

Potential Delinquency and Summer Recreation

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IS YOUR CHILD A POTENTIAL DELINQUENT?

Yes, your child is a potential delinquent and so is mine! All our children and youth in Zebulon have problems that may become too difficult for them to solve. The delinquent child, the problem teenager is that person with an inescapable problem which he cannot solve adequately. Circumstances existing within our community could develop, therefore confronting any youngster with a problem beyond his powers.

Last summer a series of events involving teenagers in Zebulon and the surrounding area provoked this question repeatedly, "Why are there so many delinquents and why does it seem to be getting steadily worse?" My answer invariably was this: "Why is there so little delinquency?"

Ours is an age of complexity! Ours is a sensate stage of culture in which value convictions are deteriorating rapidly. For most of us, life consists of personal disorganization.

This complexity has been brought about in the last generation. If the teenagers of 1961 seem hard to understand by their parents and the community-at-large, it's due to the fact that while ours was a day of A-Model traditionalism theirs is a day of Rocket-age restlessness.

Recently our society was descriptively described as "giving the impression of an oily-rich, overgrown, adolescent 'hayseed' who's come to town with a lot of money in his pockets and time on his hands and doesn't know how to conduct himself or use his riches and time properly."

Most of the teen-age trouble we have comes from our times, not from our young people. We have reared since 1900 one generation after another in America in our public schools, without any reference to religion, morals or ethics. This was due to the fact that the races and religious groups in our society are so diverse that any any other kind of training would have taken away our freedoms.

We have taught young people how to make a living . . . but we have not taught them how to live!

A prominent Judge of one of our courts has said, "We adults spend far too much time preparing the path for our youth, and far too little time preparing our youth for the path."

"Time's have changed," is a gross misrepresentation of the facts. We can't really conceive (just one week after astronaut Alan Shepherd's sub-orbital flight) how times have really changed!

But young people—their needs, desires and ambitions do not change!

We should be justly proud of our space achievements, however, it is my firm conviction that the United States' greatest need is guided men and women instead of guided missiles!

We need guided parents—guided by Divine Wisdom and common sense instead of being guided by the \$ sign!

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Orchid of Flowers

Iris Lover Speaks To Club



"The iris is a wonderful and satisfying flower to grow," Mrs. L. F. Oxnevard of Louisburg, ardent iris grower and lover, told the Carmen Flowers Garden Club Monday night.

This was the last meeting of the current garden club year. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. E. V. Rountree, president of the club.

Mrs. Oxnevard said that iris are

widely distributed throughout the northern hemisphere but none are found south of the equator.

Few flowers have been so loved through the ages, she said.

The first iris in recorded history is shown in the tomb of an Egyptian Pharaoh around 1500 B. C. The theory has been advanced, she said, that the Biblical "lilies of the field" may well have been iris

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Town's Fourth Eagle Scout Named For Commendation; Ceremonies Sunday

Zebulon's fourth Eagle Scout has been named and will receive honors at the Sunday evening worship service on May 14. This highest award in Scouting will be conferred upon Vincent Rountree in ritualistic ceremonies Sunday night.

Rountree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Rountree, gets the award after a lapse of many years in bestowing this honor to a Zebulon Scout. Former recipients of this honor were Roderick Horton, James Debnam and Jack Terry.

Officials of the Occaneechee Council as well as local Scout leaders will participate in the program.

Cancer Crusade Solicitations Biggest Ever In Town History

Zebulon's 1961 cancer crusade netted the biggest solicitation in the history of the town.

According to Aaron C. Lowery, crusade head, \$819.14 was turned in to be turned over to the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society.

"I am justly proud of the amount so generously given by the people of Zebulon and the surrounding communities," Lowery voiced.

He further added that he is indeed indebted to those persons who volunteered so willingly to serve as drive solicitors. "They were all so very nice and so cooperative, giving of their time freely and without reservation."

Lowery also lauded his wife who was behind the scenes working in behalf of the campaign. "She was great. She should get all the credit, really."

Lowery said with this wonderful response from Zebulon, he feels that the battle of cancer appears more hopeful now than ever before.

An active civic-minded citizen, this was Lowery's first crusade drive.

Wakelon Teacher's Contract Renewed After Meeting

The Wakelon School Board voted last Friday night to renew the contract of Mrs. Lois Wall, first grade teacher, after a majority of those present at a public meeting expressed their friendship for Mrs. Wall and their belief in her good character. Mrs. Wall has taught at Wakelon for 20 years.

More than 100 persons were present for the meetings, which had previously been postponed from Thursday night.

The great interest developed after a number of parents expressed opposition to Mrs. Wall's being retained for another year. Those objecting to Mrs. Wall agreed that she is a very successful teacher, but objected to certain of her methods.

Last fall a conference was held with the first grade teacher to discuss complaints reported to Principal John Hicks by parents.

At the Friday night meeting, however, a majority of those present spoke in Mrs. Wall's behalf.

Members of the Wakelon School Board include Dr. Ben Thomas, Raymond Averette, Philip Olive, Frank Wall, and Hardin Hinton, chairman.

Surgeon Arrives

Dr. Lee Sedwitz, surgeon, arrived Saturday and began duties Monday at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital. He was recently discharged from the Navy. His wife and two small children are here, too. The family resides on East Franklin Street.

Evangelist McNeil To Be At Church

Evangelist William McNeil from Scotland and Raleigh will conduct a series of gospel meetings at Union Hope Gospel Chapel located four miles east of Zebulon on Highway 97. These services will begin Sunday night, May 14, at 7:30. Services Monday through Friday night will begin at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Mr. McNeil is a fundamentalist and also a noted Bible teacher.

Prominent Negress Feels White, Colored Relationships Here Been Very Successful

One of Zebulon's most charming and respected colored citizens feels that the town and community have a very fine white-colored relationship.

"I feel that the white and colored have worked together and have lived together here very successfully," Mrs. Lizzie Askew said. "I am proud of the good neighborliness that exists between the two races, and I hope it continues."

Mrs. Askew, who has a warm, soft, cultured voice, said she has lived other places, in other towns, cities and states, but she prefers Zebulon above all.

"People are so nice here, so friendly. We are not strangers, like some other places."

Mrs. Askew was born near Zebulon—in the community of Rosenberg—in 1890. "No, indeed, I don't mind telling the date," she laughed. She is the ninth child of the late Fenner and Frances Williams. Only two of the family are still living, two sisters, Mrs.

Lucy McKay of Raleigh and Mrs. Emma Toms of Zebulon.

Her first schooling was at St. Paul elementary school. She re-



Mrs. Lizzie Askew

membered her first teacher, Miss Cora Pear, later a Thomas. On their first day at school Miss Pear said: "Children, I am a Pear but not the kind you can eat. And we all thought that was funny." Miss Pear later went to Africa as one of America's first missionary-teachers to that continent.

Then there was Hickory Grove Academy, where colored Wakefield Baptist Church is now. Her formal education continued at Elizabeth City State Teachers College and ended at Shaw University.

Mrs. Askew's life has been spent in the class room. She found a joy in teaching.

"Every one of my teaching years were pleasant," she reminisced. "I was not troubled with too many discipline problems. Those I had I knew how to cope with. Oh, naturally, there were some problems and I even had to get rough at times."

But the children loved her. (Continued on Page 7)