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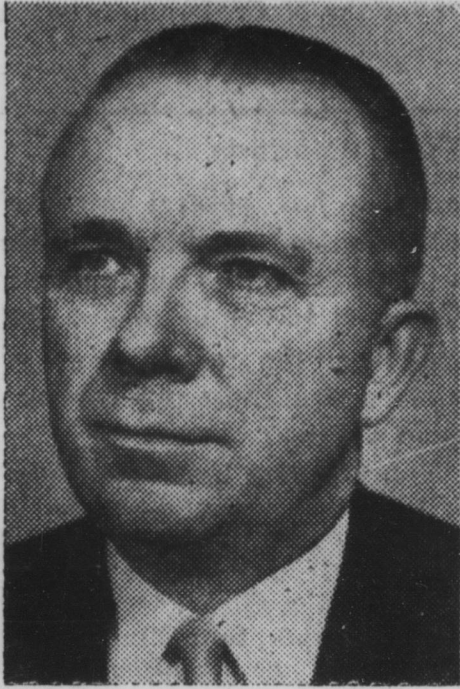
Zebulon, N. C., Tuesday, May 3, 1955

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ELEVEN BOARD CANDIDATES



Norman Screws
Furniture Dealer



R. Vance Brown
Banker



Gilmer Parrish
Appliance Dealer



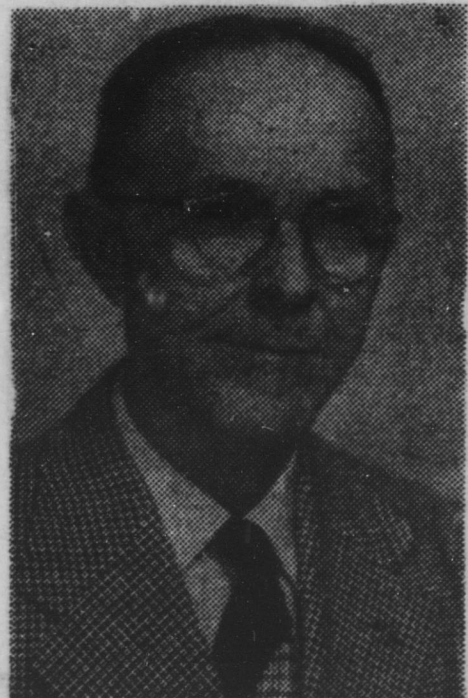
J. Raleigh Alford
Cotton Ginner



Aaron Lowery
Insurance Agent



Mrs. Elizabeth Ellett
School Teacher



Philip Massey
Farm Supplier



Frank Wall
Retail Grocer

Big Vote Expected on May 3; Thirteen Seek Six Offices Here

A new record for number of votes cast in a municipal election in Zebulon will probably be set this year when local voters cast their ballots for two candidates for Mayor and eleven aspirants to the Board of Commissioners. With the large field and increased interest during the last two weeks, the only thing certain about the 1955 election is that there will be fewer winners than losers—only six from the field of thirteen can be elected to office in the May 3 election.

Seeking the Mayor's position are Worth Hinton and Wilbur Debnam. Running for Board of Commissioners are Frank Wall, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellett, R. Vance Brown, M. M. "Pete" Bryant, G. K. Corbett, J. Raleigh Alford, Gilmer Parrish, Philip Massey, W. B. Bunn, Norman Screws, and Aaron Lowery.

Two incumbent Commissioners, Howard Beck and R. Wesley Liles, are not candidates this year. Two other members, Frank Wall and R. Vance Brown, are candidates for reelection, and the fifth member of the Board, Wilbur Debnam, is running for Mayor.

Screws, Alford, Bunn, Massey, and Corbett are all ex-members of the Board. Lowery, Parrish, Bryant, and Mrs. Ellett are candidates for the first time. Mrs. Ellett is the first woman ever to seek elective office in Zebulon elections.

Election Officials

Officials in Tuesday's election are Mrs. Evelyn Creech, registrar, and Mrs. Edna Allman and Wade Perry, judges.

Worth Hinton, a Lion and a Baptist, is running for a third term as Mayor of Zebulon. Debnam, also a Baptist, is seeking the Mayor's post for the first time. Each was a handy winner in 1953; Hinton got 307 votes for Mayor, and Debnam received 404 votes for Commissioner. Each vote was a record high.

Considerable interest has been shown in the Board race also. The field provides over two candidates for each position, regarded as a healthy sign by most voters. Few residents would venture a prediction this week as to which five of the eleven candidates would be the successful aspirants.

And while many of the Zebulon prognosticators had no hesitancy in voicing an opinion as to the probable winner in the Mayor's race, not one would say with assurance who would be top choice in the Commission contest.

It all adds up to a lot of interest—and a lot of votes.

TWO ASPIRANTS TO MAYORALTY



Wilbur Debnam



Worth Hinton

These two Zebulon business men, who led the ticket in balloting here two years ago, are seeking the office of Mayor in the election on Tuesday, May 3. A record vote is expected here this year.

Candidates for Mayor Say News Items Accurate, Their Fight Clean

In the campaign for Mayor of Zebulon, which got off to a slow start but has picked up considerably during the last few days, both candidates said last Friday that they had tried to fight fairly, and expressed satisfaction with the political news stories appearing in the *Record* during the campaign.

With each candidate refraining from attacking either the other candidate or the other candidate's supporters, the chief issue in the Mayor's contest appeared to be simply which of the two men—Worth Hinton and Wilbur Debnam—was thought by the voters to be the better man to hold the reins of local government for the next two years.

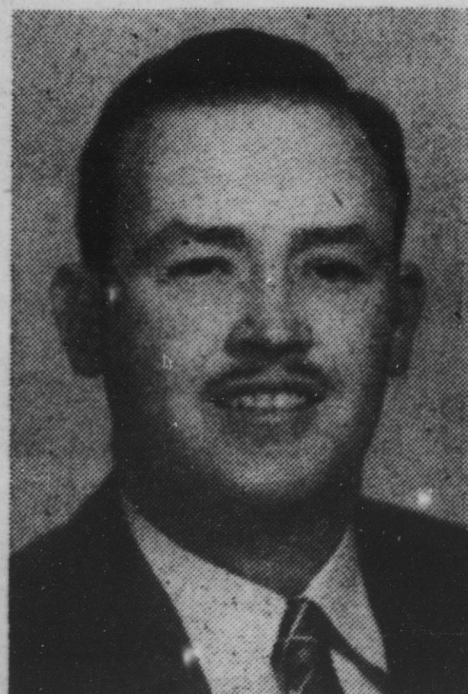
Discussing Zebulon politics with

a *Record* reporter Friday morning in the town office, Mr. Hinton agreed that news coverage of the campaign in the local newspaper had been completely fair and accurate. He expressed himself as being "very well satisfied" with the *Record's* coverage of himself.

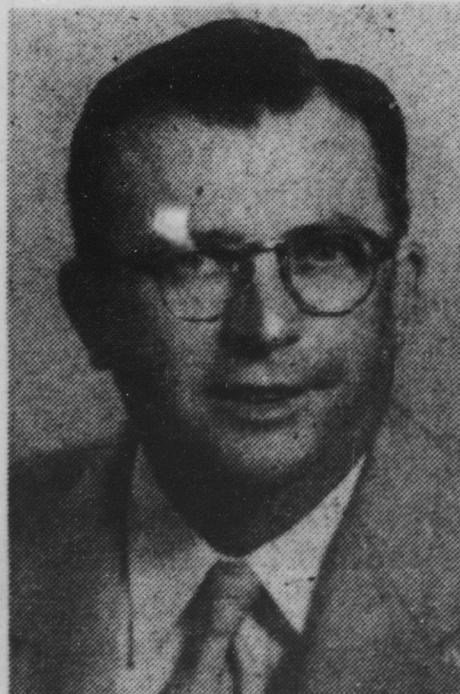
"And you've got two witnesses to my statement that I am very well satisfied," he added, pointing to two town employees who were in the town office at the time.

Debnam stated Friday that he thought the newspaper had done a lot to insure a heavy vote on May 3.

"I think it is important that every registered voter cast his ballot, regardless of choice," he said, "and building up interest in the local campaign is a good way to insure a record vote on Tuesday."



M. M. "Pete" Bryant
Plywood Manager



W. B. Bunn
Wholesale Grocer



G. K. Corbett
Barber

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