

Telephone Day to Be Held in Zebulon Next Tuesday

This, That, & the Other

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Last week when they were making up the paper for printing my son told me the tax lists crowded out some other matter. "But," he said, "everyone had rather read delinquent tax lists than any story we could put in."

Ferd was half-way joking, but there was much truth in his remark. We do like to read the names and see who have failed to pay up. It either makes us feel slightly superior or gives us the company misery is said to love. And woe betide the one who gets those lists wrong by one jot or one title, one cent or one initial.

Nobody these days regards the tax lists with the awe they commanded years ago. It is easy to understand how some may prefer to wait, finding it more profitable to invest money and wait for interest to mature. Or it may be that property is found to be worth so little that the simplest thing is to let taxes "eat it up" and thus be rid of it. Forgetfulness is a frequent cause of delay. All very different from the day when tax-money, which had to be cash, was carefully put away in the clock or the special little drawer in the father's desk, against the hour of collection. It was as nearly sacred as rendering unto Caesar that which was Caesar's could be.

One of the deepest impressions of my childhood is of a time when by mistake my father's farm was listed as among those on which taxes had not been paid. I had never before seen my mother so vindictively angry. Only the fact that the sheriff to whom the tax money had been paid had died kept her from telling him what she thought of such carelessness. Usually charitable and kind, she was utterly furious and seemed to feel almost disgraced. I remember creeping around wondering if the neighbors felt we were fit to go with.

Memory of the above incident made me laugh when Mr. Vance Brown came in the office last Thursday filled with regret because he had wrongly put Mrs. Sam Horton's name with the delinquents. He said she had paid her taxes last fall and took a discount, and here he had failed to make the proper notation.

Both of them are too old and too wise to feel like I did years ago, and Mrs. Horton will not feel like Mother did. Mistakes will happen, but one is seldom the first victim of any. And it is an unspeakable comfort to persons like me to find out that we are not the only ones who fall below perfect efficiency.

Of all the sayings quoted to me in my childhood none was heard oftener than one of the proverbs of "Grandma Betsy" Power, really no relation of ours but a near and dear neighbor. She said it was "a sin and a shame to waste a piece of food big enough to fill a bird's craw."

In the main she may have been right; but often as I have stepped clear across the kitchen to put into the chicken-scrap bucket a scrap that might have been burned, I have wished Grandma Betsy had never said that in my mother's hearing. As it is I feel a twinge of conscience on failing to wrest its utmost good from every particle of food. And it is the same way with clothing and other commodities. I can never let a shirt die a natural death, but after changing edges by sewing the selvages together and hemming what has been the middle I feel impelled to make an occasional pillow-case or two of the corners that are strong enough for use when the made-over sheet has reached an end.

COTTON GOODS GAIN FAVOR



Pictured is an exhibit of wearing apparel, every stitch of which is cotton. Cotton cloth, cotton thread and cotton lining were used in these inexpensive clothes.

U. S. O. Group Is Announced

In an effort to raise \$6,250 for the United Service Organizations campaign, committees have been appointed and volunteer workers called for. Zebulon's committee is E. C. Daniel, C. V. Whitley, R. Vance Brown.

The agencies belonging to the USO are the Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army, National Catholic Community Service, Jewish Welfare Board, and Travelers' Aid Association. This is considered an important phase of defense work.

Colored Church

The Zebulon Baptist church wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Theo. B. Davis for the settee given the church.

Anyone else having books, chairs or anything that can be used in the church is asked to let us know. We will be glad to get them.

Rev. Odis Dunn will preach at church Sunday night. Program by B. T. U. and S. S. begins at 7:30. Mrs. J. A. Gresham

Work on 39

Work on Highway 31 has made good progress. At this time top-soiling has been finished from the Wilson Highway to Bunn. The surface coat of tar and gravel is now being applied. Gravel comes from the Raleigh Granite Company's plant near Rolesville. The road when complete will be similar to the one leading from here to Wake Forest.

Seen and Heard

"ROY'S PLACE"

We have a nephew down in Jacksonville, Fla., who has proven himself a good business man. But he learned a valuable lesson at the start.

He decided to open a filling station and use his own name, calling it "Roy's Place." Some time later a man came along in a big car, glanced up at the sign, and asked, "Where's Roy?"

The young man in charge informed him that Roy was up town, could he do something for the gentleman. No, he just wanted to see Roy again and get a little gas. The attendant said he would be glad to wait on him.

So five gallons of gas were poured into the tank, a \$5.00 check was tendered in payment, \$4.00 cash changed hands and Roy's friend went on his way.

Repairs Made at Wakelon

Wakelon School is fortunate in being allotted funds for repairs and improvements. In the elementary building entrances have been changed, new stairways built, the building has been fire-proofed and a new roof put on. Toilets have been moved from the basement to the first floor, foundations have been reinforced and strengthened.

In the basement the lunch room has been remodeled and otherwise improved. No school in Wake County has had more spent on it from the apportionment for such purposes at this time.

The Wakefield-Zebulon School for Negroes is also being improved and will be better suited to its purpose when the work is completed.

Draftees Are Listed

Following is a list of selected men to be inducted into The United States Army June 27, 1941:

Charles Clennon Creech, Zebulon; LeRoy Vick, Wendell; Nivy Crudie Perry, Wake Forest; Lyman Alvis Parker, Raleigh; Eddie Leon Stallings, Jr., Zebulon; Luther Dees Belangia, Wake Forest; Vasser Arendell Eddins, Zebulon; Don Porter Johnston, Jr., Wake Forest; Robert Marshall Stallings, Wendell; Cedric Eugene Anott, Wendell.

CHURCH NOTES

Baptist Church

Announcement of services for Sunday, June 22:
9:45 Sunday school.
11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon subject: "Too Late."
7:30 Young People's Groups.
8:00 Evening Worship. Sermon topic: "Jesus Chose Fishermen."
G. J. Griffin

W. M. S. Meets

The Southside Circle of the Baptist W. M. S. met on Monday

afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. N. Pitts. The program on conditions in European fields was directed by Mrs. S. A. Horton, assisted by Mesdames Pitts and Robert Phillips. Following the business session refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Inez Pitts and Mrs. Curran.

Methodist Church

Services for Sunday, June 22: Church School — 10:00; Worship Service — 11:00; Young People — 7:00.

People Urged to Use Hickory

Hickory, because of its great strength, toughness, and elasticity, is the world's foremost wood for farm tool handles such as the axe, adz, pick, sledge, hammer, and hovel. Hickory is a tree of wide range and although there are quite a number of kinds of hickory only a few are used commercially, says the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis.

Usually only a small portion of a native tree is white wood; this is made into tool handles, and the balance, the red or heartwood, is discarded. Many people think that red hickory is not as strong or tough as the white wood, and in selecting wooden handles, will buy only those without the red wood. The Forest Products Laboratory has found in over a half million tests that weight for weight, sound hickory has the same strength, toughness and resistance to shock, regardless of whether it is red, white, or a mixture of red and white wood, as the white sapwood turns to reddish heartwood as the tree grows older.

To the farmer who is buying only one handle for a tool, a fairly reliable guide to its strength would be the proportion of solid looking summerwood or less porous part of each growth ring appearing on the end of the piece. The summerwood is quite easy to tell from the springwood portion of the annual ring, which is full of pores or small holes. Summerwood has much greater strength than the springwood, because it contains more wood substance per unit volume.

Providing the handle or stick is free from knots or other defects at important points and is straight grained, the number of growth rings per inch on the end afford another means of grading hickory. Few growth rings per inch indicate a stronger and tougher stick than one with many rings. A further guide in choosing a good handle, whether it contains red wood or not, is that the best hickory shows an oily or glossy side-grain surface when smoothly finished. When dropped on end on a concrete or other hard surface, a good piece of hickory will have a clear, ringing tone, while a piece of poor quality will produce a dull sound.

Bob Chamblee Bitten by Snake

Bob Chamblee of West Zebulon was bitten on the hand by a copperhead moccasin on Monday of this week. The snake was in the corn crib and its kind was not known until searching revealed it. Chamblee's hand and arm swelled badly, but it is thought no serious results will follow.

The copperhead, cousin to the water moccasin or cottonmouth, is one of the few really poisonous snakes in this locality, being related to the rattlesnake, but not so gentlemanly, in that it gives no warning before striking.

Boll Weevil Plague Heavy

Agricultural bulletins are being sent to Zebulon farmers warning that this year will be one of high infestation of boll weevil in cotton. The past winter was mild and the greater part of the weevils seem to have survived and already they have appeared in some sections.

Last year the N. C. cotton crop was valued at \$44,000,000, yielding an average of 427 pounds per acre. The use of 1-1-1 mixture in part explains that value and yield. Unless our farmers use this mixture again in abundance, thousands of dollars will be lost by weevil infestation. An investment of 75 cents and a few hours labor will save most of this loss to farmers. An investment of 75 cents will save from 10 to 15 times as much.

So, the advice of experts is: get ready to fight the boll weevil with 1-1-1 mixture, the best and surest poison known to rid cotton of this expensive pest.

Rainfall Here

A good rain here Sunday further relieved the lack of moisture and will do much toward growth of crops. Farther east there was rain the last part of last week, but none on Sunday, that which fell here extending only a little way into Johnston county. Here the "moisture met," to quote an old farm saying meaning that the wetness from above went deep enough into the ground to meet that which was below the surface of the soil.

Isaacs Here

Friend and neighbor of long standing, R. L. Isaacs of Raleigh was in Zebulon last Monday afternoon. As often, R. L. was accompanied by some beautiful young women, only they were younger than the ones he usually has with him. These were Knightdale Misses, Bonnie Jean Wall, Joyce Wall, and Rosa Marie Hall.

Rotary-Anns Entertain Club Last Friday

Zebulon Rotary-Anns surprised the Rotarians last Friday by serving them a chicken Bar-B-Q on the lawn at Wakelon School. This was the 72nd consecutive hundredth per cent meeting. Stuart Black, only member absent, had already made up his attendance.

Since the ladies were entertaining, Mrs. Irby Gill took over the program that would have been her husband's. She had the ladies, captained by Mrs. C. V. Whitley, face the men, led by Bob Sawyer, and asked catch questions concerning advertising slogans. Naturally, the ladies won.

After this — their instinct told

Remarkable Exhibit To Be In Room Near Drug Store

Opera Singer



Pictured is Lawrence Tibbett, who will sing in Raleigh this fall with the Raleigh Civic Music association.

Rabies Dates Are Given

An act passed by the North Carolina legislature in 1935 and amended in 1941 provides that owners of dogs shall have them vaccinated against rabies.

For this service there is a fee of 75c which will be returned if the dog has been listed for taxes. When the animal is vaccinated the veterinarian will give its owner a tag and certificate.

For this section vaccination dates are as follows:

Wednesday, June 18th and 25th — Zebulon, Wendell, Wake Forest, all — 1 p. m. to 3 p. m.

Thursday, June 19th — Rolesville — 1 p. m. to 3 p. m.

If these dates do not suit the convenience of dog-owners, arrangements may be made for the work to be done in Raleigh. Veterinarians are Drs. L. F. Koonce, W. T. Scarborough, William Moore, Jr.

Tobacco Looks Very Good

Although farmers were at great disadvantage in setting out their fields of tobacco, the crop at this time looks promising. Naturally, it is "spotty" in appearance, some plants being much ahead of the rest, but all have benefitted from recent rains and have a healthy color. And all who raise tobacco know how quickly it can become tall enough for topping. It may also be stated that the crop in this section compares most favorably with that seen in fields much farther east.

Southern Bell Sponsors Day of Information

The Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company will hold a "Telephone Day" in Zebulon Tuesday June 24 in the building next to the Zebulon Drug Store, at which time the public is cordially invited to visit and inspect the many interesting things that will be on exhibition.

Experts will explain the various mechanical and electrical phases of the dial system and show many of the interesting operations that go on behind the scenes of your telephone service.

The public is invited to visit the exhibit next Tuesday, June 24th between the hours of 9 a. m. 12 noon, 3 p. m., 5 p. m. and 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

There will be a dial demonstration switchboard which shows in a simple and compact way just how dial calls are handled and just what takes place on each step of these calls as you dial the number. This unit can be put into "slow motion" so that the normal speedy operations can be easily seen and understood. These things are not readily seen and understood in the larger dial switchboard which craves this community due to its speed of operation and the many and varied routes the calls take through this equipment. In the dial demonstration unit the equipment is arranged to show and explain the ingenious switches, relays, etc., as they pick out, test, ring, etc., one certain number from all the other telephone numbers. Also the different actions the switches go through depending upon the condition found upon the called number such as "Busy Line," "wrong number dialed," etc.

The automatic dial switchboard which is rendering local telephone service is really a marvelous machine considering the many different things it must do in handling the large number and varying odds of local telephone calls. Come and see this clearly demonstrated and explained.

The "Voice Mirror" developed by the Bell Telephone Laboratories will be shown. This equipment enables visitors to hear how their own voices sound to other people over the telephone. One's voice sounds a little different to others than it does to the person speaking. This is true in ordinary face to face conversations as well as over the telephone. Come and find out why.

A "Voice Scrambler" will also be shown and demonstrated. This device is used to provide secrecy on trans-oceanic and ship to shore telephone conversations. You may hear speech "scrambled" and hear it "unscrambled."

Other special displays such as reproductions of Alexander Graham Bell's original telephone and his second telephone will be on exhibition. One display board shows a modern telephone dismantled to show all of its separate parts. Various kinds of telephone cable, parts, raw materials from which telephones are made, foreign telephone directories, metal that floats in the air, and many other interesting things will be shown and explained.

In making the announcement of "Telephone Day" Mr. S. H. Youngblood, Raleigh, District Manager of the Telephone Company said that Mr. Norris Russell of the Company's Charlotte office and several other out-of-town telephone people will be on hand to conduct the affair.

Beard Dead

Daniel Beard, pioneer of the Boy Scout movement in America, is dead. He was 91 years old, known or known of by most of the scouts in the country, and honored by the organization. Beard was also an author and illustrator.