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Boy Scouts to Go To Firing Range With Guardsmen

Troop 340 will be permitted to participate in the two all-day periods of marksmanship training planned for the National Guardsmen of Battery A, Lt. Jack Potter announced this week. Over a half dozen of the Scouts are working for the Marksmanship Merit Badge, and other members of the troop are invited to join in the training.

Battery A will hold all-day drills on Sunday, May 29, and Sunday, June 5, to train with the M-1 rifle in preparation for the weekend firing at Ft. Bragg on June 11-12.

Lt. Potter, who has been in charge of the small arms training in Battery A for four years, worked with six of the Scouts on Monday of this week in the Davis Armory rifle range. Firing was conducted with the Guard's precision .22 caliber rifles which are used in National Rifle Association competition.

Similar Course

The test course fired for the Scout Marksmanship Merit Badge is very similar to that fired by the Guardsmen at Ft. Bragg, Lt. Potter said, and the positions used are identical.

Again this year religious services will be conducted before the start of the Sunday drills. Scouts participating in the training will be permitted to eat with the Guardsmen at noon.

New Publications

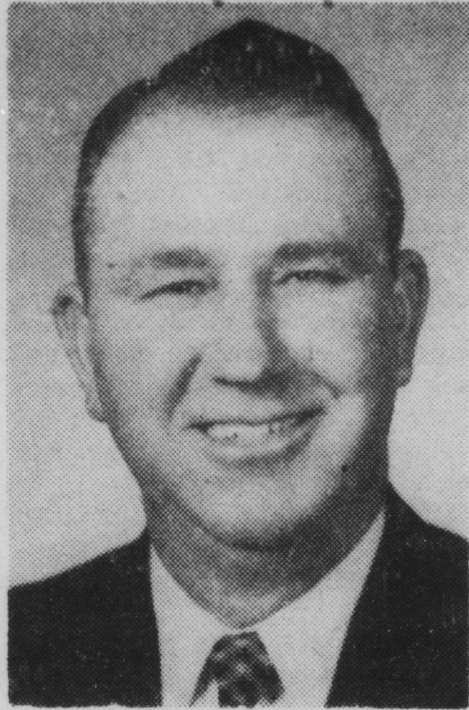
Two new publications were added this month to the list printed by Theo. Davis Sons, printers in Zebulon. *Restaurant South*, a magazine for restaurant operators and owners in the South and Southwest, and *Garden Gossip*, a gardening magazine published in Richmond, Virginia, were printed and mailed from Zebulon.

Other widely-distributed publications printed in the Zebulon plant include *The North Carolina Catholic*, *North Carolina Clubwoman*, *Bible and World News*, and *The Zebulon Record*.

Chorus to Sing

The Elementary Chorus of the Methodist Orphanage Grammar School, Raleigh, will be guests of the Wendell Methodist Church Sunday evening, May 8, at 7:30 o'clock. They will present a concert of music and inform the congregation about the activities at the Home.

ON BOARD



H. H. Eddins

Mr. Eddins, a Zebulon farmer and fertilizer dealer, was named earlier this year to the Wakelon School Board. A former Master of Whitestone Lodge, AF&AM, he is a member of the Board of Deacons and building committee of Wakefield Baptist Church, of which he has been a member since childhood, and is an official of the Zebulon Farm Bureau and the local rural fire department. Mr. and Mrs. Eddins have three children, a daughter and two sons.

Committee Plans Potato Meeting

For those indicating interest in learning more about the growth, curing, and marketing of sweet potatoes, a meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday night at 8:00 in Town Hall.

Some interest was indicated in replies to the Farm Bureau sweet potato committee, which sent out some five-hundred return-addressed postcards recently (only twenty-seven of the cards being returned in accordance with the committee's request).

Last count reveals that less than four-thousand bushels will be produced here, and although this makes a local market unlikely this year it is a promising start for next year, committeemen feel.

Dewey Massey, head of the committee, announced last Tuesday that Joe Guarley, potato expert with the government, and H. H. Simmons, successful sweet potato grower from near Tarboro, N. C., have agreed to appear here at next Tuesday's meeting.

Those engineering the project, hoping for a local market and other (See MEETING, Page 5)

Local Voters Set New Record; Debnam Wins Race for Mayor

Zebulon is the best town in North Carolina. Its citizens proved that statement when they came out in record numbers on Tuesday, May 3, to elect a Mayor and five Commissioners — five hundred and twenty-nine of 589 registered voters cast their ballots in the municipal election to gain for this town the distinction of having the greatest percentage of both registered and qualified voters to participate in the election of any town in the state.

In the balloting, Wilbur T. Debnam, local hardware dealer, once again proved himself a top vote-getter, defeating the incumbent Mayor, Worth Hinton, by 59 ballots. Debnam received 292 votes to 233 for Hinton.

Each of the two candidates for Mayor received fewer votes than two years ago, when Debnam led the Board ticket with 404 ballots and Hinton tallied 307 votes to win the Mayor's position a second time.

Each candidate also had a brief statement Tuesday night, Hinton expressing congratulations and Debnam thanking Mayor Hinton for his statement and thanking the people for the support given him.

Yesterday Mayor-elect Debnam had a more formal statement for the *Record*.

"I intend to do my best to live up to my campaign promise," he said, "which promise was to serve all the people to the best of my ability. I reaffirm that promise, and seek the cooperation of all the citizens in maintaining progress in our fine community."

Debnam expressed gratification at the heavy balloting.

"I have never known more people to take an active interest in a municipal election," he stated.

"This indicates there is much interest in our town and its progress, for which I am thankful."

"I will accept my new responsibility with humility and will work to the best of my ability to serve all the people of Zebulon," he concluded.

Mayor Hinton could not be reached yesterday for a statement.

In the Commissioners' race J. Raleigh Alford, defeated for Commissioner two years ago, made a strong comeback to lead the balloting.

Alford received 340 votes, leading G. K. Corbett by 27 ballots to take top spot in the returns.

Third man in the race was R. Vance Brown, local banker, who apparently can stay on the Board forever if he desires. Brown has been on the Town Board longer than any other Commissioner has ever served here, and has been re-elected as regularly as clockwork. The only difference this time was that he ran third; generally he

has been fourth or fifth man in the race.

Other successful candidates were Norman Screws and Frank Wall. Wall is a member of the present Board, and Screws formerly served as a Commissioner.

Each of the five newly elected Board members and the new Mayor have had service on the Board.

Interest in the election rose sharply during the last two weeks, although the campaign got off to a slow start. In some cases the electioneering became heated, but generally all campaigning was on a high level.

No Surprise Here

Debnam's victory was called an "upset" by the daily press, but local observers generally expected it. At least one local man accurately predicted the winners in the Mayor's race and the Board contest.

The final tally showed for Mayor: Wilbur Debnam, 292; Worth Hinton 233; for Commissioner; J. Raleigh Alford 340, R. Vance Brown 279, W. B. Bunn 170, M. M. "Pete" Bryant 165, G. K. Corbett 313, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellett 216, Aaron Lowery 229, Norman Screws 275, Gilmer Parrish 55, Frank Wall 250, and Philip Massey 224.



Debnam

Officials Meet, Talk, Finally Adjourn

By Hunter James

A brief fifteen or twenty minute Town Board session last Monday night, in which little business was discussed and few resolutions were enacted, was probably one of the shortest on record.

Perhaps one explanation for the brief session was the revival service being held at the Methodist Church, inasmuch as several of the board members pleaded off so they could attend.

Monday was the night before election day.

Motion Awaited

Mayor Worth Hinton pointed out that only three members (at the most) would return for the next two years.

He said he had enjoyed working

with the commissioners for the past two years and awaited a motion for adjournment.

Town attorney A. R. House indicated he wished to go to church and he awaited a motion for adjournment; several others indicated same, waiting for adjournment.

Motion in Order

Mr. Hinton asked for business and, arousing none, indicated that a motion to adjourn would be in order.

Town Clerk Willie B. Hopkins said he would stick around until June to help orient the new board.

He pointed out that certain disadvantages would accompany the new commissioners into office and would plague them for a long time, the biggest disadvantage would be

the lack of money, he said, forecasting an unfortunate two years as far as building breaking, wrecking and improving are concerned.

While these comments were being made the five commissioners, the mayor and the town attorney awaited the motion for adjournment.

Monday was the night before election day.

Motion Still in Order

Mr. Hinton asked if there was any business and, arousing none, indicated that a motion to adjourn would be in order.

The motion was finally made and seconded, after about twenty minutes. The motion to adjourn was made by commissioner Frank (See ADJOURNMENT, Page 6)

FIVE WINNING CANDIDATES FOR ZEBULON TOWN BOARD



G. K. Corbett



Frank Wall



J. Raleigh Alford

High Man



R. Vance Brown



Norman Screws