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VALUE OF RURAL FIRE TRUCK SEEN HERE



Here is an example of the benefits offered by the Zebulon Rural Fire Department and its modern truck. The house shown originally was a five-room structure, but when the rural fire truck was called, the two rooms at the left were aflame. When Fire Chief Willie B. Hopkins arrived with the truck, the two rooms were too far gone to save. However, by utilizing the self-contained water supply in the truck and by pumping water from the well in the foreground, the firemen saved the three rooms at the right in such good condition that Mrs. Lizzie High, who lived in the house, was able to live in these rooms. The Rural Fire Department was a project of the Zebulon Farm Bureau.

Huge Population, Strength Ceiling Lifted; Wealth of U. S. More Guardsmen Wanted Amaze Australian

The tremendous population and wealth and the high standard of living in the United States were things which impressed him most when he came to America, Zebulon Rotarians were told Friday evening by Jim McWilliams, Rotary Exchange Student from Tawomba, Australia, who is studying forestry at Duke University.

The Australian was the second Exchange Student to speak here during April. Two weeks ago a Danish student from Meredith told of her country.

Studying Soft Woods

Although as a Rotary Exchange Student, he could choose any college or university in which to study, Mr. McWilliams decided on Duke because of its international (See ROTARY, Page 8)

Beauties Prepare For Wake Pageant

Miss Hazel Ihrle, selected as Miss Zebulon in the beauty pageant held April 23, and Miss Shirley Oakley, runner-up and winner of the talent contest, will enjoy an active week as participants in the Miss Wake County Pageant at Fuquay.

On Wednesday evening at Fuquay, the two local lovelies will be honored guests at a banquet preceding the rehearsal for the pageant, which will be held in the Fuquay high school auditorium.

Pageant Friday Night

The pageant will be staged on Friday night at 8 o'clock. It will be open to the public and a delegation from here is expected to attend to boost the community representatives.

Dorothy Herndon, who won first place in the beauty contest at Wendell's Golden Anniversary Festival last fall, will represent that community in the contest.

The ceiling is off," Captain Barrie Davis told members of the Zebulon National Guard unit Sunday afternoon following an all-day assembly. "The Adjutant General has given us permission to resume recruiting until we attain full authorized strength."

About 10 days ago Battery A received word that ceilings had been placed on National Guard strength, and the local unit could have no more men than were on the rolls March 31.

More Men Eligible

The latest word from the Adjutant General lifted this ceiling, making way for additional men to enlist in the National Guard.

The Sunday drill was called to begin intensive training with the M-1 rifles, which 63 of the Guardsmen will fire at Camp Butnet next month.

The training is under the supervision of Lt. Jack Potter, executive officer, who taught sighting and aiming exercises, assisted by Lt. June Routh and Lt. Max Lloyd. Lt. Amos Hensen taught the guardsmen the mechanics of the famed Garand rifle.

Visitors Sunday morning were Major Paul Seibel and Sfc. George Barnes, Regular Army advisers for the 113th Field Artillery Battalion. The Guardsmen were commended for the caliber of the training.

Daniel Is Named To Advisory Group

E. C. Daniel, druggist of Zebulon, and Major Philip R. Whitley, Reserve Officer of Wendell, have been appointed to the Wake County Civil Defense Advisory Council. The appointments were announced by Col. David L. Hardee, director of Civil Defense for Raleigh and Wake County.

The advisory council will act as a steering committee on the overall picture of Raleigh and Wake County.

Dinner was served in the armory. It was prepared by the mess section under Mess Steward Percy Parrish, and included broiled chicken, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, butter beans, lettuce and dressing, and banana pudding.

Trucks Brought Back

During the morning the motor section, led by Lt. Jack Tippet and Sgt. Cooper Moss, journeyed to Camp Butner, returning with the seven vehicles stored there since last summer. Battery A now has six 2½-ton 6x6 trucks, two ¾-ton trucks, and three jeeps, in addition to a number of trailers.

The drill began with a worship service conducted by the Rev. Bev. A. Asbury, pastor of the Zebulon Baptist Church. The service was held in the classroom and was (See GUARD, Page 8)

Local Attorney Asks Question Concerning Missing \$29,000

The Governor's Office had no official comment yesterday on the timber transaction between F. L. Blake and Wrenn Brothers Lumber Company or the prior exchange of the 217-acre timber tract by the State for a 177-acre tract held by Blake.

A spokesman in the Governor's Office stated that no information could be given to the public until today, adding that they were planning to hold a meeting yesterday to decide what to do.

Wendell Rotary Told of Zebulon Rural Fire Truck

Willie B. Hopkins, Zebulon town manager and fire chief, spoke before the Wendell Rotary Club Tuesday evening on the rural fire truck project successfully completed here last year. He was the guest of Willard White, Wendell Rotarian.

The plans necessary to initiate a drive for members and to acquire the rural fire truck were explained by the Zebulon man, who went into detail about the problems that could be expected.

Hopes For Wendell

The Zebulon Rural Fire Department, sponsored by the Zebulon Farm Bureau, made little effort to sign up members residing in the Wendell Farm Bureau area, the speaker said, because it was hoped that Wendell would in the near future have a rural fire truck of its own.

\$14,000 Debt Remains

The debt of \$1,400 remaining on the truck will be paid this year, Chief Hopkins said. The truck, valued at about \$12,000 at present day prices, cost the Zebulon Rural Fire Department about \$8,000.

The transaction involved an even trade of the 217 acres of Crabtree Creek State Park lands for the Blake property, valued at about \$24,000 by an appraiser, and the subsequent sale of the timber on the former park property for an apparent figure of \$50,000.

Blake admitted receiving only \$16,000 of the purchase price in the sale, which was brought to the attention by the public by Ferd Davis, Zebulon attorney, who investigated the transaction after hearing rumors of fabulous profits (See \$29,000, Page 4)

Piano Recital Is Planned for Friday

An all piano recital, featuring pupils of Mrs. Ben Finch Massey, will be presented in the Wakelon auditorium Friday evening, May 7, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Pianists on the program include Terry Kemp, Roddy McNabb, Richard Godwin, Freddie Ellington, Jo Ann Bunn, Betsy Alford, Carol Gay, Betsy Rountree, Dianne Strickland, Connie Hepler, Billy Gay Privette, Earl Perry;

Also Carolyn Bunn, Brenda Gay, Wilma Gay, Phyllis Braswell, Brenda Bunn, Margaret Privette, Pat Murray, Gwen Beasley, Judy Perry, Carolyn Beck, Ann Hopkins, Jean Gay, Nancy Martin, Ruth Temple, and Jackie Mitchell.

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL NEWSPAPER STAFF



Member of the staff of the Rumbler, newspaper published by Middlesex High School, are pictured in a formal group. In the front row, seated, are Dallas Mallison, advisor; Lou Daniel, Hattie Gray Batchelor, Faye Watson, Anne Price, and Thelma Bradshaw. Second row, standing, are Betty Lou Williams, Doris Tyson, Ada Mae Wrenn, Ellen Rose Lewis, Charlotte Brantley, and Ellen Murray. In the third row are Hilda Gray Massey, Jack Bass, Rose Manning, Jo Stallings, Johnny Strickland, Sarah Cone, Katie Stone, Don Stone, Eva Jean Debnam, and Peggy Mixon.