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R. W. Liles

... wants action ...

Liles Seeks Board Action Following Injury to Son

An unidentified Negro, concealed in a milling crowd of other Negroes gathered in front of Kate's Grill on Barbee Street in Zebulon Saturday night, threw an empty beer can through the open window of an automobile driven by Pete Liles, 18, of Zebulon, cutting the youth on the jaw.

Wesley Liles, father of the boy, said that his son was returning to his home on Barbee Street about 11 p.m. Saturday night, when he approached the crowd of Negroes, reportedly 50 to 75 strong, standing in the street and on the sidewalk in front of the grill.

It was while he was attempting to go through the large number of men in the street, that one of the Negroes in the crowd threw the beer can through the window, Mr. Liles said.

"The can hit him on the jaw and then broke the windshield in two places on the right side," Wesley Liles said yesterday. "Pete drove back up town looking for some policemen, and finally found Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Crowder. They went back down there, but the crowd had pretty well broken up by that time."

It was reported that after the (See LILES, Page 2)

Hester Issues Call For Grid Players To Meet Today

A special meeting of all boys who plan to play football for Wakelon School this fall will be held this afternoon at 5 p.m., according to an announcement made yesterday by head coach Charles Hester.

Mr. Hester stressed the importance of every boy interested in playing on the team for the coming season being present at the meeting. The new coach also requested that those attending the meeting bring shorts and football or tennis shoes to work out in.

Mr. Hester said that he is expecting eighteen lettermen to return from last year's team, and with intensive practice is hoping to have a team to contend for state honors.

The eighteen lettermen expected to return are Charles Long, Billy Tant, Talmadge Alford, Freddy Beck, Aubrey Gay, Steve Stallings, Henry Bobbitt, Bennie Mitchell, Cordell Page, Mickey Phillips, Bobby Croom, W. G. Griswold, Johnny Long, Victor Pace, Basil Perry, Joseph Temple, Vaughan Wade and Tony Pierce.

Season tickets for Wakelon's five home games are now on sale at Hales Farm Supply Co., Morgan Drugs, Zebulon Drug Company, and Wakelon Food Supply. Student tickets are two dollars, and adult tickets are four dollars, Mr. Hester said.

The coach also said that new lights will be added to the local field as soon as possible, inspection for such work to begin next week.

Referring to a financial obligation which the school incurred last year in an effort to improve the local field and to supply the team with new equipment, Mr. Hester said that he is hoping to apply the money acquired from the sale of the season tickets this year to eradicate the previous obligation.

"If we can get last year's debts out of the way," Mr. Hester said, "we can work on a year to year basis, and consequently improve the athletic situation here at Wakelon. Each year, we could concentrate on that particular (See HESTER, Page 2)

Tentative Plans Are Given For "World Comes to Zebulon"

A special meeting concerning the "World Comes to Zebulon" project was held Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall for the purpose of drafting tentative plans for the early fall affair and hearing committee reports.

Because of the relative severity of Hurricane Connie, Chapel Hill representative Harry E. Smith, who was scheduled to attend the local meeting, was unable to be present. He discussed the project by telephone with Rev. B. A. Asbury prior to the meeting.

Rev. Asbury said that Mr. Smith told him that "this project is not a matter of merely entertaining the students," and continued that the program will be an excellent opportunity for an interchange of ideas between people of this nation and citizens from other parts of the world.

The "World Comes to Zebulon" project is the community sponsorship of 30 to 35 foreign students enrolled in Chapel Hill during the coming school year who will visit Zebulon on a good-will tour. Stemming from a similar project staged in Hamilton, Texas, the program will continue through an entire week-end, and will be held sometime in the early fall.

It was announced at the Thursday meeting that tentative dates for the "World Comes to Zebulon" have been set for either the last weekend in October or the first weekend in November. The final decision will depend on the UNC football schedule for the coming season. Whichever of the two weekends in question that Chapel Hill does not have a football game, the project will be undertaken.

The banquet committee reported that the local Lions Club and Rotary Club will jointly sponsor a banquet for the students on the Friday night of their arrival. This banquet will be also for the members of the families with whom the students are staying while in Zebulon.

A report from the recreation (See PLANS GIVEN, Page 4)

ENGAGED



Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Upchurch, Jr., Zebulon, N. C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Shirley Ann Upchurch to Mr. Larry Donell Liles, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Liles, Zebulon, N. C.

The wedding will take place in the early fall.

New Kindergarten Teacher Is Named

Mrs. Barbee Quinn, a native of Roanoke, Virginia, will serve as the new kindergarten teacher for the coming year, Franklin Jones, Wakelon School principal, announced yesterday.

Mrs. Quinn graduated from Bluefield Junior College in Bluefield, West Virginia, and received her B. S. degree in Education from Radford College in 1953. She has since taught in Pocahontas, Virginia, Mr. Jones said.

Mrs. Quinn is trained as a kindergarten teacher and did her practice teaching in the kindergarten field. Mr. Jones said that anyone interested in securing information concerning the school, or desiring to enroll children in the school this fall, should call the Wakelon School office.

Opening day for the kindergarten will be the 5th of September. An announcement will be made in Friday's Record concerning what day Mrs. Quinn will be available for conference with parents prior to the school's opening.

Few Cases Tried In Zebulon Court

A relatively few number of cases were heard by Judge Irby D. Gill at the regular August 10 session of Zebulon Recorder's Court.

Venus Yarborough was fined \$100 and ordered to pay court costs after being found guilty of driving drunk.

Major Mack, Zebulon Negro, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly in Charlie Horton's place of business, and sentenced to thirty days in jail, suspended on condition he pay a \$10 fine and \$19.80 in court costs.

Charley Horton, Zebulon Negro, was found guilty of assaulting Major Mack with his fist, and was given a 60-day jail sentence, suspended on condition he pay \$50 fine and court costs of \$19.80.

Savannah High was given 60 days in jail, suspended on condition he pay \$25 fine and \$18.50 in court costs for being drunk and disorderly in the Town of Zebulon. (See COURT, Page 2)

Free Square Dance

In celebration of Hudson Belk Company's second anniversary, Hudson Belk and Universal Chevrolet Company of Wendell are staging a free square dance on Thursday night in the Liberty Warehouse in Wendell, featuring Homer Briarhopper and his Dixie Dudes.

The famous radio group is known all over North Carolina, and Pack Herndon, Hudson Belk manager in Wendell, said he feels he is fortunate in having them play for the dance.

The public is invited.

New Books Arrive

The Zebulon Community Library announces today that a new shipment of books for boys and girls has been received. All of these books are approved reading and several have received the Newberry Medal in the last few years for outstanding literature in this age group.

These books have been cataloged and will be ready for circulation during the regular library hours, Wednesday night 7:30-8:30, and on Friday afternoons 3:00-5:00.

The following titles are included in the group: "Caddie Woodlawn" by Brink, "The White Stag" by Sereby, "Strawberry Girl" by Lenski, "Wilderness Way" by Allen, "The Venture of the Thunderbird" by Baker, and "Prairie Shadows" by Porter.

Hurricane Damage Light Here

The fringe of high winds and rain which emanated from hurricane Connie as she trampled through eastern North Carolina dealt only minor damage to Zebulon during last week's "critical" period.

While the chief damage locally was from the wind, some farmers in this area reported extensive erosion in their fields from the nearly two inches of rain during the hurricane.

Ponds Refilled

Ponds which had been severely depleted during July and early August from irrigation and normal evaporation were refilled by the rains of Thursday and Friday, but streams rose little above normal west of the coastal area.

Within the Town of Zebulon, water damage was largely confined to the area along Church Street north of Glenn Street, where the cutting of streets some years ago changed the natural drainage pattern of the area. Ponding occurred in several yards, damaging gardens and shrubbery. The severe

run-off eroded soil and weakened roots of trees to the extent that some were blown over by the winds experienced here.

Local insurance men reported that no reports of property damage had reached their offices, but that the tobacco and corn damage was pretty high. A good percentage of the crops were lost in the fields due to the storm Thursday and Friday.

Losses due to hail were reported in the Hopkins Cross Roads vicinity. However, storm losses were much less than everyone had expected they would be.

Nothing Serious

Ralph Talton, district manager of the Carolina Power and Light Company, said Friday that there was no serious damage reported in this area due to the hurricane.

"I think that we came through the storm very well without any major damage," he said. "The main damage to the Zebulon area was done to the trees which were blown on the lines.

"We had about 300 persons

without power in this district," Mr. Talton continued, "but power was restored to them rapidly."

Mr. Talton said that all of the company's crews in this district were on duty at all times during the storm, but none of them were contacted for work in Zebulon.

No Power Failures

"We had no major power failures in either Zebulon or Wendell," Mr. Talton said, "But in Bailey, Spring Hope, and Nashville, there were 100% power failures for short periods Friday morning."

There had been fear that considerable damage would be done during the fifty to sixty mile an hour winds which raked the Zebulon vicinity Friday afternoon and night. But Mr. Talton reported that his company's system fared "extremely well" under the storm pressure exerted by Connie.

"It was what we call just a bad storm," Mr. Talton said in summing up Connie's visit. "It was nothing compared to Hazel last year."

Two Local Barns Razed by Fire

Two tobacco barn fires combined with the menace of Hurricane Connie to give local farmers added worry this weekend.

A 6 a.m. blaze on the farm of Fred Chamblee totally destroyed a tobacco barn filled with 600 sticks of tobacco. Firemen who answered the call turned in by Rayford Driver, who tends the farm, suggested that the fire probably occurred when the oil burner in the barn exploded and spread flames throughout the building.

"The barn contained 600 sticks of the best grade tobacco we had produced," Fred Chamblee said.

Mr. Chamblee continued that a neighbor said that he saw smoke coming from the barn thirty minutes before the alarm was turned in, but thought that it was Driver who had just lit the burner in preparation for curing.

Another burner explosion started a fire which completely destroyed the tobacco barn of Mrs. R. H. Richardson of near Wendell. The farm is located in the vicinity of the Nowell Richardson store.

The Richardson barn caught fire about 10 p.m. Saturday night.