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A LONG WAY FROM ZEBULON

Tar Heels Aid French Orphans

By Darnell P. Spann

Metz, France, is the largest city near us, having a population of 100,000. There you see old types of buildings as well as the modern.

It is an old town; one of the churches still in use was built in the 7th century. The cathedrals and St. Vincent's Church draw many visitors. Then, too, Metz has a large museum.

Metz is an important commercial and industrial center. The town is spread over the three branches of the Moselle river. Bathing, boating and fishing are three great attractions. The surrounding county is also very lovely.

American Cemeteries

Verdun and St. Mihiel are two American cemeteries near our village. They are well cared for and resemble Arlington Cemetery. At St. Mihiel there is a lovely chapel in the center of the cemetery of white marble with these words engraved on the wall:

"This chapel has been erected by the United States of America in grateful remembrance of her sons who died in the World War." Outside, two large flag poles support our nation's flag.

Calvin is with the Hq. Sqdn. at Chambley Air Base. One activity of the Fellowship Group headed by Chaplain John George is to give aid to 75 orphans of the St. Jean Protestant Orphanage in Metz. They have purchased playground equipment. The group provided a devotional program, movie and refreshments for the children on two occasions and plans to visit summer camp with a movie for them in July.

Clothing Requested

Curtains and tablecloths for the Orphanage dining rooms were also donated. Used clothing for the orphans had been requested by members of the group.

Many of the churches in the States have responded, among them Pilot, Pearce and Jamesville Church. It was a thrilling thing to hear those orphans sing "America" in their native tongue.

Dorothy and Judith have collected toys from Ireland, England, Luxemburg, France and Germany. Their main interest is learning French words, so they can

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This is a recent snapshot of the Spann family, made at St. Jean's Protestant Foundation Orphanage in Metz, France. Open House was held at the Orphanage and many families from Chambley Air Base were guests. Reading from left to right, Dorothy, Calvin H. Spann, Marie Anne Wall and Darnell Spann. Marie Anne Wall is a French girl and a friend of Dorothy and Judith Spann.

Gill Buick Company Loss Small following Robbery

Vandals who broke into Gill Buick Co. in Zebulon last Thursday night succeeded in getting only three or four dollars cash and a .38 caliber pistol after tampering with the soft drink machine and two desks in the office, according to Ruric Gill, Jr., company official.

Mr. Gill said that he had a customer from Raleigh to visit him at the office around 10:30 Thursday night, and when he got there, the robbers had already made their break-in and left.

Zebulon police who answered Mr. Gill's call investigated the case and called Raleigh police who sent a fingerprint expert over. Mr. Gill said that fresh fingerprints were found on the soft drink box and on the inside of one of the desk drawers in the office. These prints have not been

identified, Mr. Gill added.

"There was some money in the desk drawer, but they didn't get it," Mr. Gill said grinning. "They looked in the wrong drawer."

The vandals gained entrance through a side window which they broke out. According to Mr. Gill, the robbers did more damage to the desk in the office than anything else.

"We think that it was a couple of youngsters who were after some money," Mr. Gill explained. "They could have gotten most anything they wanted from accessories to a new car, but we can't find anything else missing."

Thomas Brannon Dies Unexpectedly

Thomas Calvin Brannon, 34, of Zebulon, died after a brief illness early Monday morning in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was associated with the Home Security Life Insurance Company, and formerly lived in Raleigh.

He was the son of the late Willie and Victoria Brannon.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Morgan Brannon; a daughter, Rebecca; two sons, Wayne and David, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Byrd of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Mrs. Kathleen Nipper of Route 6, Raleigh; three brothers, W. M. and W. W. of Zebulon, and H. A. of Raleigh.

Funeral Today

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 4 p.m. from the Zebulon Baptist Church by the Rev. Beverly Asbury, assisted by Rev. Gerald Primm of Calvary Baptist Church, Raleigh.

The body will lie in state for one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Montlawn Cemetery, Raleigh.

Lions Club Endorses 'World Comes to Zebulon' Promotion

The Zebulon Lions Club went on record as officially endorsing the plans for the forthcoming "World Comes to Zebulon" program, tentatively scheduled for some week-end in October.

The program for bringing foreign students studying at Chapel Hill this fall to Zebulon in effort to familiarize them with everyday American life, was commended by the Lions preceding their endorsement of the project.

Mayor Wilbur T. Debnam, Lions Club member, said that the project must be a "community sponsored" activity if it is to be successful.

Lions Club members were also informed that Frank Kemp, club president, has acquired a goat to be used to foster perfect attendance at club meetings during the coming year. Lions who attended the Thursday night meeting say that attendance was "amazingly good."

Frank Kemp's Goat

The goat, which is now on the Frank Kemp farm near Zebulon, will be kept by the club president until some member fails to attend a meeting. If that member does not make the meeting up by the following Monday night, he must take possession of the goat until the next meeting. If the goat dies in the member's possession, he must buy another.

It was also announced that the Lions Club received \$328 from their recent bread sale. This money will be turned over to some worthy project.

Patrol Sirens Are Legal, We Hear

It's legal now for a state highway patrol car to be equipped with a siren. Not until recently though when the General Assembly spelled out authority for the police growlers. An overlooked miscue in the Manual of Motor Vehicles laws failed to include patrol cars in the list of emergency vehicles okay'ed for a siren.

A manual recently published by the Institute of Government lists that corrected oversight and calls attention to several other changes in the Motor Vehicle Laws important to Tar Heel Drivers.

License Regulations

Under the uniform driver's license act chauffeur's licenses must now be secured by persons driving a vehicle licensed for more than 15,000 pounds (except the owner of a private carrier) and those driving passenger vehicles of more than nine persons capacity.

The amendment, however, excluded school and church bus drivers who have a valid operator's permit.

Current registration plates will be good through February 15 instead of January 31 as before. Under the old statute the Motor Vehicles Department retailed license plates from December 1 through

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Wendell Planning Farmers' Project

For 13 weeks, the Tobacco Board of Trade of Wendell, in conjunction with the Wendell Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor a Farmer's program with a new truck being the grand prize and a major prize being given each week.

Tickets for the drawing will be obtained when the farmers sell their tobacco at Wendell warehouses and patronize Wendell merchants many of whom will have special sales in progress.

Weekly Prizes

Plans call for each weekly prize to consist of one of the following: A television set, bedroom suite, refrigerator, automatic shotgun, radios, etc. Each of the winner's names will be returned to the barrell for a chance at the grand prize, a brand new truck which will be drawn three days before the close of the local tobacco market.

AF&AM NOTICE

An Emergent Communication of Zebulon Lodge No. 609 will be held tonight at 7:30 for work in the First Degree. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

Ben Thomas, Jr., Is Victim of Polio

Ben David Thomas, Jr., who was taken to Rex Hospital Sunday morning with polio, was reportedly "doing all right" yesterday morning, his condition remaining unchanged throughout Sunday night.

The Thomas youth, who is supposed to begin school next month for the first time, complained to his parents of "feeling bad" the latter part of last week. The case was later diagnosed as being polio.

Mrs. Jack Mitchell, Dr. Thomas' nurse, said yesterday that the boy's father said that he believed he would be all right, provided the case did not become any worse.

The Thomas boy will remain in Rex Hospital for an indefinite period pending the seriousness and development of the case.

Welfare Official To Speak Here

Commander R. E. Pippin, Zebulon Post No. 33, American Legion, announces that the August meeting will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 at Hilliard's Drive-In. This meeting marks the first to be held on the new date, the second Wednesday of each month.

Commander Pippin urges each member to be present for discussion of plans for the membership drive that is now underway.

Program Chairman H. A. Hodge, Jr., announces that Mrs. J. Sidne Kirk, superintendent of public welfare for Wake County, will be guest speaker for the evening. Plan now to be present for the August meeting, he urged.

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UNCLE FERD'S ALMANAC

You Got Troubles? It's Dog Days!

Every year about this time some fellow goes on a two-weeks drunk and tries to shoot his wife, his landlord, the sheriff, and everybody else in sight.

Then lawyers spend more time cussing each other out than they do trying their cases, not to mention baseball players getting into real rhubarbs that just won't stop.

And even folks who don't go completely off their rocker get touchy as the dickens — tempers are short, and you had better not try to kid anybody. Even if they know you're kidding, they'll pretend they don't, and you will lose (1) a friend, (2) a quart of blood, and (3) your beautiful straight nose. At any rate that's how I lost mine.

What's the answer? Willie B. Hopkins has a word for it, and

so did the ancient Romans.

Willie B. says it's "dog days" that make people act mean, and the Romans said the same thing, only they said *caniculares dies*.

The ancients observed that Sirius, the dog star, could be seen in the winter only. In the summer it comes around in conjunction with the sun, and, so they believed, the earth received the combined heat of the sun and Sirius. Since Sirius is the brightest star in the sky, they reasoned that it must be also the hottest; that's the way they explained the seasons—and the hottest days, believed caused by the dog star, they called dog days.

Lots of people think that dog days are a backwoods superstition; let it be noted that they are just (See ALMANAC, Page 4)