

THIS, THAT, & THE OTHER

By MRS. THEO. B. DAVIS

Some years ago I stated as one of my ambitions doing nothing for a whole half-day and spending a quarter foolishly. To date I have not wasted the quarter; but right now I have twenty cents of it and the nickel in prospect.

The question is how to derive the utmost in foolishness from that twenty-five cents. I am not equal to the decision alone. Please help me. Send me your suggestion as to the silliest way to waste that much money and I'll consider it.

Our foreman, Mr. Harris, thinks I should buy a yo-yo; they're the most foolish thing he knows about.

Ruby Dawson thinks buying a big banana split would at least be a very tasty, if not tasteful, way of wasting a quarter.

Marie Watson suggests a manicure, but that would cost thirty-five cents. That's Marie's trouble about helping me; she can't envision squandering less than thirty-five cents and my limit is twenty-five. But she might consider that the extra wastefulness of trying to beautify my hands justifies the additional dime.

My husband thinks spending a quarter for sitting two hours watching a moving picture one doesn't like is the most thoroughly wasted money he knows of.

Mrs. Starkey Hoyle thinks I ought to spend my money for fire-crackers and shoot them off as speedily as possible. Jessie Raper wants me to buy chewing-gum. If I did that, I'd work myself to death, for if ever I chance to put a piece of gum in my mouth I go to work "like putting out fire" and never stop until my jaws are exhausted.

Staley Denton believes that a very fascinating way and complete waste of money would be to play the slot machines—the kind with the beautifully colored lights that dance around as the balls trickle down.

Dr. Barbee advises me to buy popcorn with the money, not offer to share it with any one, but sit down alone with the whole lot. He says nobody ever stops eating popcorn as long as there's any on hand, and that I'd probably overeat to such an extent that I'd be sure-enough sick. Which would be very, very foolish.

Not one of these ideas, however, completely satisfies my inner urge to recklessly lavish that coin on what will do no good. Won't you give aid?

If you are on of those house-keepers who can casually discard an emptied glass jar after using the salad dressing, relish, or whatever it held, you'll not understand why it is so hard for me to throw them away. You see, I grew up in the country in a time when such jars were more than just glass containers—they meant fruit and vegetables in winter; they cost money; they had to be tenderly cared for; and breaking one was, if not a crime, a grave misdemeanor. The day of buying so many supplies in glass jars had not arrived, and it is still a bit of a novelty to me.

I like to buy everything possible in jars having a standard size
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Wakelon Alumni Take Notice!

Dear Alumni:

The Alumni Association of Wakelon High School plans to have a simple banquet on Tuesday evening, May 7, 1940, from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Wakelon Gym.

Miss Palmer and Mrs. Annie Pace Jones will serve a 50c plate. You may bring your husband or wife, as the case may be.

Howard Bunn is in charge of the program. We want a full attendance and as many classes as possible represented. It is necessary that Miss Palmer know immediately whether you can attend.

Please notify Mrs. Florence Pippin, Zebulon, North Carolina. Use enclosed card by return mail. Do this now while you have letter in hand.

Very truly yours,

Florence Finch Pippin.

The letter above is self-explanatory. However, Mrs. Pippin asks that emphasis be placed on the fact that invitations will not be mailed to any person in this community, all local alumni being notified and invited through this paper. Do not fail to notify those in charge if you plan to attend.

Wakelon Seniors To Give Play

The Senior class of Wakelon School will present a three act play, "Unknown Death," on Wednesday night.

This play is a 100 per cent Wakelon product. It was written by one of the teachers, Lawrence Decker, and one of the seniors, Barry Davis.

Mr. Decker has had much experience in this type of work, and puts humor and life into the scenes. The feud between the unmarried spinster, Harriet, and the high and mighty Mrs. Stephen Perry is especially good.

Earle Williams plays the female lead as Kathryn Vincent, who inherits large sum of money at 12:00 midnight in a spooky mysterious house built by her queer uncle.

Bobby Alford, John Haughton Ithie, III, Frances Jones, Dollie Ann Lewis, Albert Wiggs, Alberé Greene, Mabel Evans, Peggy Brantley, Dayton Parrish, Fred Pearce, and Barry Davis complete the cast.

Miss Oleda Swain has taken over the task of directing this since Mr. Decker was taken sick and sent to the hospital. Mr. Decker is missed by the cast, and it is hoped that he will be able to see his masterpiece given.

JUNIOR-SENIOR

The annual junior-senior banquet at Wakelon was the highlight of last week for the classes concerned. Following weeks, even months, of careful, anxious planning and consultation, each class strives to at least equal what has been done by predecessors.

Friday night's occasion in no way fell below the standard. Menu, program, personnel, all reflected credit upon those carrying the responsibility. The juniors honored themselves by honoring the seniors, and all enjoyed the evening together.

AT CHURCHES

ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH

The following services will be conducted in our church Sunday, May 5.

9.45, Sunday School.

11.00, Morning Worship. Sermon subject: "The Status of Our Church".

7:15, Meeting of the young people.

G. J. GRIFFIN, Pastor.

HEPHZIBAH BAPTIST CHURCH

10 A. M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.—Worship. A special program is being arranged for the purpose of honoring the high school graduates of the 1940 class and their parents. The Pastor's topic will be, "Youth's Gift To Christ."

WAKEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

10 A. M., Sunday School.

Because of the commencement exercises at the Wakelon High School there will be no evening services at the Wakefield Church.

The young married ladies class of the Wakefield Baptist church met Friday night in the home of Mrs. Jack Mitchell. Mrs. Glenn Joyner, class president, presided over the business session.

Mrs. Edison Wood led the program. The topic for study was, "The Home." Mrs. Carl Lewis led the devotional and gave a beautiful talk. Mrs. Raleigh Shearron gave an interesting discussion on a Christian Home and its influence.

Mrs. C. B. Pace, Mrs. Victor Chamblee, and Mrs. Willie Bullock read poems.

During the social hour contests were enjoyed. Mrs. Douglas Pace, Mrs. Edison Wood, Mrs. C. B. Pace winning prizes. The hostess served delicious ham sandwiches, pickles, strawberry shortcake and iced tea.

(Mrs. Willie Bullock, Class Reporter)

NEGRO CHOIR SINGS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A choir composed of the faculty of the Wakefield-Zebulon school gave an enjoyable program at the Baptist church here on Sunday night. There was no sermon, Pastor Griffin leading a short devotional service and giving the time to the singers, who occupied the choir stand.

The house was well-filled, announcement having been made in advance, and much favorable comment was heard after the close of the service. Numbers sung were mainly the spirituals which belong particularly to this race, and which no others can sing so effectively. The final song, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen", was given by special request of the audience.

AWARDED SILVER CUP

M. L. Duke of Zebulon, R-3, was awarded the Silver Cup last Sunday (April 28, 1940) in a Pilots Contest at Rocky Mount Air Port. He made a 360 spot landing with a Franklin 50 H. P. Cub ship. There were 18 contestants in the event.

Have 100 Pct. Record Again

Zebulon Rotary Club met Friday night with a 100 per cent attendance. This makes the thirteenth 100 per cent meeting. Fred Woodcock and Foster Finch were absent, but they had already made up their attendance. This is possibly a record that has not been equalled in North Carolina. There were two visitors, one from San Antonio, Texas, and Mr. Gerald from Wendell.

Durwood Chamblee made an interesting talk on Rambling Tales and Their Worth. Early Moser told some interesting things on the same subject.

Present Pupils In Piano Recital

First of commencement events at Wakelon is the music recital by piano-forte students taught by Mrs. G. S. Barbee. This year's date was Tuesday night. Attendance was good and the program was said by many to have been the best for several years.

The stage was decorated with floor baskets of white flowers. The recital was patterned after a radio broadcast with Baxter Hopkins as announcer from station M-U-S-I-C. Names of those taking part were:

Melba Duke, Cleo Glover, Fay Carter, Judie Robertson, Charles H. Rhodes, Charles Horton, Beth Massey, Mary Gordon Massey, Clara Joyce Rhodes, George Riggsby Massey, Maxine Duke, Baxter Hopkins, Betty Lou Carter, Rochelle Doyle, Viola Hopkins.

Rhythm Band, Class — Mary Gordon Massey, Conductor, Viola Hopkins at piano.

RICHARDSON BABY SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. Edwin Richardson is at Duke Hospital with her baby son, who was taken there Monday and is in a serious condition. About two months ago the little fellow swallowed a fragment of bone which gave some trouble at the time, but nothing special was thought of it. Two weeks ago he began coughing, was feverish, and pneumonia was feared. At that time Mrs. Richardson was visiting her sister, Mrs. Vincent, in Greenville. X-ray examinations there disclosed that the piece of bone was lodged in the baby's lung and that there was congestion and inflammation. An operation at Duke Hospital Tuesday was to be followed by another on Thursday. Mrs. Richardson spends the nights with Mrs. Sam Venable, her sister-in-law, and is at the hospital all day.

FORMER SENATOR DIES

Furnifold M. Simmons, for thirty years United States Senator from North Carolina, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wade Meadows, near New Bern on Monday afternoon. He was 86 years old. Burial was on Wednesday. Surviving are a son, J. H. Simmons; three daughters, Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. J. F. Patterson of New Bern, Mrs. A. Mahler of Raleigh, and ten grandchildren.

Wakelon Finals Program Given

Friday night, May 3

On Friday night representatives of the societies are competing for the honor of best speaker. The question for the debate is: Resolved that all North Carolina schools should have nine months and 12 grades. Wade David, Philanthropic society, and Jodie Mae Wells, G. M. Bell society will uphold the negative side. Virginia Bridgers, Philomathean, and Billie Greene, Erosophean, will uphold the affirmative side of the question.

Faye Carter and Norma Lee are reciting. Henry Massey and Frederick Page are declaiming.

A medal will be awarded to the pupil adjudged to be the best.

Sunday night, May 5

Rev. C. F. Allen, Presbyterian minister, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at 8:00. The public is invited.

Monday night, May 6

The 1940 class night exercises differ from any held previously to this year. Mrs. Leon Thompson has worked out a program around the May queen and her court.

Rosa Lee Bunn, queen, has promised to marry the suitor who brings the best entertainment for her approval. Twelve suitors present speakers and selections by the juniors and seniors.

The seniors march in promptly at 8:00 and seats will be few and far between, so it is necessary for all who wish to see this affair to come early.

Tuesday, May 7

On Tuesday morning the seventh grade will give their graduating program beginning at 9:00 o'clock. This is one of the special features of commencement week.

Wednesday, May 8

Wednesday is commencement day for the eleventh grade. The address will be given by Mr. John Lang, State N. Y. A. Director, diplomas will be presented, and awards announced. The hour of beginning is 10:30 A. M.

At noon the usual picnic will be enjoyed by the community. In the afternoon a ball game will provide entertainment and at night the senior play will be the closing number of the week. Written by a member of the faculty, "The Unknown Death" will doubtless draw a large attendance.

Wakefield Club Holds Meeting

The Home Demonstration Club met at the club house April 24th with twenty present. We had four new members.

Mrs. McInness gave a demonstration on rugs, showing the quality and weave. She emphasized that we use more paint on floors instead of linoleum.

During the social hour, Mrs. Edison Wood and Mrs. Willie Bullock, hostesses for the day, served pimento cheese sandwiches, ritz crackers, and lemonade with beautiful colored ices.

Mrs. O. H. Massey and Mrs. R. S. Harris will be hostesses for the May meeting that will be on the last Wednesday in the month. Please, let's have a large number present.

Mrs. Willie Bullock, Club Pres.