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## This, That And The Other.

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Call them by any name—white-caps, night-riders, ku klux klan, vigilantes, black legion—I am still far from convinced that there have ever been many occasions when law and order were best served by those who pledged themselves to do their work secretly. Self-discipline is probably the only kind that need not be publicly imposed. And of those who go forth in the darkness to impress upon their fellow-man his need to follow the course they mark many don't even know what self control means. This is proven by the lengths to which they go.

During the days when the Ku Klux Klan swept the South, not as the desperate protest of a struggling people against intolerable conditions which it was at first, but as a dues-paying, highly organized secret society with a keel and everything, I used to feel that its members must be actuated by a stern sense of duty. Otherwise how could they have been willing to look so absurd? Only a few times did I see them in their regalia, uniform or whatever it was, but never did I feel the awe they were supposed to inspire. When they interrupted a church service to march rather clumpily down the aisle and hand the preacher some money I thought they'd have done better to put it on the collection plate as individuals without stopping the sermon. And I wondered if they could have stood still if they could have seen their own feet, all of which looked large and dusty beneath the white—or not so white—robes. Even at a burial they looked more theatrical than reverent.

I may be one of the fools who rush in where angels fear to tread but it has never been made clear to me, why if a person believes in doing right, he need not be afraid or ashamed to come right out and say so, letting folks know who he is. I mean of course, in this country of ours at this period of time. Nor can I see why we can't stand for justice in our plain everyday clothes.

My ideas about this may depend somewhat upon my first personal knowledge of the "white-caps" in their pursuance of "cleaning up the neighborhood." When we children went from home to school we passed in sight of the home of the community's scarlet woman. For years I was vaguely puzzled by the fact that although there were numerous children in that home there was no husband. And it was not long after I began to understand the situation when certain—or uncertain—men decided it was intolerable and must be changed. Disguised and in the night they changed it.

An older school mate told me with a rather dreadful amusement how the brave men called the frightened creature to her door, how they forbade her children to come down from the loft where they slept, how they pulled her

## Recorder's Court

What was anciently considered a perfect number was the sum total of cases disposed of at the last session of the Zebulon Recorder's Court. Below we give a bird's eye view of the past doing of some of our fellow citizens and a synopsis of the court's dealings with them. It was less satisfactory to some of them than the New Deal to a good Democrat.

Morris Hood was found by the court guilty of driving his car while under the influence of liquor and sentenced to the roads for a period of 60 days. But the judge, remembering perhaps how hot it would be working on the roads suspended the sentence on condition that Morris pay a fine of \$50. and the costs and not operate a car on the roads of North Carolina for a year.

A. N. Pearce was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and ordered to enrich the state to the extent of \$50.00 and to take care of the court's expenses while extracting the fifty bucks.

Dock Harris made an assault with a deadly weapon on somebody according to the State's side and is to labor for six months on the State's highways to tame him down into a good citizen.

Allen Tuck assaulted some one and gets three months working on the roads for his moral health. It seems Allen just can't stay out of court. As one colored fellow said: "He gets into court mighty nigh every time."

Leroy Jenkins was accused of carrying a concealed weapon. He may have had the weapon but he proved to the court's satisfaction that he did not have one concealed.

J. C. O'Neal got into some one's head that he was driving his car both recklessly and carelessly, but they did not convince the court, so he went home happy, we hope.

Bernice Godwin was charged with an unusual offense—that of abetting in careless and reckless driving. He was found guilty and was his choice of working on the state highways 60 days or paying \$25.00 and the costs.

clothes, "shimmy and all", over her head and twisted them so that her hands were imprisoned, how they gave her a hard whipping with admonitions and threats, and how they departed feeling that they had struck for the forces of righteousness and for the chastity of womanhood.

The recital left me shaking with nausea and with a fury that I could not put into words.

For with the carelessness born of the conviction that they would never be called to account for the night's work some had boasted of their part in it. Boasted confidently, to be sure, but the knowledge spread. And from things heard before I knew that in the crowd of stern disciplinarians that night were those who had at other times gone alone, secretly they hoped, and in the darkness of night, on missions that were not concerned with right living and morality. And I thought I hated them.

To this day I regard with horror all such secret organizations.



We are especially glad to be able to present this week with the sketch a picture of the subject. Numbered among the enterprising young business men of the town, his establishment adds to the comfort of living in Zebulon.

Name—Clarence Mack Hocutt. Native of Nash County.

Domestic Status—Married Miss Mary Lillian Wilder, Feb. 16, 1930. One son.

Church Affiliation—Baptist Business—Grocery and Market. Has been in this business 6 yrs. Came to Zebulon in 1919.

## Building Remodeled

The Gill building next to the Temple market and purchased some time ago by R. H. Bridgers is being remodeled. A new roof has been put on it, the second story is being finished into a number of nice rooms and the first floor will be made into a thoroughly up to date storeroom. We understand the second floor will be rented to roomers or as furnished apartments and probably a first class market and grocery store will be operated on the first floor.

## Mrs Perry Gets Radio

A big crowd was in town last Saturday evening to get the radio that Stanley Shorr gave away, but only one got it. Mrs. Siddle Perry was the lucky lady. Also L. B. Sawyer went home with \$15.00 worth of new goods and Mrs. Tommie Horton got \$10.00 in valuable merchandise because she was there when her name was called. Stanley was apparently the happiest one present as he gave every one who caught his eye that Shorr-enough smile.

Stanley says these big gifts to his customers will be a regular feature each month or two.

## BARNING TOBACCO

Ralph Strickland, who lives just over the line in the Emit section of Johnston county commenced curing tobacco on Tuesday. He had 450 sticks in his first barn. Mr. Strickland is a good farmer and is always one of the first to start curing tobacco.

## At The Churches

There will be the usual services at the Methodist church Sunday. Dr. Read, the pastor, will preach at both the morning and evening services. The evening services will be at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to these services.

Rev. Theo. B. Davis will fill his regular monthly service at the Kenly Baptist church

Rev. J. N. Stencil will preach at Hoes Chapel Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

## SEEN & HEARD

### MIXING MIDDLESEX

We heard that a few nights ago Zebulon had an experience in which the town officers and a number of citizens were involved that for want of a better description we might call it mixing Middlesex." One citizen ran into another man's car. The man went after an officer and together they followed after. The second scene occurred in a filling station somewhere about town. There was a good deal of smell and profanity and threat in the air to the extent that one gentleman offered his life to protect his friend from the officer's black Jack or club, or whatever it is he uses when he does not shoot.

The officers departed, a warrant was issued, an arrest made, bond given, and now the matter has passed beyond the realm of gossip where it will have to be adjusted by the facts in the case to the court's satisfaction.

### THE MEANEST SOMEBODY

Mack Faison says that it is his and Stanley Shorr's opinion that about the meanest, if not the meanest, person they know is the one who will deliberately poison a man's dog with no justification whatever. Mack had a nice ordinary family dog. Stanley had a sure-enough fine dog of family. Someone, a he or she, but not an it, poisoned both dogs a short time ago. That is why Mack expressed his opinion so emphatically about mean folks.

### TO SUCCEED

Several months ago A. A. Wells landed in Zebulon looking for a job or a business. The Debnam shop had been idle for some time, so Wells rented it and went to work. He is a good machinist and wood and iron worker. At first he had a hard go of it, but we were around at his shop yesterday and he and two other men were so busy that work had to wait. A fourth man who works there was home sick. Wonder if this remark by Mr. Wells means much in his success; "To get business a man must turn out good work, quick work and reasonable priced work." Our experience tells us he is right and we understand now why he has succeeded.

"Silence is golden". But sometimes it is yellow.

## GENERAL NEWS

### Census Reports

Listings made by census enumerators show that in the last five years the number of chickens kept on farms in this country lacks more than 7,000,000 of the number in 1930. It is thought that the serious droughts in some sections has caused this as the decrease was much greater in proportion in states that had suffered for lack of rain to produce feed.

North Carolina was one of the states showing a considerable increase in the growing of poultry. Iowa leads the nation in this line.

The reports also show that of all farmers in the United States thirty per cent, or more than 2,000,000 do some work off their farms for pay. This includes odd jobs, other business or professions.

A summary of the farm census showed that there are nearly 8,000,000 dwellings on farms in the United States and that 94 per cent of them are occupied. This includes all houses, from mansions to sod huts or hogans. The average number of dwellings to a farm was about one and one-fifth.

### State Gets Cloth For Roads

North Carolina has received a shipment of cotton to be used in building and repairing roads. There were 30,000 yards of cloth 74 inches wide and about five miles of cloth 82 inches wide.

Chairman Capus Waynick has announced that his first experiment will be made on the Rhamkatte road.

### New Farms Electrified

Notwithstanding the increase in the use of electricity during recent years there are at present less than one out of nine farms in North Carolina having this convenience. New Hampshire has 49 per cent of farms with electricity. North Carolina's low percentage is said to be explained partly by the high percentage of tenants on farms.

### Prominent School Man Dies

Ray Funderburk, Supt. of Schools in New Hanover county, and also President of the N. C. Teachers Association, died at Duke Hospital Monday of a complication of diseases. He was a native of Union county and burial was at Monroe Tuesday afternoon. He was brother-in-law to prof. E. H. Moser, their wives being sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Moser attended the funeral.

The League of Nations has voted to suspend sanctions against Italy, July 15. It was argued that it had been impossible to complete the sanctions because important countries were still outside the League.

Another drought has struck the West and crops have already been greatly damaged in some sections. The worst drought is to be found in the Dakotas, Nebraska, Ont. and adjoining states. Heat waves brought the temperature as high as 108.