

JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

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It really was—to say the least—extremely embarrassing.

You see, it happened at about five o'clock last Sunday afternoon, I was sitting in the living room, twiddling my thumbs. As a thumb-twiddler, I really am an expert. Most folks go in for plain twiddling, but I put a lot of variations to my twiddling. For instance, sometimes, I'll twiddle real slowly, like this:—t w i d d l e. Then, all of a sudden, I'll speed up and go fast like this:—twiddle. Absolutely, I can twiddle forwards like this—twiddle, or I can do it backwards, like this—elddiwt. You ought to see me sometime.

However, twiddling wasn't what I intended to tell you about. I was sitting in the living room when all of a sudden I had a notion that I'd like some oysters. So I grabbed up a large galvanized bucket out on the back porch, threw it into the car and drove down to the docks, where the oyster-boats were tied up.

I bought a quarter's worth—put the bucket out on the running board. Then I headed back for home.

Driving along main street, I got to thinking about something else and forgot all about the oysters. I reckon maybe I was driving a little too rapidly. Anyway, I suddenly heard an outrageous racket. Something like this—brumperash—bing bang—clatter. I stopped the car and stuck my head out of the window to see what had happened.

The bucket had fallen off the running board. It and the oysters were scattered along the street for half a block. I drew the car up alongside the curb, got out and retrieved the bucket. Then I started gathering up the oysters.

That's where the embarrassment came in.

Have you ever had a galvanized bucket in your hand on a Sunday afternoon and gone oystering on the principal business street of your town? I never had either. When I started out, Main street was in the midst of its Sunday afternoon quiet. Before I had picked up a dozen oysters, I believe half the town was watching proceedings.

People, riding by in automobiles, looked out of their cars, saw me out in the middle of the street gathering up oysters, and gasped. Some of them more than gasped: they made a lot of sarcastic and uncalled-for comments. Quite a crowd gathered on the sidewalk and offered remarks which were intended to be encouraging but which were entirely out of place. And then some smart alecks speeded up their cars and headed straight for me, blowing their horns to beat all get-out. They kept me jumping from one side of the street to the other. I'd pick up an oyster and then I'd jump a jump. Sometimes I'd have to make two jumps to get one oyster. One guy, in an old Model-T Ford, almost got me. I wish you could have seen that jump. He almost got the oysters, too.

When I get my mind set on anything, though, I usually go through with it. I made up my mind that I'd get those oysters if it was the last thing I did, so I kept right on picking them up. And I got them, too, all except those which were crushed beneath the tires of passing automobiles. I got some of those too—I got the juice spattered all over my pants.

I was never so glad to get a thing over with in all my life. Hereafter, when I get an inspiration like that on Sunday afternoon I'm going to stick to my twiddling. That, at least, is a peaceful occupation and one which can be pursued without causing a lot of excitement and fuss.

CLUB HONOR ROLL

At the meeting of the Woman's Club on Tuesday it was decided to prepare and hang in the club room an Honor Roll of all members whose dues are paid to date. This will not be prepared before Feb. 1st.

Miss Palmer's Father Dies

Dr. R. W. Palmer, prominent physician and well known citizen of Gulf, died at his home last Thursday of heart disease.

He was the father of Miss Mary Lacy Palmer, teacher of Home Economics at Wakelon. Miss Palmer was called home Wednesday by the illness of her father.

The sympathy of our community is extended to our efficient and popular teacher and to the other members of her family.

DEATH OF MRS. FULLER

Sunday evening at seven o'clock, Mrs. Lula Fuller died at the home of her brother, Ed. Bunn, about two miles south of Zebulon. Mrs. Fuller had been ill for six weeks, having pneumonia at first which went into other complications. The funeral service was conducted at Hales Chapel Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Theo. B. Davis. A very large number of people gathered at the church to pay their respect for Mrs. Fuller and express their sympathy to the relatives.

She leaves four brothers, one sister, and four daughters to grieve her departure: Messrs. Ivan, Will, Ed. and Alva Bunn, brothers; Mrs. Henly Hinton, sister; Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Perriott, of Ga., Ms. Chamblee and Miss Elmore Fuller, sisters, of Zebulon. Mrs. Fuller was raised in this section, but a number of years ago, with her family moved to Waycross, Ga., where she lived till about a year ago. Since that time she has made her home with her relatives in Johnston county. She was a good christian woman and will be missed by those who knew her. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones.

Union Hope News

Mrs. B. T. Batchelor and Miss Crana Strickland are visiting Mrs. P. M. White of Roxboro, N. C., this week.

Mrs. G. B. Strickland and children were visitors at Mr. Bob Stallings Sunday.

Mr. L. A. Hagwood is improving after having a serious operation. We hope he will soon be able to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Williams were visitors at Mr. Lloyd Brantley's Sunday night.

Mr. M. T. Bachelor and Mr. Barlie Brantley have lost nearly all their meat. It was killed during the warm spell.

Mr. W. B. Murray is still going to see the widow, Mrs. W. A. Brantley. Mrs. G. W. Atkinson was a visitor at Mr. W. B. Brantley's Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murray motored to Raleigh Tuesday evening.

To our surprise Mr. L. C. Strickland is building a tobacco barn. We hope he will not add to his crops, but reduce to one-half.

A large crowd attended Sunday school last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemmie Massey of Pilot were visitors at Mrs. L. J. Massey's Sunday.

Whose prosperity has brought me to this:

Having to chew old field twist?
It's bitter, it's bad,
And it makes me mad;
But it isn't any use,
It gets in my tooth.
I spit, but can't see any juice.

It makes me blue, sure I am back-ed;
But it don't keep me from wanting a chew of manufact.

W. B. Murray.

SHRUBBERY CONTRIBUTED

The Continental Plant Co., of Kittrell has given the Wakefield Home Demonstration Club 14 handsome shrubs for foundation planting around the club house. They have been set out and are greatly appreciated. The collection includes nandinas, ligustrum, junipers, and other shrubs. Mrs. C. M. Rhodes brought them from Kittrell.

OLDEST W. F. C. ALUMNUS

Pres. Kitchin of Wake Forest College has announced that the oldest living alumnus of the college is Henry D. Fowler, a native of Wake Co., now living in Paducah, California. Col. Fowler was a member of the class of 1857, and will be 100 years old in February.

Local Store Catches Fire

About 1:45 Sunday morning the local fire siren sounded and those awakened, rushed to the business section of the town, the location of the fire. C. E. Pippin, who roomed in the Robertson building, awoke from sleep, "smelling fire." He rushed out of doors, yelling fire. Mr. Tharrington, the watchman, not far away heard the cry, and sent in the alarm. He then raced to the fire house, and speeded the fire truck to main street, and when the volunteer fire fighting force arrived, he had everything in readiness to attack the fire.

The building is of brick, with metal ceiling, and the fire was confined to the first floor who operated the store as the American Salvage Company. The fire originated near the center of the building and spread towards both ends, burning counters, shelves and merchandise. Water and fire virtually ruined the whole stock. Outside the loss of counters and shelves the building was little damaged other than by what smoke and water did. Both Mr. Robertson, the owner, and the merchant, were understood to have had sufficient insurance to cover their losses. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Hopkins Chapel

Among the many visitors at church Sunday was Mr. Garland Hendricks, a minister from Wake Forest.

Mr. Raymond Perry of Raleigh spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Perry.

Mrs. Jim Minga and family have moved into the house with Mr. P. J. Harris to stay this year.

Miss Lorena Harris has recently spent some time with her uncle, W. J. Horton of Raleigh.

Mr. Colonel Bunn of Durham spent Monday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Bunn. Miss Florence Lassiter, Mrs. Gady, Messrs. Harold Tudor, Roy Williams, all of Durham, were guests at Mr. Bunn's Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lena Bunn, Mrs. Annie Perry, and Mrs. B. H. Rhodes a short visit this week-end. Mrs. Rhodes was sick but is improving now.

Mr. Bogue Bunn is living at Mrs. Lane Perry's place now.

Mr. Charlie Hodge has recently moved to the old Rolling place.

Prayer meeting will be at the church Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

ROTARY MEETING

The Rotary club members were entertained on Monday night by the following program arranged by Miss Buffalo of the Wakelon faculty:

Dutch Dance—from Hansel and Gretel, Barrie Davis, J. K. Watson, Shelton Lewis, Jack Gregory, Kirby Pearce, R. H. Brantley, Jean Flowers, Dorothy Horton, Mary Alice Conn, Virginia Bridges, Lizzie Lee Wheeler, and Jackie Green.

Tap Dance—Elizabeth Antone, Olive Lewis at the piano.

Musical Reading—Sister's Best Fellow, Richard Hoyle.

Ballet Dance, Virginia Bridges, Jocelyn House at the piano.

FREAK OF WINTER

Tell it to your grand children! Jan. 15, 1932, will go down in history as the greatest weather hoax ever perpetrated in history. Los Angeles had a snow storm, the first in 54 years; Lake Placid, N. Y., had a rain squall which swept clear the famous bob-sled course of snow; a levee broke under the impact of "spring rains" in the south Mississippi; a coast guard destroyer and a freighter collided off the Connecticut coast in a "November fog" so thick that you could not see the bow from the bridge, and not a life was lost; and, to complete this wonder of the age, grass is green and dandelions sprouting all along the Atlantic seaboard, in a spring like temperature.

BIRDS STARVE

Ocracoke, N. C.—The assistant state game warden reported that many birds on Ocracoke island are starving and too weak to fly. Scarcity of water grasses, the bird's principal food, was blamed for the situation.

The general meeting of the Woman's club will be held on next Tuesday. All members are urged to attend.

Among Our Readers

In last week's issue we may have seemed to give undue space to the yearly report of a certain tobacco company. We did not realize this till we saw it in print. Our excuse is that it made such an impression on our minds in comparison with what our farmers made.

And we really don't think Cannon Avenue the only street in town, despite last week's evidence to the contrary.

And Mr. Fred Mangum positively was not ill in the interests of any subscription contest. He has had pneumonia and pleurisy.

The following notice heads the editorial page of a certain North Carolina weekly:

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC
This newspaper charges regular advertising rates for cards of thanks, resolutions, notices, obituaries, etc., and will not accept any thing less than 35 cents cash with copy unless you have regular monthly accounts with us.

We do not mean to be hard on any one, but small items of this nature force us to demand the cash with copy. All such received by us in the future without the cash, or stamps will not be published.

Most newspapers make a charge for such service; even religious papers usually do. The Record has never made any charge for obituaries, even though the space used by some, at regular advertising rates, would cost several dollars. We shall try to continue giving this free service to the public. However, we suggest that you send in your subscription and then use our columns freely to express your thoughts of appreciation and sympathy to the general public.

You know when a fellow is trying a new and different job a pat on his back does a lot of good. So, we are sure our readers will pardon us, for giving the following "pats" from letters received:

"Your paper has been a great service to me in the sale of my chickens and I enjoy reading it very much."—Mrs. J. H. Mullins.

"Think I read every item in it (of course from a critic's viewpoint) and I must say it was good from beginning to end"—L. L. Leary, Morehead City.

"An exile from Zebulon wishes to extend greetings, good will, and hopes for well deserved success to the new editor and 'The Old Home Town Paper'—Mrs. Helen P. Whitley, Siler City.

"We have just seen in the papers that you have bought out your local paper and will continue same along with your church work. We feel sure that you and Mrs. Davis will put your lives and souls into this enterprise and that your publication will be a little different and of a higher tone than most of our local papers.

This is to let you know that we are thinking of you and trusting that you are going to find a lot of joy in doing this sort of work."

F. B. Hamrick, Bursar, Meredith College.

We thank these good friends, and promise to use the paper for the best interests of our readers and to strive to make each issue better as experience and knowledge and earnest effort will make a newspaper having a personality and character all its own.

COXE'S ARMY!

Rev. Jas. R. Cox of Pittsburg led 10,000 unemployed men in an orderly march to the national capital last week. He presented a petition to the president, and was received quite differently from that of the communists who invaded Washington at the opening of Congress. 25,000 people gathered in Pittsburg to see them off.

WOOLWORTH BUYS TOWELS

The T. W. Woolworth Co. has placed an order for \$500,000 in bath towels with the Cannon Mills. This was one of the largest orders ever placed. At Concord and Kannapolis are the largest towel mills in the world.

U. S. GENEVA DELEGATES

The United States delegation to the Geneva disarmament conference are leaving our shores to begin their difficult task. This group of 31 will probably be abroad for 8 or 9 months. Secretary Stimson is their leader.

\$200,000 Damages Asked of Railroad

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—The fathers of John C. Caddell, Jr., and Robert H. Garner, Jr., Wake Forest high school youths, today filed suits aggregating \$200,000 against the receivers for the Seaboard Airline railway for the deaths of their sons.

The two boys were killed when a Seaboard freight train struck a school bus in Wake Forest September 8, 1931. Robert Shearon, driver of the bus, was badly injured but survived the accident. He and Caddell and Garner were the only occupants at the time of the accidents.

Two suits were filed in Wake Superior court each asking damages of \$100,000.—The Raleigh Times.

HEPHZIBAH W. M. S. AND PHYLATHIA MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Society, of Hephzibah Baptist church met on Friday afternoon of last week with Mesdames H. A. Hinnant and J. P. Buchanan, at the home of the latter. There were about twenty members and some visitors present. Mrs. J. P. Winston had charge of an unusually good program. In addition to the routine business, Mrs. Hinnant was appointed by the W. M. S. to lead the G. A. during this year, while Mrs. Dewey Martin was appointed to lead the R. A.'s and Mrs. R. L. Scarborough was chosen as Counselor for the Y. W. A. Miss Alma Young, already in charge of the Sunbeam Band, was promised wider cooperation. The hostesses served ice cream and cake during the social hour.

FORMER CONVICT TRUSTEE

Philadelphia.—In 1923 Henry G. Brock was sent to prison for 10 years. A careening auto killed three people, and crashed into a pole at a dangerous street crossing. Though a woman was at the wheel, Brock assumed all responsibility. After serving 3 years, he was pardoned. He became interested in prison reform, and lately Governor Pinchot appointed him a member of the State prison trustees. He is a wealthy banker.

10,175 DUKE PATIENTS

In the slightly more than 17 months since its opening, Duke hospital has treated 10,175 patients.

This hospital has been approved for the training of internes and residents by the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons. The school of medicine has also been classified as Grade A by the authorities. The school of medicine now has 148 students, 18 of whom are in the senior class. Duke will grant its first medical degrees next June.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN TO RESIGN

Dr. Louis R. Wilson, librarian at State University, will on Sept. 1, take the position of dean of the library school of the University of Chicago. His salary will be \$12,000 a year, with leave for research work during a part or all of the winter months. His loss will be a severe blow to the University, since he is considered one of the nation's foremost librarians.

SMOKING

New regulations at N. C. C. W., the State college for women, at Greensboro, permit the girls to smoke in their rooms only. They may not visit to smoke, nor may a girl smoke in her room if her room-mate objects. President Faust, personally is opposed to young women smoking.

KILLS OWN CHILD

James Stenhouse of Millersburg, Ohio, has confessed to chloroforming his two-year-old son two years ago. The child had an incurable brain trouble and was a hopeless idiot. The grand jury has submitted the father for a brain test, instead of a murder indictment.

TAX SUIT DEFERRED

The Wake County Commissioners have postponed the time for filing suits for the collection of 1929 delinquent taxes from January 15th to February 15th.

DEATH OF A. D. WARD

A. D. Ward, a prominent citizen and attorney of New Bern, N. C., died last Thursday night, from a heart attack.

Highway Robbery Attempted Wed

Early last Wednesday morning about six o'clock Carroll Joyner who lives out about two miles east of Zebulon on highway No. 90 went out to make preparations for killing some hogs. Just as he passed a tobacco barn, a negro stepped around the corner with a drawn revolver and ordered Mr. Joyner to raise his hands, which naturally he did as quickly as possible. The fellow asked Mr. Joyner if he had any money. He replied that he did not, but the negro thoroughly searched him to satisfy himself. He then left in the direction of Raleigh.

The attempted robbery was reported sheriff Massey who gave pursuit, overtaking the negro about half-way between Zebulon and Wendell. When arrested, it was found that he had two ugly looking revolvers on his person, one a Smith and Wesson and the other a Victor. He was riding on a farm wagon. Mr. Massey handcuffed him and brought him to Zebulon and locked him up in the town jail.

When we talked with the boy, for he said he was only nineteen years of age, he said his home was in Durham and that he had been over near the Nash County line. According to his story, he left Durham yesterday.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The literary and music department of the Zebulon Woman's Club met at the club house Tuesday afternoon. Members answered to the roll call with names of towns in North Carolina. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Irby Gill in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Avon Privett. The following program was enjoyed by all present:

Contrast of the works of Corra Harris and Joseph Hergesholmer by Mrs. J. H. Fowler. Life and works of Charles Wakefield Codman by Mrs. S. G. Williams. Vocal solos "At Dawn" and "Immesail" by Mrs. J. F. Coltrane, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. G. Kemp.

P.-T. A. CHATAUQUA MON. NIGHT

The community Chatauqua which is to be given by the Congress of Parents and Teachers will be presented on Monday evening, Jan. 25 at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium.

This change has been made for two reasons, first to avoid conflict with another important meeting in the community. In the next place it gives the program committee a little more time to prepare for the entertainment.

This community Chatauqua should bring together at our school auditorium a large congregation of interested citizens.

CHAMBLEE TO OPPOSE MANGUM

J. Milton Mangum, Wake County treasurer, who is expected to be a candidate to succeed himself, will have opposition in the June primary.

D. D. Chamblee, of Zebulon, Monday announced his candidacy for county treasurer. For a number of years, Mr. Chamblee, who is 45 has represented the Federal Land Bank, and has also been engaged in the insurance business. He is a son of W. H. Chamblee who was a member of the county board of commissioners for several years.—Raleigh Times.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Dorothy Herndon Horton delightfully entertained some of her friends at a three course dinner Sunday in honor of her seventh birthday. Valentine suggestions were used in the menu. Games and contests were enjoyed during the day. Those enjoying Dorothy's dinner were: Betsy Shamburger, Jean Flowers, Dorothy Mizelle, Rebecca Horton, and Virginia Bridges.

TRUITT ACQUITTED

Joseph Truitt has been acquitted after trial on a charge of murdering Gifford "Kid" Brown in Raleigh last Dec. The murder is still a mystery.

The Wakelon basketball teams won over the teams from Wendell here Tuesday night. The boys' score was 31-26, while that made by the girls was 28-18.

Here's hoping our teams keep it up!

The Wakefield Home Demonstration club will hold the regular monthly meeting at the club house next Wednesday, the 27th, beginning at 2:30.