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## SPEAKS AT MIDDLESEX

### Special Help Is Needed For Exceptional Children

By Dallas Mallison

An address on the subject of education for "The Exceptional Child" highlighted the March meeting of the local PTA which was held Monday night in the school auditorium.

Using as her subject, "Our Responsibilities for Educating the Handicapped Child," Miss Rebecca Talbert, who is Special Education teacher at the Wakelon School at Zebulon, gave a most interesting and informative lecture to the local PTA.

Miss Talbert explained that "The Exceptional Child" includes not only the below-average child but also the above-average child. Thus, to this group belong both the mentally-retarded, the slow learners and the handicapped children as well as the superior and gifted children.

"Special Education," she said, "is that subject of instruction and study in our schools which is dealing directly with the education of these types of children. It is new, quite different and has seen great increases during the past few years," she concluded.

The importance of this type of education, when pointed out, is seen in the fact that at least one-fourth of our total school population belong to either the above or below average groups of school children.

Another indication of the importance of "Special Education" is gained from the fact that actual tests reveal that at least 85 per cent of exceptional children have normal or above-normal minds, she declared.

North Carolina with only 140 special education teachers in its entire public school system ranks at the very bottom in this respect, she said.

She also said that not one college



Miss Rebecca Talbert

or university in this State offers either the Masters or Doctors degree in this field.

Teachers of Special Education, she said, are not allotted like other teachers in this State but are paid out of special funds set up by each General Assembly, thus making the very existence of this new kind of education dependent upon the will and whim of every legislature that meets.

Most all exceptional children can learn and can become self-supporting, responsible and contributing members of society if given the proper education, she declared.

Miss Talbert was introduced by Mrs. Gladys Johnson who in turn was introduced by Mrs. W. F. Powell, who is chairman of the program committee. Mrs. Stephen A. Smith presided, and Mrs. Mabelle Ampsacher read the minutes of the last meeting.

The 9B class and the 5-6 grades won prizes for attendance.

### Shotgun, Knives Figure in Four Court Cases Here

Judge Irby Gill had a long day Wednesday at the second March session of the Zebulon Recorder's Court, when he heard evidence until 6:30 p. m., with one action consuming nearly four hours of the court's time.

The long trial, which was a consolation of four charges and counter-charges growing out of an attempt by Calvin Barham to use a plantation road on the Lad Ferrell farm near Beulah Church, resulted in conviction of the complaining witnesses and defendants in all four cases.

Testimony showed that G. T. Locklair had plowed up the road, which Barham used for access to a rented farm, and Barham attempted to use the road last Saturday, despite its plowed condition. Locklair armed himself with a shotgun to prevent what he regarded as a trespass, and Mrs. Barham armed herself with a weapon, variously identified as a steak knife two feet long and a corn knife one foot long, to prevent what she regarded as an assault on her son.

No bloodshed occurred, however, (See COURT, Page 8)

### Pvt. Norman Dean At Camp Hale, Colo.

Pvt. Norman Dean, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Dean, Wendell, is at Camp Hale, Colo., taking part in Exercise Ski Jump, the Army's 1954 mountain and cold-weather training maneuver.

He is a military policeman in the 511th Airborne Regimental Combat Team's 3rd Military Police Detachment which is learning techniques of winter warfare and survival under sub-zero conditions high in the Colorado Rockies. Private Dean entered the Army in February, 1953, and completed basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky.

### Zebulon Beauty Shop Has Good Opening

Over 200 guests attended the open house at the new Zebulon Beauty Shop on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Ruby Manning, manager, expressed her appreciation and gratification for the many visitors and the floral arrangements received during the day.

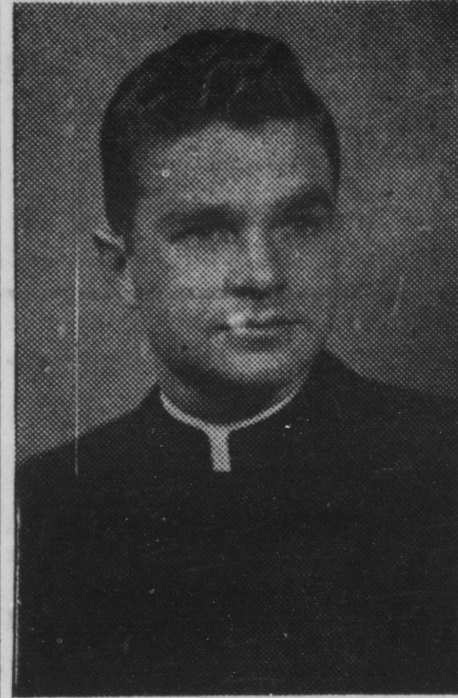
Mrs. Repsie McGee was awarded first prize at the drawing Wednesday evening. Other prizes were given Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, Mrs. Tom Kimball, Mrs. E. D. Ellington, and Mrs. Ronald Phillips.

The beauty shop is beautifully decorated in green, yellow, and maroon. Modern furniture is used in the waiting room, and all new equipment is installed in the shop.

### Mack Hocutt Wins Rating of Superior

Mack Hocutt, son of the Clarence Hocutts, won a superior rating in organ at the Music Festival in Spartanburg, S. C., last weekend. The orchestra and the chorus from the State School for the Blind, both of which Mack was in, also won a superior rating.

## NEW PASTOR



Rev. Cranor F. Graves

### Wendell Church to Have New Pastor

The Reverend Cranor Franklin Graves has been appointed editor of the North Carolina Catholic, weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Raleigh, by the Reverend Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh. He will succeed the Rev. Frederick A. Koch, who is leaving for a year's study at the University of Rome.

Father Graves is a native of Kinston and attended the University of North Carolina and St. Charles College in Maryland. His theological studies were completed at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

In addition to his new duties as editor of the diocesan newspaper, he is administrator of the parishes of St. Catherine's at Wake Forest and St. Eugene's at Wendell.

The former editor of the paper, Father Koch, has served since September 1947, succeeding Dale Francis of Charlotte.

### Cpl. Douglas Williams Stationed in Alaska

Army Cpl. Douglas Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams, Route 2, Zebulon, recently arrived in Alaska for duty with the 4th Regimental Combat Team.

Corporal Williams, a former student at Greensboro A&T College and a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, re-entered the Army last January.

### Rapid Expansion Of Power Firm Told to Rotarians

The tremendous growth of Carolina Power and Light Company during the last ten years was related by Ralph Talton, manager of the Zebulon district office, at the Friday night meeting of the Zebulon Rotary Club. The speaker has spent 25 years with Carolina Power and Light.

The Zebulon district includes nine incorporated towns, Talton said, and covers 1,550 square miles. It extends 60 miles in a southern-northeast direction, and 40 miles across.

Confirming the growth, the Zebulon manager cited the increase from 4,235 power customers ten years ago to 14,000 today. The distribution lines have increased from 450 miles in 1944 to 1,555 miles today. The investment in this district has increased from 2½ million to six million dollars.

Last year's sales were greater than ever before, Talton said. Rocky Mount Mills is the largest single customer in the district.

"Our company must see the need and plan ahead for growth like that," he commented.

The payroll of the Zebulon district is nearly \$130,000 a year. This includes 34 employees and ten contract crewmen, including the 24 employees working at the Zebulon office.

We try to provide a feeling of security for these employees," the Zebulon manager said. He stated that the extremely small turnover (See ROTARY, Page 8)

### Bunn Senior Class To Present Play

The Senior Class of Bunn High School will present the play, "The Whiz Kids" at the school auditorium Friday night, March 26, at 7:30 o'clock.

The following students compose the cast: Nancy May, Jimmy Richardson, Barbara Bunn, Jimmy Taylor, Ava Cash, Winston Jones, Zonnie Burgeron, Bobby Strickland, LaRue Richards, Charlie Bass, Berniece Joyner, Harold Jones, and Tillie Privette.

The directors of the play are Mrs. Thelma Pippin and Mrs. Jean Christman.

### Irrigation Demonstration Will Be Held at Carl Goodwin's Farm, Apex

By G. L. Winchester

An irrigation demonstration will be held on the farm of Carl Goodwin, who lives above Apex next to Olive Chapel Church, on Wednesday, March 31, at 2:00 p. m. This demonstration is being put on by the Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service and the Agricultural Teachers. Howard Ellis, Extension Agricultural Engineering Specialist of State College, will have at least three distributors of irrigation equipment on the scene.

Irrigation is fairly new in Wake County and the agricultural workers are tempting to set up basic standards that should be met in purchasing an irrigation system. These standards are set on amount of water available, acreage to be

covered, crop it is to be used on, infiltration rates of the soil and size of system coordinated.

G. W. Miller, Jr., County Agent, states that best estimates give us over 800 ponds in Wake County and with the high cost and high yields that are sought for, he and other agricultural workers feel that irrigation can be profitable in many instances. However, there are many instances where a person will buy the equipment without meeting certain standards which will almost be impossible for the system to pay for itself.

He states that this meeting we will have represented, men of the best know-how in the state on the subject of irrigation and that every one that is interested in irrigation is invited to attend.

### Howard Hicks Speaks To Lions and Guests

Howard Hicks, Chairman for the coming State Lions Convention to be held in Raleigh, was speaker at the meeting of the Zebulon Lions Club last Thursday night. The Lionesses were honored guests of the club.

Lion Hicks told of the program being planned for the State Convention and described the value to Lions of attending the Convention.

The invocation was asked by Gilmer Parrish, and Milton Bryant introduced the guests. The welcome to the Lionesses and guests was expressed by Clarence Hocutt, and Lioness Ruby Hendricks gave the response.

President Gilbert Beck presided at the meeting.

Following the program, the Lions and their guests adjourned to the Wakelon gymnasium for a dance. The Zebulon Club has 58 members at present.

### Snake Show

An unusual program, "The Truth About Snakes," was given by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Naidl of the United States Society of Zoology of Washington, D. C., on Monday to the students of Middlesex High School.

### SENATOR HERE

Senator Alton Lennon was in Zebulon shaking hands yesterday and asking for votes and support. He reported he had flown down from Washington for the day of visiting in the county.

### Unknown Thieves Enter Scout Hut

By Leary Davis

Sometime between Monday, March 15, and Saturday, March 20, some vandals broke into the Zebulon Boy Scout hut, entering through the back door by taking the hinge off the lock.

The vandals then took a first aid kit, valued at over \$18.00, and ruined it by pouring the antiseptics on the table, burning some of the supplies, and taking the rest with them.

Scout Charles Murphy discovered the shambles the vandals made of the hut when he went to the hut Saturday to borrow a tent. Miraculously, the tent was there, unrolled and unharmed on the table.

Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins was given all the information the Scouts could gather on Tuesday, but he disclosed no clues by yesterday.