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This, That, and The Other

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I don't know when, if ever, I enjoyed so much misery in one evening as on last Friday when I went to the Dramatic Tournament at Wakelon. Five schools—Roxboro, Bragtown, Robersonville, Cary and Wakelon—put on one-act plays, and every play was a tragedy. You didn't have time to get back to normal after one cast finished before the next began. Once I caught myself feeling thankful it was Friday; because it would take till Monday to get all the corpses disposed of and cleaned up after. One felt they must be fairly piled off-stage.

You could see that those young folk got a big thrill out of being old, bereaved, cruel, criminal, or whatever the parts called for; that they loved death by murder, suicide, drowning, or however; that keening for the dead was a pleasure; that there was a lively gratification in being a drowned body brought in on a plank. They knew that when those blue velvet curtains closed they'd be young and happy and hopeful again.

It was worth much more than the money spent for seeing it; but all the same, I am glad the dramatic clubs will stage comedies next year. I'm too old to be very fond of tragedies.

They may have changed the procedure, but when we were at The Kennedy Home the laundry work went like this:

All washing and ironing was done at the laundry building, which also furnished quarters upstairs for the sewing-room force. Between the two departments the clean garments were mended and made ready for more wearing. In the ironing-room were rows of shelves divided into large pigeon-holes, each labeled with a child's name. These were called "racks" and into each went the clean clothes belonging to its owner, underwear, stockings, and all, with a towel wrapped around the lot. These bundles were supposed to be sent to the different buildings before time for the Saturday baths; but sometimes they were not. Then the children went to the laundry and asked for them.

At one time we had a supply matron at the laundry during the absence of the regular worker there. The supply was inexperienced, excitable, and confused. She had a zeal not according to knowledge, and I realized she needed help; especially when some of the larger boys came to me declaring their own clothes had not been sent to their building; were not in their racks; and they couldn't wear what they did find there. We did what we could that week and on Saturday morning of the next week I went over to lend a hand—or two hands.

Finally we had nearly all the racks supplied; but among those lacking was that of one of our largest boys. Paul's shirt was either lost or worn out. But the matron did not despair. She came

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CHURCH NOTES

CLASS MEETING.

The Fidelis Matrons met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Wila Marshburn with Mrs. Graham Conn associate hostess. Mrs. L. M. Massey, vice-president of the class, presided over the business session. The hostesses served dainty refreshments during the social hour.

CHURCH SUPPER

Chicken plates and oyster dinners will be served by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pearce Baptist Church next Saturday evening, March 12, from 5 to 8 o'clock in the Pearce School building. The price of each plate will be 25c.

Also there will be an amateur program to which everyone is invited and everyone is also invited to participate. This program will last from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Proceeds will be used to complete the new brick veneer church plant at Pearce's. Plans are being made to complete it in the near future. Attempt is being made to pay for the church as it is built.

LISTEN!

You will live longer and feel better if you will get up next Sunday in time to go to Sunday School somewhere and then come to the Methodist Church for preaching at eleven.

J. W. BRADLEY.

IT HAPPENED AGAIN

No, it did not happen at all. It must have been well planned. And how they so successfully kept us from finding it out is a puzzle to me.

We noticed some rather strange passing about the Sunday School rooms in the afternoon and upon inquiry received no satisfactory reply. The nearer night the worse things seemed to get. After supper we locked and barred ourselves in, not knowing what might happen. When it was good and dark somebody very dexterously built a barricade upon the back steps of the parsonage, consisting of salt and sugar, meat, and meal and the balance of it. And all of a sudden four brave women, one little girl made the attack. Being a brave man we dared to open the door and stood there with hands up.

They pounded us, and pounded us, and then pounded us some more, and strange to say, we are not bruised or even sore over it this morning. Come again friends. We'll try to be more courteous next time.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you one and all for these tokens of your thoughtfulness and love. Even Grandma was happy. "Inasmuch as ye minister unto one of the least of these ye minister unto me."

Gratefully,

J. W. BRADLEY, Pastor.

The young married ladies' class of Wakefield Baptist Church held the regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Proctor Scarborough on Friday night, Feb. 25.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Edison Wood, the topic being "The Homeland." Those taking

Oxford Singing Class Here Mch. 25

There are few programs more enjoyable to all who attend than that which is presented by the singing class of the Masonic Orphanage, Oxford. Thoroughly trained in their parts, with numbers selected for popular appeal, the children delight all by their performance. Classes have toured the state for fifty years, each one having a different program and personnel.

It is safe to assert that the children who will appear here on March 25 will not fall below the high standard set by the predecessors, and it is hoped that a large audience will attend. Joined to the fact that enjoyment may be had at little cost, is the fact that all proceeds will be used for the care of the orphans.

Wakelon Won In Dramatic T'ment

The Dramatic Tournament for high schools of the first district was held on Friday night in the auditorium at Wakelon with Neil Hartley of Wakelon's English department, presiding. A short introductory talk was made by John Parker, secretary of the Dramatic Association of the State, who concluded by presenting the judges, Mrs. Smith of New York City; Miss Negli of Monterrey, Mexico; Miss Faris of Alberta, Canada.

The program consisted of one-act tragedies.

The names of schools competing were not known to judges nor to the audience, except as they recognized Wakelon's cast. Announcement was made after the performance that contestants were as follows:

Roxboro: Curtis Long, C. C. Garretts, Jr., Donald Bradsher, Helen Reid Sanders, Grace Osborne Clayton, presented Susan Claspbell's TRIFLES. They were coached by Mrs. G. C. Clayton.

Cary was represented by Johnny Stephens, Inez Bennett, Mary Nowell, Charles Parrish, Henry Nowell, and Ernest Melin, who gave THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE, by Stanley Houghton. Mrs. Alma Hoke was their coach.

Bragtown pupils gave THE LITTLE KING by Wittner Aynner. Taking parts were Julian Chrissman, Hermon Pearce, Erna Allen, William Mansfield, Paul Royster, with Mrs. W. R. Fallow coach.

Wakelon was next with Synges' RIDERS TO THE SEA. In the cast were Cornelia Herring, Robert Lee Kimball, Evelyn Carroll, Ercelle Littleton, Elizabeth Pearce, Margaret Watson, Dorothy Conn, (Continued On Back Page)

part were: Mesdames Fred Hood, Ray Harris, Onnie Carlyle, Proctor Scarborough and Carl Ousley. Others present were Mesdames Harold Greene, J. C. Mitchell, Raleigh Sherron, William Jones, Herman Eddins and the hostess' mother, Mrs. Willie Ferrell.

After the program games were played and prizes awarded to Mrs. Ousley, Mrs. Raleigh Sherron and Mrs. Eddins.

The hostess served delicious refreshments carrying out the Geo. Washington motif.

The class adjourned to meet with Mrs. Wood next month.

Tobacco Control Act Will Benefit Farmers, Says F. P. Spruill

President Spruill of the State Bankers' Association, and president of the local bank, has sent the following statement to banks: "Realizing that the success of the banks of North Carolina is largely dependent upon the success of the farmer and believing the Tobacco Control Act will be of untold benefit to the farmer and in turn to the banks, and since the Act has been endorsed by the Warehouse Associations of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, and since said Associations will work for the adoption of the Tobacco Control Bill which can only become a law after it has been approved by two-thirds of the farmers voting, I respectfully request and urge every banker in North Carolina to use his influence to get the farmers of North Carolina to vote for the Tobacco Control Act, which means an aid to the farmer, large or small, and a benefit to all businesses."

NEWS BRIEFS

STATE STUDENT KILLED

Philip Winslow of Greenville, son of J. E. Winslow, president of the State Farm Bureau, was electrocuted by power lines on Saturday night. The young man was a sophomore at State College, and was out with some of his friends, one of whom went for aid when Winslow was injured. He was found at the foot of a power pole near a signal tower. His overcoat and trousers were tied to the pole. His companion said Winslow climbed the pole to watch for a train and came in contact with the wires. He was so badly burned that he died on the way to the hospital.

Inquiries have been launched by the police department and the college to clear up puzzling phases of the case.

RED CROSS ASKS AID

The Red Cross has asked for donations for the California sections devastated by recent floods. Damage is estimated at \$65,000,000 with nearly 200 dead, or missing.

ABC STORES TO CLOSE FOR ELECTION

Liquor stores in Scotland Neck will be closed during the hours next Saturday when farmers will vote for or against crop control. Attorney Seawell had ruled that this is not a general election and that the law does not require such closing, but county commissioners decided upon it after hearing pleas from farmers and business men.

PRISON CAMPS SANITARY

John D. Faulkner of the State Board of Health, declares that the state's prison camps are kept in a more sanitary condition than are most of the schools as regards sewage disposal. He thinks hygiene as taught in class rooms is not put to practical use.

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Farmers To Vote Sat. On Farm Bill Farmers Only To Cast Ballot

Since only tobacco farmers may vote in the crop control election to be held Saturday, they are asked to read with special care the regulations following, which are reprinted from the issue of this paper for Feb. 24.

1. Only farmers who were engaged in the production of flue-cured tobacco in 1937 will be eligible to vote.

2. No one (whether an individual, partnership, corporation, firm, association, or other legal entity) will be entitled to more than one vote in the referendum, even though engaged in 1937 in the production of flue-cured tobacco in two or more communities, counties or States.

3. There will be no voting by mail, proxy or agent, but a duly authorized officer of a corporation, firm, association, or other legal entity may cast its vote.

4. In case several persons, such as husband, wife, and children, participated in the production of flue-cured tobacco in 1937 under a lease or share-cropping agreement only the person or persons who signed or entered into the lease or share-cropping agreement may vote.

5. In the event two or more persons engaged in producing flue-cured tobacco in 1937 jointly, in common, or in community, each such person is entitled to vote.

If a Community Referendum Committee determines that a producer residing in the community within the jurisdiction of that committee is eligible to vote by reason of having been a cotton farmer or flue-cured tobacco farmer, as the case may be, in 1937 in another community, the committee may issue a ballot form to him and permit him to cast a ballot, provided the committee also determines that such farmer has not previously cast a ballot in another community. If the committee cannot so determine, the committee shall "Challenge" the ballot.

The voting place is Wakelon High School. The polls will open at 7:00 A. M., and close promptly at 7:00 P. M.

Vocal Union

On last Sunday from 1:00 till 4:00 P. M. the Vocal Union was in session at Friendship church in Johnston county. Taking part on the program were choirs from Friendship, Watkins Chapel, Hales Chapel, Rocky Branch near Bailey, and the Kemp choir of which Mrs. Nellie Kemp of the Elite Beauty Salon is a member. The Union was attended by a large number from the town and community.

Read That Notice

Attention of dog owners is hereby called to a notice appearing in this paper this week. Unless you want your pet taken up by authorities, it will be well to obey the regulations. It might also be wise to obey the state regulation as regards vaccination against rabies.