

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## School Board Member Gets Governor's Okay

Randolph Hendricks, a member of Wakelon School Board and intensely interested education leader, has been appointed by Governor Terry Sanford to the North Carolina Citizens Committee for Better Schools.

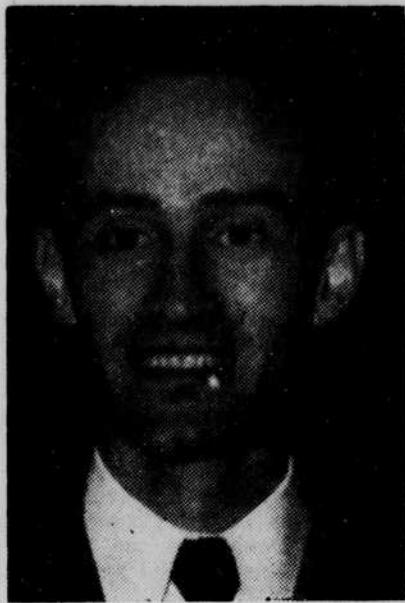
He is the first citizen of Zebulon to receive this honor.

As a member of the State Committee, Hendricks will participate in a state-wide campaign to promote and support school improvement. The Committee for Better Schools will work with state and local educational leaders to help build public understanding and support of high quality education.

One of the first responsibilities of the members of the Better Schools Committee will be to work with local school officials to organize an education rally in the county to which the Governor will be invited to speak. At the rallies, emphasis will be placed on citizen, parent, and student responsibility for school improvement.

The education rally will be the first of several projects designed to promote an intense interest in school improvement on the local level. An opinion survey leaflet has been designed for use in helping to identify public thinking about needed improvements. A quality education test has been planned for use by local citizen groups in their work with school officials. A vital part of the campaign will be an attempt to help more schools become accredited.

Members of the North Carolina Citizens Committee for Better



Randolph Hendricks

Schools serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Committee was organized in 1957 by former Governor Luther Hodges.

He is serving his second term as a member of the Wakelon School Board. A member of Zebulon Baptist Church, he serves his church as treasurer and has been a member of the Senior Board of Deacons. He is a Lion.

On January 10, 1948, he was married to the former Ruby Martin, daughter of Mrs. Ara Martin of Johnston County and the late Mr. Martin. They have two sons, David, 10, and Dion, 3. The family resides on Wakefield Street.

## Donations Needed To Help Light Pearce Ball Park

J. W. Perry, Jr., is spearheading a campaign seeking donations to buy lights for the Pearce Community soft ball park.

Perry said slightly more than \$1,000 is needed before erection of the lights can be made. The poles have been purchased and are ready for erection when lights can be had.

The young Pearce Community civic leader said plans are being made for the youth of the community and surrounding communities for a summer recreational program. Soft ball will be one of the foremost activities.

The park is on the Pearce Baptist Church Annex grounds.

Soft ball leagues which may participate are Zebulon, Hopkins, Pilot, Pine Ridge, Bunn and others, Perry said.

Persons who desire to make monetary donations are asked to contact Perry immediately.

## Leary Davis

### Selected As Platoon Tactical Officer; Youngest Pilot In NG

Lt. Leary Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Davis, has been selected as a platoon tactical officer for Officer Candidate Class Number 5 at the North Carolina Military Academy, Major William P. Keeton, Jr., commandant, announced this week.

Lt. Davis, who received his wings as an army pilot at Fort Rucker, Alabama, last month, is presently at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as a student at the U. S. Army Artillery School. He will enter his duties at the military academy following the National Guard field

training at Fort Bragg in June.

The local aviator, the youngest pilot and the youngest tactical officer in the North Carolina National Guard, will complete his duties for 1961 at the academy in July, and will return that month to his studies at Wake Forest College, where he is a pre-law student.

A 1959 graduate of Wakelon High School, he has completed army courses of study at Ft. Jackson, S. C., Fort Sill, Fort Rucker, and Camp Wolters, Texas. He is a member of the 30th Aviation Company of Apex.

## Grocery Robbed Friday Night; \$500 In Merchandise Taken

### Honkeytonk Operator

### Escapes Serious Assault

The bullet zipped through the air and tore a four-inch split in the leather band of the cap.

The bullet from the .22 automatic rifle that hit the right side of Willie Cotton's cap came from the weapon used by Exum Jenkins, according to Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins.

Cotton miraculously escaped injury, police stated.

Cotton, operator of the Downbeat, a well-known Negro night spot north of Zebulon, was standing behind his counter Saturday night about nine o'clock when he was fired upon, officers said.

Jenkins, 46-year-old Negro of Route 4, Zebulon, fired twice at Cotton, officers said. The first shot hit Cotton's cap. The second shot was misdirected and hit the ceiling of the honkeytonk when a bystander grabbed Jenkins' arm.

Officers said Jenkins had been to Cotton's establishment Friday night and trouble had ensued.

Cotton allegedly took a poke with his first at Jenkins.

Police said Saturday Jenkins saw a number of friends and said he "was out to get Cotton."

Jenkins had been drinking during the day and police reported that he was drinking heavily when the attack occurred.

James Edward Richardson was a companion of Jenkins'. Officers arrested Richardson at Paul Brantley's No. 2 Service Station and charged him with driving under the influence of alcohol. Jenkins was arrested walking between Zebulon and the Downbeat. He is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The men will be given trial at Zebulon Recorders Court April 11.

Arresting and investigating officers were Sheriff's Deputy Graham Bunn, Sheriff's Deputy S. J. Blackley and Night Policeman Wendel Perry.

Two young Negro men burglarized Harold Massey's Grocery on Highway 64 about one-half mile northeast of Zebulon City Limits Friday night, March 23, and carried off an estimated \$500 worth of merchandise, according to local police.

Chief of Police Willie B. Hopkins said Arthur Jones, Jr., 25, of Route 4, Zebulon, and James Arthur Privette, 20, of Route 2, Wendell, have been charged with the theft.

Junior Scott, 30, of Route 4, Zebulon, and Bobby Lee McKinnon, 19, of Route 1, Wendell, Negroes, were implicated in the case and have been charged with receiving stolen property.

Jones and Privette entered the rural grocery after breaking the back door. Hopkins said the two admitted using tire tools to break the door's hinges.

A 1954 Mercury belonging to Jones was loaded with: a 12 pound box of bacon, four pipes, cigars, 25 cartons of cigarettes, two dozen bags of potato chips, pocket knives, six 10-pound size sugar, five 10-pound sugar, portable Philco television set, Philco radio, 11 men's and women's wrist watches, five cases of wine, four cases of beer, two round cheeses, 40 dressed fryers, one 18-20 pound pre-cooked ham, 10 pounds of smoked sausage, 10 pounds of chitterlings, one over-under rifle-shotgun combination, one 410 gauge used shotgun, and broke open a postage stamp machine which had \$20 worth of stamps.

Hopkins said Jones and Privette took some of the stolen merchandise to Club 57, operated by Scott. They then went to Raleigh where they tried to unload some of the goods, later coming back to the home of McKinnon.

Jones' wife and Gracie Anderson were given chickens and the ham and wrist watches. They were charged with receiving stolen property.

Sheriff's Deputy S. J. Blackley received a tip on the case Wednesday, March 28. He and Hopkins wound up the case with final arrests made about 1:30 Thursday night, March 29.

Blackley said the majority of the stolen items were recovered, except the perishable goods, some of which had been eaten.

Jones was released on \$500 bond. Privette and Scott were in Wake County Jail Monday.

## 300 Juniors, Seniors Are Here For "Career Day"

More than 300 juniors and seniors from Millbrook, Knightdale, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell and Zebulon schools will gather at the Zebulon Baptist Church today to observe Wake County Career Day.

Bobby Sawyer, Wakelon High School senior and president of the Student Council, will give the welcome. The Rev. David Daniel, pastor of Zebulon Baptist Church, will pronounce the invocation.

Wakelon Principal C. V. Tart

### WENDELL SOLDIER

Army Pvt. Joel P. Moody, 19, whose wife, Joel, lives in Wendell, completed the automotive repair at The Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., March 16.

Moody was trained to maintain and repair wheeled and tracked vehicle engines and accessories, power train units and chassis components.

He entered the Army in September, 1961, and received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Moody is a 1960 graduate of Wendell High School and was employed by the Automatic Electric Sales Corporation, North Lake, Ill., before entering the Army. His mother, Mrs. Bertie M. Jones, lives at 413 Third St. in Wendell. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Callie Powell, reside in Zebulon.

### PROMOTED

Preston Bethea, Jr., son of Mrs. Annie S. Bethea of Route 3, Zebulon, has been promoted to staff sergeant in the United States Air Force.

Sergeant Bethea is assigned to the 1100th Support Group at Bolling AFB, as an accounting and finance specialist.

A former student of Virginia State College in Petersburg, he entered the service in May, 1954.

will be the first speaker on the session. He will speak on "The Importance of Career Day."

Prominent men and women in their chosen fields will act as career consultants.

These consultants will place emphasis on 1) the nature of work; 2) employment; 3) training and other qualifications; 4) employment outlook; 5) earnings and working conditions; 6) where to get more information.

Each junior will attend three classes in which he is most interested. The career consultants will talk in general concerning their particular fields and the rest of the period will be devoted to questions and answers.

Miss Blanche Gay, Wakelon guidance counselor, said she feels sure Career Day will be most beneficial to the juniors in gaining information concerning their future vocations.

## Billy Hopkins Is Seeking Wake Commissioner Seat

Billy K. Hopkins last week announced his candidacy for the Wake County Board of Commissioners. He is seeking the seat vacated by Carey Robertson of Knightdale.

Hopkins, 47, is a farmer, insurance agent, and merchant. He is the fifth of 12 children of the late Lucy Pearce and W. B. (Teat) Hopkins, Sr. He was born and reared in Little River Township where his father was a life-long merchant and farmer and civic leader. Hopkins still owns his father's business.

He received his elementary schooling at Union Level, and after taking prescribed courses and examinations he received a high school equivalency certificate from N. C. Board of Public Instruction at State College.

"My one and only campaign (Continued on



Billy Hopkins