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AT CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH

You are invited to worship with us at any or all of the following services which will be held in our church Sunday, Feb. 4:

9:45. Sunday School.

11. Morning Worship. Sermon subject: "Christ and Money."

7:00. Young People's meeting.

7:30. Evening Worship. Sermon topic: "Burdens—Ours and Others".

G. J. GRIFFIN, Pastor.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Services for Sunday, Feb. 4:

Church School—10:00.

Young People—6:45.

Church Service—7:30. Pastor's subject: "Remember Lot's Wife".

BEN F. BOONE, Minister.

DONALD PIPPIN WITH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Donald Pippin, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pippin, will appear next Monday night as soloist with the Norfolk Symphony Orchestra at the city auditorium. Three soloists had been planned for the season, and Donald is an addition to this number. With the orchestra he will play music written by MacDowell, Beethoven and Bach.

Critics who have heard Donald pronounce his knowledge of music and playing phenomenal. Not long ago he appeared before the Woman's Club in Richmond and won such praise that other cities have begun to arrange for his programs.

Again it may be remarked that for some years Zebulon has known that in music Donald was a prodigy, and that the entire town rejoices in his progress.

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THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER

By MRS. THEO. B. DAVIS

One day last week I remarked to Etha Strickland that if called upon—and able—to paint a picture of perfect happiness, I would depict a family group on a winter night, gathered around an open fire. Some would be reading, some playing games. And I'd not have the mother darning socks, which does not spell perfect happiness. Etha said that picture would be all right if I would be sure it showed also a cat and a very old lady.

It is true that an old lady does add something to a picture of home. And that reminds me of a remark made by a neighbor of the L. R. Temple family. She said she could not imagine a more nearly ideal place for a mother and grandmother to spend her last days on earth than Mrs. Sallie Temple had occupied in the home of her son, Lorenzo. Which to me was high praise, indeed.

And the remark quoted above reminds me of a conversation with Mrs. Lorenzo Temple some two years ago. At that time her family included Mrs. Temple, already past 80; two married sons, Wallace and Russell, lived near by; George Henry was at work and Jack in college; Ruby was teach-

ing home economics and Joyce was in grammar school; Tommy and Alton were baby and "knee baby"; and there was a tiny grand-daughter in one son's home. Mrs. Temple said, "I spend my whole time trying to make one plan fit into another." I replied that she was wonderful to manage it all, and she exclaimed, "Mercy! I don't manage it! I just stir around in the middle of it all." But the neighbors all think she managed.

Today I read that in the West Virginia town where one of my nieces lives the water supply is totally exhausted. It had been furnished by artesian dripping into abandoned mines, and the prolonged drought last year coupled with the winter's freezing brought about the present situation.

The AP account said that the only liquids available in the town of 15,000 were soft drinks and beer, whether for cooking, washing, or drinking. That may be all the reporter knew about it; but I'd wager my niece is melting snow or ice this minute if the town supply of water is still a minus quantity. Where there's smoke there's fire; and where there's ice there may be water.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR ZEBULON CITIZENS

Last week we read the report of the audit of a neighboring town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, which was made in December, 1939. The audit was made by A. M. Pulliam and Co., certified accountants of Raleigh. Reading this audit raised a lot of questions in our mind which we are unable to answer. We submit these to our readers, especially citizens of Zebulon.

No. 1:—What citizen knows anything definite about the financial affairs of Zebulon?

No. 2:—When was there a published audit of the town's business affairs made?

No. 3:—What is the town's bonded indebtedness?

No. 4:—How much money does the town have in bank, sinking fund or invested?

No. 5:—How many years do we have uncollected taxes, what years and how much?

No. 6:—What salaries are paid individual town officials and employees?

No. 7:—What is the estimated budget for operating the town government for 1940?

No. 8:—Is it not a fact that it is unlawful for a town NOT to publish an annual statement of its financial affairs?

No. 9:—Final question: Whose government is it, any how?

The Zebulon Record has frequently, within the last seven years, asked for a public statement of the town's financial condition, of new ordinances passed and matters of public concern considered by the Board. He has failed to get even the barest facts. He has been refused access to the records. He has offered the columns of the paper to the officials for any publicity of these matters, but thus far no copy has been handed in for such publication.

A government that "carries on" without due

publicity of its affairs, is no democracy. We venture that not 25 per cent of the citizens of Zebulon can answer fully a single one of the above questions. The mayor sometime ago asked the editor if he did not think it better if we cooperated with the town officials. Our reply was: "We do not know enough about what you are doing to cooperate."

A member of our Board of Town Commissioners reminded us the other day that Wake county had no published audit of its various departments. We reminded him that not so long ago the records of a certain official were found in such a condition that it took months to straighten them out. Not only the bonding company suffered loss, but others. May we venture this statement: Some of these days when some public spirited citizen gets stirred till the light is turned on our county affairs, the people of Wake county are going to get a shock that will wake them up.

We hope, we believe, the town affairs are being justly and legally administered, BUT we want to know. An educational program in giving a full and intelligent presentation of our town's affairs is badly needed. We offer the columns of this paper to our Mayor and the Board to this end. We also invite expressions from citizens as to whether they desire such information to be given. Of course, if the editor, as a citizen, is wrong in his contention and the people do not want nor need this publicizing of matters which should be of concern to all, then we are ready to apologize and hereafter discuss matters of impersonal concern, such as, Do they have town governments on the moon? When will the Eskimos join the Finns? or When will we have another winter like the present?

SCOUT NEWS

LOCAL BOY SCOUTS TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Members of Troop No. 40, Zebulon Boy Scouts are making plans to celebrate in a big way National Boy Scout Week on February 8-14. This date will mark the thirtieth year of the existence of the National organization. The local Scouts plan a series of events to take place during this week, commencing with a Parent's Night on February 8th; a demonstration of Scout work at the Rotary Club on February 9th, at which time the members of the troop will be the guests of the Rotary Club; a demonstration on first aid work down town on Saturday, February 10th; a Sunday service at one of the local churches on February 11th, at which time the Scouts will attend services in a body. On Monday, 12th, a program will be given at the chapel hour of the Wakelon School; on Tuesday a special troop meeting will be held at 7 p. m.; and on Wednesday night, February 14th, a weiner roast will be held at the home of the Scoutmaster, C. F. Allen, at 6 p. m., followed by a theatre party at the local theatre, which will close a full program. A window in the City Market will be decorated with scenes of Scout work. The local troop is sponsored by the Rotary Club, with Rev. C. F. Allen as Scoutmaster and Gordon Temple as assistant. There are approximately 18 members of this troop in good standing, ranging from Tenderfoot to Star Scouts.

WAKE COUNTY TAX LISTING EXTENDED

Owing to weather conditions, the time for listing taxes in Wake County has been extended to Feb. 15. The time expired on Jan. 31, and had it not been extended, a penalty of one per cent would have been added to each one's taxes.

CHILD BURNED

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Massey of the Union Hope section was badly burned one day this week when he used gasoline to start a fire in a stove in his father's shop. The fluid exploded, inflicting painful injuries.

Gurney J. Franklin of Linville Falls, Avery County, says a flock of pure bred poultry will pay any farmer. From 121 hens he sold \$192 worth of poultry and \$394.44 worth of eggs last year to clear \$215.59 net.

THE POET AND THE PEASANT

By DOCK

"How did you manage to get to town in weather like this?" asked the Poet.

"I expect that it was about as easy for me to get to town as it was for you to get down town," said the Peasant. "You see the State Highway Department cleaned our road off, I live on the hard surface, and that made it much easier for me to ride to town than it is for you to walk down town." "Guess you're right at that," said the Poet. "What do you have on your mind?"

"Went to Raleigh and went up to the courthouse this week and listened to them try some civil cases. It was real interesting, too," said the Peasant.

"Yes," said the Poet, "attending a session of court is always fascinating, whether it is a civil or criminal term. What did you enjoy most?"

"There wasn't much there to enjoy unless you enjoy seeing smart alec young lawyers making asses out of men," said the Peasant. "I can tell you this much, the man who said 'it took the Lord millions of years to make man out of a monkey and only takes a woman a second to make a monkey out of a

man,' certainly should have said something about how long it takes a lawyer to make an ass out of a witness."

"You sound as though you were about disgusted with our legal procedure," said the Poet.

"I am," said the Peasant. "As an example there was one case in which there was about \$250 and six lawyers involved. The court worked on this case for a day and a half. When it was finished no one was the winner but the lawyers — you know they wouldn't let their clients have anything — then there was a couple of married folks who wanted to get a divorce. In less than ten minutes they were no longer man and wife — two couples had this operation performed in exactly thirteen minutes according to one jurymen. Now that is what I call disgusting. The entire legal procedure is tied up for almost two days over a measly \$250 and yet in less than 15 minutes there are two homes completely destroyed — Oh well, such is life."

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