

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## Cerebral Hemorrhage

### Mallie T. Debnam Dies; Long-Time Town Merchant

One of Zebulon's prominent citizens and long-time merchants died Sunday night about 3 o'clock in Rex Hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mallie Thurston Debnam died shortly after being stricken at his home on North Arendell Avenue Sunday night about 11:30.

He was born in Franklin County 71 years ago, the son of Ed and Ida Debnam. Shortly thereafter the family moved near Nashville.

In 1918 Mr. Debnam came to Zebulon where he owned and operated a blacksmith and wood-work shop. This shop was located near the telephone exchange on West Horton Street.

About 1930 he opened a hardware establishment which he operated until his retirement in 1957. This establishment was taken over by his sons, Wilbur and James Debnam.

Mr. Debnam was married twice. His first wife was the former Lela Weathersby. She died August 9, 1924. To this union were born three children, Elise, now Mrs. George Marle of Rocky Mount, Dwite Debnam of Rockingham, and Wilbur Debnam of Zebulon.

His second wife, who survives him, is the former Mary Mitchell of Louisburg. One son, James Debnam, was born to this union.

He was a member of Zebulon Baptist Church, Zebulon Masonic Lodge, No. 609, and the Lions Club.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. B. E. Perkinson of Rocky Mount and Mrs. F. P. Cooper of Nashville, six half sisters and two half brothers.

A funeral service for the deceased was held Tuesday at 3 o'clock at Zebulon Baptist Church, with the Rev. W. Arnold Smith officiating. Burial was in the Zebulon Cemetery.

### Hilliard's Restaurant Still Tops In County

Hilliard's Restaurant is still the number one eating establishment in Wake County. Tying with the local restaurant in sanitary ratings for the quarter ending June 30 was Phillips Barbecue of Cary. Both places were given 95.0 ratings by the Wake County Health Department.

### Town Books Audited

Two representatives from R. L. Steele and Company of Raleigh audited the town books Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. This covers the fiscal year 1958-59.

Town Clerk Willie B. Hopkins said he expects results of the audit to be in the town office the latter part of this week.

### American Legion Officers Installed; Bill Perry Head

Officers of Zebulon American Legion for 1959-1960 have been elected and installed. The installation was held recently at a dinner meeting held at Hilliard's Restaurant.

Herbert C. (Bill) Perry, Jr. is now serving the veteran's organization as commander. He succeeds Robert D. Massey. Harry Bissette is vice commander; Charles W. Pace, adjutant, Charles



M. T. Debnam

### Harold Eddins Dies Of Heart Seizure

Kenneth Harold Eddins, 42, died Thursday morning about five o'clock of a heart attack. He was at his farm about one mile east of Zebulon when he was stricken. He died before he reached the hospital.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Wood; one daughter, Kaye of the home; two sons, Jimmy of the home and Kenneth of Asheville; his father, C. B. Eddins, Sr. of Zebulon, two sisters, Mrs. Georgia Croom and Mrs. Edward Pearce of Zebulon; five brothers, C. B. Jr. of Claxton, Ga.; Sidney of Zebulon; Mike of McKees Rock, Pa.; Vassar of North Augusta, S. C.; and Wilmer of Dublin, Ga.

Final rites for the victim were held Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Zebulon Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. W. Arnold Smith. Burial was in Zebulon Cemetery.

### Rains Came

### Tobacco Losses Numerous

The rains came. And came and came.

When the first rains fell more than 10 days ago, the farmers in the Zebulon vicinity wanted them. Their crops were suffering from a drought.

Now, with showers falling almost every day, the farmers are remembering a little ditty they learned in school: rain, rain, go away; come again some other day.

The results of the heavy precipitation has caused a great deal of crop damage, many local farmers have reported. This is so especially with tobacco.

### \$8,000 On Tax Books Uncollected

Suits to collect unpaid personal and property taxes from 1929 through 1958 will be instituted soon against persons who are delinquent in their tax payments.

According to Town Clerk Willie B. Hopkins there is an estimated \$8,000 on the town tax books which has not been paid.

Clerk Hopkins was busy assorting the unpaid tax notices Monday and will turn them over to the proper authorities.

Hopkins said the town authorities try not to let property owners get over five years behind in the payment of their taxes. If the notices are 10 years overdue the statute of limitations applies.

Once a tax suit is instituted against a property holder it holds good indefinitely, according to Hopkins. If any suits are brought against property owners they will be tried in Wake County Superior Court.

Town officials are hopeful of collecting the tidy sum. They feel it could very well benefit the town greatly.

### Young Negro Girl Hit By Auto Saturday

A 12-year-old Negro girl suffered undetermined injuries Saturday about one o'clock when she was struck by an automobile near the Dairy Queen.

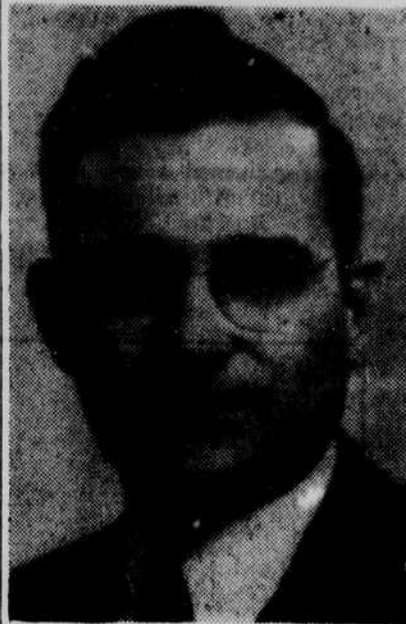
Katherine Taylor, daughter of Mrs. Bettie Tuck of East North Street, was riding her bicycle on Highway 64 east, according to police officers. She crossed the highway into the path of an oncoming 1959 Ford car driven by Fred Ernest Devine of New York, who was going west.

The young girl was given first aid treatment by a local physician and then sent to St. Agnes Hospital. Unofficial reports are that the girl suffered a skull fracture.

No charges have been preferred against the driver of the car.

Policeman L. A. Baker investigated the accident.

### Ray Goodwin New Lions Prexy; Rose Through CP&L Ranks To District Engineer



Ray Goodwin

If it had not been for an injured finger, Ray Goodwin, newly installed president of Zebulon Lions Club, might today be playing on one of the major league baseball teams.

The genial Carolina Power & Light Company's engineer had the third finger of his right hand injured when a baseball struck it during the last high school game of the season. The finger became inflamed and eventually had to be amputated. This ended Goodwin's baseball career.

But it has not stopped his love of the sport. He is a great fan of baseball. Rather, he loves all types of sports. One of his great loves is coaching little leaguers, and he has done this kind of thing for many years. He says it gives him a great satisfaction.

Goodwin had his heart set upon a career in baseball. He was granted an athletic scholarship to Wake Forest College. Had he not been able to make the major leagues after graduation, he wanted to coach high school baseball.

Fate, though, intervened, changing his life.

Goodwin is the son of W. S. Goodwin of New Hill in Chatham County. His mother is dead. He was born January 8, 1911, the sixth child of 11 children. All are living except one sister.

The lively, energetic youngster grew up on his father's farm. He loved the out of doors, hunting, fishing, playing. But he learned, too, the many and varied chores a farm lad must learn.

After graduating from Apex High School he went to work for Carolina Power & Light Company. This was July 15, 1936, and he was made time keeper and material man.

In 1940 he enrolled in N. C. State College in the electrical engineering school. He started out seeking a degree, but the war intervened and he switched to special engineering courses offered by the school during the crises. He has a certificate from the college.

Goodwin rose to his present position up through the ranks. He has held the title of district engineer for the past five years. His (Continued on Page 5)

### The N. C. Job Picture

Tobacco harvest in the Raleigh-Wake area has been light due to "greening up," but most labor has been used to sucker and top the tobacco. Watermelon harvest also has been light due to wet fields. Fair weather will speed up both harvest operations. Demand for tobacco harvest labor has been strong, but has been met with local labor.

### Two Markets Tie For Top Sanitary Rating

Two grocery-meat markets tied for top sanitary rating for the quarter ending June 30. Temple's Market and Wakelon Superette were given 96.5 ratings by the Wake County Health Department.

Sanitary ratings of other meat markets in Zebulon were: Parrish Grocery and Market, 96.0; Massey's Grocery, 93.0; Phillips Market, 92.5; Dunn's Grocery, 92.0; Price Grocery, 91.5 and Zebulon Grocery, 87.0.

### Mrs. Paul Weeks, ECC Grad, To Head WHS Business Dept.

An East Carolina College graduate has been employed to head the commercial department of Wakelon School for the 1959-60 session.

Mrs. Paul Weeks, who holds a business education degree from East Carolina College, succeeds Mrs. Doris Privette, who has accepted a position with Atlantic Christian College business department.

Mrs. Weeks is the former Yvonne Blackwell of Oxford. She was born December 14, 1930, and is the third of six children of Mrs. D. G. Blackwell and the late Mr. Blackwell. Her father was a prominent farmer near Oxford.

After graduating from Stovall High School, Mrs. Weeks completed her college work at East Carolina, graduating in 1954. She has taught commercial subjects in the high schools at Grimesland and Red Oak.

For the past five years she has been head bookkeeper and assistant manager at Southeastern Radio Supply Company, Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks were married October 6, 1956. They have one child, Paul Douglas Weeks,



Mrs. Paul Weeks

III, and reside on East Franklin Street.

Mrs. Weeks' hobbies are reading light historical novels and out-of-door recreation.