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THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

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Once more we approach the glad season of the year when those who own beautiful evergreens or small and shapely cedar or holly trees had best watch them night and day if they want to possess them much longer. There's no telling who might come along, nor when, to "swipe" one for use in celebrating the birth of Christ. No, I am wrong; for use in celebrating a festival.

It's rather pathetic to see tiny trees trying to stand upright in front of a store, waiting for purchasers and turning pale or dying from disappointment. But that is far better than indiscriminate cutting in woods that belong to some one else than the cutter. The state is trying to conserve greenery, but jurisdiction seems to extend only 100 feet on each side of the road. The rest is a matter between owners and wanters.

Even at the risk of being thought a heretic I'd have to admit, if asked about it, that I am not wildly enthusiastic over that famous poem called "The Night Before Christmas." And this is not because I object to the use of the word that rhymes with jelly. Nor is it because a pupil of mine in a high falsetto once misread two of the lines thus:

"Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the hash."

My main objection to it is that it never rises higher than the top of the chimney.

It seems a pity that so many of the Christmas songs are worth so little and that so few of us memorize those that are truly beautiful.

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" has been partially spoiled for me by getting it wrong when I first heard it years ago. Instead of "Thus Spake the Seraph" I thought it was "Thus spake the sheriff," and lost the meaning. It would be impossible to estimate the number of children who mistake words in songs they are taught, and we seldom pause to make sure they understand.

To me no Christmas songs are quite so lovely as "Silent Night" and "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." If you can not sing them well nor hear they sung, read them over and over. They will make Christmas every year seem as old as eternal love and as new as birth. And there is something in "We Three Kings of Orient Are" that is so heart-breakingly sad the only thing more painful than listening would be not hearing it.

May Christmas be beautiful to us all. Even should the year have brought sadness unspeakable and losses almost too great to be borne; though we may face the future with dread and loneliness;

CHURCH NEWS

On Monday night L. L. Morgan, State S. S. Field Worker, Miss Mary Alice Biby, Southern Baptist Convention Representative, and Mrs. Lane, State Intermediate Leader, spoke at the Baptist Church emphasizing the importance of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Convention to be held in Raleigh the first week in January and urging those present to attend and to arouse deeper interest in others of the church concerning the conference. Local problems and plans were discussed briefly.

The Christmas program at the Baptist Church will be presented on next Sunday night.

The Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions was observed on last Thursday with an all-day service and lunch at the church.

The Southside Circle of the W. M. S. met on Monday in the home of Mrs. S. A. Horton.

Greensboro Loses In Attempt to Put Its Debt on County

Guilford county superior court last week decided that Guilford county should not be required to assume the school debt of the city of Greensboro, amounting to three million dollars. The case will go to the supreme court on appeal of the city.

The result had been anticipated and so had the appeal. The case is of peculiar interest hereabouts because the Raleigh school board is preparing to start suit to force Wake county to take over its debt of about two million dollars. The situation here and in Guilford is very similar and if the supreme court decides that case soon it may be used as a guide for action here without court action.

Kingfish Loses One of His New Bills

Dictator Huey Long accepted an amendment to one of his pet bills before the special session of the Louisiana this week when one of Louisiana Legislature this week when one of the few opponents of Long in the assembly discovered that it gave the Senator power through his creature appointees to hire and fire at will all the school teachers of the state. Disguised as an innocent looking measure to permit children to attend school in other than their own parishes, the bill with its deadly "joker" almost got by without detection.

no matter what of disappointment and failure we have known; may we for a little while, if no longer, at this season "rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing."

Fassauer Ferron, of Pasadena, Calif., has produced the smallest violin ever made. The instrument which is 13-4 inches long, is complete in every detail.

NOTICE

There will be no Zebulon Record next week in order that the Record force may take a day off for the Christmas holiday season.

Safecrackers Get Money and Jewels From Local Store

There has been an epidemic of safeblowing the past few weeks, evidently the work of an experienced gang. Saturday night the safe at Hudson-Belk's store was blown and the robbers got away with nearly four thousand dollars in cash, negotiable checks and jewelry. Nearly a thousand dollars worth of the jewelry stolen was family heirloom pieces belonging to Mrs. Will Hudson. The robbers entered the store through a skylight, wrapped the safe in heavy blankets and blew it with nitroglycerine.

The same night—or at least between closing time Saturday night and Monday morning—the Belk-Parks store and Efrid's store at Albemarle were robbed, that haul amounting to about \$700. Then on Monday night the safe in the bank at Rustburg, Va., was cracked and some \$7,000 taken away.

What Should the Firemen Do?

A house burned in a suburb of Atlanta, Ga., the other day with a fire company standing by and not lifting a hand to put out the flames. And for that inactivity the fire company has been bitterly criticised. But there are two sides to the question. The house was outside the city limits in a suburban neighborhood where a number of citizens had joined together and hired a fire company for their protection, paying them by subscription—a sort of mutual insurance society. Some of the citizens did not want to pay the subscription, just as some property owners do not want to pay premiums on fire insurance policies. But is the insurance company so condemned when it fails to pay a non-policy holder for the loss of his property.

The same question arises every once in awhile in almost every city or town having a fire department maintained by taxes. The citizens of the town pay the taxes in order to get the protection. If some fellow decides he does not want to pay town taxes and moves just outside the city limits, has he the right to expect the fire company and the police department to protect him. Many of them apparently think so, but it doesn't look right.

Two palm trees, each weighing approximately 35 tons, were moved to a new site from ground they had occupied, at Los Angeles, Calif., for the past 100 years.

Suffering a paralytic stroke while walking on his farm, near Ionia, Mich., Charles Richardson fell face downward into a puddle of water two inches deep and drowned.

Grand Jury After Commissioners

Wake county grand jury calls attention of county and city commissioners to recommendations for improvements about the jails and says it hopes the matter will be attended to without further delay. The grand jury can indict either board for failure to comply with its recommendations and the intimation is clear that such a course may be followed.

Want Cooley on Agriculture Com.

The other ten North Carolina congressmen are being asked to support Harold Cooley for a place on the house committee on agriculture. It is pointed out that this state has never had a member on that committee although we rank fourth in value of all agricultural products.

Aviation Only 31 Years Old Now

Airplane stunts and mass flights at nearly every airport in the entire country Tuesday celebrated the thirty-first birthday of aviation. Just 31 years ago, on December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers achieved the first flight of a heavier than air machine.

Bankhead Bill Not So Very Unpopular

Cotton farmers throughout the South last week voted overwhelmingly for continuance another year of the compulsory control program, popularly known as the Bankhead bill. The vote was about 10 to 1. In Wake county it was about 15 to 1, indicating that the farmers of this county are very well pleased, thank you, with the present control set-up.

Freezing Point Reached at Miami

The extreme cold weather of the first of last week was unusual in many respects. The cold wave reached farther south than usual, reaching freezing point at Miami, Fla. This was the first time on record when it was that cold so far south so early in the winter. Many deaths were reported from the north and west due to cold and exposure.

Jump on School Administration

Class room teachers in Wayne county in open meeting jumped all over the administration of the state school system, declaring that the welfare of the children was being sacrificed to mistaken economy, and that school teachers were grossly discriminated against as compared with other state employees.

Beware of a still dog, still water or a still woman.



Dear Santa:

I don't want anything that will cost much money this Christmas.

I know I'll get a bill after Christmas saying "Your check will be appreciated."

Help the wife pick out some socks that won't let my big toes stick out 'ere I have worn them thrice.

Help brother to use a slight degree of intelligence when he chooses the tie. You did an awful job last year.

Bill Poole said bring him a 1935 Plymouth, he didn't care whether it was new or not.

You might bring the garbage man with you, he hasn't been after our garbage for nearly three weeks.

And don't forget my wash-woman. She's been begging me for the last month not to let you forget her. Now that I've told you you'll have to assume all responsibility.

Lawrence Tracy said bring him anything that was paid for.

Bring Clarence Hocutt's wife a sponge rubber rolling pin. (Don't forget to take the hard, wood one his boss got last Christmas.

Bring the wife some silk hole-proof, snag-proof, hang-nail-proof, pull-proof, push-proof, stain-proof, tear proof and everything else-proof hose.

As for the old Swashbuckler, just a five thousand dollar certificate on Uncle Sam will do.

I won't be a cad, make it ten thousand.

Please don't leave my pants in the hall with the pockets empty and a note reading: "I. O. U. ten dollars" like you did last year.

Yours truly,
THE SWASHBUCKLER.

P. S.: If you've got to bring any fireworks to any little boys, let them live in Wendell.

NOTICE

The sale of personal property of the late C. H. Chamblee will be held on Thursday, Jan. 10, 1935, and not on December 29 as is stated elsewhere in this paper.

In the United States there are 3,805 negro physicians and surgeons.

A nine-foot earthworm has been found in Australia where six-foot specimens are not uncommon.

The brink of Niagara Falls is moving back several feet yearly due to erosion.

Love creates blindness; marriage cures it.