

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## THREE OF NINE CANDIDATES FOR BOARD



Aaron Lowery  
Insurance Agent



Mrs. Elizabeth Ellett  
School Teacher



R. Vance Brown  
Banker

## Eleven in Race for Town Board

Announced candidates for the Zebulon Board of Commissioners — slow to declare their intentions for weeks — numbered nine yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Elizabeth Ellett, Wakelon teacher, became the first woman ever to file here. Later Frank Wall and Philip Massey ran the number to eleven.

Earlier R. Vance Brown, banker, who serves as treasurer of practically every organization of which he is a member, became the first member of the incumbent board to file for reelection. Wilbur Debnam, another incumbent commissioner, is running for the office of Mayor.

M. M. "Pete" Bryant and Aaron Lowery also have filed for the local board. Bryant, a Baptist, Lion, and Legionnaire, works with

Beck Brothers Veneer Company, and Lowery, a Baptist, Rotarian, and Chamber of Commerce secretary, operates an insurance agency here.

"I became a candidate for Commissioner after much serious consideration," Bryant said. "I am obligated to no particular group of people. I will work with an open mind and will serve all the people to the best of my ability in all matters. I solicit your vote and support, and pledge to work for the interest of Zebulon."

Lowery stated that he had been asked by people from all sections of town to become a candidate, and after consideration, decided to run.

"I think that there is a real opportunity for service on the town board," he said, "and I promise to make the most of the opportunity to serve if I am elected. I want everybody to vote for me, but if you don't, no hard feelings!"

Brown, who has served continuously on the town board longer than any other person in the history of Zebulon, has regularly polled virtually the same proportion of the total votes since he first ran for office. Regarded by many as the watchdog of the town treasury, he said he would have a statement later this week.

The list of candidates included yesterday Mrs. Ellett, Brown, Bryant, W. B. Bunn, Gilmer Parrish, Norman Screws, G. K. Corbett, J. R. Alford, Wall and Massey.

## Political Interest Increases In Race for Mayor; Both Candidates Maintain Effort

Activity picked up considerably over the weekend in the local Mayor's race, in which Incumbent Worth Hinton is opposed by Commissioner Wilbur T. Debnam, with interest building up to the point expected when two such proven vote-getters as the two present candidates run. An indication of their ability to garner votes is seen in the 1953 election results, when Mayor Hinton won his race handily by taking 307 votes. Debnam was high man in the race for the Town Board, receiving 404 votes. A total of 477 ballots were cast here two years ago.

Mayor Hinton was in Rolesville yesterday morning, and was not available for comment. Last week, however, he sent out a form letter to the majority of the registered voters in which he solicited support and pointed out achievements of the past four years.

### Cites Achievements

Cited in the Mayor's letter as accomplishments under his administration were the completion of the municipal building, installation of the white way in the business district, paving of sidewalks, construction of the National Guard armory, development of the Devil Dog manufacturing facilities, purchase of a new garbage truck, new electric wiring in the water plant, street paving, repair of the water tank, two-way radio in the police car, clean-up of streets, alleys, and cemetery, and purchase of a new police car from Wendell Motor Company.

"As you well know, I have not used the office for my personal benefit," Mr. Hinton said, "and I will not build up my own section of town and neglect any other section. I believe all parts of town should have equal improvements and facilities."

"My record and my reputation is known to you, and if re-elected I promise to do everything I can for your benefit and the benefit of our town," he continued.

### Debnam's Statement

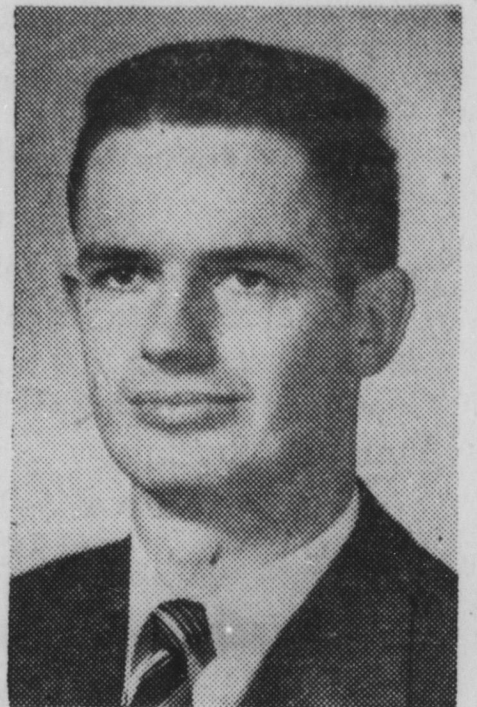
His opponent, Wilbur T. Debnam, who announced his candidacy several weeks prior to Mr. Hinton's announcement of his candidacy for reelection, issued a statement yesterday expressing gratification for the support already pledged him in the current campaign, and urging every registered voter to cast a ballot next Tuesday, regardless of choice for Mayor.

"I am very pleased with the progress of the campaign," Mr. Debnam said. "People from all parts of town and of all ages are pledging their support to me. This makes me feel good because many of these people have known me since I was born here in Zebulon. I feel as if they know me, and I appreciate it when they promise to support me."

"This has been a clean campaign so far as I know. The people of Zebulon know all the candidates that have filed for office. Therefore I do not feel that they will tolerate any untrue statements being made about any candidate, nor will they allow anyone's good character to be attacked. I think this is as it should be."

"I am sure that if I am elected Mayor I will be able to work with anyone who is elected as a Commissioner. I have always been able to work with people and

## HOME AGAIN



Barrie Davis

Capt. Barrie S. Davis resumed command of Battery A, Zebulon's National Guard unit, last night following his return from four months' study at the Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla., where he was a member of the advanced class which graduated last Thursday. During his absence, Lt. Jack Potter commanded the artillery unit.

## Guard Unit Does Well in Big Test

The great value of the National Guard to community, state and nation was strikingly demonstrated April 20, 1955, during "Operation Minuteman," the Guard's nationwide, one-day test alert, according to Lt. James M. Potter, Commanding Officer of the local unit.

Battery A, 113th Field Artillery Battalion, North Carolina National Guard demonstrated during the alert that it was ready, at a few minutes notice, to help defend this area or to extend invaluable assistance in case of fire, tornado, flood or other disaster.

### Residents Watch

Local residents watched with interest as officers and men of Battery A, were alerted and quickly assumed their assigned duties with the unit.

The excellence of their Guard (See GUARD, Page 8)

## Meeting Postponed

The Home Demonstration Club will postpone its regular meeting until Friday, April 29 at 2:30 at the club house. The program will be "What to Wear and When," given by the agent. We will also have a dress review. Each member is asked to wear a dress she made, silk or cotton, to be judged. Mrs. Pink Williams will be hostess at the meeting.

## UNCLE FERD'S ALMANAC

### Here's the Real Lowdown on April

After today, there are only four more days left in April, and Uncle Ferd has had nothing to say about it. Nothing in print, that is; I wrote a nice long article about April Fool's Day (if you want to know about fools, ask an expert, preferably one of them) but it got crowded out.

So I'm going to tell you about April (the month, not the girl; twenty years ago I knew a charming girl named April, a student at St. Mary's; I'd be glad to tell you about her, but you wouldn't want me to disrupt my happy married life, would you?).

April is the fourth month of the year in the United States; in China, where people are somewhat slower than here, it is only the third month. In Russia, where they still use the Julian calendar, April

as we know it is both the third and fourth month. Trust the Communists to be thorough!

March was supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb when I was a boy, but I think that either the H-Bombs or the Republican administration has changed things; the wind blows all the time nowadays.

Similarly April used to be a month that came in with (1) a day of great good humor and practical jokes, and (2) plenty of rain. Nowadays people are too busy even to play jokes, and the rain has all turned to hail. At least it did Sunday.

April is a month that inspires poets, and always has, as far back as Geoffrey Chaucer, who wrote: "Whan that Aprille with his shoures sote

The droghte of Marche hath perced to the rote,  
And bathed every veyne in swich licour,  
Of which venty engendred is the flour . . ."

As you will note, Chaucer was a very fine poet, but he couldn't spell for little green apples.

April is the month when the legislators begin to realize how much nicer their home towns are than Raleigh, and some of them begin to wonder why they ever ran for the legislature in the first place. Their constituents wonder about it the year around.

That is not all I know about April by a whole lot, but it is all for this issue of the finest semi-weekly newspaper published in Zebulon. I will tell you more about April or something, come Friday.

## Zebulon Troop Participates in Scout Circus

Local boy scouts were among the five thousand participating in the "Scout Circus" at the State Fair Arena Saturday night.

Their construction skills had been brought to a fine perfection after weeks of practice as they completed erection of a camping table and rope machine under the ten minute time limit.

They had been working on the two projects since early March, hewing timber and otherwise undergoing preparation.

Scoutmaster James Debnam and Armstrong Cannady, local insur-

ance salesman, supervised the two projects.

Debnam had eight boys working on the table, which was finished in nine minutes despite the absence of two boys.

Cannady supervised three boys in the erection of a rope machine.

Debnam said Monday that he was well pleased with the local troop's performance.

Those erecting the table were Sidney Holmes, Jr., Leary Davis, Jr., John Bullock, Joseph Temple, Calvin Richardson, Kenny Watson, Larry Page and Randy Long. Con-

structing the rope machine were Ed Gill, Don Perry and James Archer Gainey.

Eleven counties, the whole of Occoneechee Council, were represented at the massive circus which lasted from 6 p. m. until 10:30 and which was viewed by approximately 10,000 spectators.

They watched display of practically all the scouting skills. A special disaster scene was created with a burning house and wrecked automobiles and scouts showed, how they would aid in rescue service (See CIRCUS, Page 5)