

JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

—BY—
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There is one thing that has puzzled me a long time. I can't figure out to save my life why the farmers are mad with the tobacco-buying companies for prices being paid for tobacco, or with the cotton-buying people for prices being paid for cotton, or with the other-crop-buying people for the prices being paid for other crops.

When the tobacco companies sell their cigarettes to the wholesalers, do they go to the wholesalers and ask them: "Now looka here, Mr. Wholesaler, we'd like to know how much you'll pay us for our cigarettes and cigars this year?"

Not by a long shot!

When the firm that buys the farmers' cotton and makes cotton cloth out of it gets ready to sell that cloth does a representative of that firm go to the jobber or distributor and say: "Mr. Jobber, I've got some nice cotton cloth to sell this year. How much will you give me for it?"

No, indeed. Both the tobacco companies and the cotton companies fix the prices paid for their goods. The same thing applies to corn, potatoes and other crops.

The farmer, however, don't do that. He goes to the tobacco companies and says: "I'm going to have some nice tobacco for you this fall. Please fix the price for me and make it just as good as you possibly can."

And then Mr. Farmer gets mad because the price ain't what he thinks it ought to be.

If he doesn't like the price, then why doesn't he do a little price-fixing on his own hook?—I'll tell you why. Because he isn't organized.

He ought to know dog-gone well that the tobacco people are looking out for their own interests before considering his interests; that the potato people are in business to make money, regardless of whether the farmer makes any or not, and that he same rule applies with every thing else he raises and sells.

If Mr. Farmer were to exchange places with those people, he'd do exactly as they are doing. Probably he'd do a whole lot worse. It's foolish to blame folks for doing what on, yourself would do under the circumstances. The solution of the problem is to fix things so that the other fellow will have to do as you do.

And that means organization.

Consumers Exchange Moves

The Consumer's Exchange which for some time has occupied the J. E. H. building opposite the Zebulon rug Co's place has moved to theerry building. They occupy the sole ground floor under the city hall.

Mr. John I. White of Nashville is associated with Mr. T. M. Conn in the operation of the business. The Record considers Zebulon fortunate in having Mr. White as a citizen. He was a classmate of the Editor's years ago at Wake Forest—we will not say how many—and we welcome him to our aggressive community. For a number of years Mr. White taught school, but later entered the business world. On account of his children, he will move to Zebulon till the schools close in Nashville.

Names On Quilt

Last spring the members of the Wakefield Home Demonstration club utilized a nice sum from making a quilt on which were embroidered initials of those who paid ten cents for this honor. Mr. S. G. Thomas gave a nice lining for the quilt, and in December it was tacked and then sent to The Mills Home in Thomasville. The following is from

Harris House In Wakefield Burns

The Harris home place at Wakefield was burned last Sunday night about 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Ed. Bunn saw the flames and sent his son James to give the alarm. The building contained about eight rooms and was a complete loss. Owing to the stillness of the air, near-by property escaped. The origin of the fire is not known.

R. L. Harper occupied one room in the dwelling and had his household furniture stored in other rooms. This was a complete loss. Mr. Harper could not be found after the fire and great anxiety was manifested for his safety. Many believed he had perished in the fire. It was with considerable relief to the community when he made his appearance about noon. It seems that he had gone a-visiting down Mur-raytown way and did not know of the loss till he reached Wakefield.

Would-Be Robbers

On last Sunday night as Zebulon's Night Hawk policeman, Mr. Tharrington, was on his rounds, when near Harvey Strickland's pressing club, he saw a car go by. When near William's tire shop, some one jumped off the car, and started back towards the club building. They passed on up the street. Policeman Tharrington kept in the back ground as much as possible, as the man approached the door with a heavy crow bar in his hand. He was ordered to halt, and submitted.

The officer waited, thinking the car would round the block soon, which it did and stopped near the building. He arrested two more young men and carried all before the mayor, Mr. L. L. Massey. Our "guests" proved to be a young man from Selma and two from Wendell. They seem to already have had a "record." After reprimanding them, Mr. Massey turned them loose.

NEW STORE

Mr. John R. Baker of Spring Hope has opened a general store in the Phillips building on main street. Mr. Baker has other stores at Spring Hope, Bailey, Nashville and Taylor's Cross Roads.

Mr. Clarence M. Hocutt, who formerly lived in Zebulon, is manager of the local store, and says they expect to carry a full line of groceries and dry goods, and hope to serve the public in a way to please.

A Live Church Organization

One of the finest organizations in Zebulon is the B. Y. P. U. of the local Baptist church. They meet every Sunday evening at 6:15, thirty minutes before preaching service. Miss Velma Pressler, of the Wakelon school faculty is director, and that popular young man, J. W. Hill, is president. About thirty young people gather at the church every Sunday afternoon in these meetings.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The meeting of the American Home Department of the Woman's club was not held on Tuesday as planned, but was postponed till a later date, which will be announced.

Coach Emerson of Wake Forest College has introduced what is called the "Kokomo" system of playing basketball. Just what type of play this new style will exemplify is not known. The Deacon squad has been working behind closed doors since the season opened. Their first game will be tonight with Duke in the University gymnasium.

Johnston county farmers are increasing their acreage to what this season with the expectation of raising a home supply of bread.

a letter to Mrs. T. B. Davis, from Miss Eulalia Turner, lady manager of the orphanage:

"The quilt came all right. I want to thank you and the Home Demonstration club for remembering us in such a fine way. Please thank every one that had a part in this gift. I assure them it was much appreciated."

MEETING PLACE CHANGED

The Wakefield Missionary Society met at the church on Monday afternoon. Mrs. D. D. Chamblee was in charge of the program. It was decided to hold the regular meetings in the church during this year, instead of in the homes of members. Mrs. Wiley Perry will have charge of the program for February 8th.

A Dangerous Thing!

Mr. S. A. Lee, manager of the local office of the Carolina Power and Light Company calls attention to the dangerous practice of people, especially children, of throwing wire and other objects across power lines. A man came in a few days and reported a wire across the line near Pilot. Had this not been reported, the wire would soon have burned in two, the power line have fallen to the highway and perhaps some one would be killed.

Parents should caution their children against such practice. The power company may be able to stand the loss of a broken line, the people may be able to get along for a while in the dark, but if a child or other person gets killed by coming into contact with a live wire, nothing can restore life or compensate for its loss.

Good Program At Colored School

There will be a program given at the colored school building Jan. 12th. The program will be sponsored by the colored welfare workers of this community. The program will consist of music, reading and folk dances. There will also be special music featuring Mrs. James Higgs of Raleigh.

Arrangements will be made for the White people. Admission 10c.

(We had the pleasure of attending a program by our colored friends sometime ago. We have paid several times the admission charged at other times the admission charged at other times and found less profit and pleasure. Let the white people patronize this entertainment, get a good evening's recreation and help a worthy object—Editor.)

Stedman Named O'Berry's Successor

Governor Gardner has named John P. Stedman, Raleigh banker, to fill out the unexpired term of State Treasurer Nathan O'Berry who died early Wednesday morning. Mr. Stedman is 37 years old, a member of the American Legion, and vice-president of the North Carolina Bank and Trust Co., being in charge of its Raleigh unit.

Rotary To Help

At the regular meeting of the local Rotary club this week, plans were discussed for providing assistance for the needy. A special committee consisting of Dr. Chas. E. Flowers, C. H. Chamblee, A. V. Medlin, Avon Privett and W. P. Lewis, was appointed to devise ways and means of helping the jobless.

A number of suggestions were offered. One was that people who burn coal substitute wood wherever possible. This would give the country people an opportunity to cut and sell more wood and perhaps also give some jobless man some work. The committee is working on others plans and will offer them to the public as they perfect them.

This is a practical move on the part of the Rotarians. We hope others have good suggestions to relieve need and distress, and the Record will gladly publish any suggestions along this line and cooperate in carrying them out.

LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN

One good-nice-gray house cat who went by the name of Tweedles. She was a dog-like cat, visiting neighbors with the family, and running to meet home-comers. She started to church Sunday night and failed to arrive. ~~Kindly please deliver to the Davises and receive—Thanks!~~

P. S. The cat has been found. N. B. It pays to advertise!

SEEN AND HEARD

A crowd of men gathered before a large window intently gazing inward for a moment, and then one after another, without a word, turning and walking slowly away. Only one thing will make men look and leave like that. If you have never seen that look then at the next funeral you attend, observe. Nothing else in all the world will bring that blank, helpless stare. It not only levels lives but looks as well. There is no answer to the unspoken plea. A look at death may not satisfy but it silences.

A crowd gathered around the smouldering embers of a burned house, talking in a low murmur. "I wonder, 'Do you reckon?' 'Is it possible?' 'Isn't it terrible if—?' 'I do hope he is not—,' is heard.

One stops to look under that crumpled gray metal. Another pokes into a heap of ashes and plaster. Others scan the ruins for anything that would suggest a human bone.

And all this time the one sought is miles away all unconscious of the interest and concern of the searchers. And when he does arrive, the people stare, and then sigh. How easily may a burden be lifted—if it is lifted.

BIG EGG CONTEST

Here's your chance. To stimulate interest in egg production and poultry raising, the Record will give a year's subscription to the person bringing in the largest hen egg within the next thirty days. A record will be kept of the exact weight of each egg brought, and at the end of the contest the winner will be announced through the columns of the Record.

Feed your hens, folks, and make them lay—Yes, lay big eggs! Your bantam may win.

A car load of mules was shipped from Zebulon on Wednesday to Bayboro by W. C. Campen.

Herbert F. Alford has taken a position with the Citizen's Drug Co.

CHANEY WHITLEY DIES

TAKES OWN LIFE

Chaney W. Whitley, popular young man of Zebulon committed suicide early Monday morning (Jan. 4.) by shooting himself through the head. Whitley fired the shot sometime between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. while alone in the Mizelle Motor Company.

Coroner L. M. Waring investigated the case and said no inquest would be necessary.

Whitley, who was 27 years of age, left three sealed letters. One was addressed to his sister, one to his brother and the other to his sweetheart. Friends were at a loss to explain why he committed the act. Contents of the three letters were not made public.

Lumus Carpenter, a Negro workman, discovered Whitley's body in the showroom of the Mizelle Motor Company when he arrived for work around 7 o'clock. Whitley's right hand was holding a .32 calibre revolver.

Whitley was very popular here, where his family has prominent connections. His sister, Mrs. E. D. Massey and a half-brother, Dr. Herbert Bailey of Fort Hancock, N. J. survive him.

The young man had recently visited his brother in New Jersey and a good position was awaiting him there. He had returned to visit his sister in Zebulon during the holidays.—News and Observer.

The funeral service of Mr. Whitley was held from the home of E. D. Massey, his brother-in-law, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor of the Zebulon Baptist church, had charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. E. H. Davis, former pastor of the local Methodist church. Interment was in the Zebulon cemetery.

The Record extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives of this quiet, likable young man.

A large number of people from the community and elsewhere were present at the funeral. Among the out of town people were Baylus Whitley, Siler City, Dr. Ernie Bell, Wilson, Atty. Burdon Bell, Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Whitley, Rocky Mount, J. P. Baker, Wendell, and Dr. and Mrs. K. H. Bailey, Fort Hancock, N. J.

Recorder's Court

The local Recorder's Court did a full day's business Wednesday. Below the Record gives a digest of cases passed on.

Chester Rayburn—charge, larceny; found guilty; given four months on the roads.

Calvin Nowell—charge: Operating a car while under the influence of liquor; not guilty.

Clyde Barrum—charge: Larceny; found guilty; given four months on the roads.

Coster Rayburn—charge: Highway robbery; bound over to Superior court.

Maggie Murphy—charge: Concealing stolen property; sent to jail for thirty days.

P.-T. A. MEETING

The P.-T. A. will meet Tuesday evening, the 12th., at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Roy E. Wilder of Spring Hope, the P.-T. A. district president will be the speaker of the evening. The subject of her talk will be, "The Children's Charter," which will be an interesting discussion of the work that the P.-T. A. is trying to do for the children. It is said that Mrs. Wilder has an unusually charming personality, and it is hoped that every one who possibly can, whether a member of the P.-T. A. or not, will come to hear her.

The finance committee is planning to give a community chautauqua in the near future, the proceeds from which will be used for the welfare work of the P.-T. A.

The grade mothers will meet at seven o'clock. The subject will be: "Concerning Older Children: The Gang Age." All mothers interested are invited to be present.

A group of Chatham county farmers sold 12,000 pounds of turkeys for 19 cents a pound during December.

TO OUR READERS:

With this issue of the Record I assume the editorial and news management of the paper. In the past, it has filled an important place in the life of the community, giving in its news columns the things of public interest and concern. In its advertising columns, it has tried truthfully to tell the public where things they needed could be bought. For this service the Record received a reasonable compensation in subscription and ad charges and was thus enabled to continue serving the people.

In the future we shall strive to make each number of the paper better than the preceding. We shall strive to get and give all the worthwhile news of the community and surrounding territory. We are introducing a general news feature in which we shall try to give those who do not take a daily paper, the most important general news. We shall stand for every social, moral and commercial interest for the people's welfare. The paper will not be political, but as far as possible it will stand for men and principles regardless of political parties.

Please look this copy of the

Record over. If you like it, if you believe we need it to hold and build our community life, and believe it will help you to the extent of one dollar, then send us the dollar and we will send you the paper for full nine months. Or, if you do not have the dollar, then send us your name and address on a postal and we will send you the paper till October first and let you pay then.

If you are already a subscriber and are in arrears, we would appreciate such payment as possible. If you are "broke" like the rest of us, and don't want to miss our weekly visits, tell us, and we will keep coming till a better day, or till all go under together.

Give us the news—every sort of news. Whatever is of interest to you, will be of interest to somebody else.

Though a preacher, we will not preach at you. However, we shall try to give you a clean, moral uplifting paper—one that every member of the family may read without taint. Give us your support and we pledge our best to make the Record the best small town paper in the State.

Yours to serve,
Theo. B. Davis, Editor.