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**Come One - Come All
To Wakelon School's
PEP RALLY AND BON FIRE
Tonight at 7:30**

**on
Wakelon Football Field
Bulldogs Play Rolesville Friday Night
at 8 o'clock**

Police Department Shake-Up

An almost unnoticed and unfeared reorganization is taking place in Zebulon's police and maintenance departments.

Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins said this week that the police department is undergoing gradual changes which will make it more workable and more efficient.

One of these changes is Police-man L. A. Baker is to be assigned more policing duties. He will be

relieved of much of the jack-of-all-trades work he has been doing and will have more authoritative details.

Chief Hopkins said in the very near future some police officer will be on duty at all times. As the system works now, there some times is an hour or two before a man is on duty between changes in the morning and afternoon.

The chief said the town office needs a man on duty at all times for persons who come in to pay off court fines, bills due the town, and to be available to take fire, police or other emergency calls.

Now, Night Policeman M. G. Crowder while patrolling is not in the office when an emergency comes in. A person on duty in the office to care for these details would make for more efficiency.

The town employed Wilson Stallings September 1. He is to work with the maintenance crew and if satisfactory may be assigned other duties.

Chief Hopkins feels that these changes are very necessary for the protection and welfare of the citizenry.

Get Those City License Plates—Or Else

City records show that owners of about 50 automobiles and trucks have not bought license plates.

Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins said the owners of these vehicles had better purchase city tags or they are subject to be hauled into the local court.

The ordinance requiring all motor vehicles within the city limits to display license is to be enforced to the fullest, the police officer said. The price of the license is \$1.00.

Road Oil Supervisor

Sidney Holmes Busy Highwayman

Motorists in six eastern North Carolina counties and tourists using the highways in these counties can thank Sidney Holmes for the excellent condition these roads are kept in.

Holmes' job as Division Road Oil Supervisor of the Fourth District keeps him busy. He is in charge of the up-keep of approximately 2,600 miles of secondary and state highways in Johnston, Wayne, Wilson, Nash, Edgecombe and Halifax counties.

Fifty-five paid employees and 20 prisoners work under his jurisdiction. Each year this road force uses a million and a half gallons of asphalt and more than 60,000 tons of crushed agate and sand for the paving of new and the resurfacing of old roads in the six counties.

Holmes said the majority of the paving and resurfacing is done between April 1 and October 15 of the year. Favorable weather conditions must be had for this type of work.

Depending on the traffic, Holmes said road surfaces of the type he is in charge of last from three to five years. Of course, adverse weather conditions play havoc with them. When the ground freezes, there is always the breakage of the surface when the thaw begins. And heavy trucks cause untold damage, too.

Damage from farm equipment claims some of the credit to the pavement. Generally, Holmes said, farmers are considerate and thankful for the roads. But sometimes they drive their heavy equipments—tractors with discs, etc.—on to the highway, causing breakage and torn edges on the pavement.

Sixty-eight pieces of equipment are necessary to carry on road-building operations for this type of work, Holmes revealed. There is very seldom breakdowns,



Sidney Holmes

for this equipment is kept in excellent repair.

Specifications from the Highway Department are followed for the mixture of the road topping, and application of the mixture must meet certain rigid requirements.

Road widths are 16, 18, 20 and 24 feet. Secondary roads are 20 feet wide, Holmes said. Johnston County has the largest mileage.

Holmes said he has his headaches. What job doesn't? he asked. But, thank goodness, he doesn't have to deal too much with the public. He doesn't know what the riding public says about him, but he hopes they are appreciative of the way the roads are kept.

Holmes is one of 14 division road oil supervisors. There are 14 highway districts. His immediate supervisor is E. P. Koonce, district engineer of Wilson.

Holmes, a ruggedly handsome 195 pounder, 5 feet 11 1/4 inches tall, is the fourth child of Mr.

Town Board Puts Bite On Delinquent Water Payers

**40 Cut Off
In One Day**

Run Away Youth Now In Detention Home

Wake County welfare officers picked up a run away youth Wednesday of last week and placed her in the county detention home in Raleigh to await further disposition by the welfare authorities.

The youth, Laura Bonnell, 15, was lodged in Zebulon jail last Tuesday night after she was found hiding in the apartment of Everett Tant on West Barbee Street. The arresting officer was Night Policeman M. G. Crowder.

The girl left the home of her foster mother, Mrs. Mildred Stallings of West Gannon Avenue, by way of her bedroom window. The rest of the family was looking at television when the escape occurred.

She went to the Tant's home because, it was reported, Tant's son, Raymond, and the girl had been

seeing each other secretly. The younger Tant was not at home at the time the girl went there. He was in Raleigh at wrestling match.

When Mrs. Stallings notified Night Policeman Crowder, he went to the Tant residence and was told by Tant, the officer reported, that the girl was not there. Upon the arrival home of Raymond, the elder Tant told his son of the girl's presence and he (Raymond) came and notified the policeman.

Officer Crowder said the girl, clad in a white blouse and black treader pants, appeared without hesitation when he went for her the second time. He said she was not very talkative and unemotional and told him she would not return to the home of her foster mother.

Generally Quiet

Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins reported that in general it was a quiet Labor Day in Zebulon.

Saturday night had the most action. According to the police chief six drunks were put into the hoosegow—four white and two colored.

No reports of shootings, cuttings, or other crimes were booked.

Laura is one of four children—three girls and one boy—who were placed by the welfare with Mrs. Stallings in January. Prior to being placed in the boarding home here they were with Mr. and Mrs. William Creech.

Former WHS Principal Randolph-Racon Prof

Franklin Ross Jones, former principal of Wakelon High School, has received an appointment as professor of Education and chairman of the Education Department at Randolph-Macon Men's College.

A native of Charlotte, Jones received his A. B. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College and his M. S. degree in education from the University of North Carolina. He is currently completing work toward his doctorate at Duke University.

Since leaving Wakelon, Jones has served as supervising principal of the Roxboro School system. Prior to coming to Zebulon, he was principal of Henderson Junior High School.

The new Randolph-Macon professor has served as president of the North Central District of the North Carolina Education Association, and of the North Carolina Principal Association.

Mothers Help Teachers During Wakelon's Opening

Thirty-two mothers of students were on hand the opening day at Wakelon School to help teachers collect fees and issue books.

Two mothers assisted in each room for grades one through six. They handled the routine clerical jobs quickly and efficiently, leaving the teachers free to greet parents and work with the children in a manner never before possible on the first day of a school year.

The PTA, which sponsored the teacher-assistant project, extends congratulations for a job well done to the mothers who so graciously consented to help. The teachers are both pleased by the interest the mothers showed in the school and grateful for their practical way of showing it.

John J. Hicks, Wakelon principal, announces the enrollment as of September 3 to be 615 in the elementary grades and 221 in the high school. Mr. Hicks also expresses appreciation to the PTA and the 32 mothers for help given faculty members opening day.

Water cut offs in Zebulon brought a big pay off in revenues.

Because of strict action taken by the new town government in connection with delinquent water customers, water revenue for the month of August was \$900 above the monthly average, Willie B. Hopkins said.

The mayor and town commissioners are putting biting teeth into an old ordinance which has not been enforced strictly by previous town governments.

Hopkins said the ordinance will be enforced from now on. Delinquent payers' water will be cut off immediately after a two-month overdue bill.

Approximately 40 persons' water meters were disconnected August 17 because of bills delinquent for two to three months.

Water bills are due the sixteenth day of each month. The meters are read on the 28, 29, and 30 of each month.

Customers are billed soon after meters are read. Second notices are sent if customers' bills are not paid. And for some time telephone messages have been used to remind customers of unpaid bills.

Hopkins said telephone calls to delinquent customers will be discontinued but a second notice will be given a customer before his water is disconnected.

At present, there is no account over two months old.

Hopkins said not too many of these who had their water cut off had unkind words to say about it.

Junior Club Meet

Zebulon Junior Woman's Club will hold its first meeting of the 1959-60 year Tuesday night, September 15, at 7:30 p. m. Club officers will be hosts to a dinner party for the members and prospective members.

Methodist Youth Fellowship Installs New Officers

New officers of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Zebulon Methodist Church were installed on Sunday evening by W. M. Sutton and the Rev. William K. Quick. Dan Massey, president; Connie Hepler, vice president; and Mary Ann Wheless, secretary-treasurer are the executive officers of the group.

The chairmen of the five areas of youth emphasis, Christian Witness, Christian Citizenship, Christian Fellowship, Christian Outreach, and Christian Faith are Priscilla Bercik, Freddie Clark, Connie Hepler, Durwood Chamblee, and Judy Temple. Celia Hales is publicity chairman and Joyce Chapman is chairman of the distribution of POWER, youth devotional magazine.

Counselors for the senior and intermediate groups of the local MYF are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sutton, Mrs. Carolyn Chamblee, Mrs. Frances Massey, and the Rev. William K. Quick.

The Zebulon MYF meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 in the fellowship hall of the Church.

Attending the Raleigh District Methodist Youth Fellowship planning retreat last Saturday from the local Methodist Church were Dan Massey, Henry Andrews, Mary Ann Wheless, Priscilla Bercik, and Mrs. Frances Massey.

Mrs. Frank Wall, Mrs. E. H. (Continued on Page 5)