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Gladys Perry sits beside her bed on which are many of the gifts she and her sister, Lola, who is standing behind her, received Sunday at their housewarming. Gladys has been an arthritic victim since 1946.

## Arthritic Victim, Sister Happy Over New Home

Sunday was a big day for Gladys and Lola Perry. And they were as radiant as the gloriously warm autumn day.

The two sisters had a housewarming. They are now the occupants of a very pretty, neat and comfortable cement block home. And Sunday they beamed with pride in showing it off to the guests who came with gifts and well-wishing.

Gladys was especially happy. An arthritic victim since February of 1946, the new accommodations will mean a great deal to her. Her parents' old home did not have the necessary means for comfort.

Almost completely immobile, Gladys has not become warped or waspish. She possesses one of the most pleasing smiles, her eyes dance with happiness and she can carry on a highly pleasant running conversation, which seldom turns to her affliction.

Her condition is better now than it has been in several months. She can attend to most of her personal needs. She can shell beans and peas, remarking, "I think I was cut out to be a pea sheller."

She likes to sew, having a flair for embroidery and drawn work. Reading is one of her best liked diversions, and she said she is interested in journalism. Her script, too, is lovely.

Stricken with the crippling disease when she was in the eighth grade, Gladys was not able to finish her schooling. She, however, did take some correspondence courses leading to high school graduation but was unable to complete them because she became too enmeshed with them and her doctor advised her to discontinue them. She lacks six units.

Her case history has been studied by skilled medical men at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. She is one of 13 case histories which have been studied by the school physicians, teachers, and laboratory techni-

cians because her case is so unusual.

Gladys said the only odd factors in her case history are she has double first cousins in her family and she drank spring water while growing up.

She has passed the pain stage. The first three years she suffered excruciating pain, but since there is none. It was during that time, too, that she became so drawn.

The pretty petite bird-like woman is 31-years old. She is the daughter of the late W. F. and Sallie P. Perry.

Yes, Gladys and Lola Perry were two happy young women Sunday. And their expressions were radiant as they tore the brightly colored wrapping paper from the many gifts brought by friends and neighbors.

Gladys' heart-shaped face with blue eyes and framed with chestnut brown hair was a picture of ecstasy when she said of their home: "We're so happy, we're so happy. It's ours."

Hostesses for the housewarming were Mrs. Repsie Pearce, Mrs. Mary Scarborough, Mrs. Dorothy Nevilles and Mrs. Mabel Mitchell.

The house is located on Route 1, Youngsville, not far from the Hopkins community.

## Former Minister To Preach Sunday At Baptist Church

A former pastor of Zebulon Baptist Church will conduct the morning service Sunday, it has been announced by church officials. He is the Rev. Carlton Mitchell, now a professor at Wake Forest College.

Dr. John Wayland, interim pastor of the church, will be unable to be present because of other commitments.

## Wakelon School Homecoming Set

Wakelon students and faculty members are busily preparing for the school's annual homecoming festivities to begin on Thursday of next week.

Thursday, October 24, has been designated Black and Gold Day. Black and gold are the school colors and students will wear clothing of these colors on that day.

Thursday night the Monogram Club will sponsor a pep rally. This rally will be in anticipation of the football game on Friday night between the Bulldogs and the Fremont Hi squad.

There will be a parade Thursday afternoon. The time of the parade has not been set. Any business firm or civic organization which wants to have a float in the parade is asked to call Charles Collins, president of the Student Council.

Candidates for homecoming queen will be named by secret ballot next week. The queen will be crowned at half time at the football game. Miss Linda Liles is the reigning queen.

## Rotary Honors Charter Member

A charter member of Zebulon Rotary Club was honored Friday night when the club entertained the wives of the members and members of Wakelon School faculty.

Vaiden Whitley, a charter member of the club and a continuous member since the club's inception in 1932, was presented a citation from the club for his life-long service to the club and community. The presentation was made by L. R. Harrill, Rotary District Governor of District 771.

This was the second presentation of a citation made to a member of the club. The first presentation was made to E. H. Moser, long-time Wakelon principal and educator.

Lester Rose of Raleigh, a former executive secretary of the Raleigh Merchants Association, was the after dinner speaker. He was introduced by Ferd Davis, program chairman.

Approximately 75 persons were present for the affair presided over by President Sidney Eddins and held in the school cafeteria.

## Mayor To Arrive Home Today

Mayor Ed Hales arrives home today (Thursday) after a 15-day European trip.

Mayor Hales and Attorney Foster Finch were among a party of 40 Wake County officials who began the tour September 20. They made stops in Europe and Russia.

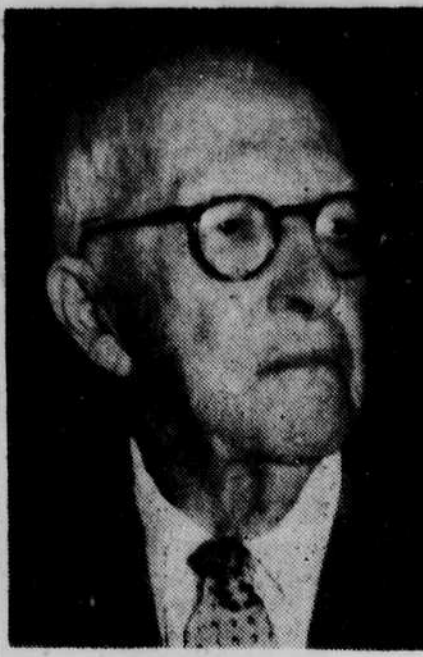
The tour was entitled: Goodwill, People to People Mission.

## FIRST BALE

The first bale of cotton ginned by Zebulon Gin Company for the 1963 season was that owned by Odell High of Route 1, Wendell, according to gin company officials.

The bale was ginned September 12, and graded middling, 1 1/16-inch. High planted Coker 100-A cotton seed.

## Town's Oldest Citizen 95 Years Old Today



Pittman Stell

Today, Thursday, October 10, Pittman Stell of Zebulon is 95 years old. No celebration is planned for the town's oldest citizen.

A retired surveyor, Stell was born in the Wake Cross Roads community of Wake County. He is the son of the late William and Eliza Watkins Stell.

In 1919 he was elected to the position of Wake County surveyor and served in that capacity for 33 years, retiring in 1952. He is the dean of surveyors of Wake County.

At sixteen he became a member of Raleigh's street car drivers. He was the youngest member of the force, and the first driver to haul passengers in the Capital City.

The last two years of his service with the Raleigh street car line was served in the capacity of supervisor of drivers.

Stell became a school teacher after then. He passed the county board examination and secured a job as teacher in a one teacher school at Fowler's Cross Roads. He later taught in schools at Bethany and Hickory Grove in Wake County.

It was while he was teaching at Fowler's Cross Road that he became a friend of the late William B. Fowler, a civil engineer. Stell's imagination was fired by Fowler and under the engineer's guidance Stell learned the art of surveying and map making.

He belongs to Zebulon Baptist Church, and is revered as the church's oldest living member. He also belongs to two fraternal organizations, Zebulon Lodge No. 609 and Wakefield Junior Order.

In 1890 he and Miss Florence Pippin were married. Mrs. Stell died in 1950.

Stell is the father of five children, one son and four daughters. They are Jethro, Mrs. Gladys S. Johnson, Mrs. Daphne S. Duckett, all of Zebulon, Mrs. Lucille S. Shamburger of Richmond, Va., (Continued on Page 6)

## Church Gets Gift Honoring Husband

A Pearce community family recently made a gift of funds for the construction of a covered walk way (breezeway) which will connect the church with the annex building, the pastor, the Rev. Garland L. Foushee, said this week. Mrs. J. W. Perry, Sr. and children donated funds to Pearce Baptist Church for the construction of the project. The approximate 100-foot long walk way will cost about \$4,500.

The gift is in memory of Mrs. Perry's late husband who was a life-long resident of Pearce community, a prominent merchant there, and a member of the church.

The construction of the project is to begin this week, the Rev. Mr. Foushee said.

## Hales Chapel Choir Member Dies; Funeral Held Sunday

A funeral service was held Sunday afternoon for a charter member of Hales Chapel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Ella Price died Saturday morning in Rex Hospital. She had been in declining health for several months. Death was attributed to a heart condition. She was 86-years-old in February.

Mrs. Price was one of the most active members of Hales Chapel Church. She had served the church in several office capacities during her membership.

She was the widow of the late Jimmy P. Price, and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hilliard Hinton. She resided on Route 1, Zebulon.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Robert Lovell, and the Rev. W. C. Barham, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle Church.

The casket was covered with a pall of lavender and white chrysanthemums. Pallbearers were Ray Driver, Percy Driver, Harold Driver, Dwight Driver, Buice Creech and Ashley Creech. The Board of Deacons were honorary pallbearers.

The choir presented, "In the Sweet By and By," "Old Rugged Cross," and "Rock of Ages."



Ella Price

Survivors are three sons, S. V. and G. C. of Wendell, J. E. of Raleigh; three daughters, Mrs. Maybell Eatman of the home, Mrs. John Grogan of North Arlington, N. J., Mrs. John Joyce of Union, N. J.; one sister, Mrs. M. C. Driver of Middlesex; 10 grandchildren, and 10-great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the church cemetery.