

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## Second Mass Polio Clinic Shots to Be Given Friday

Poliomyelitis vaccinations will be given free for the second time at both Wakelon School gymnasium and Shepard School gymnasium on Friday, August 17, by the Wake County Health Department. First, second, and third doses are available.

This is the second visit by the Health Department to these schools. The vaccinations are given without charge to everyone desiring them 19 years of age and under.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, the Health Department team will be at Millbrook gymnasium from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., and at Rolesville gymnasium from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

On Thursday, vaccinations will be given at Knightdale gymnasium from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., and at Lockhart gymnasium from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Vaccinations will be given at Wakelon Friday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., and at Shepard from 2:00 to 3:00 Friday afternoon.

The Health Department representatives will be at Wendell gymnasium on Thursday, August 23, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., and at Carver gymnasium August 23 from 2:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon.

Monday through Friday of each week polio vaccinations are given at the Wake County Health Department at 201 West Davie Street in Raleigh from 10:00 to 12:00 and 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Although response has been encouraging, many children have not received the poliomyelitis vaccinations. To guard against outbreak of the disease and possible epidemic, parents are urged to present their children for vaccination.

## Fire Department Subdues Barn Fire

The Rural Fire Department was called to the W. R. Bobbitt farm in Wakefield Sunday at 5 o'clock to extinguish a smoking tobacco oil burner. The farm is tenanted by Wayne Parrish.

Department officials reported that an oil burner had overflowed and was smoking profusely. No damage was done except from smoke.

## No Clues Yet In Weekend Brutal Murder

Local officers reported Monday that no clues have been discovered in the murder of Worth Durwood (Bud) Beddingfield of Route 2, Wake Forest.

Beddingfield was found by a passing motorist five miles north of Zebulon. He had been shot in the right arm and run down by an automobile, authorities surmised, about 9 p.m. Saturday.

Highway Patrolman R. L. Ray of Louisburg said that it appeared that someone killed Beddingfield and then tossed his body out of an automobile in Franklin County. He was unable to say whether the actual murder occurred in Wake or Franklin County.

The body was discovered on Highway 96 about two miles in Franklin County by Wes Johnston of Route 4, Zebulon. Johnston reported it at a nearby store. The proprietor of the store then notified Zebulon officers who in turn called the patrolman.

Wake County Deputy Sheriff Earl Duke, along with Franklin Deputy Sheriff W. A. Horton, investigated the incident.

## Melvin Lanier Passes Funeral Directors' Exam

Melvin Lanier was notified August 8 of his passing the North Carolina funeral directors' examination held July 10 in Raleigh.

Lanier is a native of Beulahville, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lanier. He is married to the former Wilma Nowell of Wendell. They have two sons, Robert, 9, and Tim, 5.

Before becoming associated with Whitley Furniture Company, Inc., Lanier worked for the Wendell Drug Company and Wenco Furniture Factory. He has been employed with the Whitley Furniture Co., Inc., for the past eight years.



The above picture was made in 1911 and shows the Wakefield post office and delivery force. Pictured from left to right are Charlie Tippett, Levin Baker, Starkey Hoyle and Henry R. Hoyle. Standing on the porch are Mary Tippett, daughter of Mr. Tippett, and his substitute: Mrs. Mary Whitley, postmistress, and the son of Mr. Tippett.

## History of Local Post Offices Done by Interested Women

### By Mrs. L. R. Temple And Mrs. Starkey Hoyle

The first post office we have any knowledge of dates back to the time after the end of the Civil War. This post office occupied a crowded corner of Moore's Mill house located on Little River.

The first postmaster was James William Liles, grandfather of the late Lorenzo Temple on his paternal grandmother's side. He was a Civil War veteran, enlisting in the service of the Confederacy Sept. 25, 1862, with Company H, 31st Regiment. He was discharged at the end of the war.

The exact date of Liles' postmastership is not known, but it was between the end of the War and 1880, the year of his death.

The occupation of postmaster had to be combined with some other duties, for a postmaster's salary at that time was not enough to make a livelihood for the one employed. So Liles ran the mill, grinding wheat and corn for the farmers round about.

Because he had above average schooling for that time, Liles also acted as secretary for the late Ivan Proctor, extensive landowner and businessman of Wakefield.

Once or twice a week—only one time in the beginning, later twice—the mail was brought from Raleigh on horse back. One mail pouch was sufficient to hold all letters and papers. This was known as the "Star Route," and the carrier was known as the "Star Carrier," or mail man.

Liles deposited the mail at Eagle Rock on his return from Raleigh, and made a change of horses at this little hamlet.

Sometime after 1880, the post office was moved from Moore's Mill into a store owned by Proctor

in a sparsely settled community which later became Wakefield.

John A. Kemp, father of the late John G. Kemp of Zebulon, was a clerk in Proctor's firm, and later assumed the position of postmaster. He did not keep this job long, for he went to Raleigh to work.

At or about this time another community had United States mail service. A place in the home of Bertie Strickland (great grand father of Judge I. D. Gill) was set up to hand the mail, with Strickland as postmaster.

Strickland was one of the most learned persons in his community. He set up a private school and taught. His home was the most elaborate in that day. It was a large four story building, built of hand-hewn lumber and put together with wooden pegs.

Part of this home was used as a stage coach station. The stalls for the horses were under the house,

and a room in the building was reserved as a bar room.

It was about 1881 that Wakefield came into existence. A piece of land was being cleared by a carpenter for a Mr. Foster who was to build the first house. Foster said: "This place must have a name. This is Wake County and this place is in a field, so we will call it Wakefield."

In 1882 a school was founded in Wakefield by the Rev. C. L. Stringfield and was called Stringfield Academy. This academy thrived from the beginning and many of the prominent persons of this community were educated at that institution.

Wakefield began to grow in population at so fast a rate until a larger post office was needed. John G. Kemp (father of the late John A. Kemp) returned from Raleigh and built a store, stocking it with a big line of merchandise. This (Continued on Page 4)

## Zebulon Woman Ordered To Pay Wreck Damages

A Lee Superior Court jury awarded \$61,000 in damages to Mrs. Barbara C. Burns, administratrix for the estate of Clyde Lee Burns August 8. The case went uncontested by the defendant, Mrs. Otis Hicks of Zebulon.

Clerk of Superior Court E. M. Underwood signed a judgment awarding Mrs. Burns such amount as the jury would decide, in view of Mrs. Hicks' failure to answer the complaint.

The case grew out of a collision near Zebulon last Oct. 6 in which five persons lost their lives. The two drivers, Clyde Lee Burns, 29, of Sanford, and Douglas Preston Hicks, 24, a Navy man, were instantly killed in the flaming mid-night crash.

Mrs. Hicks was named de-

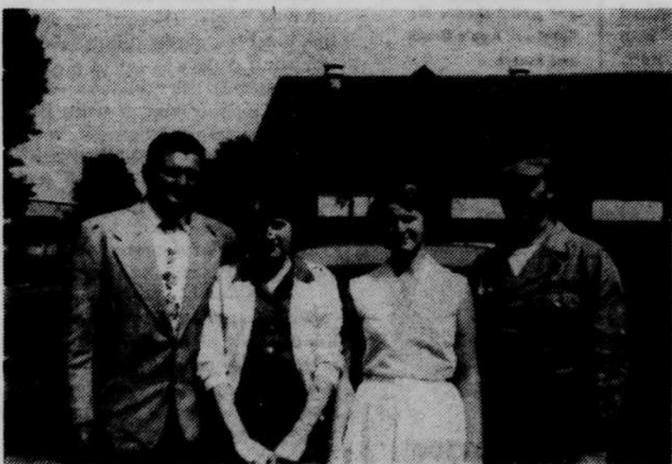
fendant in the suit because of her ownership of the car being driven by her son.

The State Highway Patrol reported that the crash occurred on a straight stretch of US 64. A slight rise in the ground at the point of impact was not considered sufficient to impair visibility. The patrol said one of the vehicles apparently was on the wrong side of the road. Mrs. Burns' complaint charged Hicks with that violation.

After the head-on crash, the two vehicles caught fire and landed about 60 feet apart on opposite sides of the highway.

The judgment included \$60,000 in personal damages and \$1,000 in property damage for loss of the automobile.

## SISTERS MEET IN GERMANY



Reunion in Germany. Wayne Duke, who is stationed with the U. S. Army in Verdun, France, recently had a two weeks leave and he and his wife, Jeanette, visited Gay and Inez Perry. Gay is also with the U. S. Army and is stationed in Germany.

The four toured many interesting sections of Germany, including Garmisch which they thought the prettiest section. They also saw and entered the tallest church in the world, and visited many famous old castles.

Wayne and Gay were close friends before entering service and Jeanette and Inez are sisters.

Left to right are Wayne, Jeanette, Inez and Gay.