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BAND DIRECTOR

New Wakelon Faculty Member Is a Lover of Music and Horses

Wakelon School's new band director-instructor is a "real swinging cat."

James (Jimmy) Crocker Burns, Jr., talked enthusiastically of music. He loves it, and finds it a source of his greatest pleasure.

Burns said he has been interested in music all his life. But it was when he was in the sixth grade that he really began his music career. That was when he got his first trumpet.

However, he was almost deterred from going into the music world. His father encouraged his only son to study architecture. As he told his son, this profession is more remunerative.

At Clemson, where Burns enrolled following graduation from Edmunds High School in Sumter, S. C., he studied architecture for one year. He couldn't get interested. The next year he studied textile manufacturing. This profession was the coming thing in the South.

Then Uncle Sam stepped in and drafted Burns. He spent his entire Army duty of two years at Fort Jackson. He, naturally, was associated with the band. He played lead trumpet and also did instructing with the 282nd Army Band at Fort Jackson.

When he came out of the Army he had made up his mind. He was going to get a music degree and teach music. His father told him he was more than willing to send him to any music school, and Burns is not sorry his father encouraged him to go into another profession. He did not return to Clemson because this college doesn't offer a music degree.

At East Carolina College, where

he was graduated in June with a bachelor of science degree in music, he was a member of the Phi Mu Alpha, a national honorary music fraternity, and a member of the Music Educator's National Conference, drum major for four years, and member of Student Government Association.

Burns played with the Collegians, the college dance band, for three years. Again, he played lead trumpet. During his senior year he led a 16-piece dance orchestra.

He has also had experience with name dance orchestras. One summer he played with Dean Hudson's orchestra, and only last year he was offered a job with the Jimmy Dorsey orchestra. Burns, however, turned down the full time job with the Dorsey orchestra. He said he couldn't see any future in being on the road all the time and thinks it is a "rough life."

He is looking forward to teaching, and with his enthusiasm he should make an excellent teacher. The first and foremost thing he shall stress to his students is musicianship. He is also going to encourage group working, for, he said, a band must work as a group, play as a group, and not as an individual.

He refrained from commenting on discipline, but it could be seen that he will demand attention, respect, and enforce disciplinary measures when needed.

The band has already begun work. Burns started with the group last week in the mornings and next week will work with the band on mornings and nights.

He said the band is lacking instruments and many need replacing and repairing. This week he has been working on some of the instruments, repairing them. Two of the most needed instruments are a baritone horn and drums.

He has also had experience with church choirs. For one and a half years he directed the Christ Episcopal Church choir in New Bern.

The good-looking 28-year-old bachelor has no immediate plans for marriage. He is the younger of two children. His father is in the hardware business in Sumter. His sister, Mrs. J. M. Sutton, also lives in Sumter.

Burns is a sports enthusiast. He is especially fond of horse back riding and owns a three-gaited quarter horse. Right now he is

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Appointed

Jack Potter and Wayne Davis were appointed to the town's Planning Board Monday night when the Town Board met for its August meeting. This is Potter's second term and Davis's first. The terms are three years.

Fred Pippin Gets Education Position

A Zebulon native accepted a position August 6 with the North Carolina State Board of Education.

Fred Wells Pippin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pippin, Jr., is Pupil Accounting and Teacher Allotment Supervisor with the Board of Education. He came from Trenton where he was elementary principal of the school for six years.

Pippin is a bachelor of arts graduate of Atlantic Christian College and has a master of arts degree from East Carolina College.

The educator is married to the former Mary Katherine Mewborn of Wilmington. They have two sons, Jeffrey, 10, and Graylon, 6.

The family will move to Raleigh when suitable accommodations can be found.

Get Those Candles Out of Storage; Power Will Be Off Sunday Morn

A power line construction job begun early in the year will be completed in Zebulon Sunday morning, August 26, it was announced today by F. T. Scarborough, Carolina Power & Light Company's Zebulon manager.

Scarborough said crews will turn out early Sunday to energize a new section of 66,000-volt line linking the Zebulon area to CP&L's Milburnie substation near Raleigh.

He added that the work will call

for interruption of electric service in Zebulon, Wendell, Middlesex, Bailey, Sims, Bunn and some rural areas. The period of interruption is 2:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. The early morning hours minimize inconvenience to customers, he said.

The overall construction project is designed to strengthen transmission facilities throughout this region. It was begun in January and has been continued in stages, Scarborough said. The August 26 activity will mark its completion.

Water, Sewer Bond Vote Set For Sept. 11; \$558,000 Needed

Correction

The town wants to buy 2.42 acres of land from Wilbur Bullock on the Wendell-Zebulon bypass for a sum of a little over \$3,000, Mayor Ed Hales said. In an article in last week's paper, it stated that Bullock would be paid \$3,000 an acre.

Registration books for Zebulon's upcoming September 11 water-sewer bond election are open, Mrs. Evelyn Creech, registrar, has announced. The books will close September 1.

Mrs. Creech said there will be no general overall new registration to vote in the \$558,000 bond election, and only those persons who have not heretofore registered to vote in a Zebulon municipal election need register.

The vote is for \$392,000 for a new water plant and additional water mains. The balance of \$166,000 is for a sewer treatment plant and sewer line repairs.

On February 3, 1961, a letter was received by the town from the Sanitary Engineer of the N. C. State Board of Health. The letter stated: "On January 20 I

made an inspection of the water plant at Zebulon and four wells with Mr. L. A. Baker. Upon inspection of the water plant, it was found the plant is old, antiquated, and insufficient. Although bacteriological analyses of samples of the water produced by this water plant indicates that the water is safe for human consumption."

"Due to the fact," the letter continued, "that the present water plant is completely worn out and since it appears that wells will not furnish an adequate supply of water for the town of Zebulon, it is strongly urged that the town take steps to construct a new filtration plant, which will be adequate in size to properly furnish water for the town of Zebulon."

"The water plant and the wells, at present," the letter stated, are barely able to supply a sufficient amount of water during extremely warm weather and with a normal population growth, these will be inadequate in the very near future. It is, therefore, urged that the town take steps to correct their water supply problem at the very earliest possible date."

Mayor Ed Hales said Zebulon is among a long list of towns in North Carolina that has been given a date in which to stop polluting the streams and rivers of this state with sewage.

The town is making an application to the Federal Government for a Federal Grant for part of the sewer cost, the mayor said. He said it is hoped that the town will receive a maximum of 30 per cent of the cost.

The plan of financing the bond issue adopted by the town board will be from additional water and sewer rates. The present minimum monthly water rate is \$2.50. The new minimum monthly rate will be \$4.50.

Mayor Hales said there will not be a sewer charge until the sewer plant is under construction. The sewer treatment plant will not be erected until the completion of

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Registration

Students who plan to enter Wakelon School this fall and have not registered should do so Monday, August 27, from 9 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Registration will be held in the principal's office.

Wendell School to Have Seven New Staff Members

Seven new teachers have been hired to complete the Wendell School faculty, according to Ronald Berry, principal. Berry is serving his second year as principal.

The new faculty members are Mrs. Katherine Horton, who succeeds Mrs. Faye Smith in the commercial department; James Peebles, varsity athletic coach, replacing Johnny Presson, who has accepted a coaching position at the Forest High School in Monroe; and Mrs. Margaret Robertson, who will succeed Herbert Jones, who resigned to enter another profession.

Elementary faculty members are Reid Basinger who will serve as assistant varsity coach, succeeding Richard Nelson who has accepted a position as principal of the Creedmoor Elementary School; Mrs. Alberta Braswell who succeeds Mrs. Patricia Griswold in the primary department; and Mrs. Stewart Murphy who succeeds Mrs. Nancy Huffman who has resigned to accept a teaching position in Virginia.

John Olvera will be the band instructor, succeeding William Farmer who has accepted a full time position with the Wake Forest High School.

The complete list of faculty members are:

High School: Mrs. Mae Heath,

Truitt Horton, Mrs. Katherine Horton, Mrs. Ruby Johnston, Linwood Murphy, James Peebles, Mrs. Cleo Perry and Mrs. Margaret Robertson.

Elementary: Miss Gladys Baker, Reid Basinger, Mrs. Alberta Braswell, Miss Betty Jean Bryan, Mrs. Ruth High, Mrs. Claudia Jackson, Mrs. Ola Johnson, Mrs. Marjorie Knott, Mrs. Aileen Lovelace, Mrs. Alma Mattox, Mrs. Stewart Murphy, Mrs. Sarah Richardson, Mrs. Thyra Smith, Mrs. Evelyn Stott, Mrs. Ethel Todd and Mrs. Dorothy Todd.

Special teachers are John Olvera, band; Miss Johnnie Seymour, librarian; and Mrs. Barbara Wolfe, music education.

Other staff members are Jim Moss, chief custodian; Mrs. Blanche Pernell, school secretary; and Mrs. Julia Pulley, lunch room manager.

Local Teachers on Middlesex Faculty

Mrs. Gladys S. Johnson and Mrs. Undine D. Wheless of Zebulon will again be members of the Middlesex School faculty.

Principal Norman E. Patterson has released the faculty list for the school for the coming year. They are: Math, John J. Wright; Science, Mrs. Margaret B. Williford; Social Studies, Physical Education, J. Enid Drake; Commercial, Mrs. JoAnn J. Byrd; English, Library, Mrs. Maxine O'Connell; English, Cherry Lane High; Agriculture, Fred U. Wolfe; Home Economics, Mrs. Hulda S. Wilson.

In the elementary school will be Mrs. Naomi R. Powell, eighth; sixth and seventh, Mrs. Catherine C. Bissette; fifth, Annie Vee Powell; fourth, Mrs. Gladys S. Johnson; third, Mrs. Margaret H. Wolfe; second, Mrs. Undine D. Wheless; and first, Mildred P. Wolfe.

Opening Tobacco Prices Are Good

E. H. Moser, sales supervisor of the Wendell tobacco market, reported that a little less than 200,000 pounds of tobacco was sold on opening day, Tuesday.

Moser said opening day poundage this year was somewhat less than last because of the untied tobacco.

The Wendell market averaged \$54.72. Moser feels this is a good average, taking into account tobacco may be sold for five days in an untied state. He said this average was better than opening day sales on the Border market.

Wendell market has a full set of buyers representing the regular companies.

Closing

Mrs. Charles Flowers announced Wednesday that she is closing her children's shop. She has operated a children's ready to wear shop in Zebulon for a year and a half. She did not reveal any future plans.

Wakefield Pastor Ends 16 Years Of Work; Members Are Tearful

Dr. W. R. Strassner has submitted his resignation to Wakefield Baptist Church. His final sermon will be September 2.

Dr. Strassner's announcement of his resignation was received by the congregation with "profound sorrow" and "flowing tears" from the eyes of the members.

During the 16 years he served as

pastor of the church a beautiful edifice was erected.

One member said: "He has contributed a consecrated life of service which will stand as a monument to his immortal name while the ages roll by."

Dr. Strassner was for many years president of Shaw University in Raleigh until he was recently ousted.