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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.

Two Local Fires Do Little Damage

Julius Allen, local farmer, who 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.

Ladies Night Will Feature 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. 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.

Thornton Will Hold Talent Show Here

Farmer Jim Thornton will be at Bunn Electric Co. in Zebulon tonight at 8:00.

Thornton who appeared at Wakelon School Friday, March 18, under the auspices of the local Lions Club will be here tonight to hold a talent show.

According to local advertisement the winner will appear on Thornton's "Saturday Night Country Style" show on Durham television.

For the last three weeks Thornton's band has been appearing under the sponsorship of Philco Co., maker of electric appliances.

His entire band is expected here tonight, according to Mrs. Melba Bunn of Bunn Electric.

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 Division headquarters.

The local signal for the alert will be a two minute blast on the the fire siren sounding intermittently.

Purpose of the alert is to find out how quickly Guard units can be assembled.

Finer Carolina Committee May Reduce Five Projects to One

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 mile east of Zebulon.

Coroner Marshall Bennett said Alford's body was found lying on a quilt on the ground behind his house. A 12-gauge, single barrel shotgun was lying beside him. Coroner Bennett said Alford used a tobacco stick to push the trigger. The shot was fired about 1:30 p. 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—(See SUICIDE, Page 8)

Miss Rebekah Talbert Speaks to Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met Friday night in the home of Mrs. Foster Lewis. Miss Rebekah Talbert spoke on "Child Welfare."

She stressed the fact that anything you do to help a child is 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 associated 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.

This meeting is primarily for the purpose of reviewing Legion work for the past year, said Mrs. Gill, as well as planning for the coming year.

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 the other three projects — business promotion and town and residential beautification — would not be lessened if separated from Finer Carolina sponsorship, the Rev. B. A. Asbury made the consolidation proposal, pointing out that by unifying efforts the committee would stand a better chance of getting these centers for Zebulon.

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 of the committee, however, that the project should receive a "wider basis of support" than, for example, did the drive to establish Devil Dog industry here, since more people should be concerned with recreation.

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 contributed are members of the United Fund, and their presence is earnestly desired at the Town Hall at eight o'clock p. m. on Friday, April 8.