

## Mrs. Askew Is Prominent Citizen

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Even now she is constantly being reminded by some of her former pupils of the wonderful days they spent in her class room.

Her first class room teaching was done in a one teacher school—Pleasant Hill—near Clayton. She had charge of the first seven grades. And she right out of college. She stayed there one year.

Next came Riverdale School on Poole Road, later consolidated with Lockhart. She taught the first three grades there. Three years were spent at Riverdale.

Two years were spent at Eagle Rock in a two teacher school of which she served as principal. Then three years at Wake Forest, during which time money was made up with which to buy the land on which Dubois School was located.

Spring Hope followed, one year, after which she settled in Zebulon and spent 11½ years at James E. Shepard School. When she left Shepard, she went to White Oak, near Hopkins Crossroads, for 14 years, and then to Riley Hill for one year, bringing about her retirement in 1952.

It was while she was at Wake Forest she met her first husband, T. J. Foster, a teacher in that school. Foster, who was also a minister, died in 1952. She and Foster were the parents of six children, of whom only three are living. They are Mrs. Gladys Martinez of Brooklyn, N. Y., McClelland Foster of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Billie Jean Jones who is with her husband who is stationed with the Army in England.

Idle hands have not been Mrs. Askew's. When she was free of teaching duties and since her retirement she has been active in many phases of civic work.

"I like to stay busy," she said convincingly.

She is active in Wakefield Baptist Church, being a retired choir member, president of the Pastor's Aide Society, member of the Missionary Circle, president of the Junior Missionary Department, assistant teacher in the Primary Sunday School department, member of the building committee, and president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Wake County. She served as teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class for 35 years and as secretary of Woman's Auxiliary of the Wake Baptist Association for 25 years.

For approximately 30 years she has served as secretary of the Mt. Pisgah Top Order of the Eastern Star. She was first PTA president of the Wakefield-Zebulon School (now Shepard), and was honored with a plaque on February 12 for her outstanding services to parent-teacher organization.

She is an advisor on the Board of Junior Missionaries of the Woman's Conference of North Carolina and is a member of the United Church Women of America.

She recalled that she was assistant case worker and canning supervisor for the colored people during the depression years, working in conjunction with the late Mrs. A. A. Pippin and Mrs. R. H. Herring of Zebulon.

She has also served as president of the Home Demonstration Club, and she is now president of the First Aid Club of Zebulon, which has purchased first aid kits for four churches.

"My hobbies are reading, I would say. Sometimes I read far into the night," she said. "The Bible is my favorite reading material, although I like any good, clean, wholesome literature."

She pointed out that the 34th and 100th Psalms are two of her favorite Biblical passages.

Another hobby is compiling scrapbooks. She has 12, fat, thick and filled with clippings and pictures. One alone concerns the town and community of Zebulon.

She likes to cook. Lemon meringue pies are her specialty in the dessert line. Meats? "I guess it's chicken, because it's cheapest."

After a moment's thought, if she had her life to live over again she would become a nurse. She said she has seen the necessity of

this kind, gentle tribe who cares for the sick.

Mrs. Askew has enjoyed life. Her almost unlined face, with its pleasing countenance, ever-alert bespectacled eyes, and ready smile, show that she has relished every day of her existence.

"You know, we can't come this way again," she said.

Her pet peeve. Cleaning out ash trays. Her husband, the Rev. C. E. Askew, whom she married in 1954, smokes cigars and keeps all the ash trays about the house always in a state of disarray.

Mrs. Askew, 5-6 and weighing 165 (she didn't mind telling her age but was reluctant about telling her weight), dresses smartly and with quiet good taste.

When she can find time from her outside duties with church and community, she writes to her children. "They don't like to write." She enjoys hearing from them and her grandchildren. Her fourth grandchild was born recently to her daughter in England. "And I am dying to see it," she beamed.

For the past 15 years she has been reporting the activities of the colored populace of Zebulon to the *Zebulon Record*. She stated that it has been a pleasure to report the news happenings to the local newspaper. In fact, she just loves to write, period.

Mrs. Lizzie Askew is one of the outstanding senior colored citizens of Zebulon. She made her place, with dignity, reserve, love and a Christian attitude.

## Garden Club

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since no actual lilies are known to be native to the Holy Land and since various forms of the wild iris are scattered throughout that region.

Mrs. Oxnevard said there are many species of iris, but from the gardeners standpoint they may be divided into four groups: bearded, beardless, bulbous and a miscellaneous group.

"The lore of all is extensive and interesting; however, we will consider only the bearded iris, which is the most important of all garden irises. They derive their name from the dense, hairy line along the midrib of the lower petals. These bearded irises have three upstanding petals called "standards" and three drooping ones called "falls."

The speaker said the main requirements for growing irises are sun, air and drainage. Too much sun won't kill them but too much water will cause them to decay, she said.

"Iris are strangely indifferent to soils," Mrs. Oxnevard said, "and will grow in just about any type of soil, including clay. They will, of course, do their best in good garden loam."

As to fertilizing, she said the fertilizer should be rich in lime and potash. Nitrogen should be avoided, which encourages quick growth and diseases. Bonemeal is excellent, she said.

She said shallow planting is advised. About half of the rhizome should be extended above the soil. Above all, never plant them so that the rhizome has more than one-half inch of soil on top. Desired planting is eight inches apart.

When transplanting, cut the foliage down to a height of six to eight inches. A word of caution: since disease may enter through open wounds of the foliage, it is better to trim foliage away with shears rather than tear away and cut rhizomes apart rather than break apart.

Iris, she said, are less subject to disease and pests than are most other garden plants.

"Iris may be planted almost anywhere in the garden with excellent effects," Mrs. Oxnevard said. "As accent plants, irises are exceptional in the landscape."

She said it takes about nine years of trial and error to produce a new variety of iris.

Today the color range of iris includes red, bronze, copper tan, brown, pink, crimson, chartreuse, apricot, all shades of blue, near blacks as well as blends and combinations of these colors.

"Iris have often been referred to as the poor man's orchid," she

## Guest Editorial

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We need guided teen-agers—guided by the power of Christ instead of being guided by a 285-horsepower motor and a super-sensitive sex age!

We need guided programs for joint Church and Community co-operation to insure our young people that provisions will be made to re-create body, mind and soul during those far-too-many leisure hours. A program that is non-sectarian and non-political is conscientiously being mapped for the summer ahead by our Recreation Committee.

Youth will find a way to spend their leisure and dating hours. What shall we do to aid them in their quest? This is not to infer that a recreation program is a cure-all, fool-proof to prevent the duplication of last summer. The writer is not that naive! But this is to emphasize to citizens of church and community that ours is a responsibility to provide for our children and youth a balanced, wholesome, Christian-oriented, summer recreational program that will re-create—not wreck—personalities sacred to God.

The summer is upon us, the school term ends soon. May we provide summer opportunities for our children and teen-agers that will give them the joy of winning and the wonderful adventure of living in a community that believes "our finest investment is our youth."

The failure of a single person or a family is a blemish upon the Church and the Community. "I am come that you might have life and have it abundantly. . . ." Recreation is one area of that abundant life! May we not neglect nor fail to provide it in this place!



### Miss Peggy Greene In Voice Recital

The music department of Atlantic Christian College presents Miss Peggy Nell Greene in her graduating voice recital on May 18 at 8 p.m. in the college chapel.

Miss Greene, a soprano, will present a program consisting of Italian, German, French, old English and American folk songs, and selections from Broadway musicals.

The public is cordially invited to attend Miss Greene's recital.

### Wakelon Band Spring Concert

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1961  
8:00 P.M.

#### PROGRAM

- THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
Zacatecas March ..... Codina  
Canticle For Band .. Philip Gordon  
Overture Eroica  
Beethoven-Skornicka  
The Nutcracker Suite  
Tchaikowsky  
The Battle Hymn of  
the Republic .... William Steffe  
THE SONG FLUTE CLASS  
Little Star  
Wooden Shoe Waltz  
THE BEGINNER BAND  
Brother John  
Southern Roses Waltz  
THE CADET BAND  
Avtivity March ..... Bennett  
Barcarolle ..... Offenbach  
Contrasts In C Minor  
Schubert-Handel  
Military Escort March .... Bennett  
THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
American Eagle March .... Boehme  
Conversation For Coronet  
Clare Grundman  
Soloist: Joe Green  
Bolero for Band  
Rimsky-Korsakoff  
Arr. Gardner  
Dixieland Jamboree .. Warrington  
Dixieland Trio:  
Fred Ellington—Clarinet  
Tommy Bunn—Tenor Sax  
Joe Green—Trumpet  
Blues In The Band ..... Del Baroni

### Evening Service At Methodist Church at 8:00

The evening service for the Zebulon Methodist Church will begin one-half hour later beginning this Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. The Methodist Youth Fellowship (ages 13-21) will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Topic for the Sunday evening sermon, May 14, will be "Not for Us to Know" and centers on the theme of the Second Coming. Visitors are welcome at these services.

### Methodist Church Plans Mother's Day Service

Special Mother's Day services are scheduled on Sunday for the Zebulon Methodist Church. Climaxing the Festival of the Christian Home which began on May 7, the service will honor the oldest mother and the youngest mother in the congregation.

The morning sermon will continue the theme of the week's emphasis and music will be by the Chancel Choir. The morning worship service begins at 11:00.



### Tommy Bunn and Donnie Perry Take Soil and Water Management Awards

Tommy Bunn and Donnie Perry captured honors in Soil and Water Management and Farm Mechanics respectively, at a Federation FFA Banquet held at Millbrook Friday night. These contests are sponsored by the National Association of Future Farmers of America from the local to the national level.

Tommy Bunn won first place in the Soil and Water Management contest in the Wake County Federation on the work he has done and helped to do in conserving the soil and moisture on the farm. He received a medal for his outstanding work and will receive \$15.00 cash at the State FFA Convention in June. The entry will be entered in District III judging on April 29, 1961.

First place was won in the Wake

ended. "But even if you're wealthy, plant one. It'll be worth it."

Mrs. Oxnevard, tall and model angular, is a native of Louisburg. Her husband is a native Californian and the couple resided in California for many years.

She said she and her husband became interested in iris when they lived out West. When they moved to Louisburg, where Mr. Oxnevard is manager of Louisburg Country Club, they brought with them more than 300 varieties of iris.

Mrs. Oxnevard is the mother of four daughters, ranging in ages from 18, 13, 8 and 6.

She is a member of the Louisburg Garden Club.

Mrs. Oxnevard was accompanied by Mrs. John Mills of Louisburg.

Following the meeting refreshments of chocolate pound cake topped with vanilla ice cream and chocolate syrup, nuts and coffee were served.

### Farm Bureau Holds Year's Last Meet

By C. V. Tart

The Zebulon Farm Bureau held its final meeting of the 1960-61 season in the Wakelon Agriculture Department on Monday, April 24, 1961.

Norman Klutz, chief clerk of the Wake County A. S. C. office, outlined the Feed Grain program and pointed out how it may affect farmers in this area. He stated that the program is entirely voluntary but each farmer should investigate and see if he would be benefited by participating.

President John Irie III, presided over the business meeting in which officers for the next year were elected as follows: President, R. E. Pippin; 1st vice-president, Raymond L. Averette; 2nd vice-president, R. C. McNabb; and secretary and treasurer, Robert E. Horton.