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Whitley Says

School Board Will Be Governed By Studies

The help of the Zebulon, Wendell, Knightdale, and Rolesville communities is needed by the Wake County School Board to help find a way to provide increased educational opportunities for our school children, according to C. V. Whitley, chairman of the School Board.

Mr. Whitley spoke to the Zebulon Rotary Club last Wednesday night on the current discussion over possible consolidation of four high schools.

At the end of his talk, in which he described the population growth of East Wake County since 1940, Mr. Whitley opened the floor for questions.

Noting reports that some larger high schools in other parts of the county provide advantages not available at Wakelon, one member asked how these advantages could be available here.

"There is not enough finances nor children to support four big schools in East Wake County," Mr. Whitley said. He emphasized, however, that the four eastern high schools will never be consolidated until all facts are considered.

Pursuing the subject, Sidney Edkins asked why some other schools have advantages Wakelon lacks.

"They have more children en-

rolled," Mr. Whitley said. "Cary has nearly 500 in high school with 108 in the graduating class. Twenty are taking Latin. Garner has even more than Cary."

Another Rotarian asked if it were true that Wakelon high school is the same size it was 20 years ago.

"The largest high school enrollment was in 1939 and 1940," Mr. Whitley replied. "We have dropped since then and have never again reached that point."

Discussing the growth of the school, Mr. Whitley said the enrollment has been up and down but for the past eight years the average has been steady with little increase or decrease.

"Was the bond money spent according to student enrollment," a member asked.

"No," Mr. Whitley answered, "it was allocated where the need was greatest."

The County Board Chairman emphasized that the school administration will be governed to a large degree by the report being prepared by the 20-member study committee representing the four communities.

Harley Hopkins of the Wendell Rotary Club was a visitor.

Faces Manslaughter Charges After Wreck

Teddy C. Morgan, 21, of Route 2, Middlesex, faces manslaughter and reckless driving charges as the result of an accident early Sunday morning, March 13, in which Nancy Causey, 17, also of Route 2, Middlesex, suffered fatal injuries. She was the granddaughter of Willie Upchurch, Sr. of Route 1, Zebulon.

Patrolman Chester Sutton, who investigated the case, said Morgan admitted that he was speeding when his car overturned just east of Samaria on Highway 95 about 12:15 a.m. Sunday. Morgan lost control of the vehicle, a 1955 Chevrolet, after rounding a curve. The car skidded for a distance of 417 feet, left the highway and snapped a telephone pole in two, Sutton said. It was completely demolished.

Riding with Morgan were the Causey girl and a companion, Billie Mae Womble, also of Route 2, Middlesex. All three occupants were thrown out of the car when it overturned. Morgan and Billie Mae were not seriously hurt. Nancy suffered a severe back injury which caused paralysis from her neck to her feet. She was taken to a Rocky Mount hospital and then to Duke Hospital where she died Wednesday morning.

Sutton said Morgan and the two girls were returning from a drive-in near Zebulon where the youth had "two or three" beers. Morgan told the officer that he passed a friend in another car and increased his speed.

"He said he slowed down to 85 or 80 miles an hour when he went through the crossroads at Samaria," Sutton stated. Both girls in the car had pleaded with Morgan to slow down, according to Billie Mae.

A funeral service for Nancy was held Friday from Samaria Baptist Church. Burial was in Zebulon Cemetery.

Books Needed

If you have any books laying around your home unused, unwanted and doing nobody any good, why not donate them to Zebulon Community Library?

"We are in need of all types of books, especially some of the more recent fiction suited to children and adults," Mrs. Gilford Pufkin, librarian, stated.

Money may be given for the purpose of buying books for the library Mrs. Bufkin said, and you may be assumed it will be spent to buy the best books possible.

Mrs. Bufkin said the library is now being used more than ever. The library is open each Monday and Thursday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Since September 1, over 100 books have been given the library, bringing the number of books in the library to approximately 1,000.

Three new children's books have been purchased with a monetary donation from E. N. Pope of Raleigh. Other persons who have donated books within recent months are Mrs. Bill Perry, Mrs. Charles Wayne Pace and Mrs. Arnold Smith.

Rotary Speaker

Maj. General Capus Waynick, Adjutant General for the State of North Carolina, will speak in Davis National Guard Armory April 13 at the Rotary District Assembly, it was announced this week by District 771 Governor Ferd Davis. The Assembly is conducted annually for incoming Rotary Club presidents and secretaries.

Wake School Head Asks Consideration Of All Factors

"Neither lay nor professional workers can render a valid and reliable decision until all information is compiled and evaluated," County Superintendent Fred Smith told the *Zebulon Record*. He made the statement in reply to a request from the *Record* for a statement on local citizens' concern over the future of Wakelon High School.

The former Wakelon principal said a citizens' survey of school needs in East Wake County is being conducted now, and another survey by the state board has been completed.

"Any decision concerning the establishment of a central school will be made in deference to needs revealed by the complete study," he said.

Mr. Smith said that the request for information by the *Record* is the first question received from this community by his office concerning the operation of the schools, plans for consolidation, or similar matters.

"Information about the public schools is public information and is available to the extent that reasonable effort can make it so. So will be the findings of any committee," he said.

Temple Baptist Pastor Guest Revivalist At Pilot Baptist Church

The Rev. William Mills, pastor of Temple Baptist Church of Raleigh, will be guest minister for revival services at Pilot Baptist Church, beginning March 27 and ending April 2.

The Rev. Gilbert McDowell, Pilot pastor, said the services will begin Sunday evening and close with the evening service, Saturday, April 2.

The nursery will be open for those who wish to leave their babies with the workers. The Adult choir, under the direction of Cadwin Cone, and the Youth choir will present special music.

The Rev. Mr. McDowell issues a cordial invitation to everyone to attend the services which will begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Flower Arranger, Lecturer To Be Here April 8

A friend of long standing of Mrs. Norman Screws and a distinguished lecturer on flower arranging is scheduled to be in Zebulon Friday night, April 8.

Mrs. Furman C. Horton of Long Island, New York, will appear here under the auspices of the Carmen Flowers Garden Club for a lecture and arrangement show. She will be at the Lions Club for the program which gets underway at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Horton comes here with a background of successful competition with the foremost artists of the East. She has won literally a "bushel" of blue ribbons and trophies for her flower arrangements.

In one show recently she captured four blue ribbons, two tricolors and two silver trophies. Her silver trophies now number eight. In January she won her second

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Mr. Smith's full statement follows:

About four years ago there was begun in Wake County Schools a multi-purpose survey. This survey involved, among other things, a look at population trends, physical needs of the schools to meet enrollment and instructional demands, and the curricula needs of our children. On the basis of data collected, projections were made to determine the type and quantity of physical facilities needed and the type of instructional program these facilities would need to house to meet the educational needs of our youth in the next decade. Needs and opportunities of every child in the county were given equal consideration.

Varying densities in the school population in the varying geographical areas of the county, as revealed by the surveys, presented diverse problems. How, for instance, could the children in the less densely populated areas be brought into learning situations that would be equal to the learning opportunities available in areas where the population was already large enough to support a comprehensive program. This is the problem that is faced by the four high schools in eastern Wake County.

There is today a differential in the educational opportunities in these schools and the schools located in the more populous areas of the county. Ten years from now, and under existing school patterns, the differential will be tremendously greater, and the gap will progressively widen if experiences in Wake County within the past ten years is a valid criteria.

It was in the deliberate consideration of these projections that the superintendent's office suggested last year that the citizens of the Knightdale, Rolesville, Wendell and Wakelon areas would be wise to give consideration to the establishment of a central high school to provide greater educational opportunities for their children.

The Board of Education did not then, nor has it since, taken any official stand that this would be done.

Instead, the board took a total-

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Raleigh Lawyer Opinionates

J. Wilbur Bunn, a Zebulon native who began practicing law in Raleigh 52 years ago, this week expressed concern over any consolidation of East Wake County Schools.

The possibility of consolidating Wakelon, Wendell, Knightdale and Rolesville Schools, although never officially proposed by the Wake County School Board, has aroused spirited discussion in the Zebulon community.

"I have seen some mention in the papers and have also heard the proposition discussed by some individuals of Western Wake County," Mr. Bunn wrote *The Zebulon Record*, "that certain of our school officials east of Raleigh had given thought to the proposition of combining the Knightdale, Rolesville, Wendell, and Zebulon high schools into one large plant and locate it some 5 or 6 miles from Wendell in a northward direction in the neighborhood of the George E. Robertson old homeplace.

I have been practicing law here in Raleigh for 52 years. The county has been mighty good to me, and that means its citizenship. I am personally interested in anything progressive that may take place, especially if it affects Eastern Wake County, which to me is my real home. What prompts this letter is that I had a long letter yesterday from Dr. Zeb V. Judd,

who was Superintendent of Schools in Wake County when I came here to practice law. He consolidated some of the schools which we now have. In this letter yesterday he was gloating over the great forward steps that have been made in the schools in Eastern Wake County, which I have mentioned above.

I believe in progress, but in my personal opinion such consolidation would be a terrible handicap, setback and hindrance rather than a blessing and benefit for the citizens, the children and the towns above mentioned. You have a good many citizens move into the area of Knightdale, Rolesville, Wendell and Zebulon on account of the excellent school facilities. When you move these schools, you do away with the most attractive assets of these towns, as they will be inclined to change and move and live in an area in which you transplant the consolidated school.

If you have as much growth in population in the next 10 to 15 years as is expected, then you will have in Knightdale at least twice the present population; Wendell, three times the present population; and Zebulon, three times the present population, provided these towns retain and maintain their present school facilities and move forward with the growth in population.

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Mrs. Henry K. Baker Elected President Of Wakelon PTA

Mrs. Henry Kearney Baker was elected president of the Wakelon Parent-Teacher Association for the 1960-61 school year at the March meeting held Monday night. She succeeds Mrs. George Temple.

Mrs. Ferd Davis was elected vice-president for the coming year.

Officers reelected are Mrs. Bill Bowling, sec'y, and Mrs. Charles Creech, treasurer. The new officers will be installed at the April meeting of the PTA.

Fr. Robert Wilken, pastor of the Wendell Catholic Church, used the devotional period to speak against school consolidation, saying in effect that small schools may not offer the best educational opportunity but do provide for a close contact between teacher and pupil.

The Wakelon Senior Band, under the direction of Herbert Ireland, was presented in concert. Their performance earned the enthusiastic applause of the PTA members.



Mrs. Furman Horton