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## This, That, and The Other

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When I saw a young friend on the street the other day, she had started to her husband's father's farm. The wife was sick, it was hog-killing time, and the son's wife had offered what help she could give. She said, "I don't know a thing about it"; adding with determination, "but I can learn. And I can do what they tell me while I'm learning." I felt like cheering. It is delightful to find a person not only willing to work, but eager to learn more, not only of the daintier tasks, but the hard ones.

There's no use glossing over the fact that killing hogs and making lard, sausage, souse, liver pudding, and the rest of it, is work. And hard, greasy, messy work at that. Not to speak of chitterlings, which are the very worst of all as to preparation. But somebody has to do it and if not done right, it means a great failure. We don't raise any pigs, but my parents did, and I know what I'm talking about.

That's why I have a special brand of admiration reserved for any person who decides to add this knowledge to her education.

Two students from Atlantic Christian College were in the office Tuesday when Staley Denton brought me some cracklings from his mother's hog-killing. I was nibbling on a crisp, brown crackling when one of the boys noticed me and I offered him some. Together we crunched away until I noticed his companion back in the shop and suggested that we call him to enjoy the treat. He said, "That fellow is from New York and I bet he doesn't know what a crackling it." He didn't know, but he learned. He tried one experimentally, then took a handful saying those things sure tasted all right. And I marked down another southern victory. Of course a crackling is at its best in hot corn bread, but as a between-meals snack it has its points.

I spent last Sunday afternoon with Claudius, a Roman emperor who was born ten years before Christ and who was murdered at the age of 64. At least, I spent the time with his autobiography and he was not an emperor until the last pages. It was one of the most interesting books I ever read—I, Claudius, is the title—a tale of murders by poison, by strangulation, by the sword, or in whatever way seemed most convenient. Most of the deaths were caused by ambition to be at the head of the Roman government. Claudius himself had no such desire but was proclaimed ruler just after his nephew, Caligula, was killed. Of the two passages in the book that impressed me most one tells of when Claudius' sister, Livilla, was convicted of treason and sentenced to death. The mother, Antonia, begged that for the sake of the family the daughter might not be publicly executed, and promised that she herself would exact punishment. She locked Livilla in a room

## CHURCH NEWS

There will be the regular morning service at the Baptist church next Sunday morning with a special Christmas service at 4:30 in the afternoon. Rehearsals are in progress this week, directed by Mesdames Philip Massey and Lester Green. The program will be in simplified pageant form and at its close all who will do so are invited to bring forward their gifts for those less fortunate than themselves, after which the benediction will be pronounced. Not only members of the church and Sunday School are expected to attend, but the public generally is invited.

The W. M. S. met at the Baptist church on Monday p. m. with Mrs. Herring directing the program, which was a part of the series prepared for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Mission. Other services were held; on Monday night, by the Y. W. A. in the home of Miss Ruby Dawson; on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the church.

## High School Debate Subject

High school debating teams this year will discuss the subject: Resolved: That the Several States Should Adopt a Unicameral System of Legislation. The announcement comes from Chapel Hill. Thirty-five high school debating leagues are expected to take part in the contests, which constitute the annual triangular debates for the state.

## Co-Ops Purchase Postoffice Bldg.

Announcement is made of the purchase by the N. C. Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association of the building on East Davie St., now being used by the postoffice. The deal is expected to be consummated this week and the owners will take over the building as soon as the remodeling job on the federal building is completed and the postoffice can move back home. Consideration is said to have been around \$30,000, a good deal less than cost of construction in 1928.

The cotton association has been located for several years in the building at the corner of Fayetteville and Cabarrus streets, which also houses the allied Farmers' Co-operative Exchange and the Co-operative Publishing Company. All three of these farmer-owned co-ops will go to the new building.

next to her own and starved her to death, hearing her cries and curses, Claudius says, "with inexpressible pain, but taking it as a part of her own punishment for having brought up such an abominable daughter."

The other passage is Claudius' admission that when he realized he was Rome's emperor his first thought was not of his subjects nor of the honor that had come to him; but that he could make people read the books he had written, which seem to have been neglected up to that time.

I wonder how many authors would envy Claudius.

## Community Sing On 22nd; Fireworks Night 23rd

On Wednesday night of next week Dec. 22 a Community Sing will be held around the large Christmas tree on the square across from Zebulon Drug Store. This tree has already been lighted brightly at night for more than a week. The old Christmas hymns and carols will be sung and it is hoped that many will gather to hear them. The movement is sponsored by the Rotary Club, the Women's Clubs and others interested. On Thursday night a grand display of fireworks will be given by A. V. Medlin on the Christmas Tree square. This will be a display in truth, as pieces used will be mainly for beauty and not for volume of explosive sound. Mr. Medlin, the "Fireworks King", is donating this entertainment to his fellow townsmen as a token of good will and as a Rotarian. While the exhibition will not begin before eight o'clock, it will be well for those attending to arrive early enough to secure desirable points from which to view the fireworks.

As this is written laborers are busy clearing off the grass and weeds from the square and putting all in order for the holiday observance.

Do not fail to come to Zebulon on both Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week.

## Baptists Reduce Debt Materially

The general board of the State Baptist Convention in session here this week announced plans for reducing the general debt of the convention by \$65,000 during the 1938 fiscal year. The debt was cut about \$60,000 during 1937. Rev. W. E. Morris, of Durham, was re-elected chairman of the board and C. E. Deane, of Rockingham, continues as recording secretary.

North Carolina Baptists have always been firm supporters of general education and most of the heavy debt hanging over the convention is for schools—Wake Forest, Meredith and a dozen or more junior colleges.

## Honor Roll

Not so many on our Honor Roll this week as there have been at other times; but these are all the more appreciated. Below are the names of those who have paid in cash or in kind on RECORD subscriptions.

J. B. Richardson  
Mrs. E. P. Denton  
J. D. Finch  
W. S. Horton  
Mrs. J. R. Clark, Lyons, Ga.  
P. G. Curtis  
F. E. Bunn  
John Clark  
W. S. Horton  
Mrs. J. R. Clark, Lyons, Ga.  
E. O. High (colored).

Milton, the poet, was born on December 9, 1608.

The work of the world is done by a few;  
Let some part of it be done by you.

## GENERAL NEWS

JAPS SINK U. S. CRAFT

Nanking, China—Although profuse official apologies followed the destruction of the United States gunboat Panay and three Standard Oil Tankers by Japanese bombing planes, diplomats are speculating on just how much longer Tokyo's excuses are likely to evade drastic action by civilized powers. All four vessels were engaged in rescuing refugees from the war zone. Five British ships were shelled at the same time, with loss of life as yet undetermined. The stock explanation by Japanese officials that ships attacked "were" mistaken for "Chinese craft" no longer carries weight, because every foreign vessel in the war area is plainly marked with its national colors. It is believed that only by declaring Japan an international outlaw can the ruthless tactics be curbed.

Two men from this state were on the Panay—E. C. Branch of Proctorville and W. T. Hoyle, Balsam. Both are safe.

LEAGUE "PEACE" DOOMED

Geneva, Switzerland—The League of Nations, altruistic dream of Woodrow Wilson, despite its magnificent new palace, seems doomed to disintegration. Its failure to curb Italy in the ravaging of Ethiopia, a fellow member, followed last week by the curt withdrawal of Mussolini and his tacit alliance with Fascist Germany and Japan, both non-league Nations, leaves the World Court without authority in enforcing its anti-war mandates.

U. S. TOPS SECURITY LIST

Washington, D. C. Most widely held single security in the country is the "baby" savings bonds of the United States which have passed the \$1,000,000,000 mark, representing the investments of 1,200,000 persons. About 4,500,000 of these bonds have been issued, which mature in 10 years at a third more than their purchase price. That is, the Government will in 1945-7 pay \$1,334,088,243 to redeem the \$1,000,566,182 in bonds outstanding. About 120,000 purchasers invest their surplus under this plan every month.

TO PRESENT OPERETTA

The primary grades will present an operetta, "In Quest of Santa Claus", Friday night, December 17th, in the Wakelon auditorium. The admission is 10 and 25c. The proceeds will be used for library books and other materials needed in these grades.

BICYCLE FOUND

C. M. Shannon of Zebulon police department came into the Record office Thursday to report the finding of a girls bicycle in a field on the Wilson highway, not far from the Philette Station. A colored boy brought information that the bicycle had lain in the field for two days and that he had at first thought it a broken one; but on investigation found it to be in good condition and therefore came in town to report the find. Any person interested is asked to see Mr. Shannon, who has brought the bike into town and stored it.

## Decorations To Be Judged

The Christmas Decoration Contest sponsored by the Garden Department of the Woman's Club, assisted by the Woman's Club and the Rotary Club will end on Thursday evening, Dec. 23, when judges will decide upon the winners. Special features have been assigned to individuals as follows:

Outdoor decorations: Mrs. J. E. Gill, lawn seen from street; Mrs. E. C. Daniel—living Christmas tree; Mrs. J. K. Barrow—window; Mrs. H. C. Wade—front door; Mrs. J. F. Coltrane, sun-room; Mrs. A. V. Medlin—front steps.

Indoor decorations: Mrs. C. V. Whitley—buffet; Mrs. C. E. Flowers—Mantel; Mrs. W. C. Campen—console table; Mrs. F. D. Filch—miniature Christmas tree; Mrs. F. L. Page—any unit; Mrs. C. G. Weathersby—dining table center.

After the tour of inspection the group will assemble at the C. V. Whitley home for refreshments. The hostess will be assisted by Mesdames R. H. Herring, A. R. House, A. N. Jones, A. S. Hinton. Concluding the evening's program will be the display of fireworks on the community Christmas tree square, given and directed by A. V. Medlin and announced in another column, and which is free to all.

All Zebulon is invited to take part in the contest without regard as to club membership. However, it is very necessary that all who enter the contest or desire to make the tour of inspection notify Mrs. C. G. Weathersby by next Monday night, Dec. 20, that preparation may be made. Especially do the hostesses desire to know for whom to prepare refreshments, hence the request for names beforehand.

## Farm Bill Gets House Approval

The much-discussed farm bill passed the house of representatives at Washington Saturday by a vote of 267 to 130. Although the bill was amended a number of times, it passed the house substantially as the agricultural committee presented it. Congressman Cooley of this district had a big hand in the fight leading up to the final favorable vote, and he was successful in retaining in the bill his pet compulsory control provisions for several major crops, including cotton, tobacco and peanuts.

The bill is still pending in the senate and there remains some doubt that it will reach a final vote before Christmas adjournment. Senator Bailey has been leading the fight for several amendments that will make the bill of more advantage to smaller farmers. As written the bill gives favorable consideration to big operators at the expense of one and two horse farms. Senator Reynolds voted for the amendment first, but when he found that some of the biggest farmers in eastern Carolina opposed it, he changed his vote. There seems at this time little chance for the Bailey program to survive, but he is still trying to get into the final bill provisions to protect the little fellow.

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