

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## 5,000,000TH TELEPHONE IN SERVICE



The 5,000,000th telephone operated by Southern Bell was put into service today in the office of Tennessee Governor Frank G. Clement in Nashville. Governor Clement, chairman of the Southern Governors Conference, accepted the gold-plated telephone as symbolic of growth and progress in the South. The first call over the historic instrument was made to the governor by Southern Bell President Fred J. Turner in Atlanta (left).

## Tennessee Governor Makes First Call on Southern Bell's Gold 'Phone

The five-millionth telephone operated by Southern Bell was installed today in the office of Gov. Frank G. Clement of Tennessee who accepted the gold-plated instrument as symbolic of growth and progress in the South.

The special telephone, engraved to commemorate the event, was presented to the Governor as a gift by S. H. Youngblood, general manager for the company in Tennessee, on behalf of Southern Bell's 65,000 employees. Gov. Clement is chairman of the Southern Governors Conference.

The first call over the historic telephone was made by Fred J. Turner, president of Southern Bell, to Governor Clement, from Atlanta.

Mr. Turner said the historic telephone "is a significant symbol of

the South's spectacular development, and of the still greater growth that is certain to come.

"Communications is more than ever the nerve center of modern living," he said. "The progress this telephone exemplifies broadens our responsibilities and rekindles our determination to serve well the public trust."

"The South has prospered because Southern Bell Telephone Company, among other things, has rendered a great and an outstanding service to the people," Governor Clement said in accepting the instrument.

E. A. Clement, District Manager for Southern Bell pointed out that it was not until December of 1929 that the total number of telephones operated by the company reached 1,000,000. At the end of 1945, Southern Bell had 1,863,204 telephones in service and in April of 1949, the number had risen to 3,000,000. The 5,000,000th telephone represents an increase of 168.4% in the 10 years since 1945, Mr. Clement said.

He said that Southern Bell now operates 78 exchanges in North Carolina with a total of 457,000 telephones, an increase in 186% in the 10 year period. In Raleigh; the company has 40,487 telephones.

"Sixty-five thousand Southern (See FIRST CALL, Page 6)

## Local Girl in Play at ECC

With James A. Daughety of Kinston as student director, the first rehearsal of "Cinderella," 1956 production for children by the East Carolina College Playhouse, began Thursday night of this week.

The play will be given in a series of performances extending from April 9 through April 12.

Sue Richards of Zebulon will have the part of the Fairy Godmother.

## Town of Zebulon Enjoys Rapid Growth In Past Year; Value Greatly Increased

Zebulon has not fallen by the wayside in the construction of new residences.

The town has experienced one of its biggest years in construction, according to Town Manager Willie B. Hopkins.

He said that 26 new homes have built within the corporate limits of the town within the last year.

With the incorporation of Wakelton Heights division, the town's number of residences have been expanding.

Wakelton Heights was incorporated in 1955. Approximately 30 acres were added to the town's area. It belonged formerly to the Bell estate.

The town's development is definitely toward the northwest.

Hopkins said the valuation of the town's property has risen from

\$800,000 in 1940 to \$2,000,000 in 1956.

About one and one-half miles of new streets has been opened within the last year.

Zebulon supports approximately 11 miles of streets, all of which are paved except for about three and one-half miles. One and one-half of those three miles are to be paved in the very near future.

Approximately \$15,000 have been spent by the town on water and sewer lines without a bond issue, Hopkins said.

A map of the town has been sent to the League of Municipalities for the purpose of future block and house numbering.

Mayor Wilbur Debnam said he is very pleased with the progress the town has made, and hopes further developments are in the very near future.

## Zebulon Lumber Company Begins Operation in Local Community; Occupies Home Builders Plant

### Jim Stone Has Long Experience In Saw Milling

Jim Stone comes to Zebulon with many years of saw milling and lumbering behind him.

Stone has bought the equipment and has become leasee of the building formerly occupied by Home Builders Corp. C. V. Whitley is owner of the building.

In a recent interview he said he has been lumbering and saw milling for approximately 26 years.

Stone started with a small mill near Samaria. After eight years there he branched out and established a mill in Bailey. He has been in Bailey for 18 years, and has become one of the leading lumbermen in eastern North Carolina.

He said the business here will deal with rough and dried lumber and other building materials.

"We will be in the market to buy standing timber, too," he said. "And we will do custom work, such as ripping, dressing and other things for the general public."

Stone is an ardent aviation enthusiast. He has owned four airplanes. At present he does not have one, but he has one on order.

"I use the airplane to look over (See JIM STONE, Page 6)

### Tax Collection Report for March

The town's citizens are not paying their taxes as promptly as they have in the past.

The records reveal that fewer taxes were collected for the month of February than any month in a good while.

Last August the town government issued an order for taxes to be collected as far back as 1930.

Officials stated that many citizens paid promptly, but the payments have now slacked considerably.

The town's general operation fund showed a collection of \$2,867.95 for February.

Miscellaneous revenue collected amounted to \$1,518.83. Collection from license tags amounted to \$100.

Nineteen fifty-five taxes collected and penalties for overdue taxes amounted to \$406.44. Back taxes from the year 1949 to 1954 service account amounted to totaled \$15.52.

Revenue collected from the water bills for the month of February amounted to \$924.35.

The town's electrical bill—current for operating street lights, stop lights, Municipal Building operations, and power for the town's wells, filters, etc.—amounted to 545.20 for February.

### Court News

Recorder's Court disposed of the following cases in its Wednesday, March 28, session. Judge Irby Gill presided.

James Jones was found not guilty of a charge of transporting 12 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey for sale. The court ordered that Jones' car be leased.

Darnell Alford was given four months on the roads for a charge of breaking in Edgar Pulley's house and assaulting Mrs. Pulley and Mrs. Alford, the defendant's wife.

John Mangum was found guilty of forcible trespass on Early Ayscue's property. He was ordered to pay cost of court.

Carl Mitchell, Bailey, was ordered to pay \$10 fine and costs for having an improper muffler.

Edward Samuel Pearce, charged with failing to stop for a stop sign, was found guilty and ordered to pay court costs.

William Glenn Bunn, Middlesex, was found guilty for driving drunk and fined \$100. Notice of appeal was given and bond was set at \$200. A second charge of improper lights resulted in his havin tog pay \$15 and costs.

Lonnie Louis Faucette was ordered to pay court cost for failing to stop at a stop sign.

James Earl Harris, Farmville, was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 and court costs for failing to stop at stop sign.

Johnnie James Jackson, Nashville, was given 30 days on the roads suspended on payment of \$15 fine and court costs.

Jessie Linwood Raybon, Jr., was found guilty of speeding 50 miles (See COURT, Page 6)

### April Third Is Set As First Day of Plant Operation

Zebulon Lumber Company, under the ownership of Jim Stone of Bailey, will open officially April 3.

Stone purchased the equipment of the former business — Home Builders Corporation—and has leased the building from C. V. Whitley, its present owner.

The company will employ approximately seven people when it opens, according to John L. Stone, the owner's son. All except two of these employees will be local.

Stone said the company will use the present machinery for the time being. More machinery and equipment will be added later.

The company will be able to supply building materials of all kinds, as well as being capable of turning out general wood work and cabinet work.

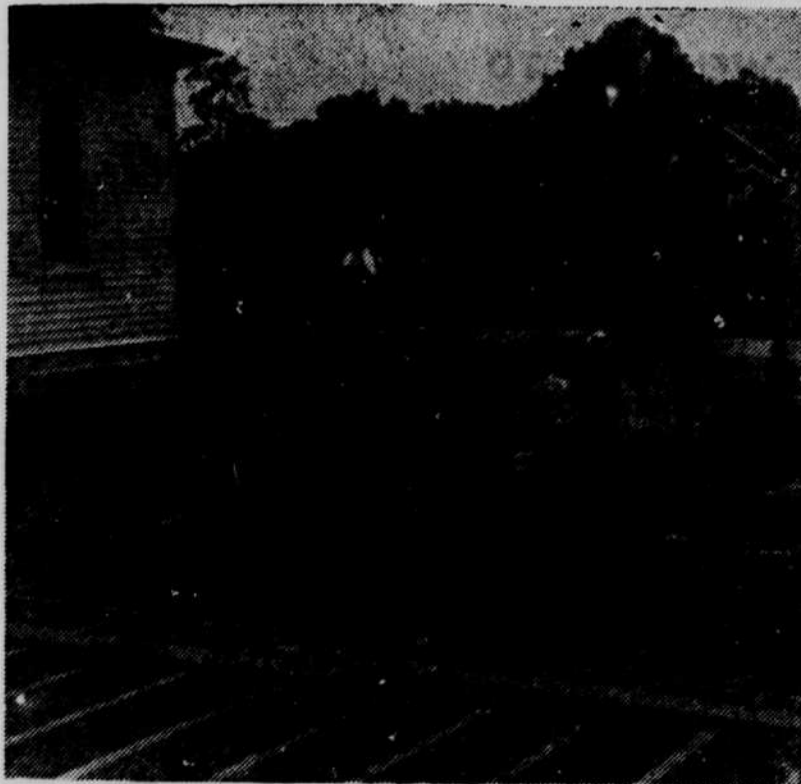
Bertie Brantley will be in charge of the cabinet making department.

John L. Stone will hold the position of manager-bookkeeper of the new firm.

### WMS Supper

The W.M.S. of Social Plains Baptist Church sponsored a sandwich, cake and pie supper last Saturday. The proceeds were to help pay for the new piano the church has recently acquired.

### RAMSEUR 1955 CONTEST WINNER



RELIGIOUS PROJECT — A project of religious development aided Ramseur to win first place in its population class in the 1955 Finer Carolina contest. One project was construction of this education building for one of its churches. The annual contest is sponsored by Carolina Power & Light Co.