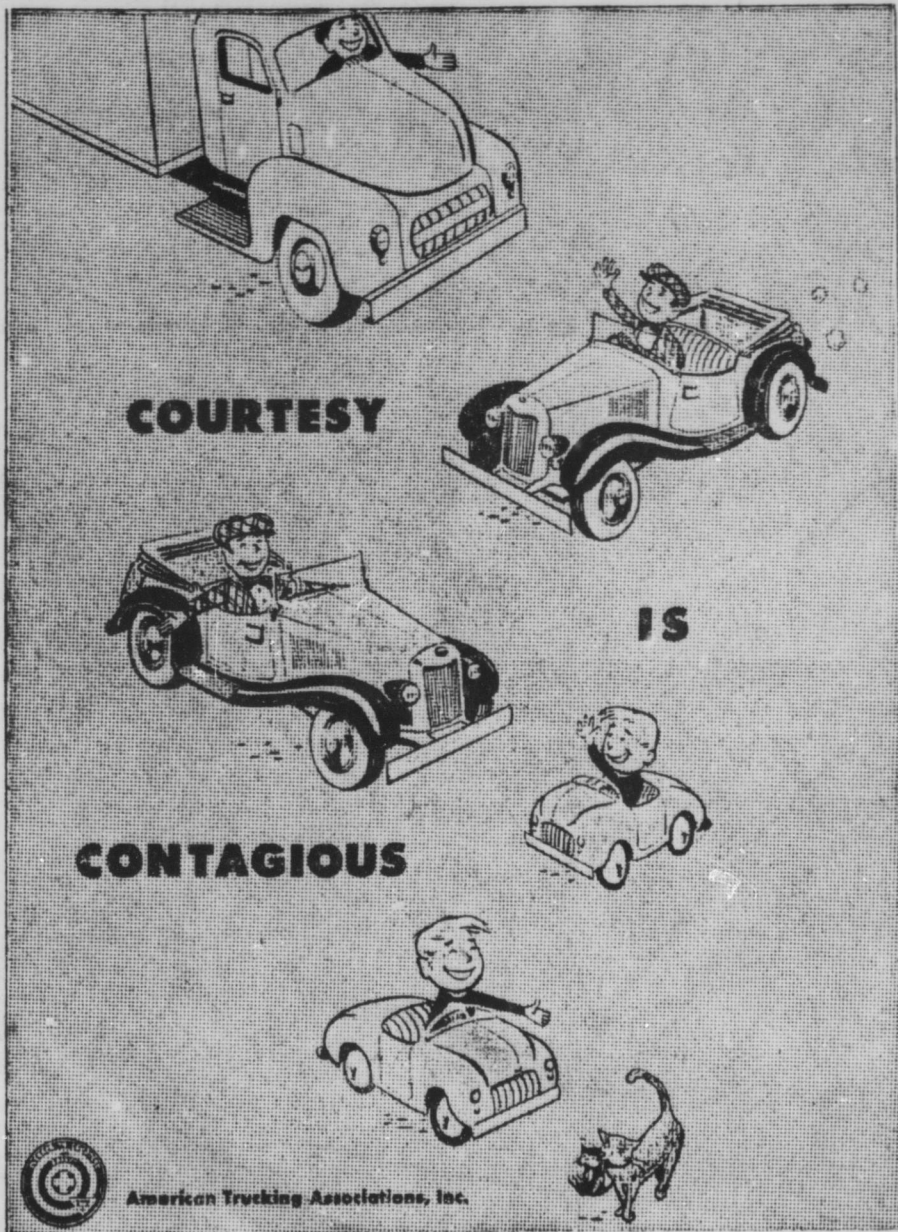


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UNCLE FERD'S ALMANAC

Were the Old Generals Stupid, Or Are the Historians in Error?

Eighty-nine years ago today the Battle of Bentonville, one of the last major skirmishes of the Civil War, was fought down in Johnston County. Although this historic spot is only a short distance from Zebulon, not many local folks have been to the battleground, and fewer know just how the Yankees and Rebels squared away.

Such lack of knowledge, while perhaps regrettable, is by no means unusual. Once when I was investigating, as a member of a state committee, the possibility of North Carolina's taking over such a battle ground as a park site, I was told by one historian that British lines were in one area and American lines were to the east. Five minutes later another scholar assured me that the positions really should have been reversed. From my own study of the terrain, I figured both the gentlemen were in error, unless both sides in the Revolutionary War had

poorer generals than history records.

Twenty-one years ago today Russell Temple was home for the weekend with his parents. Russell was a student at Campbell College at that time. He is now on the staff of Central Prison in Raleigh, and serves as master of ceremonies for the prison variety show (seen here Friday night, February 19). Russell professes to be somewhat ill at ease as an emcee, but if he is, it doesn't show. He keeps the show moving with the facility of a Billy Rose.

Twenty-eight years ago today there was some visiting going on. Miss Vivian Dawson was home from her studies in Durham for the weekend, and Tom Bunn was home from State College. Mrs. F. E. Bunn and Mrs. W. K. Phillips (a Wakelon teacher who was married to Avon Privette's first partner in the oil business — Philett Motor Company got its name from a syllable of the name of each partner) visited friends in Raleigh, as did Willard Gill, Roney Narron, and Hoyt Brantley. The trip to Raleigh was a fairly great undertaking in those days—people go to Washington or Richmond as casually today as most folks went to Raleigh only a generation ago.

BARBECUE SUPPER

Tickets for the PTA barbecue supper, set for 5:00-7:30 p. m., Wednesday, April 7, are now available, according to Mrs. Rachel Privette, budget chairman. Cost per plate is \$1.00 for pig barbecue and \$1.25 for chicken barbecue. Other items on the menu are potato salad, slaw, bread, drink, and dessert.

Proceeds from the supper will be used to help pay for the new Wakelon activities bus, now being fitted for use by school and other local groups. Nearly \$1,000 remains to be raised if the bus is to be paid for this year. Mrs. Privette stated in urging that every citizen buy at least one ticket to the April 7 affair.

TALENT WINNERS

Gene Autry Parrish, following in the footsteps of his namesake, took first place honors in the amateur competition at the Wakelon Theatre Tuesday night. He sang two numbers, accompanied by Chuck Wagon Charlie and His Boys.

Second place was won by the Wakettes, a trio composed by Norma Pearce, Hazel Ihrle, and Mildred Doris Fowler.

Geraldine Johnson and Alice Faulkner, a duo, accompanied by Cary Denton and his guitar, were awarded third place.

Local PTA Hears Musical Program At Recent Meet

A musical program was presented by pupils of Mrs. E. G. Hill at the Monday night meeting of the Wakelon Parent Teachers Association. The meeting, held in the school auditorium, was presided over by Mrs. J. R. Sawyer.

Glee club members participating were Martha Temple and Peggy Greene, sopranos; Norma Pearce and Shirley Oakley, altos; Steven Stallings, tenor; and Richard Bullock, bass.

Richard Bullock Sings

A solo was rendered by Richard Bullock.

Two numbers were sung by boys from the eighth grade, including William Whittenton, Vaughan Wade, Leslie Strickland, Mickey Phillips, Thurston Perry, and Gardner Temple.

Jackie Mitchell, piano student of Mrs. Ben Massey, played a selection.

James Alford gave the devotional, stressing the necessity of the application of true Christian principles in daily living.

The April meeting of the PTA was postponed one week to avoid conflict with the Easter holidays. An open house will be held at the next meeting, planned for April 26.

Mrs. Rachel Privette, finance chairman, reported a profit of \$71.00 from the bridge tournament. She expressed the appreciation of the Association to all who contributed their support.

'Bulldog Barks' Heard In This Issue of Record

Another edition of Bulldog Barks, the special section of the Zebulon Record written and edited by the Wakelon School Student Council, appears on pages two and three of this issue. Winners in forensics contests are pictured, along with the "Teacher of the Month."

Other news includes a column of activities at Middlesex School, compiled by Dallas Mallison, and special news from Middlesex and other communities surrounding Zebulon.

An advertisement on page 2, sponsored by public-spirited Zebulon merchants, publicizes the Parent-Teacher Association for the wonderful good it does for the school and community.

Last Rites Are Held For Mrs. Sallie Ayscue

Funeral services were conducted yesterday from the Corinth Baptist Church in Franklin County for Mrs. Sallie Ayscue, 84, who died Wednesday afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. M. D. Johnson, of Route 1, Zebulon.

The services began at 2:30 p. m., and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. B. B. Edwards of Route 1, Wendell, Mrs. Belle Chapel of Route 1, Zebulon, and Mrs. Roy Overton of Route 4, Louisburg; three sons, D. L. Ayscue of Louisburg; J. R. Ayscue of Hertford and W. W. Ayscue of Franklinton; 33 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

Lost Steers

By Dallas Mallison

A perfect demonstration and proof that human kindness and desire to lend a helping hand still exists in this commercial and hurry-up world is provided here by an experience now taking place at the local Free Will Baptist Orphanage.

Help Is Plentiful

Stephen A. Smith, superintendent of the orphans home, reports that he has had at least seventy-five offers of aid in response to his recent public appeal for help in rounding up some 23 steers which broke out and escaped last week.

He reports that through the assistance of these other persons 21 of the 23 steers have returned to their corral. One steer wandered about ten miles to the Pilot community over near Zebulon.

The steers broke out Monday two weeks ago and they have been returning almost daily ever since through the assistance of good neighbors, Smith reported. They weigh around 400 pounds each.

He made his appeal over radio stations in both Raleigh and Rocky Mount. He expects the other two steers to be returned, too.

The local Orphanage serves all of North Carolina and represents over 300 churches of the Free Will Baptists in the State. It has nearly 100 children.

Shaw Chorus to Be At Shepard Sunday

The Shaw University Choral Society will be presented in recital in the Shepard School Gymnasium on Sunday evening, March 21, at 7:30. The noted song group is conducted by Harry Gil-Smythe.

The program is sponsored by the faculty of Shepard School. Admission is 25 and 50 cents, and both white and colored are invited to attend.

Zebulon Masons Vote For Building at Meeting

Zebulon Masons voted unanimously to proceed with the business of acquiring their own building for use as a lodge hall at an emergent communication held here Tuesday night.

The local fraternal order, which has been meeting upstairs in the Privett Building for a generation, was called together at the Tuesday session by Joe Wood, AF&AM master, to decide questions relating to the proposed future home.

Following a lengthy discussion, in which most of the Masons present took part, the lodge placed itself on record as favoring the early acquisition of a building or a building site, and requested the master to appoint a building committee to consult with trustees on various plans and locations.

Named to the building committee were R. H. Bridgers, R. Vance Brown, and Frank Wall. Present trustees of the local order are Claud Dunn, Ralph Bunn, and William Bunn. The six members will report their findings to the lodge at the April 6 session.

Almost every seat was taken during the meeting, which had

Zoning Action Is Reversed by Commissioners

By a three to two vote, the Zebulon Board of Commissioners reversed an action by the Zebulon Zoning Commission, refusing to rezone a 50x100 foot lot on Gannon Avenue from residential to business. The action came at a call meeting of the Commissioners held Monday night in the municipal building.

Commissioner R. Vance Brown moved that the Board consider favorably the petition to amend the present zoning ordinance to include the lot. He received support from Wilbur Debnam, but the combined vote of Commissioners Wesley Liles, Frank Wall, and Howard Beck defeated the motion.

The lot is owned by Mrs. John Horton and adjoins the lots occupied by Joe Wood's Texaco Station, which also belongs to Mrs. Horton. If rezoned, the 50x100 foot lot plus some of the property presently occupied by the Texaco Station, was to be used by Wendell Motor Company for a branch used car lot here.

Joe Henderson of Wendell Motor Company was present at the meeting to explain the use his company would make of the property if it were rezoned and leased to them.

The rezoning had been recommended by the Zoning Commission at a meeting held March 1. At that meeting, C. V. Whitley moved that the lot be rezoned, and his motion was approved by Elbert Pearce and Dr. L. M. Massey, with G. K. Corbett and Pittman Stell opposing the action.

Since then some opposition to the rezoning was reported in town, causing the Board of Commissioners to publicize their call at which the petition was considered.

Among opponents to the rezoning petition were members of Gill Motor Company, and Mrs. Charles Weathersby, whose property adjoins the lot on the west.

BUS FUND

Two more local groups have joined the list of contributors to the Wakelon activities bus fund. The Wakefield-Zebulon Order of the Eastern Star has made a cash contribution of \$25.00 to the fund, and the American Legion post has voted to hold its April meeting at the school building, where Legionnaires will be served supper by the PTA.