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POLITICS IN ZEBULON

Candidates Available, But Interest Ebbs Low

With election day less than two months away, local politics are not yet even warming up. No candidates have yet filed for township offices, and nobody is at present particularly excited about state and county campaigns.

Judge Irby Gill, local recorder, has not filed for reelection — he has until the middle of next month to make his candidacy official, although he has already indicated that he will run. He has never had opposition for the office.

Two other local attorneys, Foster Finch and Ferd Davis, have stated that they will not run for the recorder's position. (Finch at present is solicitor of the local court, and also town attorney.) The other member of the Zebulon bar, A. R. House, has made no public announcement of his intentions.

The other local elective office, that of township constable, apparently will not be contested. Eddie Martin, appointed by the county commissioners to succeed Earl Duke when Duke became deputy sheriff, is not expected to have opposition.

Senatorial Race

More interest is being shown now in the campaign being waged for the United States Senate by Kerr Scott and A. A. Lennon, although most people in Zebulon are presently either pro-Scott or anti-Scott, without firm opinion as to the ability of the incumbent candidate.

Scott carried the township by approximately three to one in 1948 when he ran for governor, and probably would do as well if the election were held this week. The decline in farm income on a nationwide basis has convinced many voters who have not supported the former governor in the past that the senator from North Carolina should be one who understands farm problems, and as a result Scott has probably picked up as many votes here as he has lost.

Solicitorial Race

Two candidates for the solicitor's post now held by Bill Bickett, who is not a candidate to succeed himself, have been in Zebulon this spring, with both of them making good impressions on the public.

Robert Cotten of Fuquay Springs, a former district governor of the Lions Club, has made at least two trips to town, and has seen many of the business men. He

William Whitley Dies on Thursday

Funeral services for William Bennett Whitley, 64, who died early Thursday at Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount after an illness of two weeks, were held Friday afternoon at Union Hope Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Davis, pastor, officiated and burial was in Social Plains Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, the former Lenora Perry; one daughter, Mrs. Irby Murray, Middlesex, Rt. 2; four sons, Durbert and Herbert Whitley of Middlesex, Rt. 2, Hubert and Marvin Whitley of Zebulon, Route 1; and one sister, Mrs. H. P. Perry, Bailey.

is presently solicitor of the Fuquay Recorder's Court.

Lester V. Chalmers of Raleigh, now serving as assistant to Solicitor Bickett, has also been to Zebulon, as well as Pilot. Chalmers, who played football for Raleigh and went to law school at Chapel Hill, expects to pay other calls here, although he will be tied up in court this week.

Other candidates for the prosecution post are Carl Gaddy, Raleigh criminal lawyer; Bruce McDonald, solicitor of the Wake Forest Recorder's Court; and J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Jr., son of the late governor.

Other Campaigns

Edward Paschal, son of Dr. G. W. Paschal of Wake Forest, has also made a visit to Zebulon seeking support for his race for state representative. A Wake Forest attorney, he is a former recorder's court solicitor. Paschal is seeking one of the three places from Wake for the first time.

Philip Whitley, a candidate for reelection to the house, has not started campaigning actively as yet. Whitley has always run well in Little River Township, polling consistently an aggregate local vote greater than in his home precinct of Wendell.

Jimmy Poyner, candidate for the state senate, is another aspirant who has visited Zebulon. He expects to make further calls between now and election day. As yet he has no announced opposition.

Bridge Tournament Nets \$70 for Club

The Woman's Club netted approximately \$70.00 from the bridge tournament held at the clubhouse last Thursday. Four tables played in the afternoon and seventeen at night. Prizes, donated by the members, were presented high score at each table.

The money will be applied toward the loan for remodeling the clubhouse.

Mayor Homer Bunn Is Middlesex Leader in Finer Carolina Work

Under the general direction of Homer Bunn, mayor, the town of Middlesex has embarked upon an extensive program of civic betterment and improvement as a contestant for the first time in the "Finer Carolina" contest.

The large and extensive program to complete the municipal park begun some years ago, renovation of the local lighting system, improvement of the business section, and the securing of a new industry.

Members of the steering committee besides Bunn include C. L. Corbett, who is the president-elect of the local Rotary club; Mrs. Jackson Tippett, president of the local Eastern Star chapter and of the local Home Demonstration Club; J. W. O'Neal, local school principal; Rev. T. H. House, local Methodist minister; and Rev. Frank Zedick, local Baptist minister.

Roscoe H. Hales, Jr., is chairman of the committee trying to secure a new industry for this town.

OES Installs New Officers at Service Held Last Night

Mrs. Bernice Helper was installed as Worthy Matron and Esker Corbett as Worthy Patron of the Wakefield-Zebulon Chapter No. 133 of the Order of the Eastern Star at public ceremonies held Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Zebulon Masonic hall.

Mrs. Helen Bell Rimmer, Past Grand Matron, served as the Installing Grand Officer

Other installing Grand Officers included Mrs. Mary G. Bunn of Zebulon, D. D. G. M.; Reuben Warford of Siler City, D. D. G. P.; Mrs. Glenna Grimes of Siler City; and Mrs. Bessie Roberts of Rolesville.

Besides Mrs. Hepler and Mr. Corbett, other officers installed were Mrs. Melba Bunn, Associate Matron; Elwood Perry, Associate Patron; Mrs. Cleo Perry, Secretary; Mrs. Rebecca Baker, Treasurer.

Mrs. Merle Sue Pulley, Conductress; Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Melrose Ferrell, Chaplain; Mrs. Aldonia Pate, Marshall; Mrs. Inez McNabb, Organist; Mrs. Dixie Bullock, Adah;

Mrs. Doris Mullen, Ruth; Mrs. Blonnie Corbett, Martha; Mrs. Pearl Wall, Electa; Mrs. Eva Richards, Warder; and Mrs. Preston Smith, Sentinel.

PTA SUPPER

Tickets are still available for the PTA barbecue supper, to be held in the Wakelon cafeteria from 5:00 p. m. next Wednesday night, April 7, Mrs. Rachel Privette, budget committee chairman, said today. The tickets are priced at \$1.00 for pork barbecue and \$1.25 for chicken barbecue. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of the school activities bus.

WANT AZALEAS?

C. V. Brooks, Wallace nurseryman, will be at the Zebulon armory Wednesday afternoon, March 31, at one o'clock with a stock of azaleas and camellias. Mr. Brooks, who is bringing stock here in cooperation with the Carmen Flowers Garden Club, will fill orders taken on his last visit here, and he will also have several hundred plants available for persons unable to place their orders prior to this trip.

Soil Conservation Concern of People

G. L. Winchester

Soil conservation is not only the farmer's problem but should be the concern of all the people. The Rev. Garland Hendricks of Wake Forest, in talking to the Farm Bureau at Rolesville last week, stated, "We only hold a 'deed of trust' to the land; we should not cause it to erode or become less productive, but we should conserve and improve it that yet unborn generations might have good land on (See CONSERVATION, Page 5)

Third Annual Career Day Program Observed at Shepard High School

Shepard High School observed its Third Annual Career Day Program featuring Dr. Joseph A. Pittman, Director of Instruction, North Carolina College, Durham, N. C., who spoke on "Choosing A Career." Dr. Pittman emphasized the following points: (1) "All Vocations are honorable," (2) There are no easy vocations; (3) There is a need for information through vicarious experiences; and (4) There is a need to aim high in or-

Judge Irby Gill Is Rotary Speaker On Friday Night

Judge Irby Gill presented an interesting discussion of the inferior court system of North Carolina to Rotarians Friday night, explaining the mechanics of trial of misdemeanors and minor civil matters to club members.

No system of jurisprudence is perfect, the local recorder declared, although the Anglo-American system has protected rights of litigants and defendants better than any other. He suggested that generally courts are about as good under any system as the people want them to be.

Judge Gill traced trial of a criminal action from swearing out a warrant and arrest to trial and judgment in the local court, and then told of how the right to trial by jury was not denied defendants, since they have the right to appeal from a conviction here and obtain a trial de novo in Wake Superior Court.

The local recorder also discussed the civil jurisdiction of the Zebulon Recorder's Court, pointing out that the 1953 legislature increased the jurisdiction in both contract and tort.

He also discussed the functions of the courts of justices of peace, and told how defendants might be bound over for indictment and trial in felony actions.

der to gain personal satisfaction from work."

Consultants for the occasion include the following persons: Mr. Warren Barfield, Radio Technology; Mrs. Beatrice Tall, Cosmetology; Mr. Jones, Social Service Work; Mr. Charles Warren, Vocational Agriculture; Mrs. Llewlyn M. Hayes, Education; Mr. J. Hillard Perry, Barbering; Dr. R. M. Bell, Dentistry; Mrs. Anne Robinson, Library Service; Mr. A. J. Turner, Business Management; Mr. J. H. Stredwick of Harris Barber College; Mrs. Iva Carpenter, Nursing; Mrs. Olivia Street, Public Health Service; Mr. Gordon W. Herring, Vocational Agriculture; Mr. William Toney, Mortuary Science; Mr. C. C. Stokes, Mortuary Science; Sgt. Andrews, U. S. Air Force; Sgt. Morton, U. S. Army; Mr. H. C. Perrin, Philosophy of Science Careers as a Vocation; Mr. J. D. Lewis, Radio Technology; Prof. Jackson, of Elizabeth City State College, Elementary Education; and Attorney Herman Taylor, on Opportunities in a Legal Career.

Raleigh W. M. U. Meeting Thursday

The Raleigh annual Association of W. M. U. meeting will meet in the Knightdale Baptist Church at 10:00 a. m. Thursday. A very interesting and informative program has been planned.

The state representative, Mrs. John Wacaster, will speak, as well as Mary Frances Toff from S. America.

All W. M. U. members are urged to attend. Lunch will be served by several churches.