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WAKELON

School Opens With New Renovations, New Teachers

Summer ends for school age children of Wakelon next Wednesday. Then its back to the classes, books and learnings. Students who will attend Wakelon School for the 1960-61 session will report Wednesday, September 7, for registration, Principal John J. Hicks has announced.

Class work begins Thursday, September 8, at 8:30 a.m.

Renovations of Elementary and High School Buildings

Renovations scheduled for this summer at the Wakelon School are now in the final stages, according to Principal John Hicks. Renovations included the lowering of ceilings and the installation of fireproof acoustical ceilings; complete rewiring and installations of fluorescent lighting; complete renovation of all restrooms which included new plumbing, new fixtures, and painting; steel staircases; new exterior steel door frames and doors; installation of a fire alarm system; installation of a new program clock and bell system; locker rooms with steel lockers in the high school building; electric water coolers on each floor; new lighting in the auditorium and stage; and new floor tile in the high school science department.

Equipment and Supplies

Principal Hicks stated that the science department will be furnished with new science furniture for both the biological and physical sciences. Equipment and supplies, such as elementary science portable roll-a-lab; filmstrip projector and screen; science storage cabinet; science and math filmstrips; science experiment supplies; maps and globes and microscopes have been purchased by the county office.

Addition To High School Building

The high school addition is nearly completed and should be ready for the opening of school. The new addition includes a health room, guidance office, secretary's office, storage room and principal's office.

Athletic Field Improvements

The athletic field has been graded, enlarged and seeded. Principal Hicks stated that this improvement will be an asset to both the athletic program and physical education activities and has greatly improved the appearance of that part of the school campus.

Driveways and Parking Area Improvements

As a part of the general improvement of the campus, the non-paved areas are now paved, providing better access to buildings and will help keep buildings much cleaner during bad weather as well as free from dust.

Personnel Professional Improvements

Principal Hicks stated that some members of the staff have attended summer school for professional improvement. Mrs. Elizabeth Ellett attended Western Carolina College on a fellowship for the study of Exceptional Children. Miss Marie Sawyer, Commercial teacher completed the requirements for the Master's degree at W.C.-U.N.C. Mrs. Ruth Allen Moss continued her study towards the Master's degree at the University of North Carolina. Miss Blanche Gay continued her study towards the Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling at North Carolina State. Mrs. Clara Roebuck took graduate courses in Science at North Carolina State. Mrs. Coressa Chamblee toured Europe and will bring her experiences into the classroom as a part of the instructional program. Miss Alma Lou Pierce took graduate courses at East Carolina College. Miss Mary Lacy Palmer attended the Home Economics Teacher's Conference in Greensboro and C. V. Tart attended the Agriculture Teacher's Conference at Carolina Beach. Herbert Ireland continued his study towards the Master's degree in music at East Carolina College.

School Board Adopts Protection of Instructional Time Program

Protection of instructional time will play an important part in the total school program during the coming year, according to Principal Hicks. The local school board in keeping with the recommendations of the State and County Boards of Education have adopted policies to protect instructional time from any infringements that have taken pupils away from class instructional time.

Principal Hicks stated that the taking of children out of classes for activities not related to the instructional program, children being excused from school by parents for what is considered non-excusable reasons or things that could be done other than on school time have infringed on class instructional time essential to the education of children.

Southern Association Accreditation of the Elementary School

Wakelon Elementary School is seeking Southern Association Accreditation along with other schools of Wake County. It was pointed out by Principal Hicks that the elementary faculty is making an evaluation study of the total school program and that the study will be a continuous project even after the visiting committee on accreditation visits the school during the early part of October.

Administrative Assistant To Principal Appointed

Mrs. Elizabeth Ellett was recently appointed Administrative Assistant to the principal, according to Principal John Hicks. He stated that the school has been in need of an assistant for quite some time and that until now has not been in a position to make such an appointment.

Principal Hicks pointed out that the qualifications for the position are the same as those required for the principalship and that Mrs. Ellett met the requirements fully since she holds the Masters degree in Education and completed all requirements necessary to hold an administrative position.

The duties of the administrative assistant will be to serve as coordinator of the elementary school program and to handle other administrative and supervisory duties as assigned by the principal.

Registration of New Students

Registration of new students to the Wakelon School will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2. Registration will be in the school office located in the Primary building. The registration does not include those pre-school children already registered last spring.

School Board Adopts Regulations

The District School Board approved the mailing of grade reports to parents of high school students three times during the school year. Principal Hicks stated that often some high school students will not have report cards signed by a parent and that the regulation of mailing grade reports will assure school officials that grades will be seen.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Businesses Plan Holiday Monday Closed

Business establishments which are members of the Chamber of Commerce will be closed Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

Homecoming

Sunday, September 11, is the date set for homecoming at Zebulon Methodist Church. "We plan to have dinner all day and preachin' on the grounds as the old saying goes," the Rev. W. K. Quick, pastor, said. Following the morning worship service and roll call, picnic lunches brought by the members and friends of the church will be served on the church campus.

Parsonage

According to the bulletin, the parsonage for Zebulon Methodist Church being built on East Glenn Street, will be ready for occupancy of the church's minister and his family in another month.

Not So

Sidney Eddins is not the new graves registration officer of the local American Legion post as was reported in this paper last week. It should have read Sidney Holmes. Eddins saw no war time service. Holmes came back from World War II with a Purple Heart.

Dance

Zebulon Lions Club will begin its series of fall and winter dances next week with the first one scheduled for Thursday night, September 8. Bill Joe Austin and his orchestra from Smithfield will furnish the music for the cotillion which will last from 8:30 to 12:30. Price of admission is \$3 per couple.

Interviews

School personnel from Wakelon and Wendell schools will be interviewed next week by Mrs. Frederick Chamblee, woman's editor of WETC. Wakelon Principal John J. Hicks is scheduled for Monday; Wendell Principal Carl Grad on Tuesday; Wakelon Coach Maurice Chapman on Wednesday and Wendell Coach Johnny E. Presson on (Continued on page 2)

Bank Manager Heads Scout Fund Drive To Begin Sept. 27

Commits Suicide

William Andrew Brantley, 68, of Route 2, Zebulon, died early Saturday morning at his home of what Franklin County Coroner James H. Edwards described as self-inflicted rifle wounds.

Edwards said that Brantley, despondent and in ill health, placed a .22 caliber rifle in a vice and triggered a single shot into his head. Death was instantaneous, the coroner said.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from the Rocky Cross Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Holland officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ralph Massey. Burial was in Morgan cemetery in Franklin County.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rella Morgan; two daughters, Mrs. E. C. Anderson of Middlesex, Route 2, Miss Mertie Brantley of the home; three sons, Vester and Andrew, both of Zebulon, Route 2, Bertie L. of Zebulon; one brother, Julius of Spring Hope; two sisters, Mrs. Barley Brantley of Middlesex, Route 2, and Mrs. Hartney Jones of Butner.

Ministers Discuss Ministerial Group

Ministers of Zebulon, Wendell and adjacent areas met at Wendell Baptist Church Monday, August 22, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the purposes and objectives of an area ministerial association.

The Rev. W. H. Vinson, Jr., president of the Wendell Ministerial Association, presided and appointed a nominating committee to choose a slate of officers to be voted on at the next area meeting to be held September 27 at Hilliard's Restaurant.

Serving on this committee will (Continued on Page 4)

Charles Alexander, manager of the local branch of First Federal, has been appointed chairman of the Zebulon Scout Drive Fund for the coming year. He succeeds Sprite Barbee, who headed a successful campaign last year.

Letting no grass grow under his feet, the popular young bank executive, in cooperation with the Saponi District Scout Committee, has set September 27 as the "kick-off" date for the drive.

On that morning all previously appointed workers will hold a breakfast meeting where names to be solicited will be distributed and last minute instructions as to how to approach prospects will be aired.

No workers will have more than five people to contact and 90% of the money is expected to be collected by sundown on the day of September 27.

Alexander has divided the town into two major teams for the purpose of canvassing the citizens on kick-off day. The co-chairmen are Ralph Bunn and Randolph Hendricks.

In addition to the plans made for the general canvassing on September 27, Chairman Alexander announced the appointment of Attorney Ferd Davis as chairman of the Special Gifts Collections. Included on his list of prospects are out-of-town corporations serving the community, large businesses of Zebulon, traveling salesmen, and other persons who might be difficult to locate on the kick-off date. These prospects will be contacted prior to the kick-off date.

This community has long been recognized for its outstanding work in Scouting. Two hundred sixteen boys and adult leaders are in Scouting in Zebulon.

The following active Scout units now serve the community: Cub Pack #525, Cubmaster Andrew Jenkins; Cub Pack #540, Cubmaster Stanley Seago; Scout Troop #525, Scoutmaster Howard Phelps; Scout Troop #540, Scoutmaster E. D. Ellington; Explorer Post #540, Leader Pete Bryant; Negro Scout (Continued on Page 4)



NEW RECRUITS. These 10 young men are new recruits of Battery A of the local National Guard. After six months training with the Army they will return to the local Guard unit for active participation. Pictured are, first row, left to right, Bobby Gravitt, Howard Phelps, Donnie G. Perry; second row, Earl Baker, Hilliard J. Gay, Jr., Gary G. Baker; back row, Charles Hocutt, Vernon Pearce, Thomas G. Timberlake and Garland Whitley.