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EDITORIAL

Preserving Our Independence

Each year on February 22, we celebrate the birth date of our first President, George Washington.

In observing the occasion, however, we do more than merely honor the man. We remind ourselves of the principles for which George Washington stood. We listen to his words echoing through the decades and we renew our national vigor by repeating them.

In keeping with this practice, we quote the following passage from one of Washington's letters to Alexander Hamilton written more than 175 years ago.

"... by keeping up in Peace 'a well regulated, and disciplined Militia,' we shall take the fairest and best method to preserve, for a long time to come, the happiness, dignity and Independence of our Country..."

George Washington knew the Militia, having once commanded a Virginia regiment, himself. More than that, however, he was supporting a principle that already had withstood the test of time in the colonies. The first Militia regiment was organized in Massachusetts in 1636 — almost a hundred years before Washington was born.

The National Guard — the 20th Century descendants of the Militia — is still withstanding the test of time; it is proving the validity of Washington's words. Today, the National Guard—Army and Air — is stronger and readier than at any time in its 300-year history. Its nearly 475,000 members, its up-to-date equipment, its high level of training, and its priority combat mission, make the National Guard the most important reserve force in America today.

Only last fall the Army National Guard was assigned an active role in the NIKE defense system of the Continental United States, and thereby became the first reserve component in U. S. history to be given operational use of guided missiles. One hundred and one Army Guard batteries are now training to take over NIKE installations and man them 24 hours a day against a possible enemy air attack.

In its role in the air defense system, the Air National Guard has twenty squadrons, playing an active part in the runway alert program. Each squadron has two jet planes kept in constant readiness, capable of being airborne in five minutes to intercept unfriendly aircraft.

This is the National Guard that fulfills George Washington's promise. In its modernness, it far outstrips anything Washington could have imagined.

Today, as well as in Washington's time, the National Guard helps to preserve "the happiness, dignity and Independence of our Country."

Heart Solicitors To Collect For Funds Sunday P. M.

A house to house canvass in behalf of the Heart Fund will be staged here on Heart Sunday, February 23, it was announced by Dr. L. M. Massey, Zebulon chairman for this year's drive.

"Research needs money," Dr. Massey said, "to help in preventing our greatest killer of men in the prime of life."

Diseases of the heart and circulation, now responsible for about 54 per cent of all deaths, affect more than 10,000,000 Americans, among them 500,000 children of school age.

"Some of our greatest statesmen and business men are lost to our country from heart and kindred diseases," the chairman said.

With public confidence increased by gains over heart disease, said the chairman, now is no time to let up in support of the tremendous amount of research going on and the additional work that is needed in an effort to reduce heart disease and resultant deaths therefrom.

"Won't you plan to open your hearts to help spare your heart?"

The Heart Campaign Drive will continue all of the month of February. Robert Daniel Massey, cashier of the bank, is treasurer, and will receive funds and donations from business people and firms down town who wish to make

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Doing Good Deed Almost Resulted In Loss Of Equipment

Being a good Samaritan almost ended in the loss of a tractor-trailer van for Foster D. Finch last week.

Finch, local attorney and owner of Wakelon Gin Co., said he was approached by Thomas H. McBride last Wednesday morning asking for the use of the tractor-trailer van.

McBride represented himself as being in the trucking business, Finch reported, and needed the use of Finch's equipment because his own had broken down.

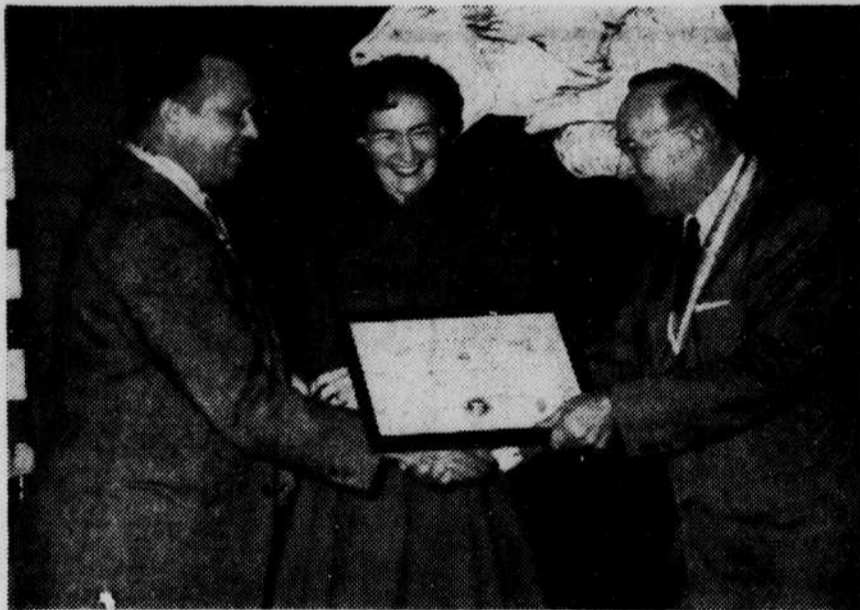
Finch agreed to let McBride use the equipment to haul his merchandise to Washington, D. C., the destination.

McBride told Finch he would complete the haul that day and would return the tractor-trailer van. Or if he (McBride) could not complete the haul, he would call Finch.

Finch said he did neither. On Monday morning of this week Finch received a call from A. R. Todd of Durham. Todd called to ask Finch if he knew McBride. Finch said he did.

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GIVE TO YOUR HEART FUND CAMPAIGN!



E. M. Herndon of Durham and vice president of Oconeechee Council is shown presenting the Silver Beaver award to Armstrong Cannady (left) of Zebulon. The presentation was made February 6 at the annual council banquet at Chapel Hill. This former Boy Scout has been actively registered in the Oconeechee Council since 1947. He has been Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Assistant Explorer Advisor, Explorer Advisor, chairman of District Activities Committee, and District Commissioner. Mrs. Cannady (center) also attended the presentation.

Exploding Hot Water Heater Scares Housewife, Floods Home

Town Engineer To Make Studies

A preliminary study is being made by the town engineer on how to improve the town's water system and for the construction and erection of a sewage treatment plant.

Permission was granted to the engineer to make the studies by the town board and mayor at the board's last meeting held February 10.

It has been estimated that it will cost approximately \$2,000 to make the survey. The work is to be done on a per-diem basis and shall not exceed one per cent of the estimated cost.

According to one town official, it will take the engineer approximately six months to complete the studies.

At this meeting, the board awarded K. R. Benfield the sewer line contract to construct a sewer line from Liberty Street to western town limits on Sycamore Street. Benfield was low bidder, bidding \$1,595.

This additional 500 foot sewer line will serve the clinic which is to be built for the Zebulon-Wendell area in the future.

Thefts Plague Town During Wintry Blast

Thieves Have Good Night Last Thursday; Zebulon Supply Co. Hardest Hit

An out-break of thefts in Zebulon and its outskirts occurred last week.

Police reported three thefts in the city and one outside.

Zebulon Supply Company, which suffered the heaviest loss, was entered sometime last Thursday night and more than \$200 worth of merchandise was taken, Investigating Officer Willie B. Hopkins reported.

According to Officer Hopkins, entrance into the wholesale establishment on West Vance Street was made by a person or persons who pried the lock off the front door.

The thieves left by way of the back door of the building after taking approximately \$300 worth of cased canned goods. The lock of the back door had been pried off, also.

Officer Hopkins said it is his assumption that the thieves parked the get away car in the alley-way behind the wholesale establishment and loaded the stolen merchandise in it.

Even though the ground was frozen, tire tracks could be seen behind the building in the alley, it was reported.

H. C. Wade, manager of the firm, reported that approximately \$100 worth of salmon was missing.

Vester Liles, shipping clerk for the firm, discovered the break-in when he came to work Friday morning. He notified Wade, who in turn notified Officer Hopkins.

Officer Hopkins reported no fingerprints were made and there are no new developments in the case.

Constable James Richardson reported that thieves entered the garage of Foster Young the same night Zebulon Supply Co. was raided and took the rim and tire off a trailer in the garage.

Constable Richardson also revealed that two other wheels of the trailer had been tampered with, having their lugs loosened. He said he felt these tires and rim

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Senator Kerr Scott To Address Farmers

Senator W. Kerr Scott will speak at Wendell tomorrow (Friday) night at a joint supper meeting of adult farmers who have been attending night classes in the Wake- lon, Wendell and Knightdale school districts.

Approximately 150 persons are expected to attend this meeting which will be held in the Wendell school cafeteria beginning at 7 p. m. Senator Scott will be introduced by Ferd Davis, a Zebulon attorney.

Wakelon Girls In Tourney Finals

Wakelon's scrappy sextet out-fought the Rolesville girls' cage team 37-34 Monday afternoon and then upset top-seeded Apex to earn a place in the Wake County Finals Friday night.

Wakelon, which finished third in regular season conference play, tied Apex 20-20 at halftime and then pulled away in the second half to win 44-33.

Judy Green scored 27 points to lead Wakelon to its upset victory. On Monday afternoon the Wakelon girls came from behind to win the first game of the tournament. Trailing 18-16 at halftime, Wake-

lon fought back to a third-period lead but had to work until the final whistle to take the victory.

Anne Hopkins scored 14, Judy Green 12, and Jackie Mitchell 11 for Wakelon.

In both the girls' games, superior work by the Wakelon Guards held their opponents' in check.

Wakelon's Bulldog found Wake Forest's Bobby Jackson too much to handle Monday afternoon, and the boys lost a close 37-34 game to Wake Forest. Jackson scored 27 points and nine of Wake Forest's 10 field goals to lead the winners.

The Wakelon boys played one

of their hardest games, but their shooting was not up to par and they missed many scoring opportunities.

They overcame an 18-12 half-time lead to go ahead by one point, 26-25, in the fourth period, but Wake Forest's Jackson scored six straight points to put the home team in a permanent lead.

W. G. Griswold and Leary Davis scored nine each for Wakelon, Mickey Phillips scored eight. Tommy Strickland, lanky Wakelon center, controlled rebounds under the Wake Forest backboard.