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## THIS, THAT, & THE OTHER

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Nell Battle Lewis through her column in the News and Observer is repeatedly asking that those who know positively of incidents that seem to show clairvoyance, precience, presentiment, or anything that appears supernatural, write her giving the facts. She is much interested in the study of new frontiers of the mind. I suppose most of us are, though few know how to go about real study of the subject.

For my part it is hard to decide what is mental and what is physical when I wake up feeling that some unusual or untoward event is about to occur, though I have had that experience.

One time I remarked on arising that I was sure my father would come that day. He had never been to Zebulon and had not mentioned a visit to us; but I hurried around making ready for his coming. When the afternoon train reached town I was nervous as a cat until I saw my father walking up the street toward our house. No one had met the train, since no one else shared my belief that he would be on it; and he himself had decided all at once to make the trip.

When we were children our mother said one day that she would send two of my sisters to Grandmother's the next afternoon. When my older sister came downstairs in the morning she asked Mother not to send them, that she had such a bad dream about it she was afraid to go. Of course that was no reason, so Annie and Louise started as planned. On the way Louise climbed on a log as they were going through the woods, slipped off, and sprained her leg so badly she was in bed for some time as a result.

My father used to state gloomily at times that he dreamed of muddy water the night before; and that was a sure sign of trouble. It did not worry him to dream of clear water, and he was probably already anxious over something when he dreamed of the muddy stream; but it was one that he dreaded.

Occasionally a dream or a presentiment stays in my mind and makes me uneasy; but only a few times in my life have they really seemed to be fulfilled.

About two weeks before the birth of my third child I dreamed that three old women dressed in black came to my door and knocked; but when I opened it and invited them in, one said: "NO, we will not come in here. We are Pain, Sorrow, and Death; and one of us will come soon and stay with you for a while; the other two will not be with you then. Now we must all go to the house of one of your friends near by."

Early next day I received word of the death of Mrs. Klein, a special friend, whose house was in the next block. She had been as well as usual the day before, had entertained her book club at night, and had sent me a tray of the refreshments served. During the night a sudden heart attack proved fatal. At once I remembered my dream and felt that Pain only was to be my guest.

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## General News

### BANANA TREE

R. G. Gower of near Smithfield has a banana stalk three years old that has a leaf-like flower cluster that will later be fruit. The plant came from the tropics.

### MORE MONEY

The bill before Congress to lend \$2,490,000,000, it is claimed, will provide jobs for 500,000 people. It now appears that the measure will be either defeated or the amount reduced considerably. It is proposed to loan the money to railroads, toll roads, states and cities, farm tenancy and rural rehabilitation, rural electrification, banks and reclamation.

### EUROPEAN LIE

It has been reported that Great Britain has offered to loan Germany five billion dollars in return for a measure of disarmament and a general European appeasement. Prime Minister Chamberlain brands the statement as false.

### HE JUST FORGOT

Last Friday a Mr. Phillips from Anson county left his car in charge of a colored man who drove it to Raleigh. He forgot where he left the car, reported it stolen, and went home. Sunday afternoon the police found the colored man sitting in the car. He told the police: "Mr. Phillips, he done tole me to stay here till he come back, so dat's what I done." Fifty cents which the negro had provided food for him after Saturday when he decided something must have happened to his boss.

### TOBACCO SELLS LOW

Tuesday the bright leaf tobacco market in Ga. and Fla. opened in 17 cities and towns. Upwards of 35,000 farmers will sell their tobacco on these markets. The forecast is an increased production and an inferior grade. The national forecast is 1,022,995,000 this year against 785,731,000 last year, or a gain of 237,364,000. Reports are that the Georgia market opened from 7 to 9 cents lower than last year.

### BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Baptists from 50 nations are meeting in Atlanta this week in the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Geo. W. Truett of Texas is president. At the opening meeting 50,000 people assembled. It seems that much time is being given to the consideration of religious persecution in European countries and the Alliance proposes to do all in its power to assist the cause of religious liberty throughout the world.

### LOSING JOBS

Dismissal notices have been mailed to 4,100 WPA workers in North Carolina. In all there will be 8,500 employees affected by the 18-month proviso of the 1939 relief act. All will be laid off by August 5. Each has five-days grace after notification.

### PEACH CROP OFF

North Carolina's peach crop is the smallest in years. It was on July 1 estimated to be 42 per cent normal. Monday two-inch fruit sold for \$1.90 to \$2.00 against \$1.50 to \$1.20 last year. All the Georgia crop has about been marketed and the South Carolina crop will finish being marketed this week.

### MASS MARRYING

One hundred and five couples were married in a mass ceremony in Montreal, Canada, last Monday. There were 20,000 people present and 300 of them were prostrated by the heat and excitement. No one died and it is hoped all went away happy, including the newly weds.

## CHURCH NEWS

### ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH (G. J. Griffin, Pastor)

At the Baptist Church the following services will be held Sunday, July 30:

9:45—Sunday School.  
11:00—Morning Worship. Sermon subject: "A Dismembered Gospel"  
7:30—Meeting for Young People.  
8:00—Evening Worship. Sermon subject: "The Prophet of Justice."

### THE METHODIST CHURCH Ben F. Boone, Pastor

We began our revival services the first Sunday in May which were held at the regular worship hours during the months of May and June. July has been decision month. Last Sunday, six fine young people were received into the church. There will be another one to join later, and, it is hoped that several others will decide to unite with the church.

Schedule of services for 5th Sunday:

Church School — 10:00  
Worship Service — 11:00  
Pastor's subject: "Repair Work"  
Young People — 7:00 P.M.

## Playground Closes

The local playground provided by WPA funds closed Wednesday. Mrs. Hunter Bell has been director of the playground since its beginning three years ago. This move is in keeping with the present WPA policy of reducing the number assisted by the government. A total of 850 will be laid off in N. C. by August 5. Some employees will be re-employed after thirty days if they fail to find other work, but the present trend of the government is not to renew such assistance unless it is absolutely necessary. For three years the local playground has been carried on under the supervision of Mrs. Bell to the relief and gratification of mothers and the pleasure of children.

## VACATION OVER

The half-holiday on Wednesday of each week that has been observed by the merchants of Zebulon through June and July ends this week. Hereafter all stores will be open each day in the week till the usual closing hour.

## The Poet and Peasant

By DOCK

"Did you notice that the sidewalk in front of the City Market, Wallace Temple's and Clarence Hott's stores were absolutely clear of any merchandise last week and the first part of this week?" asked the Poet of the Peasant.

"I certainly did and I think that is just fine. Now there is three fine young men. They are about the youngest business men in Zebulon and I believe that I can safely say that they are also about the most progressive in Zebulon. They cooperate in every forward movement for the town as a whole, and are active in making things move along. They are all three members of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and are to be congratulated. I tell you right now," said the Peasant, "It is a hard thing for me to decide which one of them to trade with, so I trade with all three of them."

"Hope that you're satisfied now," said the Poet.

"No I ain't," said the Peasant. "I won't be satisfied until every merchant in Zebulon falls in line. Last Saturday there was a coop of chickens, about a dozen bags of hog feed, fence wire, lawn mowers, tobacco trucks, straw hats and a big sign blocking the sidewalks. Now I ain't after making nobody mad, but why can't these fellows fall in line with the grocery stores and take their stuff off the sidewalk?"

"Maybe they will," said the Poet, "and again maybe they won't."

"Well," said the Peasant, "I have said all that I am going to about it. It is now up to the city fathers. They are the only ones that can force the merchants to protect their merchandise, and I hope that they will do it."

"Say," said the Poet, "did you read that letter last week that the Countrywoman wrote the editor of the Record?"

"I certainly did," said the Peasant, "and I agree with her. I ain't no lady, but I do hate to have to walk down the street and feel like

I should have practiced walking in a cheese box before leaving home. Folks drag chairs out of two or three different places in town and just sit on the sidewalk, making folks have to walk like these here college football coaches make the players train by running and stepping in an automobile tire. They call it broken field running I believe. That don't only happen in the day time it also happens at night."

"I don't think that these men realize that they are embarrassing the ladies and all that is necessary is for a few wives to mention it to their husbands. That will put a stop to it right away," said the Poet.

"You know what," said the Peasant, "us human beings are a funny lot. If someone offers some constructive criticism about some form of conduct of others, we think that it is just fine, but if that same constructive criticism hits us we are ready to hit back, and the worse part of it all is, we are prone to go to others and talk and not go to the person who is responsible for that criticism. In fact we realize that the criticism is right, but hate to admit it so we blow off our steam to someone we feel will sympathize with us. If there is anybody that doesn't like anything that I have said or do say, I wish that they would write me about it and say it to me. I am going to say something about anything that I see in Zebulon that I don't like, that is when the welfare of the entire community is involved. If you take it personally I am sorry, that is if you fail to assist in correcting the mistake that is being criticised." P.S. (A certain clerk in one of the stores in Zebulon went to a certain barber in Zebulon Wednesday night and got him to cut his hair. It was about nine o'clock and on Wednesday — that clerk should be a little more considerate of the barber and the other clerks in Zebulon, along with his boss, if he doesn't care about his own integrity.)

## Whitley, Moser Speak to Jr. C. of C.

C. V. Whitley and E. H. Moser made short talks to twenty-two members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting in the Woman's Club building last Tuesday night. Both speakers attacked the subject "Pep" from a slightly different angle, but in the end their theme was the same — make Zebulon a bigger and better place in which to live. Both speakers congratulated the young men on the progress they had made so far in working out a progressive program and offered encouraging words for their future.

During the business meeting, the president reported the activities of the board of directors during the past two weeks which was that the organization would sponsor and a Big Business Booster Program this fall and would give away a Chevrolet automobile during fair week. The publicity committee reported that circulars advertising this program were being distributed daily through various channels and all possible efforts were being made to thoroughly advertise Zebulon during the fall and winter months.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

City government: R. H. Jenkins, C. M. Hocutt; City Beautification: J. H. Bunn, Jr., Francis Wall; Entertainment: Harman James, Frank Massey, W. S. Cheeves; Parliamentary: Rom Moser, Elmo Bunn; Public Health: Douglas Finch, Haywood Jones; Publicity: Lee Roy Harris, W. M. Bunn, J. N. Johnson; Membership: Ed Hales, C. B. Eddins, Jr., J. R. Sawyer; New Industries: J. R. Alford, G. M. Conn; Christmas Activities: Rev. G. J. Griffin, N. M. Screws, J. W. Narron; Police traffic: W. B. Braswell, Harmon James; Boys Work: J. R. Sawyer, G. J. Griffin; Retail Cooperation: G. M. Conn, J. R. Alford, B. A. Antone, W. G. Temple; Sports: L. C. Thompson, Ed Hales; Program: C. M. Hocutt, R. D. Massey.

## SIDEWALK AND STREET IMPROVEMENT

Our town Board is to be congratulated for its interest in cutting the weeds and repairing the sidewalks on a number of streets that in the past have been given little attention. Cannon Richardson may be seen any day busily cutting weeds or building up and leveling sidewalks. And what a difference it makes to get rid of weeds and ruts!

## ROTARIANS MEET

The Rotary Club almost had a 100 per cent meeting last Friday evening, Luther Massey being the only member absent. It will be reasonably certain that he will make his attendance up somewhere. Dr. Smith from Wendell was a welcome visitor.

Vaden Whitley had the program. His subject was "International Standard of U. S. Currency." It was a deep subject to many of us, as a majority of the members give more thoughts to their monthly statement they receive from the bank than they do the Gold or Silver Standard. Vaden was well informed on the subject and made an interesting talk that was well enjoyed. The average Rotarian did not know the Gold Standard involved such a debating subject in the unsettled affairs of the international world.