

# THE ZEBULON RECORD

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## National Guard Battery Has Openings for More Officers

Sunday, March 10, has been set by the National Guard Bureau in Washington as the date North Carolina's 30th Infantry Division will reorganize as a ROAD unit—the Army's newest idea for a combat division. When the big change takes place, Zebulon's National Guard unit will give up its 8-inch howitzers for "Honest John" missiles.

Capt. Jack Potter, commander of Battery A in Zebulon, said the weapons change will mean greatly increased training problems for local Guardsmen, but increased opportunity will be available for qualified men.

Although Battery A's size is smaller as a missile unit, two more officers are authorized. Only one more enlisted man can be recruited to bring the battery to full strength.

"We want to get these men as soon as possible so that they can be trained before summer camp," Capt. Potter said. He urged men who are interested to contact SFC Johnsey Arnold at the National Guard armory at once.

The change from howitzers to missiles caused a change in training site for Battery A's summer camp. Originally planned for Ft. Bragg, summer camp for the missilemen will be conducted at Ft. Benning, Ga., from June 9 through June 24.

## Cattle Breeding To Be Discussed

An educational meeting on breeding both dairy and beef cattle will be held in Wakelon School agriculture building Friday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Wakelon Agriculture Teacher C. V. Tart has announced that Charles Waldrop, who is a specialist in this field, will be the speaker.

"We have a lot of small herds of beef cattle in the Zebulon area which are not large enough to profitably buy the kind of sire that should be used on the herd. We think that we can present a program to you that will make you money as well as the dairymen," Tart said.

Tart said that livestock is a profitable industry, and three programs of production must be carried on. These programs are breeding, feeding, and management.

## M. J. Sexton New Tax Lister; Town to Sell Surplus Land

M. J. Sexton, retired postmaster and insurance executive, was employed Monday by the town board of commissioners as the town's tax lister for 1963. His salary will be \$125.

Other business of the commissioners and mayor was to have town engineer John Edwards to survey land owned by the town which is located on the west side of Little River.

Mayor Ed Hales said this land, about three or four acres, is going to be sold because the town has no use for it. An interested party is wanting to buy the land, the mayor said. If the person interested in purchasing it does not make a bid satisfactory to the com-

Two plans are under study for transporting the 1st Missile Battalion to Ft. Benning. One plan is for the Guardsmen to move in motor convoys to Ft. Benning, a trip requiring three days each way.

A second suggested plan is for the vehicles of the battalion to move in convoy, but all the battalion except those required to drive and command the motor convoy to be flown to Ft. Benning aboard huge super-Constellations of the North Carolina Air Guard. By air, the trip requires about two hours from Raleigh-Durham Airport.

Representatives of the missile battalion, including Capt. Potter, are planning a one-day conference at Ft. Benning this month to coordinate the summer camp with Army representatives at the Georgia post.

The 1st Missile Battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. Collin McKinnne of Louisville. Units include Battery A in Zebulon, Battery B in Youngsville, and Headquarters Battery in Louisville.

## Max P. Williams Buys Flower Shop

Max Paul Williams, a Pilot community native, became the owner of Center Flower Shop March 1. He purchased it from J. Raleigh Alford.

Williams was the owner of a florist shop here in 1958. Then he sold his business and went to Raleigh where he worked as salesman with Nowell's clothing firm in Cameron Village.

Williams and his wife, the former Wilma Barefoot of Dunn, reside in Raleigh. He said he has plans to move to Zebulon in the near future.

Center Flower Shop has been in operation for 14 months. Mrs. Rochelle Long was manager.

## Women to Meet

The Farm Bureau Women's Auxiliary will meet Wednesday night, March 13, at 7:30 in the Wakelon School home economics building. An interesting program is being planned. All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcomed.

## School Site Purchase Delayed; Commission Action Saves Money

The Wake County Board of Education met Tuesday afternoon but took no action to purchase a consolidated high school site approved Monday by the Board of Commissioners. The consolidated high school district comprises the present Wakelon, Knightdale, Wendell, and Rolesville districts.

The site approved by the commissioners is located on the Martin Center-Rolesville road, and was first offered to the County for \$800 an acre. The Board of Education requested approval by the commissioners on this basis, but action was postponed by the governing body. Subsequently the price was lowered to \$450 an acre, and the commissioners approved the price at their Monday session.

At Tuesday's Board of Education meeting the members, with the exception of Harry Stewart who was absent, heard a presentation of a proposed site by Ferd Davis, board member-nominatee. Davis proposed a site east of Buffalo Creek owned by Miss Pattie Lee, and presented the board an option for 47 acres at a total price of \$15,000 obtained from Miss Lee by Willard White of Wendell.

Davis claimed the site would result in substantial transportation savings as well as initial site savings, and George Monaghan of the State Department of Conservation & Development presented a study made by his group backing up Davis's claims.

### Opponents Are Heard

The meeting Tuesday produced several clashes between Davis and retiring Board Chairman C. V. Whitley of Zebulon, but the two parted on apparently good terms. Speaking at the meeting Tuesday in addition to Davis and Monaghan were Mrs. Davis, local PTA president, and Raleigh attorneys Wilbur Bunn and Clem Holding.

"We hear a lot of talk about Wakelon people not wanting their children to have quality education because of the stand of Zebulon folks on consolidation," Mrs. Davis said, "but we have proved we are in favor of quality education already. We have given \$100 a plate dinners, Halloween carnivals, and cash contributions to our school already, and as a result we have the only accredited school among the four being consolidated. Other folks may say they are for educational improvement; we have proved ourselves at Wakelon."

Davis presented the Board of Education information of a proposed injunctive action. He said he was not a party to the proposed suit, but had been asked by the tentative plaintiffs to make known to the board the possibility of an action asking that Wakelon not be consolidated with the other three schools.

In the meantime in Raleigh *The News and Observer*, which had been critical of the action of the commissioners in withholding approval of the Martin Center site acknowledged yesterday that the commissioners had been right. The paper said, in part:

"Credit where credit is due: It now turns out that the County Commissioners served the county and its people by holding up decision on the school site for Eastern Wake County. The result is the same site and a saving of \$17,500."

Text of the report adopted by the county commissioners follows:

The Committee appointed by the Wake County Board of Commissioners to study the cost of a pro-

posed school site in Eastern Wake County makes this report to the Wake County Board of Commissioners:

1. At the outset, we would like to say that we feel the overall job being done by the Wake County School Board is a good one. We are impressed with their sincerity and realize that they cannot possibly foresee every eventuality. We sympathize with their problems and the decisions they are compelled to make.

### Delay Proved Best

2. The Committee is confident that the School Board acted in good faith when the proposed school site was offered to the Wake County Board of Commissioners only four weeks ago at a price of \$40,000.00. The fact that this same land is now being offered to the County for \$22,500.00 is heartwarming to all Wake County taxpayers who have seen their tax bills grow to staggering proportions in the past few years. We join other taxpayers in thanking the School Board and we are happy that the short delay imposed by the Wake County Board of Commissioners has been more than justified. We further hope that those parties who have been so openly critical of this Committee and the full Board of Commissioners over this short delay will derive some measure of satisfaction from the fact that this four week delay has saved Wake County over \$550.00 per day. This savings will be reflected in the tax bills of all of the taxpayers of Wake County.

### Four Must Be Included

3. Therefore, it is the recommendation of this Committee to the Wake County Board of Commissioners that the \$22,500.00 expenditure be approved for the purchase of the proposed school site near Martin's Center in Eastern Wake County. The land, as proposed by the Wake County School Board, will specifically be used for the construction of a comprehensive high school for the districts of Wendell, Knightdale, Rolesville and Zebulon. This Committee respectfully suggests that the Board of Commissioners rec-

ommend to those in authority that they proceed with extreme caution in the purchase of this land so as to insure the full participation of all four districts involved and thus protect the investment of Wake County.

4. The Committee has one further observation to make and this pertains to the purchase of school sites in the future. Again, this Committee respectfully suggests to the Board of Commissioners that School Boards in the future give serious thought to the possibility of handling the purchase of school sites in some other manner as experience has proven that local government is forced to pay higher prices than individuals when buying land and we strongly feel some other method can result in considerable savings to the County.

The report of this Committee is respectfully made to the Wake County Board of Commissioners this 4th day of March, 1963.

W. J. Booth, Chairman

## New Case Worker Named for Zebulon

Mrs. Byrd Young is the new welfare case worker for Zebulon. She accepted the position with Wake County Welfare Department in October and was assigned this area.

Mrs. Young, who succeeds Mrs. Ann Jones, now acting supervisor with the department, is a 1961 graduate of Duke with a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

The blue-eyed blonde social worker is a native of Timberlake in Person County. She was married to Warren Young, Jr., of Raleigh, September 1.

Mrs. Young said she likes her job. "I feel helping somebody is a great personal satisfaction. No, it is not depressing to us. I like the personal contact with folks."

Mrs. Young is here each Friday afternoon. Her office is in the Municipal Building.

## Seven-Inch Snow Falls Here; Two Accidents Caused by Ice

A seven-inch snow blanketed Zebulon and the surrounding areas last Tuesday, closing schools and bringing hazardous driving conditions to streets and highways.

Only two accidents were reported by local police, but there were no injuries.

Billy Joe Price and Edward Lee Skinner were involved in an automobile accident about 6:15 p.m. at the intersection of Gannon and Arendell Avenues. Skinner, a resident of Zebulon, hit the back of Price's 1958 Chevrolet as he was waiting for the stop light. Price, of Route 2, Zebulon, had damages estimated at \$200. Skinner's 1962 Ford was damaged approximately \$150.

Night Policeman Windell Perry, who investigated, said no charges were preferred.

The second accident occurred on Arendell Avenue about 8:15 p.m. James Edward Ray of Route 3, Zebulon, skidded into Adrian Holland's 1960 Chevrolet which was

parked in front of his jewelers shop. Ray's car suffered \$15 damages and Holland's, \$50. No charges were preferred.

The onslaught of sleet and rain early Tuesday morning quickly turned into snow, and the white downy flakes fell steadily through the rest of the day and into the night.

Local schools dismissed the pupils in early afternoon, and employees of manufacturing plants were allowed to leave early.

Business in downtown Zebulon slowed to a trickle.

Street-clearing crews went into action to keep traffic moving, and Tuesday night local streets were all but deserted.

A portion of Franklin Street, from Arendell Avenue to Church Streets, was roped off by order of Mayor Ed Hales for children to skate and sled on Wednesday.

Town Manager Willie B. Hopkins said this was the biggest snowfall here in several years.