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Wendell Father, Son Team Raise Rabbits for Hospital

Wendell-grown rabbits are helping save lives at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

These pink eyed, pink twitchy nosed, beautiful white furred creatures grown by father and son are being used at the Chapel Hill hospital for medical purposes.

Cornell and Vernon Powers supply the hospital laboratories with these rabbits. The father of the team, Vernon, said the rabbits are primarily for running tests on women's pregnancies.

Powers said for the pregnancy tests only the virgin female rabbits can be used. However, on special cases pregnant does may be required, he said.

Powers said there was quite a tizzy created recently when tests were made on a 50-year-old woman and a college coed who were suspected of being pregnant. The rabbit tests showed each was pregnant and the two women almost committed hari-kari.

However, Powers said, another test was run on the women with a different batch of rabbits and the women were found to be not pregnant. The rabbits used in the original testing were themselves pregnant. Powers said a buck had been with the group he had taken to the laboratories, although at the time he did not know it.

In the beginning the Powers team did not anticipate disposing of their rabbits to hospital laboratories. The father said he thought his son needed to learn to take care of something to teach him responsibility and he suggested rabbits.

They started off with 12 does and a buck. Knowing rabbits, there was multiplication and multiplication. And Cornell soon had more animals than he could manage, what with his school work and social activities.

Father Vernon began helping and they decided to join an association where they might dispose of their surplus. They began shipping them to New York. But they found that was too expensive, for the rabbits had to be alive. And, too, the breeding schedule came off about the same time as they were to be marketed.

Then the team learned that the Chapel Hill hospital needed rabbits for medical purposes. The distance wasn't too great and cost of (Continued on Page 7)

Town Resident Found Dead By His Wife Friday

A Zebulon resident was found dead by his wife Friday, July 6, at his home on the corner of Wakefield and Oak Streets.

Billie Hilliard Privette, 52, was dead when his wife went to his room Friday morning to call him to breakfast. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Privette, a farmer and Route 1, Wilson, merchant suffered from a heart condition and was hospitalized at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital after suffering an attack the early part of this year.

He was the son of the late Minnie Ellington and William Hilliard Privette of Route 3, Zebulon.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rachel Liles; one daughter, Billie Fay, who is a student nurse at Watts Hospital School of Nursing; one son, Teddy Ronald of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Nathaniel Upchurch, Route 3, Zebulon, Mrs. Bob Richards, Route 1, Youngsville, and Mrs. Tom Jones of Wendell.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. at Zebulon Baptist Church with the Rev. David Daniel, pastor, and the Rev. W. C. Barham, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church near Wendell, officiating. Burial was in the Tabernacle Baptist Church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bobby Richards, Jimmy Upchurch, Jim Jones, Hilliard Greene Jr., Don Driver and Douglas Cooke.

The casket was covered with a pall of red roses.

Wakelon Again Is Without Principal

Wakelon School is without a principal.

C. V. Tart submitted his resignation to the local school board June 25.

Tart became principal of the school in September of 1961 after John Hicks resigned as principal to take a position in Columbus County.

Tart will still be associated with the school. He will return to his old job and first love—that of teaching agriculture. He had served as head of the school's agriculture department for two years prior to becoming principal.

Bill Turner, agr instructor, has submitted his resignation. He will be returning to his home in Yanceyville where he will become manager-overseer of his father's dairy farm.

Tart said he "enjoyed" his work as principal but that he had been in agriculture work so long that he desired to return to it.

"I have learned a lot," he said. "I know a lot more about a school's operation and I understand some of the problems better."

Meters on Blink

Twenty-five residences using town water have no water meters. One hundred residences have non-functioning water meters.

This was the report presented to the Town Board, and the Board immediately took action.

Preposterous! Absurd! they said. The Board instructed the town manager to replace or repair the defective meters and to install meters at residences which have none.

Water tonnages used at homes with no meters or non-functioning meters are charged a flat rate.

It was estimated that it will cost \$1,500 to correct the meter situation.

Mayor Ed Hales said: "It is the aim of the Board to have everybody's meter working."

Scout Troop Comes Up With 18 Ribbons

Band Instructor Needs Equipment

Wakelon School's new band instructor was in town this week searching for an apartment.

The new band teacher is James Burns. The Sumter, S. C., native is a 1962 graduate of East Carolina College. He holds a bachelor of music degree.

Burns, 22, is a bachelor.

Before he left, the new band instructor almost decided on a small unfurnished house here. However, just out of school and low on funds, he will not be able to furnish a stove and refrigerator. Anyone having one of those items to give or lend him is asked to notify this paper.

The personable young man said he could supply the other items, living and bed room furniture.

Burns said he will begin band practice two weeks before the opening of school. He said he wants to have the band in tip top shape for the first football games.

He is an avid stereo enthusiast, has a palomino horse, and plans to organize a dance band here. He was the leader of a 16-piece dance band while a student at ECC.

Hilburn succeeds Mrs. Frances Hilburn who left to take a position elsewhere. She served as director of the Wakelon band for one year.

Spent Week At Camp Durant

Sixteen Scouts from Troop 525 recently spent a week at Camp Durant. It was a week of work and fun for the boys.

During the week the boys attended merit badge classes in which they passed off requirements for the more than 100 badges offered in the Merit Badge program.

The boys were offered different activities throughout the week which included rifle range, archery range, nature trail, overnight hike, handicraft lodge, knot tying, canoeing, and swimming.

Wednesday afternoon was visitor's day and several of the boys' parents were present and took part in a picnic supper. In the evening the parents and Scouts thrilled to the weekly Indian ceremony which tapped members of the troop into the Order of the Arrow. This honor is given select honor campers in the troop.

Attending the camp, located 17 miles north of Zebulon, were Joe Chamblee, Drew Cannady, Mark Thomas, Gene Mangum, Ben David Thomas, Martin Hagwood, Steve Seago, David Hawkins, Eddie Smith, Richard Clark, Danny Gordon, Robert Lanier, Tim Lanier, Calvin Pippin, Eddie Finch and David Hendricks.

The troop was awarded 18 ribbons for the efforts in different events during the week. They came home with the Honor Troop Award.

Durwood Chamblee is the senior patrol leader and Roland Gordon is the Scoutmaster. Gordon was unable to attend. Bill Bowling, commander of the American Legion, accompanied the group. The local Legion group sponsors Troop 525.

Office Closed

The Zebulon license examiner office will be closed Tuesday, July 17, Examiner Clarence Hocutt has announced. This change is due because of a district meeting of license examiners in Fayetteville.

Local School Board Gets A Woman Appointed To It

The women have broken another barrier in the man's world of Zebulon. A rural Zebulon woman has been appointed a member of the Wakelon school board.

Mrs. Mary Green was appointed a member of the local school board Monday. She is the first woman who will serve in such a capacity. Mrs. Harold Pippin was appointed last year but resigned before serving.

The new board member, a strikingly pretty woman of 46, said she will serve "to the best of my ability." She doesn't think the board should be made up of "yes men".

"I feel that we (the board) are to serve a purpose," she said. "I feel, too, that we should be heard and voice the will of the school patrons."

Mrs. Green has some definite ideas but she declined to reveal them. She doesn't want to stick her neck out so soon. However, she is going to serve with all her astute intelligence and always with an open mind to all issues.

During her child and early girlhood she was steeped in school board meetings. Her father, the late A. F. Manning of Middlesex, was a member of the Nash County Board of Education and local school board for many years.

Mrs. Green is the eighth of 13 children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Manning. A graduate of Middlesex High School where she ranked fifth, she later graduated from Virginia School of Beauty Culture.

This blonde and still youthful matron has never practiced the art of beauty culture professionally. She said she never cared for this art. However, it has paid off in her home. She has been the chief hair dresser and stylist for her daughters and self and also for her sons and husband.

"My husband and sons have always had their hair cut by me," she laughed pleasantly. "I have been their barber."

She is married to Harold Green, a dairyman and farmer of Rt. 4, Zebulon. Their wedding took place September 4, 1934. The couple has six children, and the family is one that has as much togetherness as you will find anywhere.

"We enjoy working and playing together," Mrs. Green said. "I shan't let anything interfere with my family. The dishes can go on (Continued on Page 6)

Eastern Star Member Named To Position With State OES

Another Zebulon woman has had an honor bestowed upon her. Mrs. Cleo Perry has been named



Cleo Perry

Grand Esther of the Grand Chapter of the North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star. She received this honor with the State OES at the Grand Chapter Session held in Wilmington June 13.

The duties of Mrs. Perry will be to assist Mrs. Mary S. Carter of Garland, State OES Worthy Grand Matron. Mrs. Perry was installed along with the other officers by Mrs. Mamie Lander of Washington, D. C., the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

A tenure of one year, Mrs. Perry is to visit OES organizations across the State as much as she is able. She succeeds Mrs. Irene Walker. She is the first member of the Wakefield-Zebulon OES to receive this distinguished and high honor.

Exceedingly active in the local Masonic organization since its birth, Mrs. Perry has served as Worthy Matron and has been organizer and secretary.

Mrs. Perry, after graduating from Meredith College in 1945 (Continued on Page 6)