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Mayor Hinton Announces His Candidacy for Another Term

Cites His Years of Public Service; Says Only 16 of 200 Lions Pledged to Him for Governor

Mayor Worth Hinton, stating that he has scant hope of being elected a district governor of Lions International and citing his record of service to the town, announced his candidacy for reelection yesterday morning.

In his statement Mayor Hinton also was critical of members of the local Lions Club who reported that the organization was planning to use some or all of the proceeds from the recent "Country Style" show at Wakelon School to further his candidacy for district governor of the Lions.

Earlier Mr. Hinton had filed for reelection, taking the step im-



Worth Hinton

... decides to run ...

mediately after Gilmer Parrish filed for the Board of Commissioners last Saturday afternoon.

This year marks the third time that Mayor Hinton has run for Mayor of Zebulon. In 1951 he was opposed by R. H. Bridgers and Norman Screws and in 1953 by Ferd Davis.

The text of Mr. Hinton's statement follows:

"After having so many of my friends to ask me to again run for Mayor of Zebulon, the office I now hold, I am taking this opportunity to announce my candidacy for reelection. First though, permit me to thank each of you for your favors and fine support in the past. Also, I thank you for your co-operation in helping me to promote Zebulon.

"Better Than Ever"

"I am forty-three years old, and have served our town and you citizens for ten years, six as a commissioner and four years as your Mayor. Truly I can say that the experience gained by me has been valuable, and on account of that experience, I am better prepared to serve you now than ever before. During my service to the Town, which has been an honor to me, I want you to know that I have given freely of my time in the performance of my duties as Mayor. When called upon to do so, I have represented Zebulon at all out of town meetings, as well as the regular and called meetings of our official board here.

"This I would like to say further. My first and also my deepest interests are my family, my church and my town. I have lived here and operated the same business for twenty-one years. It is

true that I am a member of several civic and fraternal organizations, but here too, I am always boosting and pulling for Zebulon. My earnest desire is to see our town go forward, and I believe you will agree with me that it has gone forward in these last four years. I plan to send to each of you, a letter giving you a complete report of this progress.

"Now about the newspaper report of my being a candidate for District Governor of Lions International. At this time, I can report to you, that we are certain of only sixteen votes in the district, when there may be more than two hundred cast. Further, this district of Lions International reaches from Morehead City and Wilmington to Raleigh. During the past four years Wake County has had three Governors. So the eastern counties of the district now feel that they are entitled to nominate and elect the Governor this time. Also, they remind us that the Zebulon Club is only five years old, and as far as Lionism is concerned, has done a fine job, and in due time will receive its honors. Also, I would like one to ask the members of this club whether or not one single penny has been spent by the club in behalf of my candidacy.

"Even Better Than Before"

"My promise to you, if re-elected Mayor, is that I will perform my duties to the best of my ability, and I feel that it will be even better than the last four years. My main interest is now, and will continue to be, to do all I possibly can to see that Zebulon goes forward. My purpose will be to have a government for all our people, by all our people. I also believe that every section of our town should receive the same facilities. I will

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TWO IN RACE, ONE OUT OF IT



J. Raleigh Alford



C. Gilmer Parrish



Ben D. Thomas

Three local business and professional men have filed or considered strongly filing for the Board of the Town of Zebulon, subject to the election on Tuesday, May 3. They are J. Raleigh Alford, cotton ginner and fertilizer dealer; C. Gilmer Parrish, electrical appliances dealer; and Dr. Ben D. Thomas, physician. No member of the present board has as yet announced his candidacy for reelection to one of the five places open on the Board. Dr. Thomas yesterday decided to forego the race this year.

Parrish, Alford File for Commissioner; Dr. Ben Thomas Not to Run for Board

J. Raleigh Alford became the second candidate to file for the office of Zebulon Town Commissioner, taking the action without making an announcement prior to filing. A former member of the local board, Mr. Alford was not available for a statement yesterday.

Dr. Ben D. Thomas, general practitioner, announced his candidacy unofficially yesterday, but he later did some checking and decided not to run this year.

To Complete Term

"Several people have suggested to me that I become a candidate," Dr. Thomas said yesterday, "and I feel that there is a real opportunity for service on the local town board. However, I am already on the local school board, and I feel that I have an obligation to complete the term to which I accepted appointment."

The incumbent board members have been quiet about their intentions to date, although one is run-

ning for Mayor and at least two others have said they would not be candidate for reelection. A total of eight or nine candidates are expected to file for the board before the deadline next Tuesday.

Parrish Enters Race

Gilmer Parrish, proprietor of Parrish Electric Co. in Zebulon, entered the local political race Saturday by announcing his candidacy for town commissioner.

A former minister, Mr. Parrish has been in the electrical appliance business here for five years, and has been a resident of Zebulon his entire life. He is married to the former Jean Cash of Rolesville; they have one son, Charles Gilmer, Jr.

Mr. Parrish held a joint pastorate at Forestville and Kittrell Baptist Churches as a part-time minister from 1945 to 1947 and spent a subsequent period as resident pastor at W. R. Cullom Church in Warren County from

1947 to 1950.

During these years he was attending college. His college study includes one year at Campbell Junior College, three years at Wake Forest College and one semester at Atlantic Christian College.

In 1948 he attended Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem for a ten week course in clinical psychology.

As a dealer in electrical appliances here he is a member of the local Lions Club and the Zebulon Baptist Church.

Candidate's Statement

Mr. Parrish's statement regarding his candidacy for commissioner follows:

"After much deliberation I have filed as a candidate for the office of Zebulon Town Commissioner.

"The advice or support of any person or groups has not been sought regarding my candidacy, inasmuch as several of my friends

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WAKELON SENIORS SEE CAVERNS LAST WEEK



Thirty-six Wakelon seniors spent five days last week on the annual Washington trip. Pictured here in the Palace of Splendors in Luray Caverns, Virginia, they subsequently viewed the outstanding places of interest in Washington, including the Capitol, White House,

Arlington Cemetery, Jefferson, Lincoln and Washington Memorials, and the Smithsonian Institute. Pictured above left to right are,

1st row: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Biggam, Miss Blanche Gay, Ruth Temple, Patsy Allman, Peggy King,

Sandra Bunn, Marlene Phelps, Linda Mitchell, Armenia Hocutt, Geraldine Johnson, Kay Denton.

2nd row: Billy Green, Luther Long, Joe Williams, Phil Brown, Linnie Lou Price, Jean Bunn, Jean Bobbitt, Gayle Dunn, Barbara Alford, Alice Phillips, Ann Upchurch,

Annette Daniels, Joe Perry.

3rd row: Kenneth Eddins, Douglas Perry, Willard Gay, Victor Pace, Jerry Chamblee, H. E. Edwards, Malcolm Martin, Jr., David Alford, Harold Murray, Frankie Privette, Billy Alford, Pete Liles, Edwin Bunn, Dewey Brannon.