C., the winner among middle-sized towns, listed these projects: (1) marking streets and (See CONTEST, Page 8)