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THIS, THAT, & THE OTHER

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If at any time you hear me say this day or that is the hottest I ever knew, remind me gently that I must be wrong. The hottest day I remember was in that July when Uncle Theibert Starkey was buried. He was the husband of my grandfather's sister, very old, and had been bedridden for a long time. I was about nineteen, was one of those who stood by his bed at night when the last breath escaped sighingly, and was also a helper in preparations for the funeral next day.

It would not have been seemly for Aunt Kittie, the widow, to have done any work that morning, so we forced her to put on her best dress and sit in idleness—but she kept coming out to the kitchen and having to be persuaded to go back. The youngest son lived at home, unmarried, and the youngest of the daughters had come from Newport News some time previously. She and I took charge of the cooking. My cousin, Joe, told to get plenty of stove-wood, split up fence rails, sound and bone-dry, that kept the kitchen stove red-hot. It was a small kitchen with a still smaller window.

We killed a half-dozen frying-size chickens, among them, I regret to say, some of Aunt Kittie's turned-out pullets; and we heard from that later. If you have stood over a big pan of scalding water, snatching feathers off chickens that must be fried as soon as possible, I can pass over that part. If you haven't, it might as well be passed over anyway; you wouldn't know.

Picking those chickens was hot enough, but frying them in the corner of that kitchen and juggling two pans around at one time was worse. I remember that we also had corn, tomatoes, apple sauce, hot biscuit and coffee, and the cousin—her name was Kittie, too—and I cooked it all. Enough for some thirty relatives who arrived at intervals all morning. They grieved loudly and sincerely, but Cousin Kittie didn't have time to stop and cry.

The funeral was early in the afternoon, the hottest part of the day, "with Masonic honors." The immediate family had to be in the procession, but we of another generation cut through the woods and reached the burying-ground ahead of them. I shall never forget those Masons. Without exception they were old, or looked old to me, their faces were dripping with sweat and grim with resolution, their steps were dogged and slow, at times almost stumbling. In front came Grandpa, a big heavy Bible open in his arms. After him followed others of the lodge with long poles or something of that kind, or just walking; and all wore their aprons. Grandpa's was of white satin with gold letters and wide silver fringe. He was a thirty-second degree Mason. Beneath their feet the dust rose in puffy

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Zebulon Simmers As Mercury Climbs; Everybody Agrees: It's Too &?x?! Hot

DATES GIVEN FOR DISPENSARY

The General Assembly of 1939 passed a law requiring parents or guardians of any child in this State to have them immunized against diphtheria.

Dispensary dates and places for both White and Colored are as follows for this section:

Tuesday, August 6 and August 20.—W. J. Rogers Store, Rolesville, 10:30; and the Zebulon points listed below, all on Rt. 3, except the last, which is on Rt. 2.

H. G. Perry's Store, 11:00; A. S. Harris Store, 11:15; Walker Perry's Store, 11:20; J. R. Fowler's Store, 11:30; O. E. Brannan, Glory Cross Road, 1:15; Irvin Duke's General Store, 1:45; Irvin Duke's Lake, Store, 2:15; and O. L. Strickland's Place, 2:45.

DATES OF WAKE COURT

Following is a list of Terms of Superior Court, calendared for the Fall of 1940:

July 8th, 1 week criminal, Judge Parker; September 2nd, 1 week criminal (A), Judge Bur-gwyn; September 9th, 2nd week criminal, Judge Parker; September 16th, 2 week civil, Judge Harris; October 7th, 1 week criminal, Judge Parker; October 14th, 1st week civil (A), Judge Grady; October 21st, 2nd and 3rd weeks civil, Judge Parker; November 4th, 1 week criminal, Judge Parker; November 11th, 1st and 2nd weeks civil (A), Judge Ervin; November 25th, 3rd week civil, Judge Parker; December 2nd, 2 weeks criminal, Judge Parker; December 16th, 1 week civil, Judge Parker.

PARTIES PROMISE POLICIES

The two old political parties have promised the people of the United States that no American soldiers will be sent to Europe, and that the man-power of the United States is being knitted more closely together in military programs for the sake of defense—and for no other purpose. That is swell stuff.

But how about those politicians at the tops, in both parties, who are constantly barking at the Europeans that are ahead at this time—and in some cases practically shaking their fists under the noses of Hitler and Mussolini? Hadn't these home un-neutrals better have their claws clipped? Hadn't they better be reminded to read their party platforms? Hadn't we better send them to interview Hitler about it?

Incidental to the above the following suggestion has reached this Letter from the Middle-West—as follows "Surely, not a single American boy should die in Europe—and I may suggest that to die in Brazil or Argentina, or Mexico, would be just as fatal,

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There was some discussion here Sunday as to whether that day or Saturday was hotter. Monday's official record proved that Sunday had been the hottest of the year with a temperature of 98 degrees. That was in Raleigh had 104 degrees and Goldsboro officially reported 102.

A number of deaths from heat and drownings as a result of it have been known and more may follow.

Monday was hotter than Sunday and Tuesday gave no relief. Forecasts promised no relief before the middle of the week. Not for some time has a heat wave spread so nearly all over the country. Scattered showers on Wednesday left many sections untouched.

Local temperatures varied somewhat with the time and location. A husband reported that on Sunday he helped his wife with dinner until the thermometer in the room registered 112 degrees, when he left. Presumably she stayed in and finished the cooking, though that was not told by the narrator.

Worth Stott in Hocutt's Store said that on Monday evening a thermometer in the building stood at 104 degrees.

The heat had one advantage: bread and rolls bought for warming-over could be placed on a car seat and be ready for use when the owner reached home.

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS Housewarming

The Zebulon Woman's Club was hostess to a house warming at their newly remodeled clubhouse on Thursday evening, July 18th. The main room, library and dining room were lavishly decorated with summer flowers.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Charles Flowers and Mrs. Irby Gill introduced them to the first receiving line, which was composed of the following outgoing and incoming officers: Mesdames F. E. Bunn, Avon Privett, C. V. Whitley, Zollie Culpepper, W. D. Spencer, F. L. Page, and F. D. Finch, and Mrs. F. C. McDowell, a former officer.

Mrs. Norman Screws introduced the second receiving line, composed of officers of the Junior Woman's Club, as follows: Mesdames Eugene Privette, W. A. Allman, Raleigh Alford, Russell Temple and Jesse Narron.

Mrs. Theo. B. Davis directed guests to the dining room, where Mesdames J. F. Coltrane and E. C. Daniel presided over the punch bowl. Assisting in serving were Mesdames Leon Thompson, C. F. Allen, L. E. Long, Riggsbee Massey and Miss Ruby Stell.

Mesdames B. F. Boone, Annie Jones, Benny Horton and J. G. Kemp showed the way to the gift room where there were many beautiful and useful gifts on display. Presiding in the gift room were Mesdames W. S. Cheaves, C. M. Watson and H. C. Wade.

Mrs. R. H. Herring bade the guests goodbye.

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JACK HINTON BRINGS ODDITIES

Jack Hinton brought in on Monday a cluster of small ears of corn growing from a tassel. The longest ear was seven inches and around it were six smaller ones, ranging from two to five inches. Three of the smaller ears had a talk each of tassel projecting from the tip, and on each of these was a still smaller ear of corn. Jack had found the stalk in the garden of his father, A. S. Hinton.

It may be that Zebulon corn is striving to come up to the new hybrids being developed and already cultivated in the Mid-West.

C. V. WHITLEY ATTENDS EXPOSITION

C. V. Whitley and N. R. Screws of the Zebulon Supply Company attended the Furniture Exposition in High Point last week. They report that style trends in furniture are not so pronounced as at many former expositions. Berry wood is increasingly popular, but has by no means supplanted the old favorites, mahogany, maple, walnut, and the softer woods.

The combination of furniture of different periods in one room is of both practical and artistic value. By this means it is entirely possible to use what one has that is good and buy new pieces that harmonize. This practice is growing and is being much studied by up-to-date furniture makers and dealers.

DOINGS OF ZEBULON ROTARY

Friday evening, July 19, made the 25th consecutive one hundred per cent meeting. Albert Medlin, Judd Robertson and Irby Gill were absent, but the last two named have made up their attendance and we are sure that Albert, one of our oldest members, will do so.

Judd Robertson had a program on "Courtesy in Business." Having been unexpectedly called away, he had Luther Massey as substitute. The subject being more or less familiar to all, a round table discussion was called for and the following responded: Durward Chamblee, Vance Brown, Early Moser, Vaiden Whitley, Fred Woodcock, Kermit Corbett, and Hoyle Bridgers. These men have all had years of experience in dealing with the public and know the value of courtesy. Each stressed what it had meant for him, as a main factor in success, emphasizing courtesy as an asset in striving for any position.

Stewart Black, Wakelon's new teacher of agriculture, joined the club, and was welcomed not only as the newest member, but as the youngest.

CHURCH

WAKEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Services for Sunday, July 28. G. Carl Lewis Pastor.

10:00 A. M., Sunday School. We are striving to have an attendance of at least 200 each Sunday. 11 A. M., worship. Sermon topic, After a brief message the ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed and the hand of Christian fellowship extended to the new members of the church. Wednesday, 8 P. M., prayer service.

HEPHZIBAH BAPTIST CHURCH

10 A. M., Sunday School. 8 P. M., worship. Sermon topic, "Establish Thou the Work of Our Hands."

METHODIST CHURCH

Remember that we have worship service Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Let every one make a special effort to be present. We shall be glad to receive those who desire to join the church.

Services for Sunday, July 28: Church school—10:00. Church service—11:00. Young people—7:00.

AT WAKELON THEATRE

Lana Turner has shed her dancing roles and part of her glamour for her first dramatic lead in "We Who Are Young." Teamed with new comer John Shelton, they portray the grim struggle of a young married couple seeking existence and marital happiness on a small salary while living in a big city.

Outstanding performances of both Lana Turner and John Shelton in "We Who Are Young," playing at Wakelon Theatre Sunday and Monday, July 28 and 29, plus the splendid support of other screen notables, make this story of typical American youth a definite hit as motion picture entertainment.

WAKE VOTES FOR CONTROL

Compulsory control of tobacco marketing was voted upon by farmers last Saturday and was carried for three years by an overwhelming majority. In this state the ratio was between seven and eight to one, and other states made even higher proportions in favor of control.

Control has been voted in five times and has been rejected once.

The condition of commercial apples on June 1 for North Carolina, reported at 49 percent, was 3 percent higher than last year on this date but 2 percent less than the 10-year average.

Although the acreage of commercial early Irish potatoes in North Carolina is 10 percent less than last year, the indicated production this year is 36,000 bushels more than in 1939.