



Town's Worst Fire Razes Two Business Establishments

Two farm business establishments were leveled last Friday night by a fire which still was smoldering early this week.

In its wake, the blaze engulfed the buildings that housed the Raper Tractor and Implement Company and the Wakelon Fertilizer Company.

Total losses are expected to run more than \$500,000.

According to Fire Chief Willie B. Hopkins, the origin of the fire has not been determined. He said he is of the opinion that the fire may have started in the garage behind the tractor showroom.

The blaze, which began about 9 Friday night, was brought under control around 11 p.m. of the same night by firemen from the Zebulon and Wendell fire departments.

Mrs. Lala Pearce who lives across the street from the Wakelon Fertilizer Company was the first person to see the blaze and only minutes after the alarm sounded firemen were on the scene of the blazing structures.

The buildings that housed the farm business establishments were owned by Foster D. Finch. Finch estimated that his losses would probably run in the neighborhood of \$100,000 to \$125,000.

Berdon Eddins and H. H. (Bubber) Eddins, owners of the Wakelon Fertilizer Company, said that losses would probably run as high as \$300,000. Bubber Eddins said that approximately 300 tons of fertilizer, 300 gallons of MH-30, a considerable amount of cotton seed and seed corn were all destroyed by the blaze. Also some \$2,000 worth of insecticide was lost.

Russell and Jerome Raper, co-owners of the tractor company, lost two new tractors, two used tractors and one combine in the fire. James H. Lockman, mechanic for the firm, said that the loss of his tools would amount to \$1500.

The Raper brothers estimated their loss at more than \$30,000.

Only two tractors were saved from the implement warehouse.

Two adjoining businesses, a cotton gin and a grain storage company, were not damaged by the fire.

A crowd of more than 1,000 persons gathered at the fire, but police and highway patrolmen kept the observers from hampering the work of the firemen.

Hopkins had praise for the Zebulon and Wendell firemen for their "heroic efforts" in fighting the worst fire in the town's 54 years.

Pool Operating Efficiently Now

Zebulon pool is operating very efficiently, according to Carl Hull, chief life guard.

"We have had only five close calls," Hull said. "They were children who excitedly jumped into water over their heads, not realizing the depth."

He reported there are minor things that have happened at the pool. But none worth speaking of.

"One of the chief things, minor that is, is children running. The smaller kids get carried away and start running around the pool and we have to call them down," he said.

"All in all, every thing has been very nice and every body has been very cooperative," Hull said.

Hull reported that the average daily attendance of the pool is around 75. On Sunday it is about 200 or slightly more.

"People seem to be enjoying it very much," Hull said.

Guest Minister

The Rev. David E. Daniel will fill the pulpit of Zebulon Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening. He is a native of Gaffney, S. C., and a graduate of Furman University and Crozier Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Daniel has served as associate pastor of Upland Baptist Church, Upland, Va., and West Chester Church, West Chester, Pa. He is at present associated with the department of religion of Emory University.

He is married and the father of a two-year-old son.

The Rev. Mr. Daniel is a prospective minister for the church.

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Citizens Speak Up at Meeting; Oppose 4-School Consolidation

Approximately 200 citizens of Wakelon School district met in the school auditorium last Friday night and favored two plans—consolidate with Wendell if consolidation must come or keep Wakelon separate.

The group decidedly was not in favor of consolidating the four

schools, Wakelon, Wendell, Knightdale and Rolesville, as has been suggested by the Wake County Board of Education.

Foster D. Finch, attorney for the Zebulon anti-consolidation group, said: "Some folks get the idea we are opposed to consolidation. We are all in favor of con-

solidation if it will offer better opportunities to our pupils."

Finch then told of the substitute plan that has been proposed. This plan calls for the consolidation of Wendell and Zebulon school. He said he believes this is the better plan than that proposed by the State Planning Committee.

A number of leading citizens rose to their feet and expressed their opinions at this meeting.

Mrs. Sam Horton said: "I can't think of ever moving Wakelon from Zebulon."

"In Wakelon School, we are offering every course that is basically needed," Dr. L. M. Massey, dentist, said. "If we have to consolidate, consolidate with Wendell and make a great school out of the two. I am delighted with the product we are turning out at Wakelon School."

E. H. Moser, principal of Wakelon for many, many years said: "In just plain words, I am opposed to putting the consolidated school in the Bethany area. If we have got to consolidate, consolidate with Wendell and put the school between the two towns, then both towns will feel it is theirs. The two communities will have an interest in it."

Moser also said that for a good school a forceful principal is needed and teachers that reside in the community. He said he believes that principal and teachers need to take part in the community activities too.

Hardin Hinton, chairman of Wakelon School Board, said "I am opposed to moving Wakelon School. My heart is right here at Wakelon."

"I am for keeping it (the school) right here myself," Wilbur Debnam, former mayor of Zebulon, said.

Debnam was one of a committee of 20 persons from the four schools involved to study the possibility of consolidation. He said they were given only two alternatives by the County Board—to consolidate or not to consolidate.

Carl Bunn said, "Let's keep the school here."

E. C. Daniel, long-time Zebulon druggist who said he had plowed most of the campus, said: "I love this school. I am for Wakelon School first. It will be a burden for both parents and pupils if it is moved away."

Andrew Jenkins said, "I am not for moving the school away."

"I would like to see the school (Continued on Page 5)



YOUTH WEEK LEADERS—Jack Wilson, left, and Jerry Blevins, right are shown with Joyce Chapman, MYF president of the Zebulon Methodist Church, and Priscilla Bercik and Durwood Chamblee, back row, as they made initial plans on Tuesday for the Youth Activities Week, July 9-14.

Duke Grid Captain And Divinity Student To Lead Youth Week For Methodist

Jack Wilson of Raleigh, outstanding Duke University grid star and captain of the Blue Devils for the fall season, joins with divinity student Jerry Blevins to direct a Youth Activities Week at the Zebulon Methodist Church July 9-14.

Wilson and Blevins were in Zebulon on Tuesday to meet with local MYF youth leaders to plan the week.

Wilson, who hails from Raleigh, played his high school football at Needham Broughton and upon graduation entered Duke to pursue a pre-ministerial course of study. He will enter the Duke Divinity School in September as a Junior but will use his remaining one-year eligibility this fall on the gridiron of the Methodist flats.

Blevins is a native of Akron,

Ohio, and is a rising senior at the Divinity School. Blevins attended undergraduate school at Anderson (Ind.) College. Both young men are working this summer in Methodist churches throughout the Raleigh District on the Duke Endowment program.

Local leaders of the Zebulon MYF group present for the planning session were Joyce Chapman, Incoming MYF president; Priscilla Bercik, outgoing president; Durwood Chamblee, publicity chairman and vice-president of the Zebulon Sub-District MYF; and Judie Temple, program chairman of the MYF. The Rev. Bill Quick met with the group.

Blevins and Wilson will open the week on Sunday morning, July 9, with the Junior High and (Continued on Page 5)

Hospital Notes

The following persons were patients at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital Wednesday morning.

White

Susan Baker, Annette Baker, McLean (Pete) Privette, Bobby Hales, Addie Winstead, Peggy Paradis, C. B. Eddins, Zelma Pearce, Elgie Watson, Douglas Alford, Herbert Perry, Ruth (Douglas) Brown and Mae Barham.

Colored

Wilma Jones, Ricky Gadison and Henry Morgan.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson announce the birth of a baby boy June 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denton, Jr., announce the birth of a son June 20.

Lick Your Embarrassment; Learn To Swim

If you are an adult who has claimed plaintively, "I can't learn to swim; I'm afraid of the water," forget it. Carl Hull, chief life guard of Zebulon swimming pool, says it just isn't true.

"There is no such thing as a person who can't learn to swim, providing he really wants to," Hull said.

Hull said he finds adults are not really afraid of the water once they learn the fundamentals.

"They say they are afraid of the water to cover up their embarrassment of not having learned as children to swim."

Hull said he finds children learn

more because they are unhampered by embarrassment. A preschool child is usually swimming in a couple of days. The average child can swim 25 yards in two weeks while an adult may need four weeks.

However, Hull said, once both learn, the adult is more apt to practice and become an expert swimmer.

Possibly the reason children learn to swim more easily, Hull said, is because they have better muscle coordination.

Why some adults are afraid of the water is the result of a long born fear, Hull said. It is, in all

probability, something that happened to them during their childhood that causes them to be fearful of the water.

Hull said three keys to good swimming are relaxation, correct breathing and practice. Half an hour a day will soon change a poor swimmer into a good swimmer.

Hull is one of many instructors who believes that all adults should learn to swim. He and his two assistants, Buddy Cagle and Mickey Hinton, are conducting classes at the pool on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10 to 12 o'clock.

The present class of adults is

all women: Mrs. George Tucker, Mrs. Ruric Gill, Jr., Mrs. Amos Estes, Mrs. John Glover, Mrs. Leroy Pittman and Mrs. Dick Turlington.

Others have voiced an interest, and Hull urges them to come out.

"We can teach anyone to learn to swim, if they really want to learn," he said. "So, don't feel embarrassed or ashamed. Once you overcome the fear of water and start to learning, you'll become fascinated and be joyously proud of your accomplishment."

Classes are free to members of the pool.

Wakefield Pastor To Hold Revival At Pearce Church

Revival services will begin Sunday night, June 25, at Pearce Baptist Church, according to the Rev. Garland Foushee, pastor. The services, which will begin at 8 o'clock each evening, will continue through July 2.

The Rev. Horace Hamm, Wakefield Baptist Church pastor, will be the guest minister during the revival.

The public is invited.