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THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

By MRS. THEO. B. DAVIS

I went down and interviewed Mr. Watson as to why a cow doesn't kick when she has a rope tied around her as described in this column last week. And he said it is because she can't. A perfectly good reason, and a simple one. Physical and not psychological. For which let us be grateful.

When Mrs. Alvin Bridges came to our house to Teacher's Meeting last Friday night, she brought with her two guests who were visiting her for a few days. We were delighted to have them; but since then I've been trying to decide which is more unusual—a hostess who cares so much for a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting that she won't miss it even when she has company, or guests who are sufficiently interested to spend an evening of a visit that way.

In spite of my indignation over Postmaster General Brown's buying with government funds a big new automobile in order to be able to wear his high silk hat comfortably, I feel a bit sorry for the man. And he will be made ridiculous so many times—which may sting worse than abuse. There are too many chances for pun-making for witty persons to lose the opportunity.

It will probably be hard for a good many of us to work up very much hilarity over preparations for this Christmas. We may even have a feeling that we had personally rather not "take Christmas" at all. The conviction that "there ain't no Santa Claus" may have been forced upon us. The days of 1932 may have brought us more of disappointment than of pleasure. But, at any rate, let's hold up our heads and smile as the year goes out. And let's hang wreaths of red and green, with or without ribbon bows, and not let the children know it if we are worried and anxious.

And I am hoping that we will put most of our decorations outside our houses whenever that is possible. It gives pleasure to those who pass—and it keeps out of the housekeeper's way the decorations that grow powder-dry and become a fire hazard, and the berries that fall and are mashed on the floor. The evergreens will keep twice as long on the outside, too.

One year at the Kennedy Home we offered a prize to the building that was most effectively decorated for Christmas. The big boys won the prize, though all the buildings were beautiful. We had judges from a distance to make the decision. Those boys had worked for hours making garlands and festoons of green, and hours more in placing them, and I shall always remember how the Hardee Building looked during that holiday season.

Wouldn't it be lovely, if all of us cleaned up our premises and made them look as Christmassy as possible this time!

It seems that holly berries are few this year, compared with the usual number. I've heard several persons wondering over the scarcity and the reason therefor. Some mentioned Christmas wreaths and the need of red berries for these decorations.

Well, if you want red-berried wreaths and garlands, you can have them with as little cost as it would take to ride to nearby woods to gather sprays of berries. Go to Flowers Variety Store and buy five cents worth of picture wire—the kind that has about a dozen strands twisted together—then to a grocery store for five cents worth of cranberries. Cut your wire into short lengths, separate the strands and run a piece through a cranberry, doubling the wire and twisting it slightly to form a stem.

Fasten this to any green spray you have, and observe the results. Putting several berries together to form a cluster adds variety. You'll be surprised to see how natural the cranberries look wired on boxwood, cape jessamine or any other green twig. They are beautiful with cedar, too, or on short-leaved pine. And they don't shatter and muss up the house as real honest-to-goodness Christmas berries do. Of course we all prefer holly when it is to be had, but we needn't feel we can't have color and beauty without it, when we are fixing up for the holidays.

I have about concluded that the Rotary Club is a very secret organization. For several years I have helped about once in five weeks to serve them a supper. While they are being served they say little, and my own remarks are the few necessary to a waitress. True, I have on occasion had to explain who was responsible for the coffee's being strong enough to carry its own cup and saucer; but that was the exception. The real Rotary program does not begin till the women are back in the kitchen busy with the dishes. And I've tried and tried to get some account of those meetings for the RECORD readers. My failure to persuade them to give out any information as to what they do and say on Friday evenings after supper is my reason for thinking that Rotary may be an acrostic

DR. LOVE TO HOLD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Rev. N. B. Johnson wishes it announced that Dr. Love, of Raleigh Presiding Elder for this district, will hold Quarterly Conference at Wendell next Sunday morning. All officers of the Zebulon Methodist Church are urged to attend this, the first quarterly conference of the present church year, which will be held immediately after the eleven o'clock sermon.

Duke Man Winner

Merrimon Cunningham, of Duke University, is one of the four winners of a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, England. He will receive 400 pounds, sterling, each year for three years to pay his expenses at Oxford. Cunningham is one of the four selected this week, the other three being from Tennessee, Virginia and Florida.

The North Carolina winner formerly lived in Durham, his father being at one time presiding elder of the Durham district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He is an honor graduate of Vanderbilt, and his father is now president of Scarritt College.

Prohibition Agent Badly Wounded

Early last Sunday morning R. D. Shepherd, special officer of Patrick County, Va., was killed and J. W. Frances, town sergeant of Stuart, Va., was gravely injured by men said to be escaping in an automobile which has been seized some days earlier for carrying liquor. The automobile had been run only a few hundred miles when confiscated and locked behind the Stuart courthouse. The owner of the car is said to have gone on Saturday with four other men from Mt. Airy, N. C. to try to arrange for bonding the car. They did not succeed in this.

About midnight the lock of the garage was forced open and the car was taken. The officers heard of the theft and started in pursuit over highway 23, leading into North Carolina. They overtook the car which could not escape because the radiator had been drained and the engine soon became overheated. The officers were proceeding to arrest the men, when Shepherd was shot twice and killed. Frances was bending over the slain man when he was shot in the chest. Frances is too ill to be questioned, and was able to make only a brief statement.

Robert Vernon and George Midkiff of Mt. Airy, N. C. are being held in jail charged with the shooting.

Forrester Warns Against Waste

State Forester J. S. Holmes has issued a warning to those who gather greens for Christmas decorations. He says there is a law against cutting any wood, growth, timber, plants, etc., within 100 yards of any state highway, without permission from the owner. In addition to observing this legal requirement, Mr. Holmes urges that holly in particular be carefully gathered in order that the state may not be without this beautiful tree in the future. Not more than 15 or 20 per cent of any tree should be taken, and in no case should every tree in any locality be cut. Holly grows slowly, and unless it is stored for the supply will fall before many more years have passed.

NEW MILL IN OPERATION

Dave Privette who operated a mill in Zebulon for some time, has his new mill on the highway between Zebulon and Little River in full operation now. Dave says if you have corn or feed to grind, bring it on. Everything is grist to Dave's mill.

EXPENSES TO BE REDUCED IN LENOIR

Lenoir county commissioners in efforts to reduce expenses have abolished the office of county treasurer, giving this work to the auditor without increase of salary. They have cut out attorney's fees by employing a full-time lawyer at a salary of \$1,800.

The county jailer has been instructed to feed prisoners at a daily cost of 25c each, instead of the 35c heretofore allowed.

The salary of the clerk for the joint municipal and county court will be withheld and the police must furnish the clerk.

Some other salaries have been reduced.

The legality of abolishing the office of treasurer may be questioned as this office is elective.

meaning Reports Of Them Are Rarely Yours.

One thing I do know, however: The Rotarians are slowly but surely eating their way through that debt on the Woman's Club, and are the main regular source of income of said club. And if they choose to do so, they are welcome to keep their programs secret—though we should like to know what they are doing.

Mrs. Johnson's Mother Succumbs

Willow Springs, Dec. 5.—Mrs. A. J. Blalock died at her home, two miles east of Willow Springs, this morning at 11:30 after a year's illness. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. J. A. Blalock Tuesday at 3:00 p. m., at the home and interment will be in the Blalock cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Blalock was born in Harnett county 72 years ago, the daughter of Sherrif James A. and Mary Ann Johnson, being Mary Isabella Johnson before marriage. She was married January 3, 1878. Fifteen children were born. She is survived by her husband and twelve children as follows: J. H. Blalock, Willow Springs; Orus Blalock, Michigan; S. H. Blalock, Varina; Mrs. T. F. King, Raleigh; Mrs. N. B. Johnson, Zebulon; Mrs. Norman Blalock, McCullers; Mrs. Kenneth Jones, Lee, Willia, Archie, Roy and Johnnie Blalock, all of Willow Springs. She also is survived by a sister, Mrs. Lena Betts, of Buies Creek. Mrs. Blalock was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

Friends in Zebulon have noted Mrs. Johnson's loyal devotion to her mother, with whom she has spent much of her time since Mr. Johnson has been stationed here as Pastor of the local Methodist church, and she has their sincere sympathy in her sorrow.

HONOR FOR DAVIDSON

Davidson College has the extremely rare distinction of having two students as regional candidates for Rhodes scholarships. They are Duncan McBryde and Paul F. Brown, Jr.

House Threatened

On December 13 a young man of 25, employe of a Sears-Roebuck store in Pa., walked into the hall occupied by the House of Representatives in Washington and announced that he was going to make a speech, and emphasized his desire by waving a loaded pistol. He was disarmed by Congressman Maas of Minnesota, and was taken to a hospital for examination. Both his employers and his relatives were greatly surprised at his strange action, as he was considered unusually quiet and level-headed. Besides the pistol, he carried two sticks of dynamite in his pockets.

P. T. A. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Wakelon P. T. A. was held in the School Auditorium Tuesday afternoon with Miss Annie Rose Southerland, President, presiding. Mrs. Jethero Stell, Chairman Program Committee had arranged a most interesting program on Literature. Mrs. F. E. Bunn's seventh grade presented a play, "A Flase Santa Claus," after which Geraldine Jones and Spright Barbee, of the High School, gave a reading, "Their Last Ride Together." The feature of the program was a talk on "Need of Good Literature in High School" by Miss Preslar, teacher of English in Wakelon's High School. The fifty mothers present who had braved the rainy day to attend the meeting felt more than repaid after enjoying the afternoon's program.

The Association voted to sponsor "Father's Night" in January and to assist in securing medical attention for a few needy children.

Miss Rachel Hoggarth was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. Jessie Mizelle whose resignation as secretary was accepted with much regret.

The attendance prizes were won by Miss Ruby Stell's and Miss Gladys White's grades in the Primary school; by Mrs. Bunn's and Miss Southerland's grades in the Grammar School; Mr. Brookbank's and Miss Pitts' rooms in High School.

Relief Funds Are Received

North Carolina has received from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation an additional loan of \$571,000.

December needs are estimated at more than a million dollars. Expenditures will be made on a basis of \$10.36 for a family, and 3.23 per individual.

Local funds will include not only the amount loaned the state, but all provided by local agencies, private contributions and Red Cross aid.

To date North Carolina has received \$1,368,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The spending of this money for relief will be supervised as closely as is possible. An accounting must be made for every penny spent for any purpose.

WEEK OF PRAYER OBSERVED

In spite of the rainy weather this week the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, directed by the president, Mrs. R. H. Herring, has observed the special session of prayer for foreign missions.

All meetings were held at the church, and not only the W. M. S., but the Y. W. A. and G. A. organizations took charge of programs.

On Tuesday night there were thirty-five attending, the Y. W. A.'s having charge of the service. The last of the series of meetings was held on Wednesday night at the prayer-meeting hour.

Apex Banking Concern Robbed

Apex, N. C., Dec. 14.—Wearing gingham robes that covered their bodies and faces, two men robbed the Apex branch of the Page Trust Co. here this morning. They entered the building by breaking up a window pane and concealed themselves under a counter. When the cashier, T. M. Herndon, arrived, at the point of a pistol, they forced him to open the safe, took about \$2,660 in cash, locked him in the safe, laid aside their robes and departed.

Customers found the door to the bank locked, Mrs. Herndon was communicated with, came down opened the door with a key she had, and heard her husband calling from the safe. This was about two hours after the robbery. The safe door was opened by Mr. Herndon calling the numbers of the combination. It is believed the robbery was committed by men living in the vicinity.

Audition Winners Are Announced

The winners in the recent Atwater-Kent radio audition were Miss Lydia Summers of New York, 25, contralto; and Wilson Angel, 19, of Winston-Salem, basso. The awards were \$5,000 each for these young people. There were also awards of \$1,000 each as second, and of \$500 each as third prizes. One of the \$500 awards was won by Miss Peggy Jo Lobb of Concord, N. C.

The young North Carolina man who won one of the highest awards is a salesman in his father's clothing store in Winston-Salem.

OPPOSE MARRIED WOMEN AS TEACHERS

County Commissioners of Harnett have unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon committee-men of the various county schools not to employ married teachers whose husbands are able to support them. They also request the Board of Education to refuse to approve contracts made with such teachers. This is for the term of 1933-34. No married woman whose husband is a teacher in the county will be considered eligible, if the resolution is adopted, and the committee will in other cases of application to whether her husband is financially able to support her.

Glee Club Gives Good Performance

The Wakelon High School glee club and elementary chorus will present a program of Christmas carols and a pageant of the Christmas story on Sunday afternoon, December 18th, at five o'clock, in the High School auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend. The program follows: "Under the Stars"—Chorus. "Behold, A Branch Hath Flowered"—Trio—Jocelyn House, Alberta Johnson and Vivian Joyner. "The Message of the Angels"—Solo—Sexton Johnson. Bible Reading—Ralph Moore. "Hymn For Christmas Day"—Chorus "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Chorus. Bible Reading—Ralph Moore. "We Three Kings of Orient Are"—Boys Chorus. "Joy to the World"—Carlena Godfrey, Louise Kimball, Durwood Jones, P. L. White and chorus. "O Bienheureuse Nuit"—Charles Winstead and chorus. "Angels From the Realm of Glory"—Chorus. "Cradle Hymn"—Chorus. "Silent Night"—Chorus. "O, Come All Ye Faithful"—Chorus.

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87 WAKE COUNTY BOYS AT WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest, December 15—Eighty-seven students from Wake County are included in this year's record-breaking enrollment at Wake Forest College. This number comprises approximately 11 per cent of the student body.

In the distribution of towns, Wake Forest has 30; Raleigh, 24; Apex, 13; Wendell, 5; Knightdale and Varina, 3 each; Cary, Zebulon, and Holly Springs, 2 each; Neuse, Fuquay Springs and Morrisville, one each.

The group is made up of 13 seniors, 12 juniors, 25 sophomores, 34 freshmen and three graduate students.

Eighteen are studying medicine, 16 law, and 53 are taking work leading to the academic degrees.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

There will be only one meeting of the Woman's Club during this month. On next Tuesday, Dec. 20, this joint meeting will be held, beginning promptly at 3:30 p. m. In addition to the business session there will be a program given by the Music and Literature Departments of the Club with Messdames F. D. Finch and T. B. Davis in charge. All members are urged to attend.

What Price Duck?

(Greensboro Daily News) South Boston, Va., Dec. 8.—One small wild duck was costly to Charles V. Brooks, South Boston business man and sportsman, this week. Mr. Brooks shot the duck on Dan river and having no boat he discarded his trousers and shoes to wade out after him. He hung his watch on a small bush for fear of losing it and waded in. He got his duck but his hunting coat, which he still had on got a little wet and on returning to the bank he built a fire to warm and dry his coat. In some way the coat caught afire and he did not discover it until a shell exploded in his pocket. He threw it off hurriedly and ran a short distance off for safety. He was dumbfounded on returning to find that he had thrown his coat on top of his trousers and they both had burned completely up. Forced to go home, about a mile, for more clothes, he thought of his watch and with his son returned only to find that the fire he started had spread rapidly and was forced to fight for nearly two hours in putting it out. The duck only weighed about three pounds.

Thieves Loot Robertson's Store

Bethany, Dec. 9.—Thieves last night broke into the store of Robertson and Keith. Much goods, including clothing and food stuffs were taken. After ransacking the clothing department of the store, the thieves broke into the store's safe and took about forty dollars in cash and some valuable papers. No trace of the thieves has been found since—(Bethany Correspondent).

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YE FLAPDOODLE

By The SWASHBUCKLER

Kilpatrick comes forward with a bit of news when he was jerking sodas in the Zebulon Drug Store last week. General utility man, I suppose . . . And those four budding young men in Medlin's cafe the other Sunday eating hot dawgs. I was just in time to hear one of them remark, "Come on 'R' . . . let's eat some onions on one". Replies the other, "Oh dear me no" . . . Better be careful boys, you'll be spoiling that skin the gels love to touch, first thing you know . . . And that couple, "of color", standing at the foot of the telephone office steps making love . . . That is what couples are doing now, isn't it? We're living in such a fast age that from one day to the next I don't know what they'll be calling something . . . For instance, an orange today might be called "Diversified Citrus Fruit" tomorrow . . . That drove of mules that were being driven into town last week . . . I understand that people are paying their debts with mules now . . . Not bad at all, but I prefer hog meat to mule meat, don't chew? . . . And only three people have been in to ask me when I saw them in their red pajamas . . . Now the old Swashbuckler, as much as he would like to see the young ladies in their red pajamas, only saw one young lady so clothed . . . Her name is . . . Miss F. H. . . . And the Wakelon teacher who, when asked about the rain, said, "Yes, isn't it wet?" . . . I'm inclined to rush madly up and say "True Sister, true" . . . But then that isn't ethical . . . and I needs must be up and about my ethics . . . And Sandy Claws left his tracks in the Carolina Power and Light window . . . Mighty nice of him, but Santa had better knock the snow off his shoes before he comes into my house . . . Yeah, I know that you're thinking, "Who said he was coming to your house?" . . . While you're moping about me, Don't get caught short yourself . . . "Tain't long till we'll be hangin' up our stockings. . . Gotta wash mine . . . I always wash mine before Santa comes . . . He left a note once saying that if I didn't, he wouldn't be able to come near the house . . . It's just as well . . . they have to be washed once a year anyway . . . A friend of mine got a car the other day . . . It's a mighty good car except that it has a flat tire . . . The tire went flat on account of the rim being busted . . . Rim was busted when the front wheel got warped . . . wheel was warped because the axle wasn't true . . . Pretty good car except that when the tire blew out the wheel ran off and broke the radius rod and when the radius rod broke, the car ran into a post and stove the radiator up and the motor got hot on account of not having any water in the radiator and busted the block, pretty good car except that when it busted the block the starter fell off and pulled the batteries with it and the generator was hooked to the starter so it had to go too . . . Mighty good car except that when the generator fell off it broke and a piece of it flew up and broke out the windshield and a piece of flying glass got caught in the door and when he opened the door it tore off all the upholstery, the floor was nailed to the upholstery so that when he tore out the upholstery it took the flooring with it . . . Oh, but the steering wheel is in mighty good condition . . . Two spokes are broken and one is cracked . . . It got cracked when the steering rod broke . . . Got a good searchlight on the side, only it fell off when he hit the post . . . Ain't no spokes in the rear wheel on account of they rusted out when he left it sitting in the rain a couple of months . . . Outside of the fact that the differential needs new parts and the rear housing has a ring gear missing . . . It is a mighty good car . . . He wouldn't take a million for it for six reasons . . . The first reason is that he can't get a million for it . . . After that first reason, I don't deem it necessary to give any more . . . And did you hear Earl Antone's latest break? . . . While listening to a young man playing (at) the piano, Earl up and says, "Can you play Beat Sticks?" . . . Laff? . . . I thought I'd die . . . It's rained so much this week I could feel at home in a brewery . . . Make it a frog pond, a brewery isn't wet enough . . . The crack of the month comes from a Navy writer who, in describing some potent liquid he had been drinking wrote, "One drink and you feel like Nero when he was letting Rome burn two drinks and you're ready to spit back at volcanoes" . . . I was afraid to read any farther because I have a weak heart . . . Oh dear, I'm such a fragile person . . . And "Death Ole Wakelon" has a real basketball team (so I'm told) They shoot goals all night and breeze all day . . . Accomplished? You bet . . . Men of brawn, that's them . . . Zebulon has a "self-acclaimed" Beau Brummel . . . Yessir, I heard him with my own ears. That fellow that wears glasses in Corbett's barber shop as runs the back chair . . . He's certainly there with a Crosley! And does he smell good . . . A-h-h-h-h-h (Pronounced A-h-h-h-h-h) Sweet essence of hog wash, pardon me Rose Buds . . . And just between you and me, I think that inmate in ward five is crazy, and those two fellows in ward two are talking about me, I know, because I heard one of them mention something about a nut while ago . . . And now, as Cleopatra strums gently on her zither, and Mark

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