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Jackie Mitchell, named Miss Zebulon of 1963 Saturday night at the Jaycees-sponsored beauty pageant, is shown with first runner-up, Priscilla Bercik, left, and Debbie Phillips, who copped the title of Miss Congeniality; and second runner-up, Elaine Doyle.

Jackie Mitchell Town's Reigning Beauty; To Vie For Miss N. C.

Miss Jacquelyn "Jackie" Mitchell captured the crown of Miss Zebulon of 1963 last Saturday night in the first beauty pageant sponsored by the Jaycees here.

A rising senior at Wake Forest, the 20-year-old beauty did a dance routine with an original choreography in the talent division. Her costume, which was also designed by her, was a gold satin leotard with royal blue shimmy braid coming to points at the waist.

She held the spotlight in the evening gown competition. She wore a pale pink chiffon strapless gown which had a gathered bodice and circles of ruffles inlaid with white lace in the bouffant skirt. Her arms were graced with white elbow-length gloves.

In the bathing suit competition she wore a navy blue suit with red and white stripes running diagonal from the shoulder to the waist.

The new Miss Zebulon is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell of Route 4, Zebulon. She has sparkling blue eyes and brown hair. Five-five, 125 pounds, with measurements of 36-24-36, she is a bundle of talent.

She has served twice as a member of the student legislature of Wake Forest College, twice in the college May Court, and as majorette.

A member of the Wake Forest College Theater, Miss Mitchell won the Best Supporting Actress Award for 1961-62. She is a speech and drama major.

First runner-up in the pageant was Priscilla Bercik, 18, who presented a dramatic reading. She is the daughter of Mrs. Vivian P. Trevathan of Zebulon.

The second runner-up was Elaine Doyle. Other finalists were Jean Perry and Sue Gainey.

The other candidates were Kay Pennington, Maxine Jeans, Kay Eddins, Connie Rose Martin and Debbie Phillips. The contestants

elect Miss Phillips as winner of the coveted Miss Congeniality Award.

A capacity crowd of more than 500 persons saw the pageant in Wakelon School auditorium. General chairman for the pageant was Bob Pugh. Bill Quick was master of ceremonies and Mrs. Ruth Chamblee was production director.

Judges were C. A. Dillon, Jr., and Bill Law of Raleigh; J. Dudley Haper and Mrs. Thomas B. Suiter of Rocky Mount; and Miss Kay Hobbs, former Miss Ahsokie.

The new Miss Zebulon said she is "very thrilled" with the honor. She expressed that she was "very pleased with the pageant" and thought the Jaycees did a "wonderful job."

"It is a wonderful opportunity for me," she said, "and I was glad to be in it."

Miss Mitchell will enter the North Carolina Beauty Pageant in Charlotte to be held July 11-14. She will be chaperoned by Mrs. Ruth Chamblee.

Billiard Parlor Owner Passes After Years of Invalidism

Funeral rites for James Willard Gill, 60, were held Sunday, June 10, at 4 p.m. at Zebulon Baptist Church. The Rev. David Daniel, pastor, officiated.

Gill was the son of the late James Edgar and Victoria Brantley Gill. He was the owner and operator of a billiard parlor in Zebulon until he became invalided 11 years ago. He had been a total invalid for four years.

Death, which came to him about 1:20 p.m. Saturday at his home on East Vance Street, was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Surviving are his wife, the former Erdine O'Neal; one son, James Bobby Gill of Goldsboro; one sister, Catrina Gill of Charlotte; four brothers, Ruric, Irby, Dabney, and S. P., all of Zebulon; and two grandchildren.

The casket was covered with a pall of red carnations and lilies.

Pallbearers were Ruric Gill, Jr., M. L. Hagwood, Tim Harward, Proctor Alford, James Alford and Ed Gill. Members of the church



Willard Gill

choir sang "Son of My Soul" and "O Holy Savior."

Burial was in Zebulon Cemetery.

Wreck Victim Is The Nephew Of Local Man and Woman



David Underhill

Catholic Orphanage boy of Raleigh, was in "fair" condition at Rex Hospital where he was being treated for a broken left arm, cuts and bruises and shock.

Both boys were thrown from the car which was driven by the Underhill boy, Coroner M. W. Bennett said.

The accident occurred on a rural paved road between Wendell and Lizard Lick. The car went off the road on a curve and struck two trees.

A rosary was held for the youth at the Screws-Hudson Funeral Home in Zebulon at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

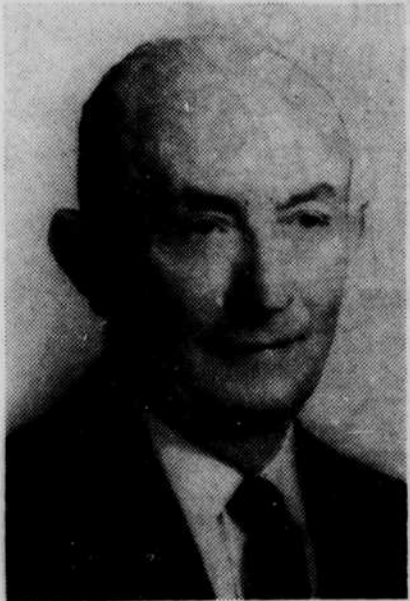
A Requiem High funeral mass was sung by his classmates of Cathedral Latin High School in Raleigh, which he attended and was a member of the junior class. The mass was offered at St. Eugene's Catholic Church in Wendell at 11 a.m. Monday.

Officiating at the service was the Rev. Robert L. Wilken, pastor. He was assisted by Fr. Frederick Koch of Winston-Salem, who preached the funeral service after graveside mass and absolution. Graveside prayers were said at Greenmount Cemetery by Fr. Ralph Monk of

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Popular Wendell Mayor Dies Of Heart Attack; Rites Sun.

Ira H. Johnson, mayor of Wendell since May, 1961, died of a heart attack at about 7:30 Friday night, June 8. Death came at



Ira H. Johnson

Wendell-Zebulon Hospital.

Johnson was trimming shrubbery in the yard of his home when he was stricken. He telephoned a co-worker who came and saw Johnson's condition and rushed him to the hospital.

Johnson was not known to have a heart condition.

The popular, quiet, mild-mannered mayor was 60 years old. He was the son of the late William R. and Hattie Honeycutt Johnson of Wendell.

He graduated from Wendell High School and had a year of college at Trinity (now Duke University). He was also a graduate of Koster School of Design of Chicago.

Johnson spent eight years as an interior decorator with Montgomery Ward in the Raleigh and Winston-Salem firms. For the past six years he had been associated with Lewis Furniture Company of Wendell as a salesman.

He was an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and was a 32-year-long member and past master

of Wendell Lodge No. 565. He was also a 32nd degree Mason, a chaplain of the Eastern Star, a grand officer representative of the 12th district of the OES, and a past patron of the Wendell OES.

He was serving as president of the Wake County Mayor's Association at the time of his death. He was also a director of Wendell Civil Defense, a member of the Rotary Club and chairman of the Salvation Army for eastern Wake County.

Johnson was married twice. His first marriage ended in divorce. His second wife was the former Lucille Wofford of Winston-Salem. There were no children by either union.

Besides his wife he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Ross Irie, Mrs. Waddell Richardson and Mrs. Roderick Vaughn, all of Wendell; and Mrs. Andrew Vaughn of Germany; and two brothers, Battle Johnson of Wendell and Claybourne Johnson of Raleigh.

The funeral rites were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from Wendell Baptist Church of which he was a member. The Rev. William Vinson, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Allen Wentz, Methodist minister, and the Rev. Roy McCormick, Presbyterian minister.

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Mrs. Betty Alford, 82, Dies; Mother of Town Commissioner

Mrs. Betty Williams Alford, mother of Commissioner J. Raleigh Alford, died Tuesday, May 29, at her home on Route 2, Zebulon. She had been an invalid for several years and suffered from a lingering illness.

She was the daughter of the late Harriett and Floyd Williams of Franklin County. Her husband was the late James Berry Alford.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Warren W. Moore of the home and Mrs. Oscar A. Hunter of Greensboro and Pilot Mountain; five sons, Zollie F. Alford, W. Harold Alford, Frederick Alford and J. Raleigh Alford, all of Zebulon; Raymond V. Alford of Durham; one brother, Wiley H. Wil-

liams of Richmond, Va.; 15 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Her grandsons were pallbearers. They were David Alford, Johnny Alford, Cloyce Alford, James Barbee Alford, Jimmy Alford and James Rassy Alford.

The casket was covered with a pall of pink carnations centered with orchids.

The choir sang "Face to Face" and "Rock of Ages."

Funeral services were held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Pilot Baptist Church by the Rev. Gilbert McDowell, pastor, and the Rev. M. A. Pegram of Rocky Mount. Burial was in the Alford family cemetery.