

# Bull Dogs Play Benvenue Tomorrow Night

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## Governor Appoints Strickland National Guard Lieutenant

The appointment of John Larry Strickland, former Specialist in the North Carolina Army National Guard, as a Second Lieutenant in the National Guard was announced last week by Governor Terry Sanford.

Lt. Strickland was a member of Battery A, Zebulon National Guard unit, at the time he was commissioned.

A native of Nash County, he presently resides with his wife on Route 2, Zebulon. He is employed by the House of Stokely in Raleigh.

Lt. Strickland graduated from Middlesex High School in 1955, and from the North Carolina Military Academy Officer Candidate School at Ft. Bragg in 1961.

From the time he enlisted in the National Guard in January 1954, Lt. Strickland served continuously with Battery A. His new assignment is with Headquarters Battery, 4th Howitzer Battalion, 113th Artillery, in Washington.

The new officer is the eighth member of Battery A to receive a commission through the National Guard. Captain Jack Tippet advanced to his present rank after enlisting with Battery A and serving as a truck driver.

Lt. Strickland was congratulated



ed by Captain Jack Potter, Battery A commanding officer.

"The Army National Guard is fortunate to have Lt. Strickland as a member of its officers' corps," Capt. Potter said. "His commissioning is another example of the opportunity available for men with ability and initiative in the National Guard."

## Night Policeman Foils Breakin Of Wholesale Grocery Firm Here

### Case Dropped

### Police Chief Freed

Zebulon Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins had the charge of simple assault against him dropped last Thursday in Wendell Recorder's Court.

Tony Murray, 22-year-old Southland Insurance salesman, charged the chief with assaulting him August 8. Murray alleged that Hopkins slapped him after an argument over Murray's 1932 automobile and the speed limit on the streets of Zebulon.

Hopkins was tried August 24 before

Wendell Magistrate H. V. Andrews and was found guilty and fined \$10 and costs. He appealed the case to Wendell Recorder's Court.

Murray gave no reason why he chose not to prosecute. Hopkins said he knew nothing about Murray's decision until the morning of the trial.

Wendell Recorder's Court Judge Clarence Kirk ordered Murray to pay costs for failing to prosecute after swearing out a warrant.

Zebulon Police Department hasn't enough evidence to bring charges against thieves who almost succeeded in making off with 95½ cases of cigarettes from W. B. Bunn Wholesale Grocery early last Friday morning.

Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins would not reveal the names of the thieves but indicated that the police department has a pretty good idea who they were.

But, the chief said, there is not enough evidence to get a case against them.

W. B. Bunn went to his wholesale warehouse on West Horton Street Friday about 6 a.m. and found \$10,000 worth of cigarettes sitting on a loading platform inside the building waiting to be carried off.

The culprits, police said, had come into the building by removing a skylight from the roof of the warehouse. Once inside, they entered the cigarette room and carried the cases to the platform to be loaded for their destination.

Police Chief Hopkins theorized that the theft was halted by the Night Policeman Wendell Perry.

Perry was making a routine check of the town about 1:30 a.m. Friday when he saw a truck parked outside Bunn's warehouse. He was taking down the license number of the 1954 Cadillac ambulance which had been converted into a panel truck, and just as he saw a white man sitting behind the wheel of the vehicle the police fire bell on Arendell Avenue rang. Perry left to answer it.

When he returned, he found no sign of the truck or its occupants. He checked the building and found no signs of an attempted breakin, figuring the truck could have been there for any number of reasons.

Hopkins said the foiled robbers must have been scared away by Perry just before they were ready to get away with the loot. Their plan could have been completed, Hopkins said, had they simply lifted the bar on an inside door and driven the truck inside to the waiting cartons of cigarettes.

Officers wonder if the alarm bell (Continued on Page 4)

## Five County Fair To Open Sept. 18; Lions Sponsoring

For the third consecutive year the Zebulon Lions Club will sponsor the Five County Fair which opens at the Zebulon Fair Grounds September 18 and will run through September 23.

Plans have been made to make the 1961 Five County Fair, serving the counties of Wake, Johnston, Nash, Wilson and Franklin, the biggest and best ever. The exhibit hall will have displays of all items on the premium list and everyone will have an opportunity to enter and compete for the awards.

There will be attractions for everyone—rides for the children and home-baked foods at the booths operated by local civic organizations. The Lions Club will serve fried country ham and the Zebulon Junior Woman's Club menu will include hot dogs, fried chicken, biscuits and a variety of homemade pies.

Nightly at 9 o'clock—Tuesday through Friday—entertainment will be furnished from the bandstand by outstanding performers and artists.

On Tuesday a variety show of country, western and rock 'n roll music will headline Bill Pollard and his Rythmnaires, and feature Fred Sherwood, WTVD personality and western ballad recording star under the Brooke Label. Pollard is well-known throughout the eastern part of North Carolina as country music emcee and radio deejay with Radio Station WETC.

Wednesday has been designated by the fair management as Colored School Children's Day. Each Colored school child entering the fairgrounds before six o'clock will be admitted free and given a ticket. Stubs will be drawn at nine o'clock to select the winners of two \$25 Savings Bonds. The featured entertainment will be Chad Narron and the Ravens, who will provide the latest in rock 'n roll rhythm.

White School Children's Day and Free Will Baptist Orphanage Day will be observed Thursday. These children will be admitted free until six o'clock. Tickets given at the gate will be drawn at nine o'clock and those holding the two lucky number stubs will be awarded a \$25 Savings Bond.

A gospel singing contest will be the attraction and many outstanding harmony groups have been selected, including Aaron H. Hocutt and the Happy Times

Quartet, the Rocky Cross Quartet featuring B. C. Williams and his accordion, Nell Renfro and the Melody Quartet and Jimmy Pittman and the all-male gospel quartet of Wilson.

Friday, Chad Narron and the Ravens will be back to furnish music for the dancing contest open to any couple wishing to display their free style dancing talents. Judges will award prizes for the contestants winning first, second and third places.

### Hospital Has New Employee—Cashier

Mrs. Ruby Martin Hendricks accepted a position as cashier at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital Monday, August 21. She has held various bookkeeping positions in Zebulon.

Mrs. Hendricks is married to Randolph Hendricks. She is the mother of two children, David, 10, and Dion, 3. The family resides on Wakefield Street.

### Town Crier

## Optometrist To Locate Soon

OPTOMETRIST . . . A Man, West Virginia native is expected to open an office in Zebulon around the first of the year for the practice of optometry.

Dr. Perry Grogan was in town during the weekend setting up the ground work for the opening of his office here. He has had five years' experience.

While here Dr. and Mrs. Grogan and their two children, Marcia and Carole, were houseguests of the Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Quick.

KINDERGARTEN BRIEFS . . . Friday, September 1, marked the beginning of the second year of Mrs. Howard Bunn's kindergarten. The children and their parents were given an opportunity to become acquainted with the many interesting features of this school designed and operated for pre-school children.

Mrs. Bunn said the school will offer a variety of activities for the child: rhythm band, story time, mid-morning snacks, free play and reading readiness. These activities will enable the child to grow mentally, emotionally and physically.

Mrs. Bunn's program will not over-lap the first grade, but will serve as a readiness program for the pre-school child, she said. During the year the children will be taken on visits to a farm, a train ride, and other activities for their interests and enjoyment.

The school will operate from 9 until 12 noon Monday through Friday. It will observe the same school holidays as the local school. Mrs. Bunn said she has room for a few more students and any parents desirous of having their child attend kindergarten are asked to call her at once.

Children enrolled are: Gilford Edwards, Curtis Estes, Dana Jill Fowler, Stephen Kellon Quick, Timothy Markham Brown, Gary Wall, Robbie Pierce, Betty Denise Blackley, Elisa Dew Lowery, Michael Lee (Continued on Page 4)

## Quick Kicks

by Bill Quick

David Meets Goliath Friday Night Rocky Mount 8 p.m.

The above might summarize the feeling of many as they view the seasonal opener between the Wakelon Bulldogs and defending conference champion Benvenue. The question remains, however, as to whether the outcome of the Biblical David-Goliath duel might be repeated in the Friday night affray.

For some years Benvenue—the largest high school in the Wake-Nash-Edgecombe League—has dominated the football scene and most coaches are predicting they shall repeat in 1961.

Last Friday night the Rocky Mountains opened their season the underdog against favored Selma of the Mid-Central 2-A. Actually Benvenue should have emerged victorious in that contest that ended in a 13-13 tie.

Midway in the second quarter Benvenue trailed 13-0 when Quarterback Wayne Green hit on a 70-yard touchdown pass to halfback Frank Joyner. They failed to convert the PAT and were behind by seven.

The same passing combination Green to Joyner connected in the last quarter to put Benvenue into a tying position.

Just yards away from a TD late in the fourth the Benvenue squad elected to kick rather than attempt a fourth down running or passing play.

So Wakelon faces stiff competition in the seasons opener but how do we know that the black and gold may not prove to be the 1961 surprise of the Tri-County conference?

Nashville Defeats Louisburg In other Friday night contests, two of Wakelon's opponents met in the county seat of Franklin County. Louisburg High—the name has been changed, we understand, from "Mills High," fell victim to Nashville 13-7. Nashville Blue Flames are an early season opponent for Wakelon. Challenging those who would pick Benvenue as champ, the Nashville boys are determined to end the season a little higher in the standings than a year ago. They play Rolesville this Friday night. Wendell meets Angier and Spring Hope is at Norlina in other conference action this weekend.

Bulldogs in Uniform Elsewhere Reports from Frederick College in Portsmouth, Va., indicate that Ellis King is holding his own in the new Cavalier four-year institution. King—who scored 100 points last year for Wakelon and made the first string All-East squad chosen by the coaches of eastern North Carolina and the sports staff of "The Old Reliable"—is competing against stiff competition. Many former marines, who were high school stars before their stint with Uncle Sam, are at the Frederick institution and their maturity and experience makes it difficult for many excellent younger athletes who have just graduated from high school. Unofficially, we learn that the squad of 80 dropped the first

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### HOSPITAL NOTES

The following were patients at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital Tuesday morning.

#### White

Shirley Strickland, Ann Narron, Alice Whitaker, Alma Woodlief, Jean Knuckley, Barbara Carroll, Furney Todd, Harvey Hocutt, James Wesley Davis, Charles Due Cooper and Rosa Mae Perry.

#### White Births

Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Carroll of Route 2, Wendell, announce the birth of a baby girl, September 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strickland of Route 2, Clayton, announce the birth of a baby girl September 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Woodlief of Route 2, Wake Forest, announce the birth of a baby girl September 4.