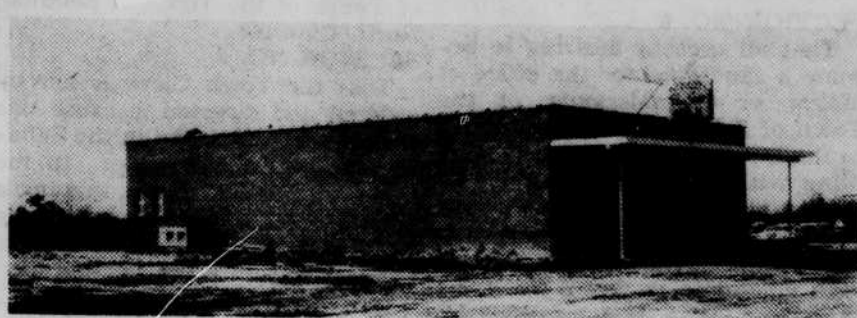


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**PHARMACY . . .** Zebulon's newest drug house opens this week. The building pictured above is located across from Wendell-Zebulon Hospital near Dr. B. D. Thomas' clinic. It is owned and operated by Joseph Vinson, a registered pharmacist. Vinson was formerly associated with a drug firm here, left and then came back to Zebulon.

## New Pharmacy Opens Here Across Street from Hospital

Zebulon's newest and most modern drug house began operation last week.

Vinson's Pharmacy, owned by Joseph Battle Vinson, is located opposite Wendell-Zebulon Hospital. The brick veneer building is 33 by 70 feet.

The spacious prescription department measuring 158 square feet has the newest drugs available.

There is 75 feet of shelving space which has a complete line of the most popular brands of cosmetics, notions, magazines and other items.

The interior has beige-colored walls with aqua mist and turquoise wall fixtures. Fluorescent lighting runs the length of the building.

A heat pump supplies the building with year round comfortable temperatures.

The floor is covered with asphalt tile, and the front of the building has an overhanging canopy.

An 18-foot food bar is in the rear of the building. Here you may secure homemade sandwiches, soups, sundaes, cola drinks, and many different flavors of ice cream. Mrs. Lola Richards is manager of the bar.

Facing and beside the building is ample parking facilities for parking. The asphalt parking lot



Joseph Battle Vinson

will accommodate more than 12 automobiles.

Vinson is the son of A. J. Vinson and the late Mrs. Vinson. He was born in Wilson's Mills in Johnston County, one of seven children of the couple.

Vinson, who will be 40-years-old in April, was graduated from Wilson's Mills High School, and in 1951 was awarded a degree in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy.

Before entering the University, he spent one year at Campbell College. He intended becoming a teacher or an engineer, but an uncle who is a druggist inspired him to become a pharmacist.

Prior to entering college, Vinson spent a tour of military duty, serving in the Pacific theater during World War II.

He has practiced his profession  
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## Visiting C of C President Tells Benefits of 'Smithfield Plan'

The "Smithfield Plan" for community improvement was related to the Zebulon Rotary Club Friday night, and Rotarians were excited by the great progress already made by the Johnston County town. Harold Creech, president of the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce, led the inspiring presentation.

Conceived in April 1962, the plan incorporates 23 projects sponsored by the Town of Smithfield and numerous civic groups.

Initial step toward the plan was a bus tour made by 25 Smithfield men to 24 North Carolina and Virginia cities. Suggested by Tom Lassiter, editor of the *Smithfield Herald*, the 800-mile tour required four days.

First and most spectacular project for community improvement is a canopy over sidewalks in the business district of Smithfield. The canopy is lighted and contains loudspeakers for background music and Chamber of Commerce announcements.

Suggestion of the idea to merchants brought only two commitments to build the canopy. When actual construction was begun, however, other merchants joined. The result has been a tremendous improvement in the appearance of the entire business district.

"The main obstacle (to community improvement) is procrastination," said Mr. Creech. He illustrated the point by citing one example after another where a

start was all that was needed to get a community improvement project underway in Smithfield.

Mr. Creech warned against comparing a town with a neighboring community. "Compare your town with what you want it to be," he urged. By viewing a community with critical eyes unlimited opportunities for improvement can be found.

To date more than \$100,000 has been invested in the sidewalk canopy project and the accompanying business improvement. The improvements have increased in pace rather than slowed as businessmen see their value.

The 23 projects of the Smithfield Plan are: downtown canopy, color-styling for the business district, "What Smithfield Needs" contest, Neuse picnic area, U. S. flags and flagholders, dollars for scholars, central business district survey, United Fund, Smithfield airstrip, Market Street trees;

Truck lane picnic area, town tree and flower, 3rd Street parking lot, trash receptacles, clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign, downtown sidewalk repair and replacement, citizen-know your government, store lighting improvement, town ordinance codification, formation of Community Council, rest room survey, store sign improvement project, and ornamental horticulture courses.

Sponsors of the 23 projects include the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' Committee, Jaycees, American Legion, Kiwanis, Town of Smithfield, United Fund Board of Directors, Lions, Rotary, Garden Club, Parking Committee, Senior Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club, U. N. C. Student Nurses, and Steering Committee.

More than 20 additional projects are being considered for inclusion in the Smithfield Plan,

which the community hopes will win "All-America City" and "Community Improvement Program" awards.

Joe Grimes, vice-president of the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce, made the presentation of the 23 projects and related progress made in each of them.

At the conclusion of the meeting, both Mr. Creech and Mr. Grimes remained to answer questions from Rotarians.

The canopy, they said, can be completed for \$30 per running foot, including lighting and loudspeakers.

While exact figures are not available, the business district improvements have been of great help to merchants. Following a bad crop season, Smithfield businesses held their own or realized better trade at a time when most other trade centers were suffering from loss of business.

A surprising number of projects have been completed or are well on the way toward completion. Good will from residents of the trade area and visitors has been evident.

The visiting speakers received long applause and profuse thanks from the Rotarians.

## Sunrise Services Are Announced

Members of Zebulon Baptist, Methodist and Union Chapel Churches are uniting for an Easter sunrise service to be held Sunday, April 14, at 5:30 a.m. in the Zebulon Cemetery. The Rev. Robert Ward, Union Chapel minister, will provide the sermonette. Wakelon High School Band, under the direction of Jimmy Burns, will accompany the musical compositions.

## Easter Seal Sale

Mrs. Harold Massey has been appointed chairman of the Easter Seal sales campaign for the Zebulon community, it was announced this week by Blaine M. Madison, chairman of the 1963 Wake County Easter Seal campaign.

Lily Days will be held during which time Easter lilies will be given to those contributing. School children, stationed in the business district, will conduct the sale of Easter lilies.

A house-to-house campaign will also be held this month.

## Red Cross Drive Starts on Monday

Bobby Perry, Zebulon chairman of the Red Cross campaign for funds, announced yesterday that the solicitation in the business district of Zebulon will begin Monday, April 1, under the direction of Lawrence Liles.

A planning meeting has been called by Liles for Thursday night. His assistants for the business canvass are Bruce Creekmore, Jimmy Medlin, and Bobby McGee.

House-to-house solicitation plans are being made this week, Chairman Perry reported. Solicitors will be announced next week.

## Lions Dedicate New Instrument

The \$1100 studio piano recently purchased by Zebulon Lions was dedicated last Thursday night with ceremonies held at the club house.

Present for the dedication was Lions District Governor John D. Xanthos. The district governor praised highly the work and accomplishments of the local Lions organization.

The occasion was also Ladies Night, and the governor remarked that ladies night was one of the best programs he had ever attended.

Xanthos is a member of the Burlington Lions Club. Lioness Leona (Mrs. John D.) accompanied her husband to the evening affair.

A musical program was presented by Mrs. Bob Pugh, Mrs. Frank Kemp, Mrs. Bob Lovell, Miss Mary Lou Nicholson, Johnsey Arnold, Frank Kemp, M. L. Hagwood, Miss Linda Green, and Sue Arnold. Cadwin Cone was the accompanist for the soloists, duets, trios and group singing.

The banquet table was decorated with spring flowers.

## Pancake Supper

Zebulon Lions Club is sponsoring a pancake supper Thursday, March 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the club house. The supper will consist of pancakes, sausage, syrup, coffee and Pepsi-Colas. Under school age children may eat free. School children will be charged 50¢ and an adult's meal will cost \$1.00. Proceeds will be used for the club's blind activities.

## Preparations Begin for Big Scout-O-Rama at Fair Grounds

Zebulon Scout Troops and Cub Packs began this week making preparations for the fabulous Scout-O-Rama scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at the N. C. State Fairgrounds. The event is sponsored by the Raleigh Kiwanis Club.

Scouts can choose from a long list of projects the activity they present during the all-day affair. Special awards are given to the best in each category.

Scout officials in Raleigh have announced that Scouts may begin preparing booths and exhibits on Friday, May 3, working until noon Saturday. Final judging and awarding of ribbons will be Saturday afternoon at 6:45.

Cub Packs, Scout Troops, and Explorer Posts will sell tickets to the Scout-O-Rama. Advance ticket sales will earn money for the local organizations.

## Mail Schedule

Only one mail will be received and dispatched at the Zebulon post office on Sunday, according to Postmaster Ruby Dawson. Patrons wishing to have mail leave on Sunday will have to deposit it at the post office before 6 a.m.

## Zebulon Baptist Choir Plans Concert on Sunday Evening

A group of noted North Carolina singers and instrumentalists will join the Zebulon Baptist Church Choir Sunday evening, March 31, at 7:30 for a performance of Arthur Somervell's "The Passion of Christ."

Three of the performers will be Dr. Joel Carter, James Gibbs and Martha Gibbs. All are associated with the University of North Carolina music department.

Dr. Carter is head of the voice department at the University and director of the Men's Glee Club and the Oratorio Society. He has sung with the San Francisco Opera Company and has appeared as soloist with more than a dozen of the nation's symphony orchestras.

Mr. Gibbs is a graduate student at the University, is the leading tenor with the University's opera group, and has been guest soloist

with the Duke choir's concert in Duke Chapel.

Miss Gibbs is a voice major at the University. Last week she was named the winner in auditions conducted by the National Association of Teachers of Singing. She serves as contralto soloist with the Chapel Hill Methodist Church.

Instrumentalists appearing with the choir are the well-known North Carolina String Quartet. The quartet is composed of Dr. Edgar Alden, Dorothy Alden, James Holmes and Mary Gray Clarke. Susan Horton will be the organist.

Three members of the choir will appear as soloists. They are Mrs. L. M. Massey, Mrs. Frank Kemp and Johnsey Arnold.

The performance Sunday evening will be under the direction of Charles Horton, director of the choir.