

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## Methodist Resolution Notes Good Influence of Deceased Pastor

The following resolution concerning the late Rev. S. E. Mercer was recently presented to the Zebulon Methodist Church Board and passed unanimously:

Whereas God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from us our dearly beloved pastor and friend, the Rev. S. E. Mercer, be it resolved:

First: That we bow to God's will and know that our loss is His gain.

Second: That the Zebulon Methodist Church has lost a superb leader and great Christian brother.

Third: That civic organizations and the whole community have lost a much loved, capable, happy

worker who found time to help in all worthy causes for all people of all races and color.

Fourth: That the wonderful, shining Christian spirit and influence of Mr. Mercer will continue to bless and inspire all who knew him.

Fifth: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Mercer, to the Christian Advocate, to the Zebulon Record and that a copy be spread in the minutes of the Official Board of the Zebulon-Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Foster D. Finch  
Mrs. S. G. Flowers  
Mrs. Fred L. Page

## R. Vance Brown To Be Treasurer In Paralysis Drive

By Dr. L. M. Massey

Mr. R. Vance Brown of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company has agreed to serve as treasurer of the polio drive in Zebulon and Little River Township.

Last year Wake County had fifty-five cases of polio; three are still in the hospital. Twenty cases are still receiving aid from the Polio Foundation, thirty are being treated and receiving aid from the 1953 epidemic, making a total of fifty cases that are still under treatment in Wake County at the present time. Some cases received as high as \$8400 from the Polio Foundation.

Polio is no longer a children's disease. The age in Wake County ranges from six months to thirty-eight years. Of the fifty-five cases receiving treatment, thirty are less than ten years old, five are from ten to twenty years old, sixteen are from twenty and thirty years old and four cases are above thirty years old.

The mothers of Zebulon and Little River Township are presenting the case of polio to the people that they may have an opportunity to voluntarily make a contribution to its relief. Go by the bank and make your contribution and avoid the necessity of having someone call upon you.

## Strickland Funeral Held Monday at Rock Springs

Mrs. Howard A. Strickland, 62, of Route 1, Louisburg, died at her home early Sunday. Her pastor, the Rev. Clifford Holland, and the Rev. C. E. Crawford conducted funeral services from Rock Springs Baptist Church at 3 p. m. Monday. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, H. A. Strickland; two daughters, Virginia Strickland of the home and Mrs. M. E. Perry of Wake Forest; two sons, W. D. of the home and B. M. Strickland of Raleigh; her mothers, Mrs. Ida Chamblee of Route 1, Louisburg; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Perry of Zebulon; five brothers, C. D., E. G., John, J. W. and Cavis Chamblee, all of Route 1, Louisburg; and one grandchild.

## Local Lions Visiting Elizabeth City

Several members of the Zebulon Lions Club, accompanied by their beauty queen and their wives, left yesterday for Elizabeth City where they will attend a combined convention of Districts 31-7 and 31-F of Lions International.

Lions making the eastern trip are President Jerry Hagwood, M. L. Hagwood, Frank Kemp, Earl Duke, Bernice Bunn, J. C. Debnam, and Worth Hinton. Hinton is a candidate for Governor of District 31-E, subject to the state convention, scheduled for Charlotte late in May.

The regular meeting of the local Lions Club, postponed from last Thursday night, will be held Thursday night, January 27, President Hagwood said yesterday.

## SPEAKER



Carlton Mitchell

The Rev. Carlton T. Mitchell, former pastor here, has filled two speaking engagements in Zebulon during the past week. Last Sunday night he preached at the Zebulon Baptist Church, and on Friday night he addressed local Rotarians on conditions in Korea.

## Mrs. J. D. Finch Dies Here Sunday

Mrs. John D. Finch of Zebulon died at her home here early Sunday morning after several months of declining health. One of the first residents of Zebulon, Mrs. Finch was 86 years old.

Funeral services for Mrs. Finch were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Zebulon Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Finch was a faithful member and active supporter for many years. The Rev. Troy Barrett, pastor, officiated at the services. Burial was in the Zebulon cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. C. T. Harper of Charlotte; four sons, Elmer D. Finch and W. D. Finch, both of Zebulon, Dr. S. F. Finch of Oxford, and L. E. Finch of Dillon, South Carolina; and eight grandchildren.

## Jeans, Bowling Funerals Sunday; Watkins Rites Are Held Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma E. Watkins of Zebulon, Route 2, were held Saturday at the Pilot Baptist Church with the Rev. M. A. Pegram officiating. Burial followed in the Watkins family cemetery.

Mrs. Watkins, who was 76 years old, died Wednesday at the Butner Hospital. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alma Pearce of Raleigh and Mrs. Ila Puckett of Wendell, Route 2; two sons, Fred Watkins of Zebulon, Route 2, and Aaron Watkins of Wake Forest; a brother, Maurice Jeans of Zebulon, Route 2; 21 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

## Bud Jeans, 65

Bud Jeans, 65, died at his home Sunday afternoon after a heart attack. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Pilot Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. C. L. Capps, assisted by the Rev. Gilbert McDowell.

The body will be taken to the church one hour prior to the services. Burial will be in the Upchurch Cemetery in Franklin County.

Surviving are his wife, the former Maggie Tant; three daughters,

## Carlton Mitchell Speaks at Rotary Meeting Friday

The Rev. Carlton T. Mitchell, former pastor of the Zebulon Baptist Church who has just completed a tour of duty with United States Naval forces in Korea, addressed the Zebulon Rotary Club at their regular meeting last Friday night.

Mr. Mitchell spoke briefly on the Korean people and their daily life as he had observed it, and told of assistance given charitable projects in Korea by American troops through monetary gifts.

Most American military personnel, declared, have a genuine feeling of concern for their unfortunate Korean allies, and are sincerely seeking ways to alleviate suffering in Korea.

One of the chief problems in Korea, as well as the rest of the Far East, he said, is overpopulation.

Following his talk, he answered question posed by individual Rotarians. A former member of the Zebulon Rotary Club, he was introduced by Dr. L. M. Massey.

The weekly three-minute impromptu talk was given by Ed Ellington, who described a practical joke played on him while he was a student at State College.

## More Snow Here

Between two and three inches of a gentle, wet snow fell Sunday night, beginning about dusk and continuing past midnight. Relatively high temperatures, however, caused much of the snow to be melted by noon yesterday.

The blanket of snow covered much of North Carolina and caused rural unpaved roads to be in even worse shape than they were in following last week's near-record snowfall. Wake County schools opened yesterday, however, after a holiday of three days.

## LAST RITES HELD SUNDAY

### Injury Fatal to Moody

Last rites were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday from the Wendell Baptist Church for Perry Moody, 39-year-old Wendell resident, who was fatally injured Saturday morning in a fall from the roof of Monk-Henderson Tobacco Company in Wendell, where he was employed.

Snow was being cleared from the roof of the tobacco company's plant, and Moody stumbled and fell through a skylight.

The Rev. William Vinson, Jr., officiated at the services. Burial was in the cemetery at Pine Ridge

Baptist Church, where Masonic rites were conducted.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. H. P. Moody of Baltimore, Maryland; one son Joel Moody of Wendell; his mother, Mrs. E. A. Moody of Spring Hope, Route 3; three sisters, Ruth Moody of Spring Hope, Route 3, Mrs. H. W. Purnell of Raleigh, and Mrs. Odell White of Zebulon, Route 3; and five brothers, Hugh Thomas Moody of Wendell, Carl Moody of Henderson, Curtis Moody and Robert Moody, both of Louisburg, and Clarence Moody of Roxboro.

## County Agent Announces Potato School in Raleigh Friday Afternoon

By G. W. Miller, Jr.

Sweet potatoes are another cash crop that can be added on many farms in Wake County. Many farmers are already growing them as a profitable enterprise. The marketing has been one of the obstacles in growing them in this area, and we feel that they may have a place on the new Raleigh Farmers Market which is to open in May of this year.

A sweet potato school will be held in Room 238 of the Wake County Office Building on Friday, January 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. Mr. Henry Covington, Horticulture Extension Specialist, N. C. State College, will speak to us on seed selection, growing plants, field growing and harvesting. Dr.

George Abshire, Marketing Extension Specialist, N. C. State College will speak on grading and marketing.

Anyone interested in this subject is invited to attend this county-wide meeting.

## Featured Sunday

Sunday's edition of *The News and Observer* carried a feature story on Sue and Kenneth Hopkins, written by George Penney. The article described the young couple's struggle during and subsequent to a severe attack of infantile paralysis suffered by Mrs. Hopkins last summer.

## BIG SNOW OF 1899

### Dwight Was Right!

Mrs. T. Y. Baker called last Friday to confirm one item that appeared in the *Record* and give additional information on another item; both had run in *Seen and Heard*.

First of all, Mrs. Baker says that Dwight Culpepper is right: the big snow of 1899 was bigger than the snow last Wednesday. She remembers that particular snow well, and believes it was one of the biggest in these parts.

Concerning the age of the William Edwards home, which was totally destroyed by fire about ten days ago, Mrs. Baker says that parts of the home were at least 65 years old.

"My father, William Phillips, lived in the house across the road from the Edwards home," she said. "There used to be a store located where the home stood prior to the fire, and I believe that the original store building was added to and remodeled, although my husband thinks the Edwards home did not include the store building itself."

So there you are! Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker have reputations for good memories, and personally, we are not inclined to take sides. But one thing we are sure of: the Edwards home was a community landmark and had been for generations.