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## Mrs. Maggie Creech

### Celebrates 84th Birthday

On September 17, Maggie Creech celebrated her 84th birthday.

"I don't know what to attribute my long life," this charming elderly resident of Zebulon said. "I have tried to live right, do right, and eat right."

Mrs. Creech broke into a tinkly laugh and added that she had two aunts who lived to be around 100 years old. One was married and one was an old maid, she said, if that means anything.

Mrs. Creech married Ransom R. Creech of the Antioch community of Johnston County when she was 23 years old. Creech was a handsome 35-year-old widower with six children.

"You know widowers," she said, sort of shyly. "When they decide to marry somebody they don't waste any time."

Her husband was a big land owner in the Antioch section.

"I some times worked in the fields," Mrs. Creech said. "I had rather do that than cook. I never liked to cook, although I've done my share of it. My husband always had hands to cook for, fodder pullers and cotton pickers."

In 1908 the family moved to Zebulon. She said the late Dr. Z. M. Caviness urged Mr. Creech to come here so the children would have access to the schools.

Mr. Creech became the manager of the cotton seed oil mill in Zebulon when he and his family moved here. He held that position until his retirement.

Her husband died February 8, 1930, at the age of 64.

She said she has had a lot to put up with since she became a widow, "but I got through with it." She doesn't think widows ought to remarry "unless they are very sure."

Mrs. Creech enjoys television very much. She said she is by herself so much she finds a lot of comfort in watching television. She has no favorite programs but enjoys immensely the afternoon soap operas and night programs.

She has liked to read but her eyes now prevent her from reading very much. However, she does read a daily newspaper, thereby keeping up with happenings.

"Lordy, yes, I've crocheted," Mrs. Creech said. "I've made two bedspreads, beautiful ones which I gave to my two daughters-in-law. When I could see better, every



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time I sat down I picked up my crocheting."

Mrs. Creech adamantly declared that she doesn't approve of women smoking. "I don't like to see a woman with a cigarette hanging from her mouth all the time."

However, Mrs. Creech likes her snuff. "I use plain snuff. Then I mix it with half flour. It makes me swimmy-headed if I use it straight," she laughed.

Mrs. Creech told of trying to learn to drive an automobile. She said after the death of her husband she decided she needed to know how to drive. A neighbor, Mrs. Bernice Bunn, volunteered to teach her.

"I got so I could hold the car in the road," Mrs. Creech said. "But I decided driving was too much work, so I gave it up for a bad job."

Mrs. Creech said she has no middle name. "It's just Maggie." A relative put Belle to her name but she wouldn't have it. "I thought Maggie Belle sounded terrible."

She was born just four miles this side of Wilson. Her parents were James and Mahalie Mercer Montgomery. She is the oldest of five children of the farm couple.

As she has said, she never liked to cook. When a young lady at home her sisters and mother did the cooking and she did other

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## Guidance Director Speaks to PTA

Frank Sullivan, Wake County guidance director, appeared before the Wendell School PTA and discuss "testing." This concluded the study course being held at the school for parents and faculty members.

Grading was discussed at the first study course session. Four members of the faculty, Mrs. Joe High, Mrs. Marsh Knott, Miss Gladys Baker and Mrs. Leo Horton, served on this panel program.

Mrs. High explained how students were graded in grades one through three. She said that each child is graded on an individual basis according to the child's ability, this being determined by a readiness test as well as observations made by the teacher.

For report card purposes, Mrs. High said grades "S," "I," and "U," are used. "S" is satisfactory and means that the child is working with his full ability; "I" means that the child is showing improvement but not working according to his ability; and "U" means that the child's work is unsatisfactory.

Mrs. Knott, fourth grade teacher, and Miss Baker, seventh-eighth grades teacher, explained grading systems used in grades four through eight. With slight variations they said that grades for each report card period are based on daily tests and homework counting one-third, oral and/or board work counting one-third, and big tests or six-week tests counting one-third.

The grading scale falls into five categories: A-93/100, B-85/92, C-77/84, D-70/76, and E, below 70. A is superior, B is above average, C is average, D is below average and E is failure.

Mrs. Horton told the group she determines grades for her business students on weekly grades which count approximately three-fourths and the six-week tests which count one-fourth.

The final session was held Wednesday night, November 20, at 7:45 o'clock in the school auditorium.

## Union Service

A community-wide Thanksgiving observance will be held Wednesday, November 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Zebulon Methodist Church, the Rev. Pierce Layfield, pastor, announced this week.

Dr. John Wayland, interim pastor of Zebulon Baptist Church, will be the speaker.

The Rev. Mr. Layfield extends an invitation to the community to be present at this Thanksgiving observance service.

## Dentist Named Heart Head

Dr. L. M. Massey has been named president of the Wake County Heart Association, according to Dr. Ralph S. Morgan of Sylva, president of the North Carolina Heart Association. Dr. Massey, a dentist, is serving his third term as president of the Association. He is chairman of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees at Meredith College and is active in many civic organizations.

## President's Death Saddens Community

Like the rest of the world, Zebulon and the surrounding communities went into a state of shock

and disbelief Friday after learning of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The news spread like wild fire, and folks scurried to radios or television sets. Many of them have been glued to their sets since then, somewhat tired of seeing and hearing the events but unable to tear themselves away.

The following comments were made to this newspaper concerning the tragedy:

### COMMENTS

Mrs. Bessie Gordon: When I heard it it made my blood run cold. It's the worst thing that could ever happen to us.

Mrs. Avon Privette: I still can't talk about it without crying.

Mrs. Foster Finch: It's one of the most depressing things. He was such a promising young man.

Mrs. Elmer Finch: I was watching television when I heard it. I was shocked so I couldn't think straight.

Mrs. Lala Bell: I was looking at television. I heard the first flash. It made me feel mighty bad. I just couldn't believe it.

Mrs. Osborn Wilder, teacher in Corinth-Holders School: I didn't learn it until the close of school, 3:20. Another teacher told me, and I couldn't believe it. I was just floored. No, my students didn't know about it, so I can't tell of their reactions.

Mrs. Rochelle Malone, third grade teacher in Shepard School: (Continued on Page 4)

## Closed

The printing firm of Theo. Davis Sons will be closed Thursday through Sunday so that its employees may enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays. The firm wishes its many friends and customers an enjoyable holiday season.

## More Books Arrive; Library Room Needed

American Legion Auxiliary members are still very desirous of securing better accommodations for the local library. The Auxiliary are sponsors of the community library.

Mrs. Melvin Lanier, librarian, said at the last meeting of the Auxiliary the library was discussed and members exhausted every available building where the library might be moved.

"We even talked of having a fund drive to construct a library building," Mrs. Lanier said. "This thought, however, was abandoned since we are such a small club and didn't know whether we could get the support of the community or not."

Only recently \$80 worth of new books have arrived. These books were ordered from funds donated by Zebulon Rotary Club. These new books have been catalogued and some are already in the hands of readers.

Mrs. Lanier said there are about 1,500 volumes in the library now.

Mrs. Lanier was asked if the local library may at some time become affiliated with Olivia Raney leading library of Raleigh. She said that Mrs. Raymond Pippin is working on this project. The project was started once before then abandoned. Mrs. Lanier spoke hopefully that the local library may become affiliated with the Raleigh library.

The latest shipment of books includes: Munari's ABC, Cricket in Times Square, Hi, Mister Robin, Fun Encyclopedia, Champion of World Peace, Lust for Life and Stories from the Bible.

## Approximately 500 People Attend Bank Ceremonies

Approximately 500 persons from Eastern North Carolina attended informal opening ceremonies Friday night, Nov. 22, of Peoples Bank & Trust Co. here.

Dignitaries, patrons and friends of the bank were shown the approximately \$50,000 renovation which the bank has undergone during the last six months.

Cashier Robert D. Massey said: "I was very pleased with the turnout of persons who came for the opening. I think it was a big success."

The local branch of Peoples Bank & Trust Co., established here in September, 1935, has some of the most modern banking facilities to be found anywhere. The bank supports modern equipment and qualified personnel, Massey said.

Deposits since the establishment of the branch here have increased substantially to warrant such a renovation, Massey said. He was not at liberty to reveal the local branch's deposits.

Besides Massey, the personnel includes Horace Gay, assistant cashier; Jimmy Medlin, George Massey, Jr., and Mrs. Carrie Martin, tellers; Mrs. Jane Pearce, proof department; and Miss Sarah Eaton and Mrs. Peggy Murray,

bookkeepers.

The Board of Managers are C. V. Whitley, Avon Privette and M. J. Sexton. Whitley also serves on the Board of Directors with the home office which is located in Rocky Mount.

Peoples Bank & Trust Co. here is one of 11 branches. W. W. Shaw of Rocky Mount is president of the firm; W. H. Stanley, executive vice president; and Dudley Harper, cashier.

Ladies attending the open house were presented corsages, and every person attending was given souvenirs. Bank personnel and their wives were in charge of receiving, gifts and refreshments.

Refreshments were lime ice punch, ham biscuits, cakes and coffee.

Winners of the door prizes were Mrs. Evelyn Creech, portable television set; Mrs. Howard Beck, Gerald Beck, J. L. Edwards and Claud Dunn, each a turkey.

Massey said there were guests from Henderson, Bunn, Louisburg, Spring Hope, Wendell, Middlesex, Pinetops and Rocky Mount.

The bank, encased in its new modern exterior, is located at the corner of Arendell Avenue and Vance Street.



INGATHERING SERVICE . . . The Craftsman Quartet of Wilson will appear at the Hales Chapel Baptist Church ingathering service Wednesday night, Nov. 27. Old time gospel music will be featured by the quartet. The Rev. Robert Lovell, pastor, will deliver the message. All members and friends of the church are invited to attend this service which begins at 7:45 p.m.

# Christmas Parade Monday, Dec. 9