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## NO MORE R. B. WHITLEY & SON

### Firm Makes Name Change After 82 Years of Operation

After 82 years of serving the surrounding communities with excellent service, R. B. Whitley and Son in Wendell has changed ownership and name.

The business establishment was bought by June Gill Perry a year ago. He became associated with the firm in 1960, and later in the same year became an officer in the firm.

Perry, 28, was born in the Pearce community in Franklin County. He is the son of Mrs. Jarvis W. Perry of Route 3, Zebulon, and the late Mr. Perry.

After graduating from Bunn High School, he took a mechanized agriculture degree in 1958 from N. C. State College. He served as principal of Harris Elementary School in Franklin County for two years following his college graduation.

He is a member of the Youngsville National Guard unit and carries a lieutenant's rating. His initial military duty was six months at Fort Jackson. He is also a graduate of the Officers

Candidate School at the N. C. Military Academy at Fort Bragg.

The business was begun in 1881 by the late R. B. Whitley. It continued to operate under the supervision of his son, Philip R. Whitley, after his death. It was chartered and incorporated in 1943.

Perry is president of the firm. R. M. (Mac) Creech, who has been with the firm 37 years, holds the title of vice president. He was trained under the founder and served as manager of the store before Mr. R. B.'s death in 1945.

Besides Perry and Creech, the store has a personnel of Mrs. Merle Richardson, secretary-bookkeeper; J. Ray Nowell, a clerk of 18 years; Clifton Croom, fuel delivery driver; Talmadge Whitley, heating oil distributor; Everette Perry and Cary Winston, warehousemen.

The firm carries a general line of hardware building supplies, Esso products, feed, seed, television sets, washers, refrigerators and freezers. It has maintenance men who are able to install and service all types of oil tobacco curers.

Perry is married to the former Patsy King. They were wed December 15, 1956, and are the parents of twin sons, Barry and Larry, ages two and a half. Mrs. Perry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. King of Route 4, Zebulon.

Perry is a Mason, with membership in White Stone Lodge No. 155, a member of Pearce Baptist Church, president of the Wendell Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Wendell Rotary Club.

Hobbies he would like to pursue would be reading and swimming.

The firm is located on the corners of Third and Pine Streets. Perry and his family reside on the corner of Third and Griffin Streets.

## Board of Education Unanimous In Request for 4-School Vote

The Wake County Board of Education, meeting in Raleigh Monday afternoon, voted unanimously to request the Wake County members of the General Assembly to introduce a bill giving residents of the Rolesville, Knightdale, Wendell, and Wakelon communities the right to vote on their inclusion in a proposed consolidated high school at Martin Center.

The board agreed to be bound by the vote, and will include in the consolidation only those districts which by majority vote ask to be included.

The unanimous action of the board followed by one week a 3-1 favorable vote on essentially the same question, and came after a plea from a group headed by Jimmy Buchanan of Wendell that no vote be held in Wendell, Knightdale, or Rolesville.

Buchanan requested that the money which would be spent for the election in those three commu-

nities be turned over instead to individuals to help pay for the school site already bought by the county board of education at a lower price than that originally asked by the property owners.

Included in the group visiting the board meeting were C. V. Whitley of Zebulon, former board chairman, J. T. Knott, Jr., of Knightdale, B. A. Weathers, Buch-

anan, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ammons of Wendell, and H. E. Perry of Rolesville.

In other action Monday the board approved reelection of J. C. Hawkins as Wakelon principal; Garland L. Crews, Shepard; Richard Barfield, Riley Hill; Coyte Lanier, Rolesville; Ronald Berry, Wendell; James Speed, Carver; James Hudson, Knightdale.

## Pepsi Party Is Planned For Beauty Contestants

By Bill Quick

The Zebulon Jaycees are sponsoring a "Pepsi-Party" for prospective contestants in the Miss Zebulon Pageant on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. The party is set for the Lions Club Building on Lee Street in Zebulon.

All girls, who will be 18 by September 1, 1963, and who may be interested in finding out details regarding the pageant, are invited to participate. Notices of the get-together and invitations have been mailed to around 70 girls in the Wendell-Zebulon area but pageant director, Douglas Perry, urges that all girls who may have an interest, whether they received an invitation or not, should plan to attend.

The Miss Zebulon Pageant is set for the Wakelon High School Auditorium for May 17, 1963. The second annual pageant is expected to draw a large field of vying beauties who seek the title now held by Miss Jacqueline Mitchell, a Wake Forest College senior. Already a large number of inquiries have been received.

All of the pageant committee chairmen and their wives are also invited to the informal get-together on Saturday, Perry said. Questions regarding applying as a contestant, talent, dress etc. will be answered, he stated, at the April 13 party.

The pageant a year ago, drew a field of ten contestants with Miss Mitchell emerging the winner. The present Miss Zebulon did a modern jazz and tap routine for her talent. The first runner-up was Miss Priscilla Bercik, a Pfeiffer College freshman, who presented a

dramatic reading of a portion of Peter Marshall's "Keeper of the Springs." The second runner-up, Miss Elaine Doyle, portrayed Joan of Arc in a dramatic monologue.

The winner of the Miss Zebulon title will represent the town in a gala, week-long festival in July when Miss North Carolina will be selected.

## Methodist Revival Begins on Sunday

The annual revival of the Zebulon Methodist Church will begin on Sunday night, April 14, at 7:45 p.m. Visiting speaker for the week of special evangelistic services will be the Rev. Dr. Joyce V. Early, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Rockingham. Dr. Early, one of the outstanding preachers in North Carolina Methodism, will preach each night during the week.

Special singing each night of favorite hymns will be led by the minister, the Rev. Bill Quick. Music will be provided by the Chancel Choir of the Church each night. On Tuesday night, the Woodwain Choir of Wakelon School will provide special music and on Wednesday night the Wakelon High School Chorus will sing.

Dr. Early has served some of the larger churches in N. C. Methodism and prior to his Rockingham appointment was pastor at Grace (Continued on Page 14)

## Sunrise Service Scheduled Sunday

Four churches, Zebulon Baptist, Zebulon Methodist, Wakefield Baptist and Union Chapel, will join in a sunrise service at the city cemetery Sunday morning, April 14, at 5:30.

The Rev. Robert Ward, Union Chapel pastor, will deliver the meditation, entitled "A Matter of Life or Death." The Wakelon High School band will also be featured on the service.

## Choral Work to Be Aired over WETC

"The Passion of Christ," a sacred choral work by an Englishman which was performed for the first time in North Carolina Sunday evening, March 30, by the Zebulon Baptist Church choir and University of North Carolina music department members will be played over Radio Station WETC Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The choir was accompanied by Mrs. Susan Horton, organist, and the University String Quartet. Charles Horton conducted.

## First Husband and Wife Team Made Worthy Patron and Matron of OES

The first husband and wife team to serve as Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron of the Wakefield-Zebulon Order of the Eastern Star were installed Saturday night, March 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bullock were installed in public installation ceremonies in the Masonic Temple here. Mrs. Geneva Wilder was the installing officer.

Mrs. Bullock succeeds Mrs. Barbara Finch and Mr. Bullock suc-

ceeds Spencer Tant in the organization's highest offices.

Mrs. Finch opened the ceremonies with a welcome to the friends, visitors and introduced the officers. The slate of officers are Eva Richards, Associate Matron; Albert Pulley, Associate Patron; Pauline Tant, treasurer; Mary Bunn, secretary; Mozelle Flood, Conductress; Jean Richardson, Associate Conductress; Spencer Tant, Chaplain; Vera

Rhodes, Marshall; Elizabeth Murray, organist; Verina Simpson, Ada; Lala Pulley, Ruth; Virginia Eddins, Esther; Reptsie Pearce, Martha; Rella Privette, Electa; Aldonia Pate, Warder; and Ralph Bunn, Sentinel.

Mrs. Privette has served each of the stations twice. She is the only person in the history of the organization who has accomplished this feat.

The Past Matron's jewel was presented to Mrs. Finch by her sister, Mrs. Melrose Ferrell. The jewel was pinned on by Elmo Finch, her husband. Tant was presented a gift from the chapter. This was presented to him by his wife, Mrs. Pauline Tant.

Phyllis Parrish was soloist for the ceremony. She sang, "Bless This House."

The dedicatory prayer was given by the Rev. David Daniel, pastor of Zebulon Baptist Church.

The new matron was presented a basket of red carnations, her flower for the year.

Other installing officers were Christine Hopkins, marshal; Leland Simpson, chaplain; and Inez McNabb, organist.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mrs. Bullock was presented a white gavel. This gift was from her family and presented to her by her daughter, Gloria.

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## Wake County Commissioners Ask Library Tax Referendum

The Wake County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to hold a county-wide referendum on the issue of establishing a five-cent special tax for support of the Olivia Rainey Library system. The referendum must be approved by the State Legislature.

The motion came after a letter from the City of Raleigh was received by the County Commissioners which warned that unless Wake County takes over complete support of the library, bookmobile and other support for the county outside Raleigh will be discontinued.

Two commissioners, James Judd of Fuquay and Billy K. Hopkins of Zebulon, voted against asking for the referendum. Commissioner

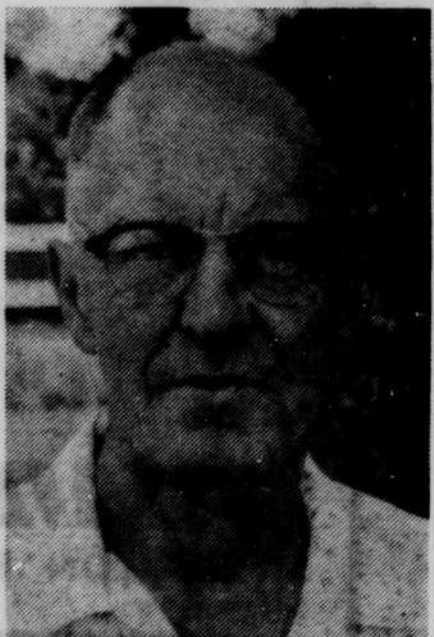
Judd said the election is not necessary, noting that Raleigh presently receives \$146,500 from the County ABC operation and that combining this with the \$83,500 now appropriated by the commissioners for the library would provide all the money the library needs.

William W. Holding III, commissioner from Wake Forest, said approval of a special library tax will mean a 2¢ increase in the County tax rate. At present two cents of the county tax assessment goes for operation of the Olivia Rainey Library, and additional money would be required to replace that presently provided by the City of Raleigh.

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