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THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

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When our second son was in first grade he had a habit of stopping every day on his way home from school to play with "Little Griffin," who was a small Negro boy of indeterminate age with only one eye and little else except an imagination that frequently ran away with him.

On one occasion Ted came in elate with a vicarious triumph to tell me that Little Griffin had killed the devil. As told and retold it had been an epic battle with the outcome at times in doubt. However, Little Griffin declared he finally had chopped off the devil's head with an axe. He said that then he called his smaller sister to his aid, that she dragged the head by its horns and he dragged the body by its forked tail and they both threw their burdens into Falling Creek. Thus the devil could never harm anybody again.

It was a thrilling tale with a climax and a definite result and even now I can picture in my mind just how those two children looked pulling at their horrible burdens and how the dark, sluggish waters of Falling Creek splashed and closed over the devil. It seemed a pity to be unable to corroborate Little Griffin's account of it and to tell Ted that we should all have to keep up the fight as long as we live.

Last Sunday when Mr. Herring deplored the fact that so many of us are more enthusiastic over baseball and other sports than over church activities I found myself remembering the above mentioned incident. It seems to me that one reason we become weary in well-doing is that so often the outcome is not clearly revealed to us. We should not care much for a score-board that left us in doubt as to which side won. And having to wait so long for victory discourages us. We glory in a hard battle when we are conquerors, but this fight-on-my-soul-'til death tires us out. Not being in at the beginning nor the ending of the war with evil, we feel little responsibility for our part in it. We must be a great trial to the Lord as well as to our pastor.

When our son came from Hawaii he brought a paper fish eighteen feet long and gaily colored; the kind the Japanese use in celebrating Boy Day, which is their annual custom. On Sunday I felt that with four sons, a son-in-law and three grandsons all here, it was time, if ever, for me to celebrate Boy Day. Accordingly the fish, supposedly a carp, was hung high and floated in the breezes all the afternoon. The fish's mouth is fastened open with a hoop so the air passes through easily. We enjoyed watching it and enjoyed watching the people

Commissioners to Fight Exemptions

The state association of county commissioners has declared war on one of the proposed amendments to state constitution—that one providing exemption from taxation of a homestead up to \$1000 in value.

The commissioners say that will cost the counties millions of dollars in taxes and the counties can't stand the loss.

Floods Take Toll Life and Property

Floods have taken heavy toll of human life and wrought extensive property damage during the past week. New York state has been one of the worst hit. Thirty nine dead and hundreds more or less seriously injured is the toll there. Property damage is estimated at more than ten million dollars.

Railroad and highway travel has been disrupted, and communication lines are down.

Some middle western states have also been victimized by unusually heavy rainfall resulting in flood waters in streams. In Europe and Asia, too, floods are reported to have done heavy damage.

Polio Spreading In N. C. and Va.

Infantile paralysis continues to spread, not only in North Carolina but in other states. More than 80 cases have been reported in Virginia, while to date 338 have been reported in this state.

Representatives of the U. S. Public Health Service are here studying the disease and aiding in its control, but the doctors freely admit that they know little about it.

Prison Officials On Trial at Charlotte

H. C. Little, superintendent, and Dr. C. S. McLaughlin, physician, in charge of the Mecklenburg prison came past year, at the time Robert Barnes and Woodrow W. Shropshire lost their feet by reason of ill treatment and neglect, are on trial at Charlotte this week.

John D. Rockefeller 96 Years Old Mon.

John D. Rockefeller Monday celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday.

The aged financier is in pretty good health though feeble. He received five million dollars Monday from insurance policies, having outlived the maximum expectancy of the mortuary tables and all of his ordinary life policies became endowments.

Mr. Rockefeller has probably made more money than any other man in the world. There may be a few now who are wealthier because Rockefeller has given away many millions of dollars. Henry Ford has given away anything. A few potentates also rank well with John D. in estimated riches, but they did not earn their money.

Church Column

Services will be held at the Zebulon Methodist Church on Sunday July 14. Sunday School classes for adults will meet at 10:00 a. m. Preaching services will be held at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

In connection with the evening service, at eight, a playlet, "Her Heritage," will be presented by Misses Jocelyn House, Pattie Rue Denton, and Mary Anna Howard. This playlet has a special message for the young people. The public is cordially invited.

Joint Meeting

On Monday afternoon of next week at four o'clock there will be held at the Baptist Church a joint meeting of the Methodist and Baptist Missionary Societies. Mrs. C. L. Read will address the gathering on the subject of Christian Social Relations, making her own choice as to the division of this work presented.

All members of both societies should attend and other women of the churches are cordially invited.

This will be the regular July meeting for both denominational organizations and marks the beginning of a new quarter's work.

Study Class

The members of the W. M. S. of Wakefield Church met today at the home of Mrs. A. S. Bridges for a study class. Lunch will be served and the latest book on Personal Service will provide the day's lessons.

List Property or Suffer Indictment

Speaking of taxes and things:—The county commissioners have issued a warning to all who have not listed their property for taxes this year, that unless listing is done before August 1 the grand jury will be asked to bring indictments.

Fair Building To Be Started Aug. 1

Application has been made for a loan and grant of \$27,000 from PWA for rebuilding the structure at the fair grounds which was burned last fall. If the loan is made the state will immediately pay \$15,000 of it and get the rest free. If the request is denied then the board of agriculture proposes to rebuild as much as can be done with the \$15,000 available. It is promised that work will begin by August 1 in any event and that the building will be ready in ample time for the fair in October.

War Feared

Americans have been warned of the advisability of leaving Ethiopia because of the danger of conflict with Italy. Mussolini is assembling a large array of forces and there is grave danger of war. Whether the Suez Canal would be open to Italy in case of attack upon Ethiopia is being earnestly considered.

Recorder's Court Personals

All things come to him who waits and at the July 3 term the depression came to the Recorder's Court of the Little River Township. Only five cases appeared, and Judge Rhodes disposed of these in record time in time for Record publication.

Clarence Price likes our roads so little he tried to leave them at a rate faster than the law allows. The Judge gave him the choice of paying \$10.00 and costs or staying on those same roads for 60 days. Clarence said his opinion of the roads was unchanged and paid. In compliance with court instructions, he will restrain the gypsy in himself for the next two years.

E. P. Privette, suffering from avoirdupois of the foot, with acceleration complications, was charged \$10 and costs as a remedial measure.

Ninety days are suspended over C. C. Privette and there they shall remain if he does not further violate the prohibition law in the coming two years. Mr. Privette paid \$10 and costs for a very dry lecture on "The Possession of Whiskey." There was no sales tax.

John May gave a good account of himself in the Zebulon AC fights of 1924. How his accounts balanced after his last fight, this time with a female, is not known. The Judge decided the battle occurred outside his jurisdiction and refused to referee.

Lelon Horton possessed whiskey illegally. And he doesn't like the Navy or its nomenclature; so he paid \$10 and costs and promised to be good a whole year rather than put the next 60 days in the brig.

Restrain Collection Processing Taxes

Judge Johnson J. Hayes in federal court for the Middle District, at Greensboro Tuesday, granted a temporary order restraining Revenue Collector Robertson from collecting the processing tax on cotton from half a dozen or more mills which were parties to the suit. A full hearing later will determine if the order shall be made permanent.

At the same time a dozen or so flour mills in the middle west have started similar actions on the processing tax on wheat.

The issue will finally have to be decided by the United States Supreme Court.

Lend Relief

New York City aldermen are considering having applicants for relief promise to repay the funds used, if and when they are able to do so. Removal of relief families to the country is also being recommended as is a tax holiday on building of homes.

Fred E. Beal, leader of the Gastonia strike six years ago, and who skipped the country while under bond after conviction of manslaughter for the death of Chief Aderholt, has returned from Russia. He prefers an American prison to freedom in the land of Stalin.



Knowing the embarrassment it might cause I shall refrain from mentioning any names whatsoever in the following incident, but the Mayor and his wife went fishing last Wednesday afternoon. Yes sir, fishing out on the placid waters of Lake Wendell. The fish were biting fine, but it so happened that those who took the dainty, tempting morsels of worm a la hook were not so large as those continually swimming hither and thither about the canoe. Watching the large lazy bass swim past the hook with never so much as a glance, Mrs. Mayor naturally grew more and more exasperated. Despite the warnings of her kindly husband, and despite her own good common sense, she aimed carefully with her hands and dived after a large chub which happened to be passing at that particular moment.

Now that the affair is all over, she claims that she fell overboard, but I have it on very, very reliable information that she was after ye chubbe.

While we are on the subject of married people I'd like to mention a little incident which occurred to me quite recently.

While walking down Fayetteville Street over in Raleigh, on Tuesday last, the Missus met an old friend whom she hadn't seen in several years. In the course of the conversation the lady asked if Evelyn was married. "Oh yes," replied my silver lining while pushing me up to handshaking distance, "Meet the stooge!"

Times must be getting better, there were more killed on the 4th than have been in years. If they improve much more, we'll be set for another war in a couple of years."

And while running through my scrap book yesterday, I ran onto this poem whose author is unknown to me.

"To be your friend!
It hasn't been the least bit hard,
To call you that, down through the years.

It makes me happier to know you're glad,
I weep a little when I know you're sad.

We've mixed our smiles, and then our tears,
And so, it hasn't been the least bit hard
To be your friend."

Kinda catchy, isn't it?

And Oliver Goldsmith wrote some little time ago—

"Man wants but little here below,
Nor wants that little long."

A modern columnist brings Goldsmith up-to-date with—

"Man gets but little here below,
Nor keeps that little long."

Marriage is life's biggest job,
therefore little folks fall down at it.

Punishing children while parents are angry is doubly cursed; it harms both child and parent.