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## THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

By Mrs. THEO. B. DAVIS

The scientists are all excited over the discovery of heavy water. Why, forty years ago I could have told them that the spring under the hill at our house was running over with it.

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If you have never tried it you may be interested to know that dipping sprays of evergreen in a solution of Epsom salts and letting it dry will give a coating of what looks exactly like heavy frost or ice. Dissolve the salts in boiling water using as much as the water will take up—what is called a saturate solution—and let it cool before dipping your holly cedar or other greens. It is lovely in Christmas decoration.

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The Folk Music Institute at Chapel Hill is planning a search for old party games, ballads, square dances, etc. and asks help from all who are able to tell them of these. For the play party games figures as well as words and music of songs are desired.

The institute specially wants figures for the old square dances and wishes to get in touch with a "Caller" who can call such figures as Cross Balance, Grapevine Twist and Bird in the Cage.

I hope they get the figures. The old square dances as I saw them 35 years ago were beautiful, though the ones I saw were danced in another state.

I stopped attending them when I realized that they were frowned upon by the church, though not by many christians who thought a square dance in a private home was as harmless diversion as young folks could find. Square dances were attended by older folk in plenty and the music was usually made by the neighborhood boys who played banjos and fiddles. And the dancers really danced while the Caller announced the figures loudly enough to be heard above the rhythmic slip-slap of dozens of feet. Dances were divided into three parts with rests between, and a "set" meant the three parts.

Beginning with "balance all", which meant that the men took positions in front of their partners and did fancy steps until they were told to "swing your partner," the dance went on to more and more intricate figures, many of which were lovely to watch. The men touched only hands and elbows of the women and vied with each other as to who could put the most elaborate touches to keeping exact time with the music.

When Mr. Billie Walker, the neighborhood bachelor, stepped in front of a girl and "danced to" her, by the time he had hopped one way and skipped the other, had crossed and uncrossed his small feet in every direction, had kicked high a few times with delicate vigor and had raised his hands to take hers for the turn—well, by that time a girl certainly knew she had been danced to.

As for the girls, the most flattering description of their dancing in that day was "she could dance

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## Brief News Items General

**TRIPLE ELECTROCUTION**  
Friday of last week a triple electrocution at State Prison exacted the last earthly penalty for the attempted robbery of the Taylorsville Bank in which resulted the murder of the cashier.

Probably this was the first execution of so many in one family. Bascom Green, his son Lester and R. Ed Black, a son-in-law, were those whose deaths satisfied the law's demands, Mike Stefanoff already having been electrocuted for participation in the same crime.

### Capital Punishment

The electric chair at State Prison is going to get some attention from the coming Legislature. Dr. Chas. A. Peterson, prominent Spruce Pine physician and a Republican member of the House from Mitchell County, is expected to introduce a bill to change the method from the electric chair to death in a lethal gas chamber. It is also expected that efforts will be made to give judges power to impose life imprisonment sentences in cases where the jury returns a verdict of guilty of a capital offense but recommends mercy. That would untie judges' hands from the mandatory death sentence and take a great load off the governor and his parole commission.

### FEDERAL DRUG RAIDS

A nation wide raid on sellers of narcotics was made by the federal government of last week, resulting in the arrest of 765 offenders and the confiscation of quantities of drugs. Many automobiles were also seized. About one-fourth of the number arrested are women.

Complaints have been received by officers that the sellers of narcotics have been disposing of their wares to school children as well as to those already addicts. Federal officers declare there is need for new legislation concerning seizure of contraband narcotics as they have discovered cases they have no legal right to touch.

### 400th ANNIVERSARY

Four hundred years ago last Monday Martin Luther completed his translation of the Bible. The work was begun in 1521. With no secretary, no typewriter, and with many other duties, one does not wonder that 13 years were required for the translation and its publication.

The first edition of 3,000 copies sold at what today would be \$10.00 each.

### METEOR SEEN

Although astronomers assert that meteors are not rare, it is most unusual for one to be seen by as many as viewed the one which fell in Pitt County last Tuesday. The explosion was heard as far off a Kinston and caused many to think that the earth was quaking.

One section of the meteor, weighing about 12 1-2 ponds has been found near Farmville, and it is said that another piece struck a tobacco barn nearby.

Some of Wakelon's pupils were among the number who saw the meteor in the early p. m. Others in Raleigh, Ft. Bragg, McCullers and other points west of Greenville have reported watching its passage.

## Farmers, Attention! VOTE TODAY!

Every farmer in Little River Township should vote today without fail upon the question as to whether the Bankhead Cotton Act and the Kerr-Smith Tobacco Act should be continued. The entire township has only one voting place which is Finch and Wade's Insurance office.

Poll holders are C. S. Chamblee, Carl Bunn, and Sam Davis.

The committee urges that every farmer in this township show enough gratitude for the help given them through these Acts to present himself at the polls and register his approval and desire for their continuance. Show towards government the co-operation that has been shown farmers. Vote for your own prosperity.

If you had by any chance forgotten that this is voting day, drop everything else and go to the polls right now.

John C. Anderson, Co. Agt.  
Oren D. Massey, Local Cmt.

### Relief

The question of state contribution to the federal relief program may not bother the General Assembly quite as much as anticipated. The federal government is going to insist that the several states kick in on caring for those without employment but does not specify that state governments must do all the chipping in. It is entirely probable that the matter may be settled on a county basis with each local unit kicking in its share. In that event the state would not have to raise so much in taxes for relief. Many counties having few persons on relief rolls might favor county rather than state relief taxes. At least that's what some people having reputations for seeing beyond their noses believe.

### Auto Tags

Efforts are going to be made in the General Assembly to reduce the price of state automobile license tags instead of diverting highway money to other purposes. The motorists will like that but not the politicians who want to collect from the uncomplaining car-owner and spend the money elsewhere to avoid other more unpopular taxes. The highway department is also going to need several millions to repair roads and put them back in the condition they were two years ago when the Legislature put legal limits on how much of the motorists' money could be spent for the purpose for which it was collected.

### FIRST SNOW OF SEASON

Zebulon's first snow for this season fell on Friday night, beginning at about 6:30. Most of it dissolved as it fell, though enough remained on tops of houses and cars to bear witness on Saturday morning that winter had really come. On Saturday flakes began falling shortly after eight o'clock in the morning and continued to drift down until towards the middle of the afternoon not enough remained on the ground to make a show.

## CHURCH NEWS

### BAPTIST

The regular preaching services will be held at the usual hours at the Baptist Church next Sunday morning and evening.

The W. M. S. of the Baptist Church met on Monday p. m. Mrs. A. N. Jones directed the program on Christmas Around the World. Mrs. P. N. Massey led the devotional. Others taking part were Mesdames C. H. Chamblee, C. V. Whitley and Theo. Davis. Mrs. Herring announced final plans for the day of prayer on Thursday.

### METHODIST

Pastor Read spoke words of inspiration and encouragement to his congregation last Sunday and a goodly number pledged themselves to greater efforts during the coming year.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met on Monday p. m. Mrs. A. R. House directed a carefully arranged program on the day's topic.

A White Christmas with appropriate program will be celebrated at the Methodist Church on Friday night of next week. The public is invited.

## Christmas Cantata

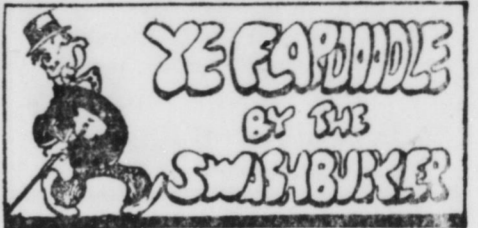
There will be a Christmas Cantata given in the Wakelon Auditorium, Sunday, December 16, at four o'clock. The Cantata is called "The Wondrous Story". It is divided into six parts; the first, "The Shepherds"; the second, "The Angel Choir"; the third, "The Wise Men"; the fourth, "The Manger"; the fifth, "Into the town of Bethlehem"; the last, "Christmas Dawn." This part will be given by the High School Glee Club. Preceding this will be a chorus by the elementary children, who will sing Christmas Carols. There will be a pageant of the Christmas Story in connection with the Cantata.  
Dorothy Winstead

## Jesse Freeman Is Killed In Wreck

Personal friends and friends of Mrs. Freeman's family in this section deeply regret the accident which cost the life of Jesse Freeman on last Sunday p. m. Mr. Freeman was killed in an auto wreck caused by a driver said to be intoxicated and who caused the wreck of another car as well as Mr. Freeman's. Mrs. Freeman was Miss Lena Bunn, of Zebulon. An infant daughter also survives, besides the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Freeman of Reidsville, a sister and three brothers.

## P.-T.A.

There will be an old-fashioned spelling-match in the auditorium of Wakelon School, beginning at 8:00 on the night of Wednesday, Dec. 19. Admission will be ten cents and the proceeds will go to the Parent-Teacher Association. The public is invited to come and spell or listen.



Did you see the News and Ob edition of the Duke Endowment, or the Duke Endowment edition of the N and O? It's the same difference.

Duke did all the things that I was going to do.

He just beat me to it by a few years.

And poor little Doris, having to barely exist on twenty-eight million for the rest of her life.

She can do it though, I know, because I've lived all my life on a little less than that.

About twenty-seven million nine hundred ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred dollars less.

It wouldn't do for me to have that much. Mathematicians say a man couldn't count to a million in a day.

No wonder. Most folks don't even know how to count to half-million.

It would be fun to try to count a million dollars though.

But then it's Doris we're interested in, not her millions.

At least she will never marry for money.

Like my wife did.

But then—what's a few million between friends? A paltry sum.

Heh! Heh! Loan me ninety-five cents, Mr. Poole, I don't want to break a dollar.

What?

No, just lend me the ninety-five, I already have the sales tax.

And the local prodigy who asked his mother "When is Christmas?"

"Just around the corner, dear."

"Aw, Mama, don't give me any of that prosperity talk, I wanna know when Christmas is."

I must be in my second childhood again (or still in my first). It's just as hard as it ever was to get to bed and get up next morning.

### SCHOOLS CLOSE

Because of an epidemic of measles schools in Oxford have closed until Dec. 31. The exception is the school at the Masonic Orphanage which is not affected.

### EDDINS-MANNING

On Saturday night of last week Miss Martha Manning of Middlesex was married to Mrs. Herman Eddins of Wakefield. The ceremony was performed at Middlesex by Rev. Cal Ousley, pastor of the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Eddins are living at Wakefield.

Much display, little merit.