

Plans for Club Building Made by Zebulon Native

The plans for the Zebulon Lions Club building were born in the mind of Milton Strickland of Zebulon, and took shape on paper.

"The plans for the building are original," Strickland said. "I have never seen another like it. The idea is all mine."

Of course, Strickland worked in conjunction with the building committee headed by Thurman Hepler. He and the group got together many times and talked over the making of the plans.

But once Strickland got the ideas his mind concocted and set them down on paper, they were quickly approved by the building committee.

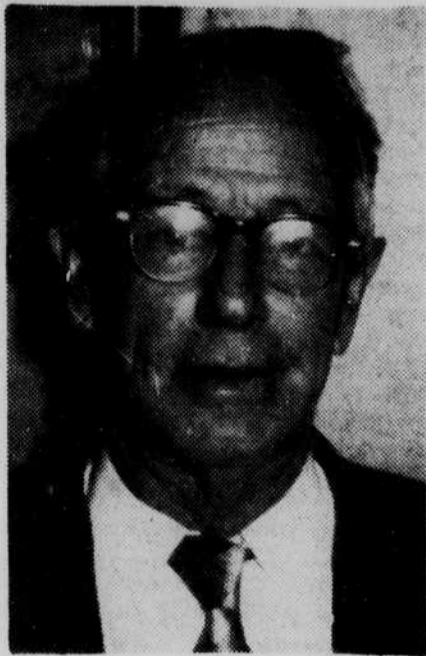
The architect of the new Zebulon Lions Club doesn't have a degree behind his name. But when it comes to designing, planning and executing the designs and plans, there's nobody in the country that can surpass him.

"I got my start in the building trade with my twin brother, Charlie Clarence Strickland of Wendell," he said. "We started out together."

Strickland recalled the first real job of house building he began. It was the home belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Richardson on Route One, Zebulon. This is the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. The second house he was in charge of building was the Jeff Whitley home on East Sycamore Street.

He has never studied architecture in a formal way a day in his life. But he has studied it by himself in his spare time.

"Yes, sir, if I had my life to go over I would study architecture"



Milton Strickland

he said. "For a young person that's talented, that is the field to go into."

This amiable gentleman resides with his wife, the former Mamie Temple, on West Sycamore Street. They have two children, Willis of Raleigh, and Sallie (Mrs. Marshall Jones of Oceana Beach, Va.)

He and Mrs. Strickland are grandparents of six, and the great-grandparents of one.

What does he do in his spare time? He gardens, both flower and vegetable. He wishes for a cape jasmine bush in his yard but he has never gotten one.

"It's still my wish to have a cape jasmine bush, though."

He and Mrs. Strickland are members of Zebulon Methodist

Church. He is not a joiner and belongs to no fraternal order.

Before the interview with Strickland was ended, he added: "Without the help of the building committee I could not have done the job of planning and designing the building. They deserve a lot of credit, too."

For his excellent work in planning and designing the handsome Lions Club building, Milton Strickland will be recognized at the dedication of the club house Friday evening.

State Wide Publicity Received When Lion Held For Lottery

Zebulon Lions Club received state-wide publicity when Lion Frank Kemp was arrested on January 9, 1956, on charges of lottery.

Kemp was arrested in Raleigh by Police Officer Tom Davis and Detective John Smith after he (Kemp) had offered tickets to an all-night sing to members of the Raleigh Lions Club at a meeting at the Carolina Hotel. Price of the tickets was \$1.00 each, and any person desiring to obtain a chance of a 1956 Chevrolet car could get one.

No action was taken by Officer Davis and Detective Smith against Zebulon's Mayor Wilbur T. Debnam and former Mayor Worth Hinton, both of whom accompanied Kemp to the meeting.

Kemp, whose trial was held in Raleigh City Court before Judge L. A. Doub, was acquitted of the charges.

The case attracted state-wide attention in press, radio and television news coverage.

Zebulon Resident Development Speaker

Ed Hales, Zebulon resident and proprietor of Hales Farm Supply Co., will address the Hopkins Rural Development Program next Tuesday night, March 25, at 7:30 p.m., in Hopkins Chapel Church, it has been announced by the president of the development program, Harvey Hopkins.

Hales will discuss the beautification of home surroundings, with particular emphasis on landscaping.

President Hopkins, who said the development program is only two months old, is progressing splendidly. The purpose of the program, he said, is to make the homes in the community more beautiful by new paint jobs, and landscaping with grass and shrubbery.

At present, a project of getting new mail box posts settled has been in force.

"We want to get the people of our community interested in this program," Hopkins said.

The major project for this year is to beautify the church campus. Hopkins Chapel Baptist Church, a new addition to the community, will have its grounds landscaped, sown in grass and shrubbery planted around the church and at different vantage points on the grounds.

The development program meets each fourth Tuesday night of the month in the church.

Officers serving with Mr. Hopkins are: Mrs. Cecil Hopkins, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. M. Brannon, chairman of the Home Committee; Jesse Horton, chairman of the Agriculture Committee; Baxter Hopkins and Mrs. Iris Temple, co-Youth Directors; and the Rev. Virgil McBride, photographer.

Advisors of the program are Paul Dew, Wakelon Agriculture instructor, and Miss Mary Lacy Palmer, Wakelon Home Economics instructor.

Escapade

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They drifted around the city of Lexington, trying to make up their minds. Should they call their parents and let them know where they were? But they would be upset and worried, the boys reasoned.

Finally, one put in a call to his parents, Chamblee said. Lexington? Lexington, Kentucky? they

President Hinton Dedicated Lion

For Lions Club President Hardin Hinton, the past months have been busy ones.

But he hasn't minded. He was working with something he loves and enjoys, the Zebulon Lions Club.

"I have been told that we get out of the things pretty much of what we put in it. But in my case this isn't so. I've gotten back 10 times more than I've ever given, and as time goes on the better I like being a Lion."

He means every word of it. No matter how hard he has to work, no matter how many trials, tribulation and other bothers, that come up when one is the head of an organization that is functioning as efficiently as the Zebulon Lions Club, Hinton has no remorse.

"I have enjoyed being president of the club very much," he continued. "The fellowship, the pull-



Hardin Hinton

ing together of the club members, and the spirit of the club members has all been very good. It has been wonderful to see the club progress and grow."

The 36-year-old president of Zebulon Lions Club is a native of Johnston County. He was born near Emit, one of 15 children of Arthur D. Hinton and the late Mrs. Hinton.

After graduating from Wakelon High School in 1940, he enrolled in N. C. State College with plans to become an agriculture teacher. Those plans never materialized, for after the outbreak of World War II, he was one of the first to enlist. He chose the Marine Corps and spent 39 months in active overseas duty.

After his honorable discharge, he spent two years with his brother, Worth Hinton, in the dry cleaning business in Zebulon. When he left this trade, he became associated with the Zebulon branch of the Carolina Power and Light Co. He is now in his tenth year with CP&L, and carries the title of second class serviceman.

On September 10, 1946, he was married to the former Rebecca Horton, daughter of Mrs. Sam Horton and the late Mr. Horton. They have two children, Jane, 9, and Joe, 5.

Since Hinton has been a Zebulon resident, he has served actively in the Zebulon Baptist Church, Zebulon Masonic Lodge, No. 609 AM&FM, and the American Legion, Post 33.

Lion Slogan

- L—iberty
- I—ntelligence
- O—ur
- N—Nation's
- S—afety

asked. No, Lexington, North Carolina. And they would be home soon, he assured them.

If three of them had been out of high school, four young men of Zebulon would be enjoying the sunny climate of California, they insisted.

But like Moses, the boys never reached their Promised Land. The Golden West still awaits them. California, with its glamour, glitter and girls, girls, girls, is still an exciting dream to come true.

PROGRAM

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Father of Zebulon's Lions Club, Ed Hallford, International Counselor of Lions International.

Presentation of Keys, Thurman Hepler, chairman of the Building Committee.

Acceptance of Keys, Hardin Hinton.

Presentation of District Governor, President Hardin Hinton.

Dedication of Building to Lionism, Lion G. Paul Carr, Governor of District 31-G.

Dedicatory Prayer, the Rev. W. Arnold Smith, pastor of Zebulon Baptist Church.

Song of dedication, "Bless This House," by Nelle Kemp.

Miss Carolyn Hinton will accompany the soloist and group singing at the piano.

Heart Fund Drive Donations \$310.40

The Heart Fund drive conducted in Zebulon and the surrounding communities netted a total of \$310.40, Dr. L. M. Massey, chairman, has reported.

One hundred fifty dollars of this came from the Community Chest, the dentist revealed, and \$160.40 came from private donations.

Dr. Massey expressed his appreciation to those who contributed through the Community Chest, to those who made private donations, and to the solicitors who gave of their time to offer the people the opportunity to contribute.

The business district of Zebulon was not canvassed by the solicitors and many homes were not contacted because no one was at home when the solicitor called, the dentist said.

"However, it is a reasonable contribution," Dr. Massey said, "and I am sure the Research Fund of the State for Heart will be grateful."

Heart Fund Sunday was February 23.

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Pictured above are the officers of the Zebulon Lions Club. Left to right, seated: H. A. Hodge, Jr., Second Vice-President; Hardin Hinton, President; Thurman Hepler, Chairman of the Building Committee; standing: Ray Goodwin, Third Vice-President; and Crafton Hudson, First Vice-President. Absent was Alvin Beck, Secretary.



Martin L. Hagwood, center, is shown laying the corner stone of the Lions Club building. Hagwood was president of the club when the structure was started. Looking on from left to right are Lions Francis Wall, Crafton Hudson, Wilbur Debnam and Thurman Hepler. Architect Milton Strickland is standing beside Hepler.