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"Going With Husband"

Causes Local Woman To Knife Wendell Woman Here Tuesday

A Wendell woman was admitted to Rex Hospital early Tuesday afternoon after she had been cut about the face and arms by a Zebulon woman.

Mrs. Pauline Ray, about 30, of Wendell received facial, arm and back lacerations when Mrs. Dolly Alford, about 35, of Route 1, Zebulon, whacked her with a knife.

Police Officer Willie B. Hopkins said the affray took place about one o'clock Tuesday in front of the gas pumps of Sinclair Service Station at the corner of Gannon and Arendell Avenues here.

Mrs. Alford used a new 12-inch butcher knife as the weapon, Hopkins said. He said it was brought from the Pope store in Wendell, which Mrs. Alford manages.

Hopkins said the victim received cuts about the face, arm and back. Dr. Durwood Stallings, Jr., who gave the woman first aid and referred her to Rex Hospital for further observation, said he found two facial lacerations and a laceration on the lower left arm. He said he did not discover a back wound.

Hopkins said no motive was given, but that Mrs. Alford said she attacked the woman "because she broke up my home," and had been "going with my husband."

Mrs. Alford was taken into custody by Officer L. A. Baker. Baker said she did not resist arrest and was "quiet and calm." She was jailed but later released in custody of her sister who lives in Raleigh.

No charges have been preferred against the parties involved pending further investigation, Hopkins said.

Mrs. Alford is married to Jack Alford, and Mrs. Ray is the wife of Thurman Ray.

Father of Local Woman Dies Of Cancer

A funeral service was held for John Battle O'Neal, 80, of Route 1, Zebulon, Monday from Corinth Baptist Church. The Rev. A. D. Parrish, pastor, conducted the rites, assisted by the Rev. James F. Heaton, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Mr. O'Neal, who died of cancer Saturday in Rex Hospital, was the father of Mrs. Willard Gill of Zebulon.

He was a retired merchant and farmer of the Corinth Community, and has served for many years on the school committee of Corinth-Holders School.

His wife was the former Donia Creech, who died in 1954.

He is survived, besides Mrs. Gill, by Mrs. Joyce Wheeler of Raleigh, Mrs. Christine Glover of Route 1, Zebulon, Mrs. Rochelle Powell of Route 1, Zebulon, and one son, R. G. O'Neal of Route 1, Zebulon, seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Senior Play To Be Given Friday Night

The senior class of Wakelon High School will present its annual play Friday night (tomorrow), February 26, at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

Students taking roles in this three act mystery are Wilbur Blackley, Dan Massey, Terry Kemp, Earl Perry, Joe Phillips, Carolyn Beck, Nancy Strickland, Phyllis Braswell and Anne Curtis. Mrs. Raymond Pippin and Miss Blanche Gay are co-directors of the production.

An admission of 25 and 50¢ will be charged.

Science Fair

The science department of Wakelon High School is holding its annual fair Thursday night (tonight) in the gymnasium from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Students in the department, under the direction of Mrs. Clara Roebuck, instructor, will display 143 projects.

Wakelon students in the last few years have exhibited some outstanding and award-winning projects.

Committees for the fair have been named and are:

Refreshment: Betsy Rountree, chairman; Bunny Bunn, Betsy Alford; Program: Tim Harwood, Freddie Clark, Priscilla Bereik; Artist: Tommy Wood; Arrangements: Rod Strickland; News Reporter: Mickey Hinton, Betsy Alford; Advertisement: Elaine Doyle, Carol Gay and Jimmy Johnson.

Fire Ravages Two Homes Last Week

Zebulon and Wendell fire departments, aided by National Guardsmen valiantly fought a fire here last Thursday night which destroyed two homes.

The fire occurred around 7:15 p.m., and firemen were hampered by wind gusts ranging up to 31 miles an hour and driving rain mixed with hail.

No one was injured in the fire. Both the houses were located on Wakefield Street. One of the homes was owned by a recently discharged serviceman, Gilbert L. Bullock. Gilbert, his wife and small child were not at home at the time. They were visiting his parents, only a short distance from his home.

The other house, owned by Buck McSwain, was not occupied, Fire Chief Willie B. Hopkins said. It had been vacated only recently.

Fire Chief Willie B. Hopkins estimated the loss at \$10,000.

The fire originated in Bullock's recently remodeled home, and firemen said it may have been caused by the explosion of a heater.

The fire was reported near Paul V. Brantley's Service Station No. 2, just west of Zebulon. However, a second alarm sent firemen rushing to the scene on Wakefield Street, near Brantley's Service Station No. 1.

Both houses were fully ablaze when firemen arrived.

Fire Chief Willie B. Hopkins said other homes might have been lost except for the help of the Wendell firemen and the Guardsmen. Another big factor was that it was a rainy night, he said. Had it been dry with the wind blowing as it was, it might have burned up that entire section of town, fire-said.

Hopkins said it was the worst fire here in 10 years.

A 5,700-gallon oil tanker only 250 feet away from the fire turned out to be empty. Water thrown on it from the big hoses sizzled, it was so hot.

Almost a thousand persons turned out to see the burning inferno. The congestion was so heavy that many times the firemen were hampered in their operations.

Fire Chief Willie B. Hopkins said there is a town ordinance prohibiting persons from getting too near a fire; however, this ordinance is not enforced.

Linesmen from Carolina Power & Light Co. said people were milling about under the high voltage lines, endangering themselves greatly.

Petition To Be Circulated Against Removal Of School

Town Board Opposes

Four members of the Town Board of Commissioners are in opposition to the removal of Wakelon High School and consolidation.

These men speak as public citizens and in no way have the intention of influencing the general public. They do not believe that school policies should in any way be made a political issue.

The commissioners' reactions follow:

P. O. Farmer said: "I am not in favor of moving Wakelon High School. I think the community will grow and we can have the biggest school in the county. Consolidation might make us in the same fix some other counties are that consolidated. Now these counties have to build more high schools to take care of their students. Wakelon has the largest high school of the four schools, and I think that if consolidation is to take place the other three smaller high schools should be brought here and not move Wakelon because it is the largest."

T. B. Hepler said: "I am not in favor of consolidation. I think it would be mighty bad for the people of Zebulon to let our school lose its identity. Competition between the schools would help make better schools. Zebulon is the larger school. We raise more supplementary tax money than any other two of the three schools. If our community supports our school that good, I think it would be mighty bad to lose its identity with a consolidation affair. People in the community don't realize how

much can be put on each individual mother if the school is moved. It will require an extra hour's time, at least, for the mothers to get their children ready for school. The Bethany section is the wrong place to put the school to start with. In my opinion it is not good for Zebulon and what is not good for Zebulon I am against. A lot of progress is being made in Zebulon and within five years our population will be doubled."

J. Raleigh Alford said: "I am not in favor of consolidation. I want a good school right here in Zebulon. This is a progressive community and we are due a good school. I know what it does to communities which lose their schools. We have got good potential here and we need our high school."

G. Kermit Corbett said: "I'm not in favor of removing our high school." Why? he was asked. "We won't go into that, it's too long." Mrs. Elizabeth Ellett, only woman on the Town Board, withheld a statement, feeling that it might put her position in jeopardy.

Pre-School Registration To Be March 3

Pre-school registration for children entering Wakelon School next fall will be held in the school cafeteria Thursday, March 3, according to Mrs. Fred Page, pre-registration chairman.

Mrs. Page said it is very important that parents register their child or children on the above date and to bring the birth certificate and a copy of his immunization record.

Before entering school all children are required by North Carolina State law to have inoculations for small pox, polio and triple vaccine. This information must be recorded on the child's permanent school record.

Pre-registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Methodists Seek Enlistment

A special service seeking the enlistment of every member of the Zebulon Methodist Church has been voted by the church's Official Board, according to an announcement by H. C. Wade, chairman.

On Sunday evening, February 28, the night service has been planned with the explicit purpose of enlisting every resident member into a total witness for the church. In cooperation with the total enlistment mission of the Methodist Church, persons will be asked to

consider re-dedication in the areas of worship and witness, material possessions, service, influence and life.

The service will also be a rally to explain the program of the new parsonage, expected to be built soon. The Official Board has voted to approve such a service with a roll call of the resident membership.

The church's pastor, the Rev. William K. Quick, will speak on the topic, "When The Roll Is Called Down Here!" Special music has been planned by the choir. The service begins at 7:30 p.m.

New Florist Opens

Zebulon was the possessor of a new florist shop Monday. This is the third floral establishment for the town.

Mrs. Kuric Gill, Sr. opened a florist shop in her home on Gannon Avenue.

Mrs. Gill said she has served her apprenticeship in flower designing and arrangement under Gene Moring, Raleigh floral designer. Moring was formerly associated with The Art Flower Shop in Raleigh.

The new florist said she has always loved flowers and flower arranging and designing. Flowers, she said, are her love and hobby. "It will be my pleasure to serve my friends and the people of this community," Mrs. Gill said.

Mrs. Gill will specialize in flowers for church, hospital, funerals, weddings, corsages, dried arrangements, potted plants and dish gardens.

Down with the removal of Wakelon High School!

That is the hue and cry of many people of Zebulon and Wakelon School district.

Mayor Ed Hales, a strong foe of consolidation and the removal of the high school from the town, said he would say less than 5 per cent of the people favor consolidation and the removal of the high school.

Four of the five members of the Town Board of Commissioners are opposed to consolidation and the removal of the high school from the town. One member withheld statement fearing that it might jeopardize her position.

Reports were that the rural people favored the two issues, but Mayor Hales said that is untrue. He has checked with a number of key persons in outlying communities and said he found only opposition to consolidation.

He was questioned if a rumor is true that a petition will be circulated opposing the removal of the high school from Zebulon. He said Tuesday one is being drawn up by an attorney in town.

Some people think that consolidation would not be for the best interests of the students and community.

Other persons feel that if Wakelon had gotten its promised funds voted overwhelmingly it would be a better school, if not the best in the county.

The Bethany-Riley Hill section of the county is not the place to locate such a school, many people hotly contend.

One person said that Zebulon raises more supplementary tax money than any of the other three schools and he thinks it would be bad for Wakelon School to lose its identity by consolidation.

An ex-school teacher said that consolidation will not solve all the problems.

Some persons have asked will the proposed beautiful structure be manned with the same caliber personnel now used or will the instructors be befitting the fineness of the building.

Talk is, if worse comes to worst, that Wakelon School may be put on the city system of operating.

Eight men vitally interested in the school's welfare visited Elm City February 9 to observe this plant and its operational facilities. These men were very favorably impressed with this system which became so after a group strove to consolidate it with other schools.

Attorney Foster Finch, Mayor Ed Hales, Dr. L. M. Massey, retired educator E. H. Moser, Avon Privett, Wilbur Debnam, Dr. B. D. Thomas, chairman of Wakelon School Board, and Hardin Hinton, a member of Wakelon School Board, were the men who observed

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Wendell Citizens Filed No Protests In School Issue

"No protest has been registered in any way" concerning the proposed consolidation of four East Wake high schools by the Wendell community, according to J. Harold Griffin, prominent Wendell attorney and former mayor of the town.

Mr. Griffin took issue with a statement in the February 18 Zebulon Record which said when plans for consolidation were first mentioned "Wendell citizens rose in protest and their protestations appeared in some of the State's leading newspapers."

A delegation of citizens from Wendell appeared before the Wake

County Board of Commissioners and later before the Board of Education, Griffin said, but the delegation did nothing more than ask questions.

"We were completely in the dark (about plans for the consolidation)," he said, "and questions were asked and we got some answers. The matter has been dormant since that time. The sole purpose was not to protest but to seek information."

He said reports of a protest were "completely untrue" and concluded that "no protest was filed in any sense of the word."