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## Sprite Barbee

### Carnie Folks Great

Sprite Barbee has great admiration for people who work with carnivals. His admiration increased when he spent the week of September 14-19 working with them.

"Carnies are great people," Barbee said sincerely. "They are good people, but they are clannish."

Barbee said people who work with carnivals stick together. They must first be certain of you, and if they find you are stable, close-mouthed, true-blue you are "in."

Barbee secured a job as a dishwasher with the main cook house of the carnival that played with the North Carolina State Fair.

"I've never washed so many dishes in my life," Barbee said. "Carnies eat, but they have to because they work so hard. Carnival life is a lot of hard work."

Barbee said he worked from 12 to 15 hours a day. He swished dishes through the sudsy water in jig time. He had to because of the demand for them.

"Christi (the owner of the cook house) could have had more dishes but he didn't. And I didn't even get dish pan hands," he laughed.

Barbee gave an example of the

ravenous appetites of the carnival employees. He said the owner ordered 15 cases of chickens and they were sold out before 11 p.m. Serving began at 9:30 a.m.

Chickens come in cases of 25, and each person was sold a quarter of a chicken.

Even with his long hours, Barbee mingled with the people of the carnival. Yes, he saw all sorts, but he found them all interesting and fascinating.

"Many have vices, if you call drinking and doping vices. But they get tired and take a little nip after the show. The life is exhausting. It drains everything out of you."

Barbee considers his week with the carnies a great experience. He considers it an experience most any health inspector ought to undergo. He has been associated with the health department in the past.

Christi's cook house left for Augusta, Ga., Sunday following the close of the fair. The owner was eager that Barbee go with the unit.

"I decided I couldn't. That type of work is seasonal, and I explained to Christi that I reckoned I had better go on back to Zebulon. He was understanding, and I took my pay and left."

Barbee ended the interview with a sincere note. He admires carnies folks. They are sincere with each other, fair and square, and very clannish.

"And look," he exclaimed, "no dish pan hands after a week of washing umpteen dishes."

### Low Rent Units Completed Here

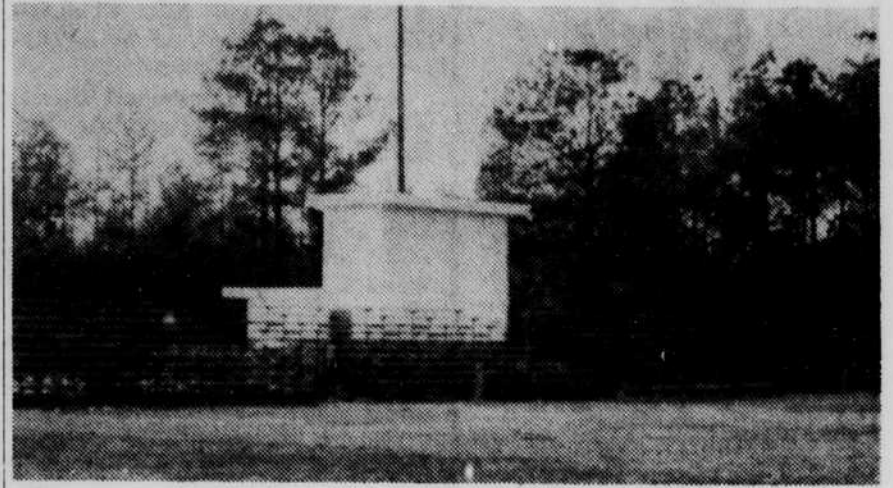
Applications for low cost rental units recently completed by the Wake County Housing Authority in Zebulon will be taken soon, according to Melvin J. Massey, executive director.

Accommodations for both white and non-white units have been constructed by the Authority. The white units are located on the old fair ground property and the non-white units are across from Devil Dog Manufacturing Co.

Application blanks may be secured from Massey as soon as he receives them. Massey said the blanks are being printed now.

Final notice of the time and place where applications may be made will be in *The Record*, Massey said.

Massey said occupancy of the units is expected to be December 1.



### Jaycees Erect Bleachers On Wakelon Football Field

The idea was suggested, and the Jaycees went to work.

At a board of directors meeting of the Zebulon Junior Chamber of Commerce on August 7 someone expressed the opinion that Wakelon School athletic field needed new bleachers, concession stand, press box and rest rooms.

No sooner than the opinion was expressed the Jaycees went into action. A committee was named and the work was started with all members pitching in to do his share.

Funds were solicited from merchants and individuals of the town. The goal of \$800 for the equipment was obtained in short order.

It was decided by the civic club, after a tour of other county facilities, to build the unit 18x18x18, centering the grid iron field. The plans were presented to and approved by local school board mem-

bers with recommendations that the building be of concrete block and the bleachers of steel construction.

After the approval of the plans by the local school board, the plans were sent to Wake County Schools Superintendent Fred Smith. Smith approved the plans and informed the club that the bleachers and materials for the building would be supplied by the county if the club would supply the man power for construction.

The approximate cost of the entire project passes the \$8,000 mark, newly elected Jaycee President Bruce Creekmore said. He added that money left over from the construction cost was put into the school's athletic fund.

"Wakelon School has one of the best facilities in the county as far as bleachers, concession stand, press box and rest rooms for an athletic field is concerned," Creekmore said. "Our thanks go to the support of the people, local school board, county school board, and civic clubs."

### Farm Auxiliary Meeting Set

The Farm Bureau women will have their November meeting next Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Building of the Wakelon School. Miss Mary Lacy Palmer will give a demonstration on making coat-hanger baskets and pictures. Members who want to make one should bring their materials.

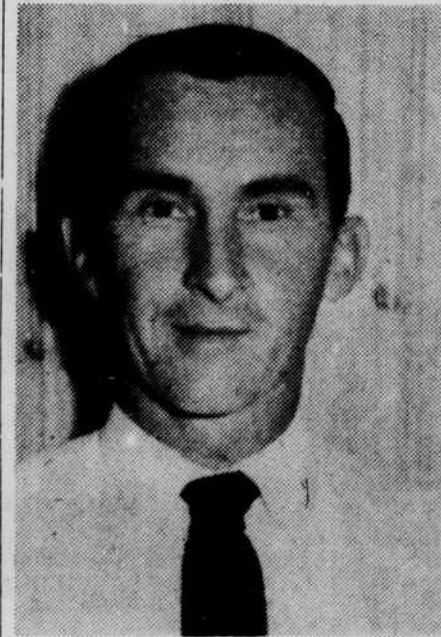
### To Organize Girl Scouts

An organizational meeting of a Junior Girl Scout Troop for Zebulon community will be held November 13, Mrs. Ruric Gill, Jr., leader, announced this week.

Parent consent forms have been passed out to interested girls who are within the age qualifications. Approximately 70 girls asked for forms.

Mrs. Gill said indications are that interest in the Scout Troop is running very high. She added that both she and Mrs. Frank Wall, another leader, are very pleased that such interest among the girls is shown.

The meeting will be held at the Lions Club building beginning at 3:30. This will be one of four informational meetings the girls must undertake before they become Scouts.



A. G.



Vonnie Anne



Margaret

## Young Couple With Retarded Child Feel It's No Disgrace

"You just can't tell the feeling you have," A. G. Creech said.

"You can't understand until you're faced with it," Margaret Creech added.

Mr. and Mrs. Creech were speaking of the moment they were told their child was mentally retarded.

Vonnie Anne, the young couple's first child, is now at Caswell School in Kinston. She has been at the school for the past three years.

"It was hard to part with her," A. G. said. "We hadn't fully made up our minds, even though everything was in readiness, when we went down to take Vonnie Anne. But the minute we walked through the door, something came over us. We decided then and there that this was the right thing to do."

And they haven't regretted the decision for one second.

"It is the best thing we could have ever done for Vonnie Anne," A. G. said.

"We know now that Vonnie Anne's future will be better, and she will have a better future," Margaret said.

They feel that were she not in the school which is giving their daughter the very best training she might be a burden to herself and society in years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Creech were told that their daughter was mentally retarded when she was about three years old. She was slow in walking, some past three years. And she was slow in talking. They were advised to take her to Duke Hospital and there they learned of

Vonnie Anne's condition.

The couple were shocked, to say the least. Vonnie Anne was their first child, and at that time their only child. The shock of learning their daughter's brain was impaired and that she would be a semi-invalid for life took a long

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### Middlesex School PTA B-B-Cue Supper

Middlesex School PTA will sponsor a chicken and pork barbecue supper Friday, November 22. The supper will begin at 5 p.m. Following the supper a basketball game between Middlesex and Corinth-Holders School will be held. Tickets for the benefit supper are now on sale.

### Resident's Son Gets Promotion

John Gordon received an appointment in September from the governor of Alaska to head the state's Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The 32-year-old Zebulon native has been in Alaska for five years. He was associated with the state's public school system at Point Barrow prior to his recent appointment.

His wife, the former Wilma James of Highlands, was also a teacher in the public school system.

Gordon holds B.A., and M.A. degrees from Appalachian State Teachers College. He is the son of Mrs. Bessie Gordon of Zebulon and the late W. O. Gordon.

The couple are the parents of four children, Nancy, 10; Sabrina, 6; Dana Brooks, 4; and Johnny, 2. They reside in Bethel, Alaska.

### Lions To Have All Night Sing

Zebulon Lions are sponsors of another all-night sing, it was announced this week. The gospel singing event will be held Saturday night, November 9, in Wakelon School auditorium.

Three quartets will be featured on the program which starts at 8 o'clock. Appearing will be the Dixie Melody Quartet of Durham, the Craftsman Quartet of Wilson and the Baker Quartet of Zebulon.

The Lions sponsored an all-night gospel sing on September 28 which was considered very successful, according to a member of the club.

At a recent club meeting, Lion members voted to contribute \$50 to Wakelon Band Boosters Club, \$304 to the White Cane Drive, and \$114 to the Boys' Home at Lake Waccamaw. This Boys' Home is a project undertaken by all North Carolina Lions, and was constructed at a cost of approximately \$65,000.

### MONEY FOR ZEBULON!

The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare yesterday approved a grant of \$55,670.00 in Federal funds to assist in construction of a sewage disposal plant for Zebulon. Congressman Harold Cooley telegraphed the news to Mayor Ed Hales. Total cost for the plans is estimated at \$185,600.00.