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Farm Group Asks Potato Cooperation

Farm Bureau Secretary R. E. Horton announced Friday that 530 letters have been printed and prepared for mailing by the Farm Bureau Sweet Potato Committee.

These letters are being sent to all members of the local Farm Bureau urging their cooperation in the local Sweet Potato Project.

Enclosed with the letters are return-addressed postcards, printed with questions conceived with a view to determining probable acreage that can be expected in the project. The committee has asked that farmers answer these questions and return the cards promptly so that final marketing preparations can be made.

Members of the committee are Rex Tippet, Raymond Averette, Elmo Finch and Dewey Massey. Mr. Massey is Chairman. These members said at their last meeting, held two weeks ago in Town Hall, that acreage is at the present time the project's determining factor.

The outgrowth of arrangements made at this meeting, the letters now in the mail explain briefly the project and its purpose and advantages for local farmers.

When the cards are returned committeemen will tabulate the acreage and proceed with final marketing plans.

There are three markets reportedly under consideration should the expected yield fall under 15,000 or 20,000 bushels. They are in Benson, Dunn and Bethel.

Should this number exceed 20,000 bushels a market may be prepared in Zebulon by Foster Finch, proprietor of Wakelon Trading Co. who suggested the project some weeks ago.

Mr. Finch has also promised storage space for the potatoes until they are ready for marketing.

Local Teacher's Mother Dies; Funeral Yesterday

Mrs. Loyie Hammonds Holt, 62, wife of the late Mallie H. Holt, died Saturday at a Wilmington hospital. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. from the Coble Funeral Home Chapel, by the Rev. Gilbert W. Crutchfield and the Rev. M. J. McChesney. Burial was in the Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Mrs. Holt was born in Bladen County September 25, 1892, the daughter of the late Robert and Emily Johnson Hammonds.

Survivors include four sons, R. Eldridge and Warren H., both of Wilmington, Wetzel of Charlotte and Herbert L. of Zebulon; four daughters, Mrs. Grace Salyer and Mrs. Miriam Davis, both of Wilmington, Mrs. Daphne Butler, Elizabethtown, and Mrs. Betty Robertson, of Parrish, N. Y.; five brothers, Graham, Henry, William, Walton Hammonds, all of Wilmington, and Edwin Hammonds of Fayetteville; four sisters, Mrs. Mattie Blackburn, Mrs. Annie McDuffie, Mrs. Viola Moore and Mrs. Mary Eliza Raynor, all of Elizabethtown; also 12 grandchildren.

Auction Thursday

The stock of goods and store fixtures of Page's Store Company will be offered at public auction, beginning Thursday, April 14, at 10:00 a.m.

ON GUARD—A HERITAGE



In more than 2,200 communities in the United States, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, nearly 400,000 Army and Air National Guardsmen direct descendants of the Minutemen, are ready to help in the defense of America.

Local Guardsmen Ready for Alert

Battery A, 113 Field Artillery Battalion, local unit of the North Carolina National Guard, will play an important part in the nationwide one-day test alert of Army and Air National Guard units to be held sometime this month, according to Lt. Jack Potter, Battery A Commanding Officer.

The alert will be known as "Operation Minuteman," Lt. Potter said. All other units of the N. C. National Guard also will participate in the alert, first of its kind ever held in the United States.

Lt. Potter cautioned citizens of this area that "Operation Minuteman" is being planned only for training purposes, and to test the mobilization plans of all Army and Air National Guard units throughout state and nation.

Temporary Only

"For that reason," he said, "we ask the people of Zebulon not to be alarmed when this test alert is sounded and our National Guard unit is temporarily mobilized."

"The local alert signal," he stated, "will be a two minute intermittent blast on the fire siren. Each member of the unit will also be contacted personally by one of the battery's 'Key Personnel.'"

He stressed the fact, however, that each member of the local unit should report to Davis Armory in wool uniform as soon as he hears of the alert from any source.

Should Not Wait

"They should not wait for the battery to notify them," he declared, "and any man more than 45 minutes travel time away from Zebulon should report to the nearest National Guard unit."

Lt. Potter emphasized that the exact date and time of "Operation Minuteman" will be kept secret. The alert orders will come directly

from the state Adjutant General, and will be coordinated with simultaneous alerts in other states, and in the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, he added.

From NGB Chief

The coordination order will come directly from Major General Edgar C. Erickson, Chief of the Na-

tional Guard Bureau, with headquarters at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. From the Adjutant General, it will be passed down to all Army and Air National Guard units in this state.

Nearly 400,000 Guardsmen including officers and men of Battery A, in more than 2,200 other communities will participate in "Operation Minuteman."

Two Wakelon Debaters to Enter North Carolina Finals at Chapel Hill

Wakelon affirmative debaters defeated New Bern in the district finals at Greenville last Thursday night and will be district representatives in the State finals at Chapel Hill April 28 and 29.

The two members of the squad, Ruth Temple and Gayle Dunn, both seniors, were relatively inexperienced at the beginning of the season, said Principal Franklin Jones, team coach.

Miss Temple debated in one match last year, he said, and Miss Dunn is a newcomer to the team.

In Chapel Hill they will try for the Aycock Debating Cup, and Mr. Jones, pleased with team success thus far, indicated Monday that Wakelon has some chance of victory regardless of the team's inexperience.

While defeating Garner, William R. Davy, Edenton, Greenville, Richlands and New Bern on their way to the district championship, the affirmative team performed well, said Mr. Jones, debating this year's topic, "Resolved that the Federal Government should initiate a policy of free trade with nations that are friendly to the United States."

The two debaters, according to

Mr. Jones, will present prepared speeches concerning this topic at the Rotary Club meeting Friday, April 22, in final preparation for the state contest.

He said that from the affirmative point of view it is an extremely difficult topic is "there is no precedent for it," adding that the team had consistently appealed to the fact that it is the Christian policy, which he called an "off-beat" technique.

Condition Precedent

As another important reason for their success, the principal said, their argument has been qualified with certain proposed conditions that would precede the establishment of a free trade policy with friendly countries. The Wakelon argument, he said, proposes that these countries be revolutionized economically after the manner of our own economic system.

The principal said that Wakelon's success represented victory over about twenty-five or thirty teams in the eastern North Carolina finals.

The negative team lost in the first round to Selma High School in a triangular meet March 18.

Lions' Clubs Hold District Session Here

A Lions District 31-E cabinet session in Town Hall Thursday afternoon (reportedly the first ever held in Zebulon) followed by a banquet-dance in Wakelon cafeteria Thursday evening climaxed a long period of hard work for officials of the local club.

Regarded by Lions here as the biggest event in local Lionism since charter night December 9, 1949, the regional celebration at Wakelon was attended by some three-hundred persons representing the Wake County region of District 31-E.

The cabinet session in Town Hall, presided over by District Governor George B. Cherry, was attended by Cabinet Secretary M. R. Gibson and deputy governors Worth Hinton, Sam Brown, George Scott and Avery Thompson.

More Districts

Aside from routine financial matters cabinet members discussed a proposed redistricting of North Carolina Lion districts.

The proposal, which will be voted on at the State Convention in Charlotte in May, would give North Carolina nine districts instead of the present six, Mr. Cherry said.

Making short reports at the regional meeting Thursday night were Norman Trueblood, State Secretary, and Harmon Dupree, President of the N. C. Association for the Blind.

Mr. Trueblood announced forthcoming state and international conventions. The State Convention will be held in Charlotte May 29, 30 and 31. International Convention will be held in Atlantic City June 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Money for Blind

Mr. Dupree reported to Lions, traditional workers for the blind, that more money has been raised during the last year for the blind and poor in North Carolina than at any other previous time.

He said \$38,000 was in the budget for this purpose.

Worth Hinton, Deputy Governor of Region One, presided as toastmaster at the meeting.

Clubs from Raleigh, Apex, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Millbrook, Wake Forest and Wendell were represented.

Music for dancing was furnished for after dinner dancing by Billy Joe Austin and orchestra.

Dioan Bailey, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bailey who has appeared on Jim Thornton's "Saturday Night Country Style" show for the past two weeks, entertained the group with her singing.

Members from these clubs were accompanied by their wives and girl friends.

Garden Club Sets Meeting Thursday

There will be a call meeting of the Garden Club Thursday afternoon at Whitley Furniture Company. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on whether to proceed with plans for the Flower Show, or to cancel it, because of the late freeze. Members will also select the tables on which they wish to make arrangements for the May meeting. The meeting is strictly a business meeting. There will be no hostesses. All members are urged to attend.