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EFFICIENCY PAYS OFF



Production efficiencies developed during output on four contracts for precision ammunition components for Navy ordnance were responsible for savings of \$2,725,000 refunded to government by Elgin National Watch Company. Here, George Fraker, right, general manager of company's ordnance division, presents Navy Ordnance chief, Adm. F. S. Withington, USN, with check for \$1,675,385. Remainder of saving was credited to Navy on company books. Elgin's voluntary action in making the refund in advance of renegotiation was cited by the Navy, as "a fine example of Navy-Industry cooperation in obtaining necessary defense material in the most economical manner."

### Damages High, Injuries are Slight In Four-Car Accident on Saturday

James Massey, local Farmer, was cited to Louisburg Recorder's Court for reckless driving in an accident involving four cars Saturday night. Accident occurred three miles east of Zebulon on highway 95 approximately at 9:30.



There were two main collisions, only a few minutes apart. Only casualty was Allison Tem-

## Ladies Night Finer Carolina Committee May Will Feature Reduce Five Projects to One **Lions Event**

Two meetings here Thursday will mark the biggest occasion in the history of local Lionism, according to Worth Hinton, deputy governor of Lions International District 31-E.

The annual meeting of Region one, District 31-E Lions Clubs, featuring a Ladies Night program, will take place in the Wakelon cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, when clubs from Wendell, Wake Forest, Raleigh, Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina, Millbrook, Apex and Garner will be guests of the Zebulon Lions Club.

300 people are expected for this meeting, Mr. Hinton said.

A district cabinet session is scheduled for 3:30 Thursday afternoon in Town Hall, and Mr. Hinton said that this will be the first Lions cabinet meeting ever held in Zebulon.

#### **Officials Expected**

Officials expected at this session are District Governor George B. Cherry, who will preside, International Counselors Paul Lyman and George Rogers, State Secretary Norman Trueblood, Cabinet Secretary Milton Gibson and Deputy District Governors Worth Hinton, Sam Brown, George Scott, Lauren Sharpe and Avery Thompson.

The last-five-named head the five regions into which District 31-E is divided.

Mr. Hinton said cabinet officers are expected to attend the Banquet-Dance Thursday evening, when Lions will have their wives and girl friends as guests.

After the banquet, at which Mr. fare." Hinton will preside as toastmaster, there will be music for dancing provided by Billy Joe Austin and Orchestra and special entertainment provided by performers Sonny Coley, Minnie Pearl, Dioan Bailey, Carolyn Hinton and Nellie Kemp. .

Finer Carolina Committeemen, meeting in Town Hall last Friday night, indicated that five projects previously selected for promotion in the 1955 Finer Carolina contest might be consolidated into one Main project.

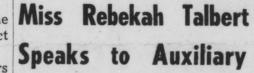
### Local Man Is Suicide Case

M. S. Alford, 63-year-old farmer, shot himself through the heart Saturday at his home about one the other three projects - busimile east of Zebulon.

Alford's body was found lying on be lessened if separated from Fina quilt on the ground behind his er Carolina sponsorship, the Rev. house. A 12-guage, single barrel B. A. Asbury made the consolidashotgun was lying beside him. Cor- tion proposal, pointing out that by oner Bennett said Alford used a unifying efforts the committee tobacco stick to push the trigger. would stand a better chance of The shot was fired about 1:30 p. getting these centers for Zebulon. m.

Alford had been ill for some time, Bennett said, and was just recently released from Duke Hospital. Investigating the shooting with the coroner was Zebulon's Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins. Alford is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lily Taylor Alford; five daughters, Mrs. Garland Richard-

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met Friday night in the home of project should receive a "wider ba-Mrs. Foster Lewis. Miss Rebe- sis of support" than, for example, kah Talbert spoke on "Child Wel- did the drive to establish Devil

thing you do to help a child is reation.

That project would include a drive to get two community recreation centers for Zebulon, one white and one colored.

Zebulon Park is the site for the white center, while the colored center will be constructed close to Shepard School.

Reasoning that progress towards ness promotion and town and res-Coroner Marshall Bennett said idential beautification - would not Inasmuch as Harold Taylor, chairman of the sub-committee in charge of building a colored recreation center, reported last Wednesday that final preparations had been made towards this project, discussions Friday night were focused mainly around the white center.

> Judge Irby Gill advised the committee to proceed with certain reservations; he advised not to begin a drive towards construction of this \$32,000 center unless there is reasonable certainty that townspeople are wholeheartedly behind the project.

He agreed with other members The American Legion Auxiliary of the committee, however, that the Dog industry here, since more peo-She stressed the fact that any- ple should be concerned with rec-

# **Do Little Damage**

Julius Allen, local farmer, who it was not believed serious. lives between Wakefield and Pearces, lost a tobacco barn in a fire shortly before noon Friday. Local Firemen reached the scene too late to save the barn although they managed to prevent the blaze from spreading.

A small forest fire beyond Wakefield occurred Friday afternoon and burned across about fifteen acres. Loss was insignificant as firemen, after failing for some time to gain a position in the woods to fight the fire efficiently, finally entered from a dirt road that leads from highway 96.

Aided by fire fighting units brought in by the county forest service, local firemen extinguished the blaze without much trouble as they were not hampered by winds.

Fire Chief Willie B. Hopkins said there was a strong threat for awhile to the thick timber lying south of the burning area.

Fire fighters, with extinguishing units strapped to backs, circled the blaze cutting their way through the brambles, spraying water on the slow burning flames.

Reason for the blaze was not established.

#### SENIOR PLAY

The annual Wakelon Senior play will be presented Wednesday night in the school auditorium at 8:00. The play consists of three acts and is entitled "He Who Hesitates." Charge is 35¢ for children, and 50¢ for adults.

ple, driving a 1955 model Studebaker, who suffered a leg injury. Extent of the injury was undetermined Saturday night, though

In addition to Temple and Massey those involved in the accident were Wade Roy Parks of Spring Hope, driving a 1947 four door Pontiac and Floyd Strickland of Zebulon, driving a 1946 Ford.

Massey was driving a 1950 Ford pickup truck east when he crashed into Parks, according to highway patrolmen D. L. Ray and John Rowe conducting investigations at the scene. Parks claimed he had slowed to turn off the road when Massey hit him.

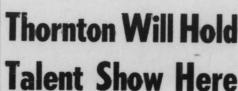
Second collision occurred a few minutes later. Patrol investigations did not reveal details, but Strickland, driving in the same direction as Parks and Massey, claimed that he had slowed down to pass the truck and to see if Massey needed help when a Studebaker coming swiftly from the opposite direction hit him.

With Allison Temple in the Studebaker were two men, his brother, Joe Temple of Norfolk, Va., owner of the car, and Charlie Scarboro of Zebulon.

Joe Temple termed the collision "unavoidable," indicating that it was impossible to stop as they were upon the two vehicles, that had completely blocked the highway, before they became visible in the extreme darkness.

The Studebaker was battered in the front and rear as it crashed into Strickland's automobile and skidded into Massey's truck.

Patrolman Rhodes estimated damages to the Studebaker at (See ACCIDENT, Page 8)



Farmer Jim Thornton will be at

appeared at

Bunn Electric Co. in Zebulon to-

Wakelon School Friday, March 18,

under the auspices of the local

Lions Club will be here tonight

According to local advertisement

the winner will appear on Thorn-

ton's "Saturday Night Country

Style" show on Durham television.

ton's band has been appearing un-

der the sponsorship of Philco Co.,

His entire band is expected here

tonight, according to Mrs. Melba

**Guard to Be Alerted** 

A state wide simultaneous

alert for National Guard units

will be sounded without notice

sometime this month, it has

been announced at 30th Di-

will be a two minute blast on

the the fire siren sounding

find out how quickly Guard

units can be assembled.

The local signal for the alert

Purpose of the alert is to

maker of electric appliances.

Bunn of Bunn Electric.

vision headquarters.

intermittently.

For the last three weeks Thorn-

night at 8:00.

Thornton who

to hold a talent show.

child welfare, and she spoke with appreciation of the many things the auxiliary had done, to her knowledge, in the community.

Miss Talbert told of her work with handicapped children, and how through help, many may be taught to overcome their handicaps, and grow to be self sufficient. self supporting individuals.

Following the program, the president, Mrs. Sidney Holmes, assigned tasks for the District meeting, held 'today in the Methodist Church, to which the Zebulon Unit is hostess.

Mrs. Dabney Gill reported on the need for television sets at the Veterans Hospital in Durham, and the Auxiliary voted unanimously to make a contribution toward the set, or possibly give one.

The hostess served delicious refreshments of molded ice cream, cookies, and iced drinks.

#### Auxiliary to Honor Units of District 9

The local American Legion Auxiliary unit will entertain 19 associted units of District 9 today at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Dabney Gill, publicity chairman of the local group, said the unit is expecting 80 people for the meeting.

Among these guests will be several state officials, including Mrs. Mary Brook Hoy, State Secretary, and Mrs. J. M. Newsome, District 9 Chairman.

purpose of reviewing Legion work Fund, and their presence is earnfor the past year, said Mrs. Gill, estly desired at the Town Hall at as well as planning for the coming eight o'clock p. m. on Friday, April year.

Chairman Thurman Murray said (See PROJECT, Page 8)

### WC to Nominate **Beauty Contestant**

The Junior Woman's Club is this year selecting a girl from Zebulon to compete in the Miss Wake County Contest, sponsored by the Fuquay-Varina Chamber of Commerce in May.

Applicants must be eighteen years of age and a high school graduate by September 1, 1955. She may not be over 28 years old, and can't be married, divorced, or had her marriage annulled.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest may contact Mrs. Barrie Davis for application blanks.

This year the judging itself will not be done in Zebulon, but in Fuquay. The Chamber of Commerce there will select one girl from the applications sent in, to be the Jun-(See CONTESTANT, Page 8)

#### **United Fund Members** Will Meet on Friday

United Fund members will hold an important meeting Friday night to elect officers for 1955. To be elected are a new chairman and replacements for members of the Board of Directors whose terms have expired.

All persons who have contrib-This meeting is primarily for the uted are members of the United 8.