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BIG MEN IN NATIONAL GUARD



Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wesley Liles form a big part of Battery A, Zebulon's National Guard unit. Shown checking a .50 caliber machine gun in the arms room of Davis Armory are Sgt. Lawrence Liles, Sgt. Lowell Liles, and Pfc. Larry Liles. Lawrence returned to duty with the National Guard after a two-year tour of active duty, part of which was spent in Korea. All three brothers are married—Lawrence to the former Miss Jean Richardson, Lowell to the former Miss Shirley Rogers, and Larry to the former Miss Anne Upchurch. Town Commissioner Wesley Liles is an Honorary Member of the National Guard.

MOVING RIGHT ALONG

Wendell Reports Good Progress In Finer Carolina Contest Work

The Eagle Rock Home Demonstration Club has really been busy recently on the project, Beautification. They have had rest rooms installed in the community center building at Hephzibah; and painted the interior of the building using their own labor. A cement patio has been poured at the front of the building and a cement porch added to a church-owned building adjoining the grounds of the community center. The Hephzibah Board of Deacons and pastor were instrumental in furnishing the equipment and labor for this work.

On the project, Municipal Recreation, much has been accomplished. A Little League Ball Park has been completed with bleachers and fencing added to the existing facilities. The grade has been established at the tennis courts and

the county is in the process of hauling in top soil for the courts.

Another project, Municipal Improvement, is moving along nicely. A new wrought iron sign with permanent lettering has been placed at the entrance of the Chamber of Commerce office. The town of Wendell passed an ordinance making the town a Bird Sanctuary. The town has also opened two streets in the Parish-Selma Road development, a new residential area which has been started in Wendell. The streets are South Zebulon Road which extends for two blocks and Lake Road which extends for three blocks. Several sidewalks have been paved which adds much to the convenience of pedestrians. A rural fire fighting truck has been purchased and will be equipped soon.

Goal of 25,000,000 Pounds Is Set for Tobacco Market

J. H. (Bill) Sanders, president of the Wendell Tobacco Board of Trade has announced that the warehousemen have set a goal of twenty-five million pounds of tobacco for the 1956 auction season. Last year approximately twenty million pounds of tobacco were sold for a total of \$9,661,661.42.

This year a grand prize of a one-half ton truck will be given away at the close of the 1956 season. This truck will go to a lucky farmer who has sold his tobacco on the Wendell Market. Tickets for the truck will be given out at the warehouse pay window. No warehouseman or his employees will be eligible to receive the truck.

James H. Parish, President of the Wendell Chamber of Commerce, has announced that the Chamber will sponsor a Gold Leaf Festival to climax the tobacco harvesting

season. Tentative plans are being made for several gala events.

One attraction will be a parade which will include several out-of-town bands invited to Wendell for the occasion, beauty queens from various parts of the state, and floats decorated by local firms.

The Chamber of Commerce will also obtain sponsors for a talent contest; and for a beauty contest, the winner of which will be crowned "Miss Gold Leaf, 1956."

Merchants who are members of the Chamber of Commerce will be asked to cooperate in offering prizes to be given at drawings. Details are being worked out concerning the times and places of these drawings. Only those who are members of the Chamber of Commerce will be eligible to register people for these prizes.

Franklin Ross Jones Resigns As Wakelon School Principal, Moves to Roxboro Schools

Franklin Ross Jones terminated his work as principal of Wakelon Schools when he announced Sunday morning that he had accepted a position as principal of Roxboro Schools in Person County. He made the announcement about 10 a.m. in a telephone call from Hickory to Fred Smith, Wake County Superintendent of Schools and former Wakelon principal.

Ex-Convict Caught At Zebulon Park; Robbed Salesman

An ex-convict was arrested Thursday morning about six o'clock near the Zebulon Community Park on Wakefield Street.

Leamon "Bro" Hodge, 24, Negro, was taken to Wake County jail Monday after being held in custody in the Zebulon jail following his arrest.

Hodge is being charged with larceny after looting the car of Michael J. Masotti. Masotti is a salesman-representative of Rice-Stix, a Charlotte firm.

Officers reported that Masotti had stopped at Philip Olive's store in Wakefield to demonstrate his wares. While he was inside, Hodge came by and ransacked the salesman's car.

It was reported that Hodge took all the glove samples, five different samples of work pants, Masotti's newly-bought white linen coat, 40 other sample items and the salesman's price book.

Masotti discovered the loss when he went to his car for more samples to demonstrate to Olive, proprietor of the store.

Masotti immediately notified Olive and the two men made a quick investigation, and discovered Hodge behind the store packing the stolen goods in an orange crate.

Demanding that he halt, Hodge took off across the tobacco patch behind Olive's store. Olive said that Hodge dropped the stolen articles about five hundred yards from the store.

Constable James Richardson and Police Officer L. A. Baker were called to the scene and gave chase to Hodge. Constable Richardson said the ex-convict was followed all over Wakefield, but eluded the officers in the night.

Night Policeman M. G. Crowder reported that he received a call early Thursday morning that (See EX-CONVICT, Page 4)

Final Week Begins For Rec. Program

The Zebulon recreational program is entering its last week, according to Dave McGuire, assistant recreational head.

McGuire said the program has been accepted with enthusiasm and the response has been strong.

This week's schedule is: 9-12, supervised play at park; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, baseball from 2-5; Tuesday, 2, swimming; 7:30, Wednesday, Rotary vs. Lions baseball; Friday, dance in gym from 8 until 10:30.



Franklin R. Jones

Mr. Jones surprised the community by his announcement, made long after his reelection as head of Wakelon Schools, that he will be with Roxboro Schools during the coming year.

Mrs. Pauline Tant Hurt In Accident

Mrs. Pauline Tant, 26, wife of Spencer Tant of Rt. 4, Zebulon suffered severe shock, and head and back injuries Friday about 11 o'clock when she was struck by a pickup truck belonging to Glenn Bunn of Route 1, Zebulon.

Investigating Officer L. A. Baker stated that Mrs. Tant stepped into the path of the truck driven by Bunn's son, Shelton, 17. The truck was traveling south on Arendell Avenue.

Mrs. Tant was rushed by ambulance to Rex Hospital where hospital attaches said she was suffering from shock, head and back injuries. X-rays were made but no report of the findings have been given.

Investigation is still underway, depending upon the outcome of Mrs. Tant's condition.

WHAT WAS 'THE THING'?

Looking for A Circus

Nobody had a name for it. Those who saw the person called it "It," "The Thing" "The Monster," and other facetious appellations.

"It" was reportedly approximately seven feet tall, had a mopy, matted head of long black hair, finger nails so long they curved over the tips of the extraordinarily long fingers, feet of massive size and length, and a blubbery, giberish kind of speech.

"The Thing" was lodged in the local jail last Friday night after Night Policeman M. G. Crowder was notified of the strange creature walking along Highway 64

Jones' departure caught the Wakelon School Board without a chairman and with short time and minimum prospects to replace Jones.

A school board meeting has been called for tonight at 8 o'clock. Superintendent Smith will meet with the Wakelon board members. The first item of business will be the election of a chairman. The second will be beginning the search for a new principal.

"It will be difficult at this time of year to find many men who can move because it is less than 30 days until the opening of many schools of the state," Mr. Smith reported.

The position at the 64-teacher Roxboro school is considered a promotion for Jones. It does pay more salary than does the Wakelon position.

Jones' resignation came as a complete surprise to the Wake School Board, who had reelected him to a third term as principal.

School board members are H. H. "Bubber" Eddins, Garland Richardson, Randolph Hendricks, Billy K. Hopkins, and Haywood Jones.

Hendricks, Hopkins, and Jones are new members of the board. Jones was named less than two weeks ago when Mrs. S. G. Flowers, nominated by the Wake County Board of Education, declined to serve.

Jones came to Wakelon from Henderson. He succeeded William Whittenton.

Has Done Good Job

In commenting on Mr. Jones' record at Wakelon, Superintendent Smith said "he has done an outstanding job of projecting a total development for Wakelon School. He has been a leader in increasing the curriculum. We regret losing him and his services as a fine school man, but wish him every success in his new work."

There has been no evidence of friction causing Mr. Jones to leave, Superintendent Smith said.

Wakelon School will open the fall term Wednesday, September 5.

just below Paul Brantley's Service Station No. 2.

Investigating Officer Crowder said "The Monster" was finally determined to be of the feminine sex. He said she proved it four times.

Officer Crowder revealed the woman was put off at Brantley's Service Station No. 2 by two men. Attendants at the station who saw the men said one of the men's face was severely scratched.

Under questioning the woman admitted scratching the man's face, Officer Crowder said. The woman said the men molested her or were (See THE THING, Page 4)