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Piano Instructor

Late Doctor's Wife Succumbs



Mrs. Neva Barbee
...an early photo

The strains of "Silent Night" were played Saturday, July 28, at the funeral of Mrs. Neva Flowers Barbee. A favorite of Mrs. Barbee, the song was played on the piano by a former pupil of hers, Mrs. Spencer Turrentine of Bell Buckle, Tenn., the former Jocelyn House of Zebulon.

Mrs. Barbee, 67, died Friday morning at Wake Memorial Hospital. She was taken to the hospital Sunday, July 22, after she had fallen and broken her pelvis. She had been in declining health for several years.

She was the seventh child of 12 children of the late Charles A. and Neva DeElla Alford Flowers. She was born in the quiet country town of Cash Corners in Pamlico County.

Her schooling was in a private school, at home and high school, and at Atlantic Christian College. She later did graduate study in music at the University of North Carolina and in major conservatories in New York City.

She taught piano for more than 40 years, the majority of that time in Zebulon and the surrounding communities. She also served as pianist-organist-choir director of the Zebulon Methodist Church for 40 years.

On October 22, 1913, she was married to Dr. George S. Barbee, who was a young general practitioner here. They were the first couple to be married in the Methodist Church in Zebulon. Dr. Barbee died in 1952.

The couple were the parents of two sons. The first son, born in 1915, died in infancy and was the first person buried in the Zebulon Cemetery. The second son survives.

Dr. Charles E. Flowers, Sr., a brother of Mrs. Barbee, died in May.

Mrs. Barbee is survived by a son, George Sprite Barbee, Jr., of the home; three sisters, Mrs. W. C. Campen of Zebulon; Mrs. C. H. Daniels of Alexandria, Va.; and Mrs. Robert Miller of Elizabeth (Continued on Page 6)

On Committee

Robert Daniel Massey, cashier of Peoples Bank & Trust Co., has been named to the Wake County Democratic Finance Committee. He is one of ten Wake County Democratic leaders named to the committee.

Phillip R. Whitley, prominent Democratic party leader and former N. C. Representative from Wake County, also was named to the committee.

The group is responsible for raising funds for carrying on the fall campaign in Wake County, according to Robert A. Cotten, chairman of the Wake County Democratic Executive Committee.

Wendell Man Is Cited for Service

Marion M. Veasey was awarded a 30-year gold service pin and certificate at a meeting held in Tifton, Ga., July 24, by the Federal Tobacco Inspectors in the Georgia-Florida area.

Veasey is the oldest employee in point of service in the U. S. Department of Agriculture of the tobacco division. He has spent 32 years with the department.

The award was presented by Stephen E. Wrather of Washington, D. C., U. S. Department of Agriculture, director of the tobacco division.

Other officials present at the meeting were Leonard L. Green, chief, personnel branch; Homer F. Taylor, chief, marketing programs branch; Stephen H. Anderson, assistant to the director; and Paul Dryden, assistant chief to the marketing programs branch head.

Veasey and his wife reside in Wendell. They have no children.

License Examiner Hocutt On Job

License examiner Clarence Hocutt is back on the job testing applicants for driver's licenses. He reported to duty July 30 after undergoing an operation for diverticulitis at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital May 30. Hocutt reports that he is feeling very well.

Wakelon Has New Principal; A Husky Gentleman of 260

James C. Hawkins has been elected to serve as principal of Wakelon School for the 1962-1963 year, according to Wake County Superintendent of Schools Fred A. Smith.

Hawkins, 46, is a native of Mecklenburg County. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Appalachian State Teachers College where he was an outstanding tackle on the college football team; and has a master of arts degree in administration and supervision from East Carolina College.

He has held principalships in Allentown, Fairmont, Walstonburg

and Townsville. He comes to Wakelon from Townsville School in Vance County.

Hawkins is married and his wife is a teacher. The couple has three children, a married daughter, a son who will be a senior in high school, and another son who will be in the sixth grade.

The new principal is doing some preliminary work now, but will begin work officially on August 14, according to Supt. Smith.

All vacancies on the Wakelon faculty except two have been filled, Mr. Smith said. These remaining two will be filled soon.

Native Son Helps to Develop Plastic Greenhouses At VPI



Dr. Howard Massey, Jr.

Plastic greenhouses are becoming popular throughout the United States as practical, economical plant-growing structures.

One of the major developers of this type of greenhouse has been a Zebulon native, P. Howard Massey, Jr.

Dr. Massey (he has his doctorate in horticulture from Cornell University) said that most of this popularity is due to the low cost, ease of construction, and the ability to fill the need for a suitable structure for growing early vegetable and flower plants.

He cited the Estate-type greenhouse is gaining in popularity for town and country use. This type of greenhouse can be built for an overall cost of not more than \$250.

Massey said with the advent of

lightweight, easily worked, transparent plastic films, home gardeners living in town and country areas have been constructing small greenhouses to extend their gardening enjoyment.

Horticulturists have recognized for some time the need for a practical, low-cost, plant-growing structure, Massey said; one that would be suitable for a grower just getting started in home growing, in business or for an established grower to use for expansion purposes.

Massey said the large amount of capital needed to build and maintain glass greenhouses has kept many interested individuals from growing vegetables and flowers. The advent of plastic film to cover greenhouses has, to a large extent, met this need in a practical and economical manner.

Seven years ago, the departments of Horticulture and Agricultural Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute began a comprehensive experiment on plastic greenhouses.

Massey, who was among the group of researchers, said the objectives of this study were: to develop improved unit construction, including framing, heating, ventilating, and plastic coverings; and to study plant growth rate and yield of vegetables when grown in glass and plastic greenhouses.

Research on the projects paid off. Today a 21 x 40 foot plastic greenhouse can be built with unskilled labor and cost less than \$500, including the heating system. Massey said. A glass greenhouse of comparable size would cost at least \$2,500.

Massey will be at the 16th International Horticultural Congress in Belgium from August 31 to September 8 where he will deliver a 3,000 word paper to the Congress of about 3,000 members on the seven-year research program in plastic greenhouses done at VPI.

He is one of 25 university men in the United States who will be attending the Congress. He is the only professor from the State of Virginia and the only person from the South who will attend. North Carolina is not represented.

While there he will make horticulture (Continued on Page 6)

State Department Official Says Town Is Going North

The Town of Zebulon likely will grow toward the north, local Rotarians were told last Friday night by George Monaghan, member of the Zoning and Planning Division of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development. To provide for orderly growth, he said, a comprehensive long-range plan is required.

The speaker was introduced by Amos Estes, member of the Zebulon Planning Board. For the past year Mr. Monaghan has been working with the Board of Commissioners, Planning Board, and Zoning Board preparing for future growth of the town.

Mr. Monaghan, who proved to know more about the community than did many long-time residents, illustrated his talk with elaborate maps which showed the present use of land within the town limits, and the proposed or expected use of land in Zebulon and the surrounding area for the future.

Nearly half the acreage inside the town limits is undeveloped at the present time, his study showed. Although most houses are satisfactory, there are a number which should be torn down.

Among the suggestions advanced during the program were covering and developing the old town dump to provide a play ground in the northeast section of Zebulon; developing Vance Avenue as an extension of the present retail business area; providing for industrial expansion along the railroad east of Zebulon; and zoning the area around Wendell-Zebulon Hospital to provide space for convalescent homes and clinics.

A population chart showed comparative growth of the towns of

Wake County. Apex, Wendell, and Zebulon have had nearly parallel growth; while Garner and Cary have soared in population during the past 10 years to 3,500 each.

"The new highway to Raleigh and possible industrial growth in this area could cause such a boom here," Mr. Monaghan said of Zebulon. He urged the town be prepared.

Softball Standing

Only two weeks of play remain in the Franklin-Wake Softball League.

Ploy-offs will be held after the regular season. All teams will participate in a double elimination tournament.

| Team | Standings | Won | Lost |
|--------------------|-----------|-----|------|
| Wake Cross Roads | | 12 | 3 |
| Pearces | | 9 | 5 |
| Pilot | | 10 | 6 |
| Zebulon Methodists | | 6 | 8 |
| Pine Ridge | | 4 | 9 |
| New Hope | | 3 | 13 |

School Board Approves Cuban Teacher; County Pays Salary

Dr. Jose L. Roy Barreau, Cuban refugee from the Communist dictatorship of Fidel Castro, was interviewed by the Wakelon School Board on Monday night for the position of Spanish-instructor in the Wakelon High School this year.

Dr. Barreau, a graduate of the University of Havana, speaks English fluently and studied English at Red Bank, New Jersey from 1936-39. He is also eminently qualified to teach American History and other related subjects.

Having taught at Havana, Dr. Barreau has a rich background in Cuban governmental, banking and export trade. He has made numerous trips to the United States and in 1956 was secretary to the Cuban Sugar Commissioner in Washington, D. C. During that time he became acquainted with Rep. Harold Cooley of Nashville.

The following year, Dr. Barreau was at the United Nations for a brief session and from 1957 until the overthrow of the Batista government made several trips to the

States.

Prior to the Castro regime and until his "vote for freedom" and decision to come to the United States to live, he was associated with the Cuban Bank for Export Trade. He was offered a prime position of responsibility in the governmental operation of export trade if he had become a Communist. A bitter foe of Marxism, Dr. Barreau chose to forsake the Communist-controlled government and came to the United States in November, 1961.

His wife, Georgia, and son, Jose Antonio, came two months later by way of Jamaica. The family was forced to leave all possessions and belongings behind, able to bring only two changes of clothes with them. Since November, he has been in Miami and has worked wherever he could find employment. There are some 150,000 refugees in Miami.

County to Pay Teacher
Chairman Philip Olive stated, "The State has granted Dr. Barreau (Continued on Page 6)

Local Boy Named Gov't. Grader

Tony Brooks Pearce has been appointed as an Agricultural Commodity Grader and is now undergoing a training period in Richmond.

Following the training period, Pearce will work in many eastern states in the Fruit and Vegetable Division, Processed Products Standardization and Inspection Branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert L. Pearce of Zebulon and a graduate of N. C. State College.