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## This, That And The Other

No matter how many painted finger-nails I see flicking ashes from Camels or Lucky Strikes; no matter how many brightly colored pictures of beautiful women testify to the merits of this or that cigarette; no matter how elaborate their surrounding may be; whenever anybody mentions smoking by women memory inserts between my eyes and whatever I'm supposed to see another picture so different that it would never be used by any manufacturer and yet perhaps more exactly true than many of those paid for.

When I was a child there lived on land adjoining my father's farm two old women, unmarried and owning only their few acres of rocky soil and a log house with one room and a loft above it, reached by ladder-like steps. They were always together and we children never thought of them separately. Indeed, we combined their names into one and called them both by it. One was Miss Jane, the other Miss Ellie; to us they were Miss Jaynellie. They were small, stooped, incredibly tanned and wrinkled, well-nigh toothless, with chins almost touching their noses, sharp-voiced, wiry and active. They wore Mother Hubbard dresses that somehow faded from the first and around their waists there was a belt or string above which they hitched their dresses to keep them out of their way when stooping in garden or field work. Sometimes when they straightened up the effect of this continued pulling was startling. And over their heads they wore headkerchiefs, tied under their chins with a point hanging down in the back. In summer they went barefoot much of the time.

Their father had been well-to-do and we had heard that in a trunk up in the loft Miss Ellie still had a pink satin party dress and that she had been a beautiful young girl. We would look at her and wonder about it.

"Miss Jaynellie" always had their supper long before dark and afterwards when weather permitted they would squat on their front door-sill and smoke. They cooked by an open fireplace and never let the fire go entirely out; so that late any warm afternoon the passerby might see three slender lines of smoke in the air—one from the low chimney and two from the pipes in the mouths of the old women. But the pipe smoke had lots more smell to it than the chimney smoke, and its odor drifted to our nostrils before the house was well in sight.

While we were small we dreaded to pass the place, though the road was some distance from it. Miss Jaynellie seldom spoke; but they watched us from the time we came in sight until we were hidden from view. They seemed motionless except for the slow turning of their heads as they watched us and the slight motions of their lips as they expelled smoke. We felt like the man who said he didn't believe in ghosts and witches but was certainly skeered of them. We never knew Miss Jaynellie to harm any one, but we were nervous about them. Tired though we might be

## Club Column

The study class sponsored by various organizations of the community held the regular meeting for this month with the Woman's Club. Mrs. C. E. Flowers discussed the day's topic, Leisure Time. She mentioned the uses of radio, reading and moving pictures with emphasis upon selecting the best of each. In addition to these uses for leisure the speaker urged that her hearers learn to relax and to rest, both of which are most necessary for health and happiness.

Mrs. C. L. Read spoke briefly on the new WPA projects for this section, explaining its aim and the results hoped for.

Mesdames C. V. Whitley and Theo. Davis, hostesses for the day, served refreshments during the social hour.

The next meeting of this class will be at Wakelon on the first Tuesday afternoon in April.

On Tuesday, March 17, at 3:30 p. m. the general meeting of the Woman's Club will be held. The program will be on gardens and a speaker from the Horticultural Department of State College is expected. All members are urged to be present, and this announcement is made at an earlier date than usual that there may be no conflict of dates.

## P. T. A.

The Parent Teacher Association will meet on next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium at Wakelon. Hon. O. E. Moss of Spring Hope is expected to make an address and all members are asked to attend.

## Confesses Murder

The mystery concerning the murder of W. F. Jones, Eagle Rock merchant, on January 9, has been solved by the confession of Nathaniel Gooch, 19-year-old negro of near Wendell, that he shot the store-keeper because of a grudge against him. Deputy Clyde Weathers has worked on this case from the first, believing that the Goodson brothers, negroes first arrested, were not guilty. He was present with jailer and coroner when Gooch confessed.

## Stanley Resigns

Perhaps C. E. Stanley never would have made front page as an employee of the State Highway Safety Division had he stayed sober. His job was to keep a record of the drunks who lost their drivers license. Perhaps his job got dull, so to help business he got drunk one night recently and the next morning resigned his job.

and laden with baskets of wild strawberries, dewberries, blackberries or huckleberries from the mountainside, our pace would quicken and we could not feel quite comfortable until we had passed beyond the range of those still, watchful eyes.

The impression this made on me may be one of the reasons why I still feel ill at ease when I see a woman smoking. They all remind me of Miss Jane and Miss Ellie.

## PUBLIC CHARACTER

Among the better known characters of the town there are few who have wider acquaintances than the subject of this week's sketch. He is interested in every phase of activity in both town and county.

Full Name — John Thomas Robertson.

Native of — Wake County.

Domestic Status — Married  
Miss Mary E. Horton, 5 Children, One son, Four daughters.

Church Affiliation—Baptist.

Business — Farming and Dealing in live stock.

Came to Zebulon—Jan. 1909.

Why Located Here—Because it seemed a good place to come to do business and to educate children.

## ALL BOLONEY

In Wallace Temple's market, supported above the refrigerated show case for meats, is an immense bologna sausage. It weighs 41½ pounds—and Wallace expects to sell it all. He has either a good trade or a hopeful disposition, or both. Anyway, that sausage is certainly worth going to see, and this is not boloney.

## Picture Supplement To Record

Next week the Record will have 20 or more pages. We have just added an illustrated agricultural section of 12 pages giving several pages of unusually fine photos and many items of interest about rural life. This section will appear once a month and we believe our readers will enjoy it very much. Although this will cost us considerable, there will be no extra charge for it to our subscribers. The price will remain at \$1.00 a year.

Read our full page ad in this issue about how easily and cheaply you may get a year's subscription to the Record and perhaps \$5.00, \$10.00 or even \$25.00 free. The offer is open to everybody. We make it on past-due subscriptions, new ones, or renewals. One hen, any size pays for a full year's subscription, and the number of hens brought is not limited to any one on this proposition.

Bring on your hen and win one of these cash prizes. Some one will get the \$25.00. Why not you?

## Typewriters Stolen

When pupils taking the business course at Wakelon assembled for classes Tuesday morning they found no typewriters ready for use. All five of these machines had been stolen on Monday night. Aside from their monetary value the theft of these machines is a severe loss to the school.

## Big Cotton Bolls

E. E. Mann of Rocky Mount was in Zebulon the other day and was showing some of the Sikes Early Big Boll Cotton. He had a number of stalks and we have not in years seen cotton so large in the boll nor so many bolls to the stalk. Mr. Sikes sells the seed of this cotton which he says has taken 20 years of careful breeding to develop it.

## Church Column

On next Monday p. m. the Baptist W. M. S. will hold the regular meeting for March. All circles are urged to attend.

The Annual State Meeting of the Baptist W. M. U. will convene in Raleigh next week on Wednesday and Thursday. All churches or societies should be represented there.

The regular Sunday services will be observed at the Methodist church here next Sunday morning. Pastor Read will preach at both morning and evening hours.

The Workers Council of the Baptist S. S. met on Monday night with Miss Velma Preslar in charge of program and discussion.

Pastor Stancil will fill his appointment at Hales Chapel on next Sunday morning, services having been changed from third Sundays.

## Recorders Court

There is an old saying that Satan always finds something for idle hands to do. If the converse is true, then the folks round about Zebulon have been pretty busy for the last few weeks. Only three cases were passed on by the local recorders court this week. Here they are:

Willis Alford just had to and wanted to drive his car so badly that he thought he would take a chance of going places without a license, since hard times had not permitted getting a 1936 state permit. Someone reported him on or our watchful officers just nabbed him anyway. The court was easy on him and let him off with the usual warning in such cases with the payment of \$5.00 and necessary costs.

Then James A. (Buck) Perry decided he would buck both the law and his fellowman, using some sort of deadly weapon and another of the same sort, only it was an automobile. The court found him guilty of the double header and sentenced him to serve 18 long months on the state roads. He gave notice of appeal to the Superior Court and bond was fixed at \$500.

The State had somewhat against Curtis Harris for stunt driving his or somebody else's car, which the law calls "careless and reckless driving." He goes to the roads for sixty days.

Why should a fellow not be allowed a little joy riding after such a winter and better roads? We take a chance occasionally ourselves, but if the law catches us at it then there is no one to blame but ourselves and we must take our medicine according to the prescription written into law.

## Jefferson Davis Play

On March 16 in Hugh Morson High School, Raleigh, New York actors present the play Jefferson Davis. This production is sponsored by the U. D. C. of Raleigh as a truthful portrayal of Southerners and southern customs.

Tickets can be bought at the door for 75c and 50c plus tax.

## Great Crowd Sees Gifts Presented

The thousands who gathered at Zebulon on Saturday to see the distribution of gifts by Zebulon Supply Co. made up as orderly an assemblage as has ever been seen in these parts. Conservatively estimated at 5,000, they arrived in approximately 1,000 cars not to mention those who came in wagons, buggies and afoot.

Following is the list of gifts and the names of those to whom they went. It happened that not one was awarded to a person living in Zebulon and the distribution chanced to be in varied sections of this and other counties.

- 1st—Car—J. P. Fowler of near Rolesville.
- 2nd—Living Room Suite—W. Z. Whitaker—County Line.
- 3rd—Sellers Kitchen Cabinet—Bud Jeans—Pilot Section.
- 4th—Ton Orange Wrapper Fertilizer—Rellard Edwards, Moore School.
- 5th—Ton Victor Tobacco Grower—O. B. Gay—Near Hopkins Store.
- 6th—Ton Golden Bell Fertilizer—Johnnie Stallings, Pilot.
- 7th—Half-Ton Arcadian Nitrate of Soda—W. E. Baker, Zebulon, Rt. 3.
- 8th—Set Silverware—H. S. Wall, Archer Lodge.
- 9th—Aladdin Lamp—C. N. Rogers, Rolesville.
- 10th—Linoleum Rug—Henry Coffey, colored—Eagle Rock.

## Peculiar Accident

Howard Robertson of the Bethany community is in the hospital seriously injured in a most peculiar accident. Wearing fleece-lined winter weight underwear he stood before an open fire, stretching his feet to the warmth. Flames ran up his legs inside his clothing. Tearing off his outer clothing he ran outdoors and rolled in the snow to extinguish the fire. The garment showed little if any injury and no other clothing was hurt but Mr. Robertson's flesh was covered with blisters and there are doubts as to his recovery. It is thought that the melting snow made a steam which added to the extent of the burns and to the danger from them.

## Wendell Broadcast

On Saturday night of this week the Athletic Association of the Wendell High School will sponsor a broadcast from Wendell over WPTF. The program will be a "Crazy Barn Dance" by the Crazy Water Crystals performers. Place: School Auditorium; Time, 7:00—8:00 p. m.

## WELL-KNOWN SEED FIRM

For more than 54 years the firm now known as Jop P. Wyatt & Sons Co., in Raleigh, has been in existence. For 29 years it has been under the present management. Handling implements, hardware and seed, the firm has three salesmen on the road in the Carolinas.

Zoo polar bears have been known to bask contentedly in sunshine hot enough to give sunstroke to leopards and tigers.