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THIS, THAT, & THE OTHER

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At Morganton the first Queen of Mimosa in America has been crowned with appropriate ceremonies. The mimosa is to be this town's chosen emblem and each year a festival is to be held with a Mimosa Ball. All very nice for those who like mimosas. It isn't the tree I object to, but those faintly smelling blossoms it bears. Only one that I know of gets me down quicker, and that's the china-berry. Any town choosing these trees needn't expect me to attend any summer festival held when they are in bloom. Not that they'd miss me, or care.

In Kenly there is a Mrs. Passie Edgerton who used to be a Presbyterian, married a Methodist, and joined his church, is now a widow, and plays for services at about all the Kenly churches. Last week I watched her at the piano during the baptismal ordinance at the Baptist church, and was impressed by the way she modulated the music, playing very softly for the immersion and loudly for the exits from the pool, thus helping dull the sloshy sound that is an unlovely part of the procedure when baptistries are arranged as in most smaller churches.

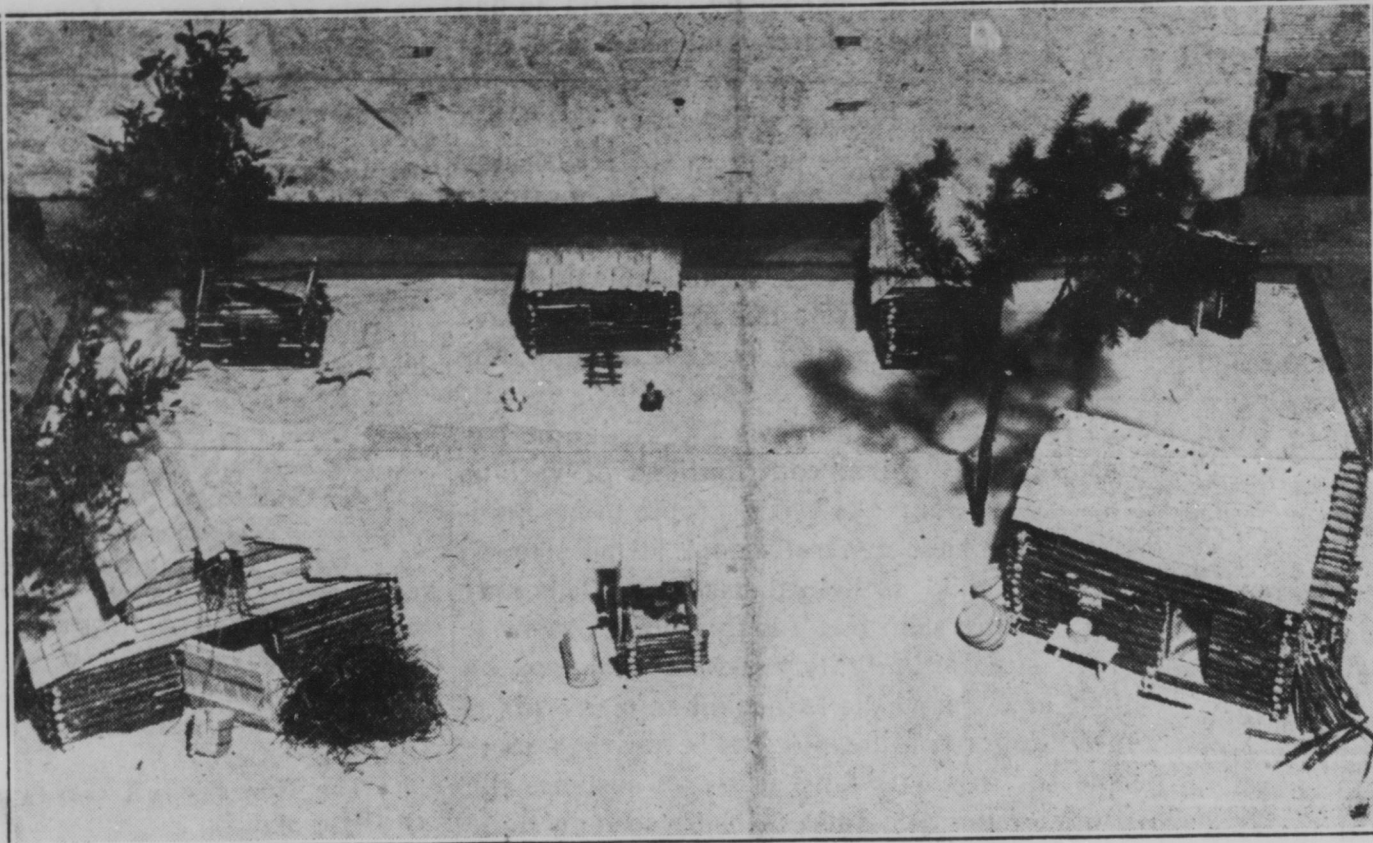
On first meeting Mrs. Edgerton there seemed to me something familiar about her eyes, but I thought it might be a resemblance to some one else. Last week, hearing me mention Newton she said she was there once, playing for a union revival when the late evangelist, C. J. Black, did the preaching. And that was 33 years ago, the summer after I was married and my husband was the Baptist pastor in Newton, and Mrs. Edgerton was a slimmer edition of herself, Miss Passie Harris. There was one entirely appropriate remark and we made it: "How time flies!"

Is everyone as forgetful as I am about the stores here closing on Wednesday afternoons? Almost without exception I forget to buy the spool of thread or loaf of bread that will be needed before Thursday morning—and have only myself to blame. Not only was the notice put in the paper, but each store has its neat sign stating the closing hours. Yet on last Thursday we had corn muffins for breakfast because there was not flour nor bread in the house; and I knew all Wednesday morning that flour was out. Those who live farther out in the country have some excuse for lapse of memory concerning the closings; but for me, passing the stores every day, there's only one name for it—carelessness.

You may say gla-dye-oh-lus and gla-dye-o-lee; or you may say glad-i-oh-la and glad-i-oh-las; but by either name they don't smell at all, and are about the most satisfactory flowers one can grow for the yard or for cutting. Though, as a small grandson said, they look almost pitiful sometimes, keeping on blooming to the very last bud, and growing so weak from staying in the house that they can't hold up their heads.

And, by the way, I read last year that the American Association of

MODEL OF SOUTHERN NEGRO HOME



J. R. Medlin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Medlin of Cary, Rt. 1, living in San Francisco, gets some idea of the scenes of his boyhood. He tried to tell some of his California friends how a Negro cabin and yard looked, but they couldn't very well appreciate his story. So Medlin decided to show them.

With no tools other than a hammer, a hatchet and a jackknife and with no material other than a few

willow branches and some sprigs from a Scottish broom bush, he made the lay-out shown above. Accurate in the minutest detail, the scene shows the "ole houn' dawg," the pig in the pen, the washtub beside the cabin door, the watering trough beside the well. Note also the hay bulging out of the upper window of the barn and the bale of cotton nearby.

Built to the scale of half an inch to the foot, the ratio of size is re-

markable under the circumstances. While scenes like these are becoming rarer each year as more comfortable tenant homes are built, there are still a few of them, and every southerner over 30 years old has seen them.

This model was placed on display in one of the large show windows in San Francisco where it attracted much attention. Medlin is now working on a model of Mount Vernon and expects to do other historic scenes.

Zebulon Ball Team Winning

We prophesied last week that the local ball team would get in its paces soon and begin winning. So in a double header Monday, the 4th, our team crossed bats with Angier, playing two games, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. In the first Zebulon won 5 to 3. In the afternoon the locals won 8 to 3.

Tom Young, formerly of Carolina, has been made manager and it is expected that from now on the Zebulon team will gradually climb upward. Angier will play here again Friday.

Triplets In Wake

Mrs. Ida Hall was called upon last Saturday to furnish a diet chart for triplets, born to Luther Jones and wife, colored couple of Neuse, R. 1. The three babies weighed a little more than twelve pounds and all are girls.

Stabs Praying Girl

William Baxter of Concord is said to have stabbed his sister-in-law, Martha Fink, as she knelt to pray. Baxter is 32, and the girl was 19. She died before medical aid could be had. Baxter claims that chewing a root given him by a fortune teller caused his mind to become confused and that he did not know he killed any one.

Gladiolus Growers officially decided to call them gladiolas. Perhaps they found it impossible to enforce the other pronunciation and thought best to adopt the more popular.

CHURCH NEWS

REVIVAL AT ROCKY CROSS

Revival services will begin at Rocky Cross Wednesday night and will continue through next week probably till Friday night. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Pippin, will be assisted by Rev. Chas. F. Hudson of Durham. He helped in a meeting at Rocky Cross several years ago and the church is pleased to have him again. He is a very forceful preacher. The public is invited to all the services.

The services will be held each night this week at 8:00 o'clock. Commencing Sunday there will be two services each day. They will be held in the afternoon and at night.

Revival services are in progress at Pearce's church this week. The pastor, Rev. H. O. Baker, is assisted by Rev. John Edwards of Louisville.

A Vacation Bible School is being held this week at the Methodist church. In addition to the classes for the children during the morning a class for older persons is taught at night. Directing the work is J. H. Overton, Jr., of Duke University.

Rain last Sunday morning greatly lessened the usual attendance at Sunday School and Church services. At the Baptist Church Pastor Herring preached at the morning worship hour and at night Theo. B. Davis preached.

The Northside Circle of the Baptist W. M. S. will meet on next Monday p. m. in the home of Mrs. R. H. Herring. The Central Circle will meet at night with Mrs. Avon Privette hostess.

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Tobacco Markets Open August 25

Dates for the opening of tobacco markets have been set by the U. S. Tobacco Association and the Georgia markets will open on July 28. Eastern Carolina markets will open on August 25 and the Middle Belt on Sept. 15. This is earlier than usual, but is made possible by the maturity of the crop.

Quiet Holiday

July 4th passed quietly here. Desultory explosion of fireworks and the closing of most places of business added to the appearance on streets and highways of an unusual number of dressed-up colored persons were the chief evidences that a holiday was being observed. Mail carriers had the time off and the postoffice was closed for deliveries.

In the afternoon a ball game at the local park roused great enthusiasm. The home team won over Angier 8-3, making their second victory for the day. In the morning they had defeated Angier 5-3 at Angier.

Numbers of Zebulonians had gone for the week end, including Monday, to beach resorts.

Circus At Home

Barnum and Bailey and Ringling Bros. circus has gone back into winter quarters at Sarasota, Fla. Employees refused to accept a reduction in wages and struck. The owners declared that present-day conditions are such that they could not afford to pay more than they offered. When it was refused, they, too, struck—and went back home.

Behind The Scenes In American Business

New York, July 5—BUSINESS.—To the business man confidence is the basis of profits, and the prospect of profit is what makes prosperity. Factories are reopened or new ones built as soon as operators believe that there is at least a 50-50 chance of being able to sell more merchandise at a profit in the near future. The return of confidence usually begins to manifest itself in the stock market. People are willing to pay more for stocks and bonds of corporations once they feel assured that earnings and dividends are likely to increase. Last week men and women all over the country and even in Europe began to invest idle money in American securities. Result—the stock market rose to a new high for 1938. Even confirmed pessimists had to admit that all signs indicate the low point in the depression is behind us.

WASHINGTON — New bank examining rules okayed by President Roosevelt last week will for the first time enable small businesses to issue bonds and sell them to their local banks. It is estimated that as much as \$3,000,000,000 of private money may thus be made available to store operators, small manufacturers and contractors. Old regulations prevented banks from buying bonds which did not have a ready market. Another new regulation which will be helpful to small business men permits bankers to make long term loans (loans of more than nine months), a type of lending which formerly was discouraged.

INVENTORIES — One of the soundest, underlying reasons why business men feel that business recovery is in the making is that inventories have been greatly reduced. Inventory is unsold merchandise on the shelves of retailers or wholesalers or in factory warehouses. In depression periods, when there is great uncertainty, manufacturers generally fill orders from inventory already accumulated rather than keep factories going full steam turning out goods that it may be impossible to sell. By this process, called working off inventories, the supply of goods available for public consumption grows smaller and smaller. Eventually a point is reached when orders no longer can be filled from inventory. Then production must be started again, men and women go back to work and a new recovery cycle is launched. Inventories of wholesalers at the first of June were 14.8 per cent lower than a year earlier, a very healthy sign.

FOR 'SUBURBAN(K)'S—Beans thrive in an acid soil, whereas carrots prefer to "stay over on the alkaline side." There are two of the more elementary of many fine points of soil testing and adjusting that Suburban Burbanks are learning this year. Soil diagnosticians of the Freeport Sulphur company report home gardeners are going much more scientific than ever before, with unusual demand noted for small chemical kits, sold at hardware and seed stores for from \$2 to \$20, with which they test and adjust garden soil for alkalinity-acidity balance. Kits consisting of

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