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Candidates File For Political Office

Number of candidates for political office here rose to seven during the week as W. B. Bunn, local wholesaler, G. K. Corbett, operator of City Barber Shop, and Norman Screws, manager of Whitley Furniture Co., filed for the local board of commissioners.

Those who filed earlier for the board are Gilmer Parrish, electrical appliances dealer, and J. Raleigh Alford, cotton ginner and fertilizer dealer.

Race for the mayoralty remains the same, with Wilbur Debnam opposing incumbent Mayor Worth Hinton for this office.

Screws and Corbett are former members of the board. Mr. Screws served for twelve consecutive years, and Mr. Corbett served from 1935 to 1937.

Mr. Alford was the only candidate with an official statement Thursday.

Mr. Alford has lived in Zebulon since 1934 and is an alumnus of Wake Forest College. He is a former member of the board of commissioners here.

Progress of the People

Mr. Alford said yesterday that he was not connected with any group here for the purposes of self-interest and that he had always worked for the "progress of the people in the town."

His statement follows:

"I am a candidate for Commissioner of the Town of Zebulon subject to the coming election to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 1955. It has been my privilege to serve formerly as one of your commissioners for four (4) years. During this time I worked for a sound and progressive Zebulon.

"If elected I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of Town Commissioner, will give careful study and consideration to all matters that come before me and be guided in all decisions by a sincere desire to serve all the citizens of Zebulon."

Hears Mrs. Finch

By Mrs. Frederick Chamblee

Opening the last meeting of the Wakelon PTA for the school year were musical selections by Dottie Privette playing a piano solo and Tommy Phillips singing "All through the Night."

Mrs. Bob Sawyer, outgoing president, thanked the membership for their support and introduced Mrs. Garland Godwin, who performed the installation ceremony. New officers are Mrs. E. V. Rountree, President; Rodney McNabb, Vice President; Mrs. Frank Massey, Secretary; and Mrs. Armstrong Canaday, Treasurer.

Ed Hales, Chairman of the School Board, explained the purpose of the School Appreciation Night and asked for the support of the PTA.

Girl Scouts Featured

Zebulon Girl Scout Troops were featured on the program. Andrea Temple directed the Color Guard ceremony as the Scouts marched into the auditorium. Miss Frankie Finch, Field Director of the Scout Council, was introduced by Mrs. Wilson Braswell, Community Girl Scout Chairman. Miss Finch told the audience what Scouting means to the girls and to the community.

The Brownies conducted the debut. (See PTA, Page 8)

CANDIDATE



Norman M. Screws

Norman Screws, manager of Whitley Furniture Co., filed for the office of town commissioner Thursday. Also filing this week for the board was G. K. Corbett, proprietor of City Barber Shop, and W. M. Bunn, local wholesaler. The three men became the third, fourth and fifth candidates for the board of commissioners here.

Minister Cites Need for Civic Endeavor

By Beverly A. Asbury

If a democracy in a community ever fails, it is the people who have failed. The processes of government break down only when the people become lazy, complacent, and uninterested.

Talk is cheap, and by the amount of it we hear, we can judge just how cheap it is. We are a critical people. We could hardly be more critical. One does not have to listen for long to know that much of our conversation centers on criticism of other people and groups of people. The gripes are many. We tear the Town Board apart. The School Board is constantly being blamed for every conceivable (and almost every inconceivable) thing on earth. Civic and fraternal organizations have their skin picked from their bones, and the churches are by no means exempt from the biting and destructive tongues.

Talk like that is cheap, and so is the talk from the other side of our mouths. We say we want a community building for the young people, but few of us are willing

to work diligently for it. We express our desire for a first-rate accredited school, but few want to make the necessary sacrifice to achieve it.

We prefer low taxes, no hard work, and sacrificing teachers who will patiently bear up under our harsh words. We want a better community — cleaner water, pav-

Dance Revue Held

A musical revue, presented at the Senior Woman's Club meeting last Tuesday afternoon in the Wakelon auditorium, featured a group of youngsters from Zebulon and Wendell in a variety of dance renditions, reported Mrs. A. R. House, club publicity chairman, Wednesday.

A devotional, "The Lord's Prayer," was sung by Mrs. L. M. Massey to open the session. Dottie Privette began the revue with a piano solo, "Sous Bois."

Mrs. H. C. Wade, teacher of tap and ballet dancing here, explained her technique of instruction to the group and presented several of her students.

Joan Baker did a ballet solo, which was followed by a dance duet presented by Jackie Mitchell and Carolyn Hinton.

Diminutive Frances Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Massey, appeared on the program in her first revue.

Four Wendell girls, Mayole Richardson, Evelyn Pearce, Jane Hinnant and Lee Weathers, appeared on the program.

Six local girls sang and tap-danced: Ann Davis, Debbie Massey, Carolyn Stallings, Janet Griswold, Barbara Groom and Dianne May.

Rhythm waltzing and classical and ballet tap dancing presentations were given by Sidney Holmes, Jr., Mickey Hinton, Jackie Mitchell, Brenda Bunn, Debbie Phillips, Joan Baker, Bettie Whitehurst of Wendell and Fay Griswold.

At the May 6 meeting of the Senior Woman's Club Mrs. Wade's entire class will appear. Mrs. House said that all the children appearing Tuesday gave excellent performance. (See DANCE, Page 8)

Guard Mobilizes for Test Alert

"Operation Minuteman" in Zebulon was highly successful, reported Lt. Jack Potter, CO of Battery A, 113th Field Artillery Battalion.

Alert signal for the operation sounded here at 6:40 p. m. Wednesday, a two minute blast on the fire siren, although the alert officially began at 6:30 and lasted until ten-thirty. Lt. Potter notified the local fire department where officials sounded the pre-arranged alarm for all Guardsmen to report to the armory.

WO J. P. Arnold reportedly was the first to arrive at the armory; officers and enlisted men began to arrive shortly afterwards.

This was the surprise alert for which Guardsmen all over the nation have been waiting this month. National headquarters ordered the mobilization for an unspecified time in April so as to test the speed and efficiency of the National Guard when its members would not be prepared and waiting.

Twenty-five minutes after the signal a two and one-half ton armored truck was dispatched to Raleigh from the armory with twenty-five men aboard under the command of Lt. Jack Tippet.

The 113th Field Artillery Battalion was assigned the mission of securing the state Capitol by 30th Infantry Division headquarters. Upon receiving notification units from Louisburg, Youngsville and Battery A sent men to Raleigh for this purpose.

Major General Claude Bowers of Warrenton, commanding general of the 30th Infantry Division, expressed himself as well pleased with the action of the local National Guard unit Wednesday night.

Battery A was assigned the job of defending the state capital building in Raleigh, and a Raleigh unit was detailed to guard the capital until the Zebulon Guardsmen arrived. When the Raleigh troopers got to the capital, however, the local men were already in position.

"The Zebulon boys must have heard that the State Treasurer's office was in the capital," General Bowers observed.

Guards were posted around the Capitol lawn by Sgt. Carl Kemp of the Zebulon unit in advance of the arrival of the 30th Division Headquarters Enlisted Detachment. The Raleigh unit was supposed to have been relieved by local guardsmen in the test maneuver.

The News and Observer reported that the relief took place in accordance with plans, but Lt. Potter said the report was erroneous as the local men had manned the posts when the Raleigh group arrived.

All but two men were accounted for in the mobilization here, Lt. Potter said. Six were absent with leave. Official count was seventy.

Forty-five men had reported to the armory by 7:10 o'clock, thirty-five minutes after the signal, and all missions were accomplished shortly after 7:15. Sixty men had arrived, and most of them dispatched to strategic points, when WO Arnold made an official report at 7:30 to Battalion headquarters in Louisburg.

There were eight missions, including the Raleigh assignment. Three men were stationed at the sub-station, four at the filter tank, three at the water tower, three at the fire station, two at the bridge on the bypass to Raleigh, five at the Devil Dog plant and (See GUARD, Page 8)

Fails to Buy Land

A committee of three persons representing the Wake County Board of Education has reached a stalemate, expected to continue indefinitely, in their efforts to acquire more property for Wakelon School, according to Randolph Benton, Superintendent of Wake County Schools.

For approximately a year the committee, consisting of Phillip Olive, local store owner, E. I. Bridgers of Wendell Building and Loan Association and Phillip Taylor of Taylor Realty Co. in Raleigh, has been negotiating with property owners for a six acre plot of land adjoining the Wakelon High School football field.

Supt. Benton said Thursday, April 14, that committeemen Olive and Bridgers at a recent school board meeting submitted a minor- (See PROPERTY, Page 4)

Finnish Girl Speaks to Rotarians

America is a wonderful place, but Finland is better — at least for Finns, so Marjatta Saikkola, Meredith College student from Finland, told Zebulon Rotarians at their regular meeting last Friday night.

Miss Saikkola, a Rotary Exchange student (her expenses, like those of American students studying abroad under the same program, are paid by Rotarians), discussed her native land and gave her impressions of America in her talk.

The speaker devoted a major portion of her talk to a description of Finland and Finnish customs, before telling what she liked — and disliked — about the United States.

The most impressive thing about this country, she said, is the fact

that considerations of distance do not bother Americans.

"You want to go somewhere," she said, "and you go — on your own car. In Finland, only the very rich people, like doctors and bankers, have cars."

She also likes the informal manner in which Americans greet each other, and go about their daily affairs. What she does not like about this country, she said, is the way Americans tend to specialize, even in advanced education, and the way everybody is always in a hurry. Sometimes, she declared, it is good to relax.

Tonight Rotarians will hear members of the Wakelon triangular debate team, coached by Principal Franklin Jones, deliver their debate-winning talks.