

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Caution Advisable

The Citizens Committee for Better Schools in Eastern Wake County has recommended to the Wake County Board of Education that four high schools be consolidated.

The report was not unanimous.

It was, however, the only report which the Committee could have made, according to specific instructions given the members by Wake County School Superintendent Fred Smith.

Members of the Committee report that Mr. Smith directed that only two recommendations could be made following a study by the Committee of existing high school facilities. The Committee could report (1) that all four schools be consolidated; or (2) that no consolidation of any kind be effected.

No provision was made for other—possibly better—proposals. The Committee was to embrace a dream of a single high school; or else four communities would struggle with their present programs which admittedly are inadequate.

Citizens from Wakelon School District offered a reasonable idea which has considerable merit. Taking into consideration the rapid growth of the Millbrook and Knightdale areas and their nearness to Raleigh; the short distance between Rolesville and Wake Forest; and the ease with which a Wendell-Zebulon consolidation can be effected, local citizens presented a plan which demands consideration before the County School Board proceeds full-speed on a course which can not be changed.

On Monday the Wake County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution which also must be considered before further steps are taken toward a consolidated central East Wake High School.

The resolution, endorsed by all three rural County Commissioners present for the Board meeting, asks for an "expert investigation . . . to determine the advisability of consolidating the Wake County and City of Raleigh school systems."

Raleigh is expanding. Its area has been enlarged and will include more and more students who are enrolled in county schools. For reasons of efficiency and proper utilization of facilities planning for city and county schools must be concurrent and coordinated.

A consolidation of city and county schools has merit. This idea, too, must be carefully evaluated before our tax money is poured in a single educational plant.

We have problems in our four East Wake high schools, and they should be solved as soon as possible. But the speed desired should not cause us to buy whole-hog the school administration's consolidation ideas without proper consideration of all factors affecting school consolidation.

Hal Perry Named Manager Of Local First Federal Office

R. D. Beam, executive vice president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, last week announced the appointment of Hal Clifton Perry as the manager of First Federal's Zebulon Office, effective June 5.

Perry succeeds Charles Alexander as manager of the local Savings and Loan Association. Alexander, who was the first manager of the local firm, is now with an insurance establishment.

Perry, 27, graduated from Bunn High School and received a B. S. degree from North Carolina State College in Agriculture Education in 1956. He has done further study on his masters degree.

He entered the Army after receiving his degree from N. C. State College and served two years, being discharged in March of 1958. He became associated with the Franklin County School system and taught agriculture in Bunn High School for the past three years.

"We are very pleased to have Mr. Perry join our staff," Mr. Beam stated, "and after a short orientation period at our Main Office in Raleigh, Mr. Perry will assume his duties as manager of our Zebulon office. Being a native of the Zebulon area, we feel that Mr. Perry's knowledge of the loca-



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tion and the people and his background will enable First Federal to render an even greater service to the community."

Perry is expected to be at the local office about the middle of July.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Perry, Sr., of Route 3, Zebulon. (Continued on Page 3)

Wheat Buying Market Opened In Zebulon by Finch and Privett

Wakelon Grain Company has expanded its services to farmers in this area, and Monday marked the opening of the first local wheat buying market.

Working under the direction of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, the owners of the Wakelon Grain Company, Wade H. Privette and Foster D. Finch, recently installed the latest equipment recommended by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures Division, and increased their facilities to include faster

unloading services with elevator capacity of 35,000 bushels.

Government graders will be on hand during the entire wheat season. The grading process has been set up to facilitate service to the farmers by the use of most up-to-date sample testing rods, sifters, moisture content meters, and Toledo scales.

With the opening of local market buying wheat at daily market prices, Wakelon Grain Company now is equipped to handle the entire grain crop of farmers in this section.

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Zebulon Citizens Offer Plan For East Wake Consolidation

A group of eastern Wake County citizens have devised a plan which calls for the consolidation of Wendell and Zebulon high schools and possibly the Knightdale High School.

A tentative site for such a school has been chosen by the group and they have acquired an option to purchase the 40-acre tract at \$875 an acre.

Zebulon Attorney Foster D. Finch, who is spokesman for the group, has indicated that the Wendell - Zebulon consolidation plan will probably be suggested to the Board of Education as a "substitute" for the four school consolidation plan.

The Wake Board of Education has seriously considered the possible consolidation of Zebulon, Wendell, Knightdale and Rolesville high schools.

Consolidation of the schools has been recommended by the State Department of Public Instruction and the Division of Schoolhouse planning.

The group for which Finch is spokesman are opposed to the inclusion of Rolesville in the consolidation and they are opposed to the suggested location, the Bethany Church area.

Finch pointed out that Rolesville, some distance north of Wendell and Zebulon, is only six miles from Wake Forest and might more conveniently be consolidated with Wake Forest.

The site on which the group holds an option is located on the US 64 by-pass some 2.3 miles west of Zebulon and two miles north of Wendell.

It is the Zebulon attorney's belief that the "substitute" plan will work in that Wendell and (Continued on Page 3)

New Principal Is Named at Wendell

Wendell School committeemen have elected a new principal to serve the school for the 1961-62 year, according to committee chairman William A. Ammons.

Ronald D. Berry, who was principal of Fairmont public school, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina where he received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in science. He later received a master's degree in administration and supervision.

He has taught in two schools in Durham County. They were Braggton and Lowe's Grove where he coached and taught the eighth grades. In Randolph County, he was principal from 1954 to 1958 at Tabernacle School.

His specialties were listed as director of glee clubs, coaching dramatics and debates, directing physical education and play grounds. Also, he has coached basketball, football, baseball and tennis.

Berry, 38, was born in Spartanburg, S. C. He is married and has three sons, 11, 7, and 4 weeks old.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry are members of the Baptist Church.

Conference Plans Meeting Tonight

The regular monthly supper meeting of the East Wake County Ministerial Conference will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday (tonight), June 8, at the Wendell Baptist Church.

Plans will be completed at this meeting for the establishing of a Voluntary Chaplaincy Program at the new Wendell-Zebulon Branch Hospital, John D. Whidden, secretary of the conference, said.

The Rev. James Pernell, pastor of Hephzibah Baptist Church, has been chosen as chaplain supervisor for this program by the Ministerial Conference.

LIBRARY VOTE

Zebulon and its three neighboring precincts turned thumbs down on a county-wide library tax levy.

Registrars in Zebulon, Mitchell's Mill, Wendell and Eagle Rock reported an exceedingly light vote on Tuesday.

The vote went thus:

	For	Against
Zebulon	41	137
Mitchell's Mill	0	39
Eagle Rock	4	22
Wendell	51	129

Methodists Set Budget for Year

The climax to the annual Every Member Canvass is set for Sunday in the Zebulon Methodist Church. The canvass began last Sunday and will culminate in a Victory Sunday service on Sunday morning.

T. E. Hales is chairman of the EMC General Committee. Other committee chairmen are P. A. Farmer, Jimmy Spivey, M. J. Sexton, H. C. Wade and Robert D. Massey.

Adopted for the coming year was a Budget of \$21,996. The 1961-62 budget was divided into five sections: Conference Benevolences and World Service \$3,388.; Connectional Ministry, \$1,537; Local Church Program \$7,984; Our Church Home, \$4,087.; and Our Parsonage \$5,000.

In addition to the Local Budget, members of the Church are now in the last phase of the College Capital Funds Campaign of 1959 which sought to raise \$5,000,000. for the denomination's two new colleges at Rocky Mount and Fayetteville and to support the existing colleges. The Zebulon Methodist Church pledged over \$12,000. to the college campaign.

On Sunday the church family present for the Loyalty Day services pledged almost \$12,000. to the coming year's budget. Canvassers are in the process of contacting each resident family to complete the visitation program.



Kindergarten pupils of Mrs. Howard Bunn were presented in graduation exercises Wednesday evening, May 17, in Wakelon School auditorium before a group of proud and appreciative parents and friends. At the close of the program in which every child participated, Mrs. Bunn presented diplomas to the 12 graduates. One certificate of perfect attendance was presented to Norma Helen Screws. After the ceremonies Dr. and Mrs. Ben Thomas entertained the graduates at their home on Church Street. On May 24 the group visited the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Tippett. The children enjoyed seeing a dairy farm in operation. Mr. Tippett carried each child for a ride on the tractor and Mrs. Tippett served refreshments of cake and ice cream. School came to a close June 2 with a trip to the local park and picnic lunch. The graduates are, left to right: Norma Helen Screws, Melissa Beck, Freddie Wayne Pace, Catherine Sawyer, Rigsby Massey III, Pamela Hicks, Amelia Bryant, Jane Tippett, Sherrie Blackley, Michele Thomas, Charles Estes, and John Davis. An Davis and Faye Sawyer were marshals.