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## THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

By Mrs. THEO. B. DAVIS

In the low ground right near Little River, on the left of the road going west, somebody has made a plant bed. It is a nice one, all covered with canvas. But even a tiny freshet will wash that plant bed away.

And, busy as I am, and much as I have on my mind already, I've got to worry over that plant bed every time it rains.

Is there a flammulated screech owl in any woods in these parts? Cornell University and the American Museum of Natural History are sending out an expedition that hope to find one. When I read it first I wondered just what a flammulated bird is; but in looking it up I learned that the word means reddish in color. And I fancy that kind sounds quite as mournful as any other when he wakes you up with his screeching. If so, Cornell is welcome to him, for my part.

Last week Mr. Harris, down at the shop, was afraid he had made a mistake in Mr. Debnam's ad, not being sure what castings are. To be certain I went and asked Mr. Debnam and found that nowadays all iron parts of a plow are called castings—moldboard, points and all. We used to call each by name. Did you ever have to walk two miles to a country store on a hot summer day to bring home one or more plow-points? If so, the store keeper probably ran a cord through the holes in them before handing them to you, and that cord cut a deep groove in your hand long ahead of your reaching home. And do you know what a colter is? Or a Clevis? Do you know the difference between a double-shovel plow and a turning plow? You are liable not to know unless you were lucky enough to grow up in the country.

A well-cured ham, boiled, is probably the most versatile and satisfactory meat that any housekeeper can prepare ahead of time and have on hand for regular meals or emergencies. If preferred hot for breakfast, a thin slice of the meat may be broiled and served as bacon would be. For dinner nothing beats boiled ham along with any vegetables that are in season and the water in which said ham was boiled will season many a dish of beans, peas or greens, if carefully kept in a cold place. For supper with potato salad the boiled ham is as good as at any other time. School sandwiches are specially enjoyed when ham is used as a filler. Even the last morsels may be hacked off the bone and mixed with salad dressing for more sandwiches or sprinkled over scrambled eggs, while the bone itself is good for at least one more boiling. The fat outer portions can be baked until reduced to small brown scraps in a puddle of grease which may be saved for frying eggs in or for more vegetables. Yes, sir, the hog is a mighty important animal; and the ham is the most important part of him.

## A Letter From Sen. Weathers

Mr. Theo. B. Davis, Editor, Zebulon Record, Zebulon, N. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

In your Issue of March 14th I notice an article by Dr. Douglass urging people in your community to support a bill abolishing second primaries in Wake County. Since this bill has passed the House of Representatives (although Representative Thompson opposes the measure) and the responsibility for determining action on the subject rests with me in the Senate, and since Dr. Douglass has made a public appeal for support of his bill through your paper, I desire to give the reasons why I shall not support the bill:

1. Most important of all considerations is the fact that the arbitrary prohibition of second primaries is undemocratic. It would be readily possible for a candidate to be nominated by a minority vote of only a small percentage of the vote cast.

2. It gives men in office a decided advantage over other candidates for such offices.

3. Abolition of second primaries would enable a political organization to center its support on one candidate, and at the same time bring out various other candidates to split the vote of his opponent, and thus nominate the candidate of such organization by minority vote. It would be perfectly possible for a candidate to be nominated with as little as 25 per cent of the vote cast. Certainly this is not democratic nor conducive to majority rule.

As an illustration of this fact, consider the instance of the last race for the House of Representatives in Wake County. There were some twenty-odd candidates offering for these three places. In the first primary no candidate received anywhere near a majority of the vote. Certainly it was impossible to determine the will of the people of Wake County with that many candidates offering for these jobs.

I personally do not like second primaries. I experienced a second primary myself last year in my campaign for the Senate, although I had a plurality of nearly fourteen hundred votes. If I let my personal preference govern my action in this matter, it would be very easy for me to support this bill, but the bill, in my opinion, is undemocratic and wrong and destructive of the rights of the electorate to name its candidates by majority action and not by minority action.

Incidentally, most second primaries in Wake County are called for because District or State-wide Second Primaries are necessary for such offices as Governor, United States Senator, Solicitor, etc. The public does not encourage a second primary being called where the leading candidate has a tremendous lead over his opponent, and it is seldom that the second high man calls for a second primary under such circumstances, but to prohibit the right of the voters from naming candidates by majority action, in my opinion, would lead to the destruction of representative government.

The greatest use of second primaries in Wake County is because of the large field of candidates for the House of Representatives. I think that this condition can be

## GENERAL NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Fire in Raleigh

A fire that did damage estimated at \$100,000 swept Eford's Department Store on Fayetteville St., Raleigh, late Tuesday afternoon. The store was thronged with customers and it was indeed fortunate that no lives were lost. Several women were taken from the upper floor by being pulled through broken windows, one being so badly cut that she was taken to a hospital. The fire is said to have started in a space back of the main elevator shaft. Hard work by firemen and volunteers kept it from other stores adjoining.

Verdict Manslaughter

Ida Wright, negro woman of Zebulon, who recently shot and killed her husband, Henry Wright, in their home on the John Medlin farm, was tried this week and was convicted of manslaughter. She was sentenced to serve from 10 to 15 years in prison. Her plea was self defense. She claimed that her husband was threatening her with shot-gun and razor.

ERA Cattle Lost

Reports from this section around New Bern state that hundreds of cattle shipped in to be canned for food for relief cases are lost in the pocoson, and it is feared that many are dead. It might be stated that a pocoson is a swampy field and that after the cattle were supposed to pasture upon them until such time as they were to be slaughtered. But it did not work out as planned. The cattle were poor and weakened from travel when turned out to graze upon little besides reeds, which were already tough; and they were unused to swamp mud. At first it was attempted to keep some sort of watch over them, but this was abandoned. At present a reward of 50c per head is being offered for finding the cattle with a larger reward for delivery. Many of the residents of the section believe the greater number to be dead in the swamps.

Four County Vocal Union

On the afternoon of the first Sunday in June the four-county vocal union will meet in the auditorium at Wakelon School. It is hoped that 1,000 persons will be present. All choirs within reach are invited to come out and take part on the program. Send name to Arthur Lewis, Zebulon, R1, or to The Zebulon Record.

Our faults attract more attention than our virtues.—Hunter.

corrected by a law to declare the three House of Representatives' seats as three separate offices, and have each candidate for such office to file his candidacy for Seat One, or Seat Two, or Seat Three, rather than be a candidate for the entire field. Thus it will be possible in each separate House of Representatives race for the will of the people to be fairly well determined in a first primary, which would discourage the calling of second primaries. But to prohibit second primaries is not in accordance with my conception of representative government.

With much respect, I am,  
Cordially yours,  
Carroll W. Weathers.

## Church Column

Methodist Church services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. All cordially invited.

## Club News

The Home Demonstration Club will meet at Wakefield on Wednesday of next week. The local program will be directed by Mrs. D. D. Chamblee.

The meeting of the Department of Literature of the Woman's Club was omitted this week because of the program leader being called out of town. The program will be given on next Tuesday at the general meeting of the club. Mrs. Hinton, Chm., of the Garden Department will conduct a plant exchange at this meeting. All members having shrubs, cuttings or seedlings for exchange will please bring them to the club before time for the meeting, which begins at 3:30.

## Baby Contest

Sponsored by the Philathea Class of the Baptist Sunday School, A Baby Popularity Contest has been begun in Zebulon. Registration costs twenty-five cents. The voting will begin on April first and each vote for a contestant costs one cent. The Zebulon Drug Store will be headquarters for voting and the contests will continue for six weeks ending with a Better Baby Contest and Parade and the giving of valuable prizes to the babies receiving most votes.

Children are eligible for registration if under six years of age. The registration fee entitles each entrant to 25 votes.

At the time of going to press the following names have been entered in the contest:

Laura Jones Sexton, Mary Fisher Finch, Carolyn Massey, George Riggsbee Massey, Billy Parks Brantley, Julia Pippin, Hazel Chamblee Herring, Truin Howard Shorr, Nancy Whitley, Jean Robert son, Cary Ely Harper, Bobbie Gill, Joellen Gill, Clara Joyce Rhoades, Charlotte McKee Poole, Mack Hocutt, Charles Bernice Edkins, III, \_\_\_\_\_ Weathersby.

## Birthday Party

C. H. Rhodes will pass his 78th birthday at his home Tuesday, March the 26th. He has been sick for several weeks but is better now and I cordially invite all his friends to come in to see him during the afternoon or night of his birthday. He enjoys any little visit or kindness shown him so much, so please come one and all and give him a surprise birthday call.

Mrs. C. M. Rhodes.

## Dust Storm Does Serious Damage

One of the worst dust storms in years is now sweeping over sections of the middle west. Reports from Kansas City indicate that damage to property and cattle in Dust storms are not rare in the that neighborhood has been heavy. west, but for several years there has been a big deficiency in rainfall and the storms are more destructive than they used to be.

## Seen and Heard

The new roof and new paint on the Andrew Jones home make it show up most attractively. There's nothing in Zebulon at this time lovelier than the flowering peach tree in the Campen front yard — The forsythia in the McGuire yard is perhaps the most beautiful in town as regards size, symmetry and abundance of bloom.—Mrs. Moser's young forsythia has exactly seven sprays, all in bloom and spread as wide apart as possible.—Not satisfied with beautifying her own yard, Mrs. John Cawthorne is setting out shrubs and plants in the yard of the house next to hers.—Flowering quince was never brighter than it is this spring and there are many of the glowing bushes in town.—

About the most amusing sight seen last week was the Shorr baby making a speech. This youngster is sixteen months old, was wearing extremely blue trousers and a close-fitting blue sweater pulled tightly over a well-rounded tummy. He squared himself back on a pair of sturdy legs and began to orate, using wide, sweeping gestures. His curls vibrated with earnestness, his tones were solemn and one had to listen carefully to find out that he was merely making noises instead of saying words. We asked his mother if she knew what he was trying to say and she hadn't a notion. She said they had visited in the home of a relative who is a lawyer and who would talk to the baby as if addressing a jury, and that the baby was so fascinated by it that now he will keep on that way nearly all day. It is an impressive performance all right.

## Entertains

Mrs. Eugene Privette was hostess last Thursday at a series of parties, seven tables of bridge being in progress during the afternoon and evening.

Attractive high and low score prizes were awarded Mesdames L. M. Massey and J. F. Coltrane, respectively, in the afternoon, and to Mesdames Barbee and Moser, respectively, at the evening party.

Chicken salad, stuffed celery hearts, olives, pickles and macaroons with coffee were served by the hostess.

## Anti-Rabies Bill Enacted Into Law

The senate this week passed the Abernathy-Fenner house bill requiring all dogs in North Carolina to be given the anti-rabies vaccination once a year. The sponsors of the bill declare that its purpose is to make for the safety of children in the state. When first introduced by the Nash members the bill was regarded almost as a joke—at least its chances for passage were considered remote. Its passage this week is a distinct personal triumph for the two representatives and the senator from Nash county — Abernathy, Fenner and Gravelly.

WANTED, a Jersey Heifer, soon to come fresh, 2 years old, also potato onions. A. G. Kemp, Zebulon, N. C. 1tp