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Big Parade, Wakelon Homecoming, Dance Highlights of Gala Celebration

Railroad's Coming Was Cause Of Town's Birth 50 Years Ago

Wakefield.

is one of the most progressive Zebulon Baird Vance. towns in all of Wake County.

Railroad established its line from ter - the charter was granted by Raleigh to Norfolk, Zebulon was the North Carolina Secretary of one of the towns which sprang up State, J. Bryan Grimes, August overnight like mushrooms along 27, 1907 — the first train passed the route.

through Wakefield because there incorporated the Town of Zebuwas dissension between some of lon passed by the General Assem-

this tiny village, brought into be- lows: Beginning at a stake in the same year. ing by a railway, has grown into center of Arendell Avenue northin Eastern North Carolina.

The town of Zebulon wouldn't were the founders and promoters have been born in it hadn't been of the new town, established in the for the Norfolk and Southern Rail- fall of 1906 on a pine-thicketed road that didn't come through tract of land purchased from the Whitley and Horton heirs, which When it became a reality, it, like they called Zebulon after North Topsy, "just growed" until now it Carolina's Civil War governor,

In July of 1907, the year in When the Norfolk and Southern which the town received its charthrough Zebulon.

The railroad failed to come The following is the act that ratified February 16, 1907.





The two persons to become the town's first citizens were Mrs. Avon Privette and Zebulon Whitley Chamblee. Mrs. Privette, the former the prominent persons of that com- bly of North Carolina. The act was Ernestine Whitley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Whitley, was the first girl born in Zebulon. She preceeded Chamblee, the first boy, In 50 years since the title of its "The boundaries of the said son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Chamblee, by two months. Mrs. Privette corporation February 16, 1907, Town of Zebulon shall be as fol- was born in May of 1907 and Chamblee was born in August of the

1600 persons. It is located in one the center of the intersection of the main line of the said Norfolk corner; thence northwest diagoof the richest agricultural districts said Arendell Avenue with Vance Southern Railway three thousand nally across the main line of the Street, running thence northeast and six hundred feet to a corner; said Norfolk Southern Railway, Falcon B. Arendell and Claude exactly parallel with the main line thence southwest exactly parallel three thousand and six hundred and Ed Barbee, of Raleigh, operat- of the Norfolk Southern Railway, with the main line of the said Nor- feet to a corner; thence northeast ing as the Zebulon Land Company, eighteen hundred feet to a corner, folk Southern Railway, three thou-

a sizeable town of approximately west eighteen hundred feet from thence southeast diagonally across sand and six hundred feet to a (Continued on Page 10)

Thousands to See Mile-Long Parade Friday Afternoon

The parade Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock promises to match the October weather: bright, gay, sparkling and full of excitment.

The parade will begin a round of festivities lasting through the weekend in observance of Zebulon's fiftieth birthday.

Parade chairmen Aaron Lowery and Frank Wall have released a list of the floats and other addenda to be in the parade which will begin at Lee Street, continue down Arendell Avenue, and on to the Davis National Guard Armory.

The list includes: Zebulon National Guard color guard, flags, Mayor Wilbur Debnam, the town commissioners, Wakelon High School Band, Zebulon Drug Company, Junior Woman's Club, Town of Zebulon, Rotary Club.

Student Council, Chamber of Commerce, Rolesville High School Band, grocery stores, Wakelon Science Club, department stores, Jones Sausage, Wake Forest High School Band, Whitley Furniture Company, Beta Club.

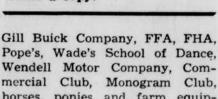
People's Bank & Trust Company Future Teachers, Army, National Guard motorized equipment, Air Force, Library Club, Carolina Power and Light Company, J. M. Chevrolet, Journalism Club, Little River Ice Company of Zebulon, Wakefield Beauty Parlor,

Clayton High School Band, insurance agencies, Language Club,

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horses, ponies and farm equipment.

After the parade, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Wakelon School will sponsor a chicken and pork barbecue supper in the cafeteria. The proceeds from this supper will be used to relieve the school's indebtedness and for instructional (Continued on Page 9)



Parade on

WNCT-TV, Greenville, and other television stations will be in Zebulon Friday to film the gigantic parade to be held in connection with the town's fiftieth birthday anniversary. The film of the parade will be. shown that evening by the television stations represented.



The white frame structure above was Zebulon's first dwelling and first hotel. Originally built as a home for the Mike Whiltye family the owner later turned it into a boarding home and hotel. It had approximately 18 rooms. Many of the town's first residents boarded here, and it was a haven for the various drummers coming to town to peddle their wares. No one could be located who could identify the persons standing and seated on the veranda when the picture was made about 1910.

