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Horton Home Burned Monday

The attractive country home of Earl Horton, just outside Zebulon, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon of this week. The flame, which was discovered before much damage had been done, was soon beyond control. The metal roof of the house made it even more difficult to fight the fire and because of there being no hydrant near, the engine and hose of the town fire department were useless. Practically all the furniture and personal possessions of the family were saved. The home was built by Mr. Horton himself, and was the only one the family had occupied. They are now staying with different relatives until plans have been made for resuming housekeeping.

Prizes Awarded

The entries in the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Zebulon Garden Club were judged Friday evening, Dec. 22, by Mrs. Maude McInnis and Mrs. H. O. Taylor of Raleigh. A prize of \$200 in cash was given the winner in each class. These are the winners:

- A door—Miss Mary Barrow.
- A window—Mrs. Chas. Flowers.
- Outdoor decorations—Mrs. W. C. Campen.
- General appearance—Mrs. C. V. Whitley.

The prizes were given by the Jr. Woman's Club, Woman's Club, Jr. Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Zebulon.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

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We take eggs, chickens, potatoes, meat, most anything to eat—on subscription at the market price.

AT CHURCHES

THE METHODIST CHURCH

1940 is here. Let us resolve now to attend church school and church service on the first Sunday of 1940.

Rev. H. I. Glass, District Superintendent, will be with us for the 7:30 service. He will preach and hold our first Quarterly Conference.

Note the schedule of services for Sunday, Jan. 7th:

- Church school—10:00.
- Young People's Service—6:45.
- Church service—7:30.
- Sermon by Rev. H. I. Glass.
- BEN F. BOONE, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

- For Sunday, Jan. 7:
- Sunday School, 9:45.
- Morning Worship, 11:00.
- Young People, 7:00.
- Evening Worship, 7:30.

The sermon for Sunday morning and the one for Sunday evening will be centered around the theme: "The Two Great Commandments of the New Testament." The first subject will be "Thou Shalt Love the Lord;" the second sermon will be "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor."

STUDENTS GIVE PROGRAM

The service at the Baptist Church last Sunday evening was carried out entirely by local college students. A most impressive program was presented around the topic, "The Christian Student on the College Campus." Those taking part in the service were: Miss Eunice Outlaw from W. C. U. N. C., Mr. Ferd Davis, Wake Forest, Miss Frankie Hall, W. C. U. N. C., Miss Margaret Bunn, Meredith, and Miss Cornelia Herling, Meredith.

Supplies of feed grains available for the 1939-40 feeding season are now estimated at 140,000,000 tons, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.



This week's Recorder's Court seems to have been much in little. Although there were only three cases tried, it took all day to dispose of them.

The first case was that of Nathaniel Atkinson of Johnston county. He was tried for carrying a concealed weapon—a pistol—and was found guilty. A fine of \$500 and the costs of the court were taxed on him. Pistol toting does not seem to the Court to be a very favorable occupation.

J. C. Rogers, another colored man, seems to have come out at the little end of the horn in making a crop. So he took the residue thereof being mortgaged property, belonging to his landlord, sold it and departed the Riley Hill community for Washington City and other northern points. In Washington he, being a big shot with \$210.00 of his landlord's money in his pocket, took a bigger dose of insulin which laid him low in a hospital. But all things come to those who wait, we have been told; so the law overtook him and judge Rhodes sent him to the roads for eight months for disposing of mortgaged property. If one's sins do not find him, probably the law will.

Up in the Perry neighborhood near Walter Perry's store, lives one, C. C. Perry, if not a family man, a man of family, having a wife and two children. He was brought before the court for carrying a concealed weapon and also the more serious charge of assault on a female. The woman involved was one, Mrs. Marvin Horton, Perry's wife's sister's child, whom she belonged; we know

According to Perry's testimony, and the woman have been engaged in husbandly and wifely relations on the side for perhaps a decade. When caught in one of these illicit love affairs, the woman wept bitterly, yet charged her lover of assault. Perry, foreseeing a possible day of reckoning, had saved certain and voluminous love epistles stored away in a fruit jar. These he brought for his defense and incidentally the entertainment of the vulgar appetites of court hangers on. A jury trial was demanded. Lawyers had been imported from Wendell and Raleigh to defend the characters of accused good and true citizens of the commonwealth. It is said that one eloquent attorney almost if not quite wept as he plead for his client. Perry is said to have admitted without prompting that he loved his kinswoman by marriage as he loved no other. Yet when his own personal liberty was endangered, he unhesitatingly and unblushingly told of ten years of experiences that no decent person could listen to without blushing shame. Not only that, but he brought out evidence preserved and provided for this time of need. Yet, he loved her!

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CLUB COLUMN

The Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, December 27 at the club house in Wakefield. Mrs. Bridges gave a very interesting Christmas program after which we all gathered around the Christmas tree and each one received a gift. After a short business session the meeting adjourned.

WEAVER WILL ADDRESS GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club is glad to announce that on Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the home of Mrs. C. E. Flowers Prof. James Weaver of State College will speak to members on "Starting The Spring Garden." Mr. Weaver is well qualified to discuss this subject and a full attendance is specially desired by the program committee.

P. T. A. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Wakelon P. T. A. will be held Tuesday night, January 9 at 7:30. The grammar grades will present a short program under the direction of Miss Edna Dell Anderson, one of the sixth grade teachers.

P. T. A. STUDY GROUP

How many times should high school and college boys and girls go out during the week? When should dating begin? How far should recreation be a family matter? These are some of the questions to be discussed under the topic of "Saturday and Sunday" on Thursday night at the meeting of the P. T. A. Study Group in the Home Economics Department at 7:30.

Everyone is invited to attend. The Senior Woman's Club will serve as hostess.

Forty-eight out of 50 Henderson County growers report that they have increased their crop yields since becoming unit demonstration farmers.

Business Changes Made In Zebulon

A number of business changes have taken place in Zebulon at the close of the year. Among them are:

Raleigh Alford who has been in charge of the furniture department of the Zebulon Supply Co. has accepted a position with the Robertson Fertilizer Co., Norfolk, Va. He will continue making his home in Zebulon to the pleasure of his many friends and the community generally.

We understand that the Whitley building where the bowling alley was located will be occupied soon by a grocery store. A Mr. Godwin of Clayton who also owns grocery stores in Selma and Clayton will open this new store. The building is being renovated and the interior is being painted.

The Page Supply Co., Inc., has moved its stock into the building occupied last fall by the Greenburg dry goods store. The same office and sales force will be in charge as last year. They will continue keeping a full line of farm supplies. They will keep at all times a full line of the Smith-Douglas fertilizers for the trade. This fertilizer has built up a great trade in this section.

The store in which the Page Supply Co. has been since its opening in Zebulon is being readapted and renovated. W. M. Page and others have formed a new company and will open at an early day a full line of groceries, farm supplies and fertilizers. Mr. Page's many friends will be gratified to have him in the mercantile business again. He himself is a good farmer and so knows how to intelligently advise his customers in making farm purchases.

The cotton gin formerly owned by S. Z. Gill was rented last fall by the Southern Cotton Oil Co. We understand business was so poor last fall that they will not operate it longer.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER

By MRS. THEO. B. DAVIS

Trying to read some proof Monday afternoon was especially hard, but soon after I began the cause of the Horton home was seen burned. There was no use for me to rush over there; men had already done all possible toward saving the household goods; but I was sympathizing with the sympathy born of experience. There's no describing the feeling one has when watching the work and accumulation of years turn to ashes; nor the pang that comes when years later one starts to find something which was burned—and remembers.

But we live through such things and there are losses more dreaded by far than that of material property.

We are drinking sassafras tea at our house; red sassafras root is used to make it; and it reminds me of smoky spring days when fields were being burned off for plowing; of hot batter bread and butter; in short, of the days of my youth.

When I was "up home" last week another heard me say I wanted

to taste sassafras tea again and remarked that a large root had been plowed up on his place a few days before. Soon after I asked where Manly was and his son, Billy, said, "He has gone down to the field to find a sassafras root for you." He kicked around in the snow until he located it and took it to the house, heavy with ice and red clay, chopped it into sections, washed them with help—and so we have tea. It's not brotherly kindness, my stationary is wrong.

They say one must not use white tea for tea, but I don't know. The red makes a beverage of a useful color, and we used to thin the blood, which was the reason for drinking it in

up and have a cup with me.

It is the custom to laugh at eat drivers; but I'm here to say they suffer quite as much as we whom they persecute, if we are. At least, I believe they continued on back page)

THE POET AND THE PEASANT

By DOCK

"Well," said the Poet, "the approach of the new year brings us all to a pause; and, as we look back over the days that have gone and review the happenings in retrospect, we cannot fail but find many opportunities which we missed, many things left undone which should have been done, and too many important things neglected.

Yet, withal, to most of us the current year has been most kind, and even a casual review will prove that we have countless thousands of things for which to be thankful. We may not have made as much money as we wanted to, but we have lived. We may not have all the other things we wanted, but we do have most of the things we really need—and that alone should send 1939 down in the pages of history as a year which was very good to us.

"We had happy days and sad days in 1939, and we will have them again in 1940. We have the experiences of 1939 to guide us in the coming year, and if we repeat our mistakes and neglect of oppor-

tunities we will have no one to blame but ourselves. The new year will bring new problems, but it will also bring the means of meeting such problems if we but use the intelligence we are endowed with.

"It is a season for making resolutions. As we hung our 1940 calendars we found there is an extra day, or, a total of 366 spot less sheets on which to write the record of our lives for another year. Let us determine here and now that no action of ours shall be one which we will be ashamed to see written there when we come to ring down the curtain on 1940. Living up to such a resolution will make 1940 the best year of our lives, and that is as it should be, for if we cannot hope to improve then dark and dismal is the prospect for our old world."

"That was a mighty fine speech," said the Peasant, "I hope a lots of folks will read it."

"Thank you," said the Poet. "In some manner I would like to get across to our readers that this old world is just what we make it—for ourselves and others."