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THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

By MRS. THEO. B. DAVIS

The lady who said she had read this column every week for months and had never yet found it worth anything must have felt more than ever justified in the remark after last week's offering had been seen. But all the fault was not mine that time. The printers left out one paragraph which was to have given the setting for the last one of all, and the omission made the rest sound crazier than usual.

Please don't feel that I resent the lady's opinion. This column makes no claims to erudition, culture nor broad experiences. It is frequently about our own community only. It is in the main concerned with "the short and simple annals of the poor." Very short, very simple, very poor. However, I do hereby promise that when one-tenth of our subscribers have sent in complaints about my wasting space I'll quit without waiting for a majority.

Better English Week is being observed by a great many organizations in this state and in others. We may be glad it lasts just six days, for it is a strain to furbish up our speech for that long. I have tried to fall in line by leaving off some of my pet mistakes. I have also begged the younger children to refrain from saying, "She told he and I." I have not once said "frozen" for froze, nor "have drank" for have drunk. I have learned two words that were new to me and would have used them, if the chance had been given. But they are rather hard to bring into a conversation casually, and one must not show off, even during Better English Week. My new words are 'glabrous' and 'veridical'. One means without hair and the other means truthful. I'm still hoping to use them some day.

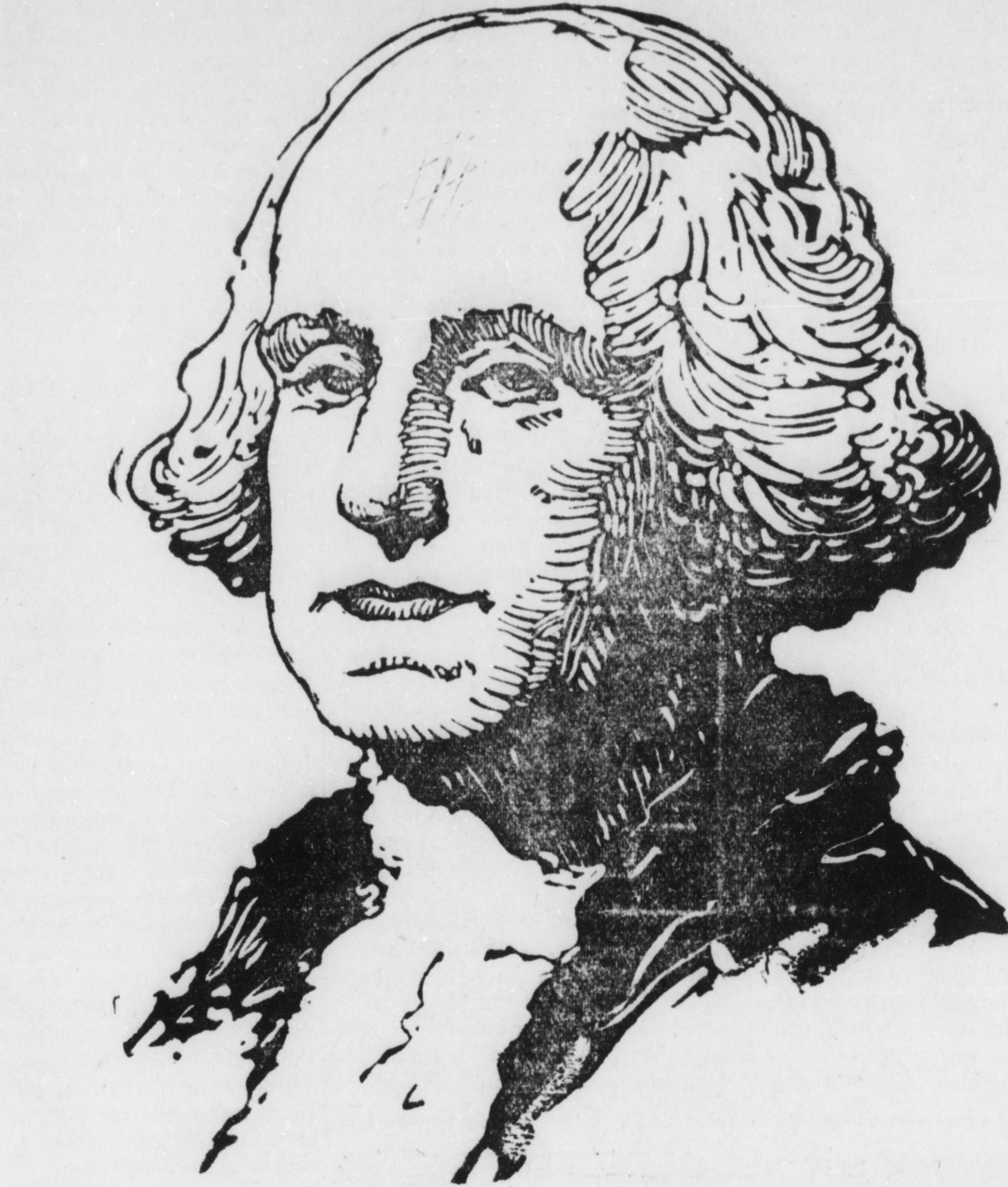
Seriously, though, there are few things more fascinating than looking through a dictionary for words, meanings and pronunciations. Not one of us is too old to learn, and few of us are users of speech that might not be improved. Since words are the only means by which we may convey our ideas to others, we should not grudge the time and effort necessary in choosing those that are best for the purpose. They need not be long words, nor unusual; but they should make our meaning clear and definite.

When I was married a correspondent reported it to a paper. He stated that I had not lived long in the community, but was "rapidly becoming notorious" because of my activities. I have always hoped that he meant generally known.

It was a good while before that marriage notice was as funny to me as it was to my friends.

Queer Weather

While North Carolina shivers in unusually cold, reports from Alaska say the weather in that territory was 57 degrees above zero on February 19, that youngsters went swimming and that bushes were budding.



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Gangsters Caught

Melvin Archer, W. R. Proctor and Eugene Gunter have been arrested on a number of charges, and are in jail. They are thought to be members of a gang responsible for numerous robberies in eastern Carolina. They were arrested in Rocky Mount in a residence rented in the name of "Mrs. Archer." Three women were in the house when the arrests were made. Officers found a quantity of stolen goods and also some high explosives secreted on the premises. Members of the Raleigh police force have been at work on the case for some time.

CWA Pay Rolls Cut

Twenty thousand persons in North Carolina are to be dropped from the pay rolls of CWA jobs today. This is part of a movement to discontinue the entire movement by the first of May. Because of milder climate as one reason workers in the South will be dismissed ahead of those in the North. No more projects are to be approved at present by Mrs. O'Berry but efforts will be made to keep at work those most needy. Pay is to be reduced to 30 cents an hour for unskilled labor, the hours of work remaining 15 per week in rural sections.

Announcement

Mrs. M. M. Faison will have charge of the program at the general meeting of the Woman's Club on next Tuesday, February 27. The subject for the day is based on American Homes.

District Missionary Meeting Sunday

On next Sunday at 7:30 o'clock in the local Baptist church the district missionary meeting will be held. Mrs. J. T. Allen, of Wendell, chairman of the district, will preside and a carefully arranged program on Stewardship will be presented, of which the Royal Ambassadors of Wendell have a special part.

All members of the church are urged to attend, and the general public is invited. Delegates are expected from Bethlehem, Central, Hephzibah, Knightdale and Wendell churches.

No Air Mail For Raleigh

With the taking over of the carrying of mail by the Army, Raleigh has been dropped from the list of cities having this service. Bad weather delayed the first flights of the army pilots, a number of accidents and a few deaths being reported.

Fire At Smithfield

The Sanders Building, at Smithfield, was burned early on Tuesday morning of this week. In it were housed the post office and Western Union office, and the theatre. Hard work kept other nearby buildings from serious injury. All mail was taken from the post office, none being lost.

Endeavor to be what you desire to appear—Socrates.

Dentists Examine Students' Teeth

Drs. J. F. Coltrane and L. M. Massey have this week examined the teeth of Wakelon pupils without cost. This service by these capable dentists was a part of the health program of the state. Seven hundred interested dentists gave their services during the week. This undertaking was said to be unique and has attracted national attention.

Department Meets

Mrs. J. K. Barrow and Mrs. E. C. Daniel were hostesses for the meeting of the Department of Literature at the Woman's Club on Tuesday p. m. Mrs. A. S. Hinton program leader, presented Mrs. Raymond Pippin, who spoke on the life of Lydia Pirkham, and Mrs. E. H. Moser, who told of Carrie Nation's life and work. Both speakers were heard with deep interest, their talks showing careful preparation and appreciation of the personalities studied.

After the regular program Mrs. Flowers, president of the club, reminded the members that this is Better English Week, and a short discussion of this subject followed. A social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Announcement

The Home Demonstration Club of Wakefield, meets next Wednesday p. m. A full attendance is desired as chairmen of the various departments will be named.

YE FLAPDOODLE



By The Swashbuckler

The biggest question of the present moment (so far as the Record force is concerned) is: Who's dog is that that roamed into the office on Tuesday of this week? It looks as though it might be a German police, but its actions make of it a "Sooner" pup. Iffen he yourn, come and git 'im.

Believe you me, the young lady who told said Sawyer person that when he sat, he spread like molasses, certainly knew her molasses.

Try this on your tickelish midriff:

Once there was a young-man-about-town who was returning from a late date one night when he became aware of the fact that he was being followed by a gentleman in an ebriated state. For several minutes he tried to lose his shadow by ducking into stores through one door and out another. It availed him nothing. Next he tried running through revolving doors coming out the same way he went in. No soap. Taking a taxi, he drove to the tallest building in the city. Securing a parachute, he proceeded to the top. His trailer followed. Reaching the roof, he went to the edge and proceeded to jump, releasing his chute as he did so. The drunk jumped too. Of course the parachute checked the decent of the sober gentleman to such an extent that the gentleman of wobbly walk was bound to pass. As he passed, he thumbed his reddish beak at the party of the first part and belched, "Sissy!"

P. S. Laugh now.

Monday's News and O. carried a piece concerning the pneumonia deaths in the state for January. As often happens, a typographical error changed the whole meaning of the text. The eye-catching sentence read: "the State had a morality rate of 10.4 per thousand of population a decrease of one-tenth etc."

We knew that with the repeal of the 18th Amendment that the morals of the people would lower, but we didn't know that they would lower that low!

Bernice Eddins, that ambidextrous shoe repairman who owns and operates the Weathers' Shoe Shop, came smiling into the office Wednesday. He had found a mistake in the Record office bill, and the Publishers owed him a dollar! "On this", commented Bro. Eddins, "I can eat another day. Heh, Heh".

The Raleigh Times brings to mind the "I ain't got no body" song with this headline: "Moose Head Visits City".

The wise-crack of the season comes from the columnist who says, "Using a holder to smoke a good cigar is like kissing a lovely woman through a megaphone!"