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Editorial

YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH THEM

Reputations are built of many things; yet no matter what forms a person's reputation, he has to live with it. If a man's reputation is bad, he has to suffer the consequences whether he himself is responsible for his predicament or not.

Buy a screaming red convertible, and you're tagged as someone who prefers the wilder things. Drive fast and reckless, and you're branded as a ne'er-do-well, too stupid to heed advice and too blind to see where your course is taking you.

Get a bad reputation and you've got a tiger by the tail which will claw you to ruin whenever you step out of line. This may not be fair, but it's the way life will treat you.

Last weekend we lost two more young people, killed in an automobile accident. The driver had a reputation for wild driving; just a week earlier he had been warned about boisterous conduct in Zebulon; the girl with him was 14 years old.

It is too late to change a reputation here. The irreparable damage has been done.

Other young folks are maturing in our community. We wonder at the effect late hours and questionable activities have on their reputations.

It is something parents and other adults must worry about.

New Methodist Minister Of Middlesex Va. Native

The new minister of Middlesex Methodist Church hopes to revitalize the church's program.

Ben Horace Wilson, III, handsome six-foot plus with the physique of a fullback, said in a pleasantly full well-modulated voice that he "wants to make the church active and creative."

Wilson was appointed student pastor of the charge July 1 after the Methodist Conference. Prior to July, the Middlesex church had been on a three church circuit with Sims and Mount Pleasant.

Since Wilson has been in Middlesex he has planned a program for the church which includes all ages. He believes there must be something for each person, each member.

And, he added, that to keep members active the church program must be interesting.

Already the program is being put into action. He is leaving no stone unturned in finding interests of his congregation. And he is getting the full cooperation of the congregation and the church leaders.

Wilson, who was 31 July 3, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Horace Wilson II of Wythe County, Va. He is one of four children.

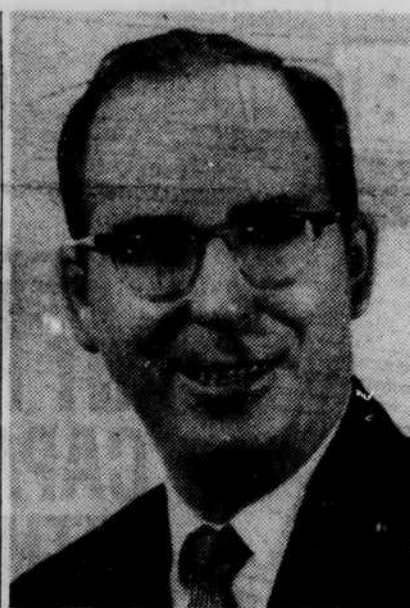
After graduating from Jackson Memorial High, he spent a year at West Virginia Business College. Then Uncle Sam called him and he spent two years in the Air Force. Following his discharge he went to work with DuPont in Richmond.

Because of a mix-up in his military status, Wilson was recalled to active duty with his country again. This time he spent 16 months with the Army.

When he was discharged this time, with all his military obligations behind him, he enrolled in Emory and Henry College. He spent two years at this senior college in Emory, Va., and served during the summer of 1956 on a four point circuit in Lebanon, Va.

He transferred from the Virginia college to Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and was awarded his bachelor of arts degree from this institution. He has a major in religion and a minor in Spanish.

During his years at Berea he did part time work to supplement his income. He worked 40 hours a week with Ford Motor Company, beginning as a clerk, then as a property accountant, and ending up as a handy man in the pattern



Ben Horace Wilson

department. All this time he was carrying a full college load.

In 1959, he came to North Carolina where he matriculated in the Duke University Divinity School. He will commute to his classes when they begin this fall.

The family's first contact with North Carolina was not very impressive. They found the many pine trees oppressive and smothering. They had not been used to such forest enclosure.

"That's why we like Middlesex," both he and his wife, who is charming and possesses a quiet, unassuming manner, said. "We like to see the tobacco, cotton and corn growing. We love it here, and are very happy and thrilled."

The young bespectacled minister is glad that his appointment was with a semi-rural church. He feels that he can do his best work with the farming class. This is because he understands the rural people and their problems.

He himself is a product of the farm. There is no aspect of tilling the soil that he does not know. And both he and his wife have chopped cotton for many a day side by side.

Mrs. Wilson is the former Annie Webb. She and her husband were sweethearts in grammar school, a romance which progressed on through high school and until their marriage May 10, 1952. They are the parents of one child, a daughter, Marcia, who is six.

With a frame built like an athlete, it is no wonder Wilson

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Tire Thief Nabbed At Bus Station Last Sat. Night

A Raleigh man was apprehended Saturday night by Night Police-man M. G. Crowder after the local officer became suspicious of the man's actions.

Ray Hoggard, about 25, was arrested at Zebulon Bus Station and charged with the theft of eight new tires, a light, battery cable, set of automobile points and a transistor radio from Barham's Amoco Service Station on U. S. 1 north.

There was a companion with Hoggard who was jailed and later released because he was not involved in the crime. Crowder did not know the companion's name.

Crowder said he became suspicious of the two when he saw them at the bus station around 2:30. He began his investigation and discovered the loot.

Tony Barham, the owner of the service station, was notified and came to Zebulon. He identified his merchandise.

According to Crowder Hoggard was driving a 1949 black Chevrolet convertible.

Hoggard's bond was set at \$500. He is scheduled to be tried today (Thursday) in Wendell Recorder's Court.

Kart Track

An oval kart track has been constructed behind American Plumbing & Electrical Supply Company parallel to the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The dirt track is 2/10 mile around.

Although a bit narrow for racing, the track provides an ideal place for kart drivers to gain experience in handling their vehicles. Depending on engine power and skill available, speeds approaching 50 miles per hour are possible on the straight-aways.

A sign posted at the track warns that automobiles are not permitted on the track and that the owners are not responsible in case of accidents.

A good crowd gathers whenever kart drivers circle the track. Sunday afternoon's exhibition was staged by James Richardson and Ed Gill.

Convertible Flips, Takes Lives Of Two Youths On Rural Unpaved Road

Speed was apparently the cause of an accident early Sunday night which claimed the lives of a young



LeRoy Currin

man who lived near Zebulon and his female companion.

According to Patrolman B. K. Tucker, LeRoy Currin, 21, of Route 4, Zebulon, and Judy Kay Lewis, 14, of Route 1, Middlesex, died after Currin's 1960 Chevrolet convertible flipped over.

Tucker said the car apparently flipped in mid-air before landing on its top. The car was traveling at an "extremely high rate of speed," he said.

The couple was traveling in the red convertible south on a rural dirt road No. 2329, known as Marshburn Road, four miles north of Wendell.

The investigating patrolman said the car ran off the right side of the road and went 288 feet off the traveled portion. It was thought that a wheel struck a rock on the shoulder of the road, helping cause the accident.

Miss Lewis was pinned underneath the wreckage. Her head was buried in grass and weeds with the door of the car resting on it. She could not be freed until a wrecker came to the scene. According to a local funeral home official she apparently did not suffer other injuries. One funeral home official said he believed she died of suffocation, because her face was buried in the undergrowth.

Currin, the driver, was tossed free of the car. It was thought he died from a blow above the right eye. He was dead on arrival at Rex Hospital.

The time of the accident was set at 9:45, the patrolman said; the car was a total loss.

Currin had been employed by Overnite Trucking Co. of Raleigh.

Funeral services for Currin were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hephzibah Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe Roach, pastor, and the Rev. W. C. Barham officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Currin; one brother, Willard Ray Currin of the home; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Ivey of Route 4, Zebulon.

Miss Lewis is survived by her

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Perfect Game

The weather was hot Saturday in Middlesex.

But the hottest thing was Floyd Tharrington, pitcher for the Zebulon All Stars. Tharrington pitched a perfect game for the All-Stars against the Free Will Baptist Orphanage All Stars.

Eighteen batters faced Tharrington and not one reached first base. He fanned 11 men. And he had superb backing by his teammates, who played errorless ball.

The game ended 7-0, in favor of Zebulon.

This is the second no-hit, no-run game for the young pitcher. He pitched a shut-out game against Mt. Pleasant last Saturday.

The Zebulon All-Stars are currently enjoying the top place of the Magic Circle League standing. They have won three and lost none.

It will be Zebulon versus the Bailey All-Stars here Saturday afternoon at the local school park.

Rotary Governor To Speak Here Wed.; Has Spoken At Middlesex

The Rotary Club of Zebulon Wednesday will be host to James M. Bates, governor of the 771st district of Rotary International, who is making his annual official visit to each of the 39 Rotary clubs in his district. He will address the local club and confer with President Billy K. Hopkins, Secretary G. Haywood Jones, and committee chairmen on Rotary administration and service activities.

Mr. Bates is vice president and actuary of the Home Security Life Insurance Company in Durham, North Carolina, and is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Durham. In civic affairs, he is very active. He is past president of the Inter-Club Council, past chairman of the Shawnee District of the Boy Scouts of America, and past chairman of the all-important budget committee of the Durham United Fund. He was elected as a district governor of Rotary International for the 1960-61 fiscal year at Rotary's 51st annual convention in Miami-Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.A., in June of this year. He is one of



James Bates

267 district governors supervising the activities of more than 10,600 Rotary clubs which have a membership of nearly 500,000 business

and professional executives in 116 countries throughout the world.

Wherever Rotary clubs are located, President Hopkins asserted in discussing the governor's visit, their activities are similar to those of the Rotary Club of Zebulon because they are based on the same general objectives — developing better understanding and fellowship among business and professional men, promoting community-betterment undertakings, raising the standards of business and professions, and fostering the advancement of understanding, good will and peace among all the peoples of the world.

Each year, this world-wide service organization continues to grow in numbers and in strength. Pres. Hopkins said. During the past fiscal year, 405 new Rotary clubs were organized in 47 countries, bringing the total number of Rotary clubs to an all-time high of more than 10,600, and five geographical regions were added to Rotary's membership roster—Aden, French Polynesia, New Guinea, Ryukyn Islands and San Marino.