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THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

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When it comes to bridge or any other game with playing cards "all I know is what I read in the papers." But I have been much impressed with the opinions of four persons, as I have recently read them, concerning bridge. Each of these is really a personage and I must conclude that they know whereof they speak.

The Culbertsons, both teachers of bridge, had articles in leading magazines during the summer and both declare there is too much bridge. Mrs. Culbertson, in *The Ladies' Home Journal* for August says: "Plain words are necessary . . . No woman should be so interested in bridge that it interferes with her proper duties to children, her husband, her home, her many social and cultural activities . . . Dangers, real dangers, surround the innocent-appearing bridge table, dangers not only of time and disposition and human relationships, but of money as well . . . Against the gambling reef whole lives can crash and go down in pain and hardship."

Mr. Culbertson asserts that bridge is not essentially a gambling game, though she adds that she has actually seen thousands of dollars lost at a single sitting. She thinks the best plan is not to play for stakes, but to have an inexpensive prize for the winner, and urges all players to remember that the game is the sport and not the winning.

Mr. Culbertson's article seems primarily addressed to men and is along much the same lines as that of his wife. He declares: "This thing has got to stop," the thing being too much bridge.

The State President of the federated Women's Clubs of North Carolina in a personal letter says that she was brought up in a home where card-playing and dancing were regarded as natural and not as sinful; but that she does not now play bridge. Her reason is that she teaches a Bible class of young women and has her club work to look after and these take so much time that she has none to spare for things she regards as less important.

In another magazine published last week Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt was quoted as saying that in these days no woman of education or prominence should be found playing bridge. Her reason was that women as citizens should throw the full weight of their influence into helping those less fortunate than themselves. She holds that education or prominence coupled with leisure bring responsibility that no woman can rightly evade.

It may be noted that not one of those above quoted mentioned religious scruples about cards; that is why I was so much impressed.

Geologists deny the report that Yellow Stone Park geysers are losing power.

Has Narrow Escape

Night Policeman J. B. Tharington, of Zebulon barely escaped electrocution Friday night about eleven o'clock. He was making his usual rounds in his car when he ran into a street lamp, near Wiggs' warehouse. The contact lifted the front end of the car clear off the ground and swerved it around. Two light posts were torn up.

Tharington had for several nights been keeping this part of his beat closely watched. Evidently those who lowered the street lights intended to trap him. The arc lights at each end of the street were lowered after Tharington entered the street. The light at the end next to Wiggs' warehouse was removed and the lamp left dangling just high enough from the ground to hit the radiator on the car. The light was not removed from the lamp in the street near the oil mill, but it was lowered about the same distance as the other. It is thought that fear of discovery kept this light from being removed. The officer thinks only slow driving saved his life.

Saturday the officials of Zebulon astounded at the crudeness of this crime, were trying to find evidence sufficient to make an arrest—N. and O.

In a cigar store, on Times Square, in New York City, a telephone book, through constant handling, is worn out every 72 hours.

At Everett, Mass., in C. W. Benson's yard, is a plot of very attractive sweetpeas grown from seeds taken from the tomb of the Egyptian King, Tutankamen.

Church News

Rev. J. E. Hoyle preached at the local Baptist Church last Sunday night.

Next Monday is the date for the general meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, of the Baptist Church.

Bear in mind that the hour for evening services has been advanced to 7:30.

The Berean Class of the Baptist S. S. were hosts at a picnic supper in the C. V. Whitley grove last night. Guests were the members of the Fidelis class.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday School 10 A. M. Special Worship Program at opening service. Church services 11 A. M. Sermon by the pastor. At 7:30 the Young People will give a religious drama, "The Seeing Heart." The scene is laid in the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, a short while before the crucifixion of Christ. The characters are as follows: Mary, Jocelyn House; Martha, Edna Earl Sexton; Rachel, Ruby Bridgers; Lazarus, Charles Flowers, Jr.; Aaron, Ralph House. The young people of Wendell will have charge of the worship program. The public is cordially invited to all services.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at the church. This is the last meeting of the quarter. A full attendance is urged.

News of State And the World Briefly Stated

Brothers To Marry Sisters

Announcement has been made by the pastor of a Negro Baptist church in Washington, D. C., that on next Sunday in his church seven brothers will be married to seven sisters. There will be one hundred bridesmaids and ushers. Whether there will be one ceremony or seven was not stated.

Hoover Writes On Liberty

Former President Hoover in an article in last week's Saturday Evening Post asserts that the liberty of the American people is being threatened and that a system of economic registration in which man is only the pawn of the state is being substituted for freedom. He does not mention Roosevelt by name, but does give a list of powers recently delegated to the chief executive, and comments upon their dangers.

The part appearing in the Post is being printed in a book by Hoover, which it is safe to say will arouse widespread interest—of varying kinds.

Ancient Art

The art of weaving is said to be 4,000 years old. Formerly the machinery used was operated by hand, which made the process a slow one. It is said that the principle of the loom has changed but little for the past 15 centuries. In colonial days efforts were made to smuggle improved machinery for weaving into the colonies. Later American inventions placed this country among those most important in the manufacture of textiles.

New England was first of the United States to be troubled by unrest and strikes, which have now spread over the entire country.

Strike Affects N. C.

While not affected to the extent that many states are by the textile strike, North Carolina has many mills shut down by the walkout. Raleigh mills are not unionized and are working, as are those in some other towns.

The membership or non-membership in the union largely terminates action taken by employees. The end cannot be foreseen at this time.

Special Edition

The Leaksville News for August 30 is a special Rockingham County edition of 48 pages. It was designed to present the development of Rockingham County and holds much of interest, not only for that section, but for the entire state.

Plan Wake Park

Plans for a federal recreational park in Wake County are said to be developing. The county has been asked to donate nearly 300 acres of land and federal agents have secured options on other tracts in the northwestern section of Wake. This land is unproductive compared with other sections and tenants on land acquired for the proposed park would be moved to where conditions are better. It is thought that the park could be made self-supporting.

Jewish New Year

Since next Monday is the Jewish New Year, Stanley Shorr will close his department store that day and Tuesday. New Year's Day is kept by Orthodox Jews as a religious holiday. Mr. Shorr will open his store again on Wednesday for business.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bailey are very proud of their new baby girl, Artelia Gene, born August 23rd. Both mother and baby are getting on nicely.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. L. Garland Faulkner, of Zebulon, Route 2, announce the birth of a daughter Shirley Jean, on Friday, August 31st.

Brief News Items

Sinclair Nominated

Upton Sinclair, famous writer was nominated last week as candidate for Democratic governor of California. Congratulations from party leaders are dubious, for Sinclair has long been known as a Socialist and his ideas on government have been thought radical by old line Democrats.

Food Plentiful

Washington has issued a warning to housekeepers not to be led into buying excessive supplies of canned goods through fear that the supply may run short. Reports show that the amount of canned vegetables, fruit and tomatoes will be greater than last year, and that fresh vegetables are to be had in normal quantities.

Earthquake Anniversary

Last Friday, Aug. 21, was the anniversary of the Charleston earthquake, which occurred in 1886. There are many who recall the date, this quake being the last of any severity in this section though small tremors have been felt at intervals since that time.

Bold Robbery

At Lake City, S. C., early Wednesday morning three bandits entered the home of the president of the Palmetto Bank, used adhesive tape to bind the two children of the family to their beds and forced the parents to go to the bank for the purpose of opening the vault for the robbers. Finding that the cashier had arrived and unlocked the vault, the thieves made their escape, taking the two bankers with them for 30 miles before releasing them unhurt. They also carried the contents of the vault—\$100,000 with them.

Hon. Furnifold Simmons, former U. S. senator, has declared himself opposed to the proposed new state constitution. He commended Atty. Gen. Brummitt on his fight against the measure.

Andrew W. Mellon, former Secretary of the United States Treasury, has purchased from the Russian Government the 15th century painting, "Alba Madonna," by the Italian painter, Raphael, for \$1,500,000, which is believed to be the largest sum ever paid in such a transaction.

Washington Current Comments

When Henry T. Rainey, Speaker of the House of Representatives, relaxed his hand in death, to grasp the gavel no more, he retired from a position which had been held by a long line of distinguished men. Before him had gone James K. Polk, who was to become president of the United States, and Henry Clay, James G. Blaine, Joseph G. Cannon and Champ Clark, destined to aspire to the honor that came to Polk, only to have their hopes laid in the dust. Schuyler Colfax passed through the speakership on his route to the vice-presidency. Such names as Charles F. Crisp, Thomas B. Reed and John G. Carlisle have not departed from the minds of those who hold statecraft and politics in remembrance, but who were Michael C. Kerr, R. C. Winthrop and Howell Cobb? Merely being speaker of the House does not insure immortal fame, but while a man holds that position, he wields a power which is removed but a step or two in importance from that of the Chief Executive. Where he future will place the name of Mr. Rainey on the roll of honor, time alone will tell, but it seems certain that he must be given credit for putting a potent shoulder under the load of legislation that went with a change of administration and with a marked shift of viewpoint in a day of crisis.

About ninety per cent of the German voters support Mr. Hitler at the polls, in what may be regarded as a test vote and today he holds more power than any king or emperor of the earth. The vote may have been a test of German opinion, but it was not a test of Mr. Hitler. That will come later. The world will watch to see whether he measures up to the maxim of our old friend Shakespeare: "Tis excellent to have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant."

A New York infant thrusts its head between the bars of a crib and had to be sawed free by the police. The child will find itself gripped and trapped many times before it lies. The youngster simply made an early start, that is all.

Another attempt to penetrate the high air, technically known as the stratosphere, began in Belgium and ended successfully in Austria. Getting up and away from the ground is not a new thing. George Washington saw the start of the first balloon ascension in the United States, at Philadelphia in 1793. No doubt he was entertained and instructed, but it is probable that it never occurred to him that the time would come when a person could leave Mount Vernon and arrive in Philadelphia by air transport in less time than Washington could have had his horse saddled and ridden to the house of a neighbor, a few miles away.

Anyone who has read Dickens will agree that prison reform is a good thing, and that we have gone far in that direction. The reading of more modern print causes us to wonder if we have gone too far. In a manifesto issued by the inmates of a prison during a recent disturbance it was stated that if

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