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This, That, & The Other

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Frequently with older persons one thing is remindful of another. And when I heard several remarks to the effect that the Gila monster captured here by Mr. Marshburn last week was the ugliest reptile ever seen, I remembered an uglier sight.

It is possible that I am wrong again; but memory says the only mud-puppy of my acquaintance was the worst looking creature that has crossed my path. He didn't exactly cross it; rather, he was put in it.

I was a little girl up in Virginia, and they were rebuilding a rail fence, two of my uncles and the hired man. When removing the rotted lowest rails along the section that crossed King Branch just before it flowed into Allan's Creek they found the mud-puppy in a boggy spot, and brought him to the road for us to see.

He had a short, thick body about the size of a new-born kitten, a head without a neck and with a wickedly stupid expression. Four stubby legs fitted as if a clumsy child had put them on at his corners. I can't recall any tail. But, worst of all, he was a wet, purplish red, without a wisp of hair, fur or feathers. He stood there weaving his head slowly from side to side, and thinking of him after all these years brings back a twinge of the nausea he gave me then.

Recent study of the encyclopedia tells me the mud-puppy must have been some form of salamander; and it is entirely probable that he was not so dreadful as he seemed to my childish eyes.

If you have ever seen such a beast, or whatever he is, please tell me.

Another memory of fear is of the time when our parents left us children at home while they went to Saturday meeting at Mulberry. Nothing would harm us, they were sure. And nothing did.

But Uncle Thelbert Starkey's cattle got out and came across the creek and up the hill to our place. And near the top of the hill they reached a spot where Papa had killed a calf for beef. The blood had soaked into the ground and those cows and yearlings got the smell. They went crazy. First they pawed the dirt, then dropped to their knees, bawling and moaning like nothing I've heard at any other time. It was not like ordinary bellowing, but seemed to hold grief, anger, fright, desperation and a desire for revenge.

First we children ran into the house. Then we shut all the doors. Next we went upstairs and again closed doors, peering in horror from an upper window, where we were still stationed when our father and mother got home.

I thought him the bravest man on earth when Papa went and drove the cattle off. He explained to us that what they had been doing was "giving the blood call" or what the Negroes called grieving after their kin.

Anyway, when writers of west-

Charles E. Myers Purchases Show

The Wendell Theatre has been bought by Charles E. Myers of Rich Square and will be run in connection with his other theatres at Rich Square, Nashville, Cole-rain and Ayden. Mr. Myers plans to remodel and improve the Wendell building and will show the newest and best films. Manager John Perkins will be retained in his present capacity, as will other members of the Wendell force.

New Highway Celebration

On next Friday Zebulon will be host to the crowd that gathers to celebrate the opening of the new highway which completes U. S. No. 264 from Engelhard on Pamlico Sound to Durham. Mayor F. D. Midgett, Jr., of Engelhard, and Mayor W. F. Carr of Durham will clip the ribbon opening the highway to travel.

The place is Wakelon School and the hour 2:00 p. m. There will be speeches by notables, especially Mr. T. Boddie Ward, commissioner of the fourth division, who had the highway completed. Music will be furnished by two or more bands.

A committee of mayors is sponsoring the ceremony, with Zebulon's Mayor Avon Privette probably the busiest. Representatives are being invited from every town along the route.

Do not fail to attend this celebration next Friday afternoon.

447177 Registered In N. C. Drafting

Complete reports from North Carolina's 100 counties showed today that 447,177 persons registered Wednesday in the first peace-time draft in the nation's history. The figure was more than 80,000 below pre-registration estimates.

JAYCEES HOSTS

Zebulon Jaycees were hosts to their wives, special friends, Wakelon faculty members with their wives and husbands last week. The gathering was in the woman's club. Guests were greeted by G. J. Griffin and Frederick Chamblee, who were in charge of the evening's program. Mrs. G. J. Griffin poured punch, which was served with cake.

ern stories dwell upon the horrors of the blood call as given by cattle on ranches I feel that it is already known to me. I heard it on a Virginia farm.

Another of childhood's frights was being waked at night by the hair-raising screech of an owl—especially if one has read of banshees. Nor was it exactly reassuring to rouse to the sound of the big farm bell being tolled by a high wind from the Blue Ridge, but while that sounded sad it wasn't scary.

Children suffer enough from fears arising from natural causes. They should not have the burden of man-made terror added.

Zebulon Rotary Club Holds Its 38th Consecutive 100 Per Cent Meeting

Going Fast

Those Turkish towels being given as premiums with the ZEBULON RECORD are going fast. On Saturday we began giving two with each dollar paid in at our office on subscription. We shall continue to do this as long as the present supply lasts. Beyond that we cannot say. Do not wait, if you want two towels and the RECORD one year for one dollar.

If you prefer a special club of magazines instead, that can be arranged for you.

CHURCH

BAPTIST CHURCH

Announcements for Sunday, October 28, are as follows:

9:45, Sunday school.

11:00, morning worship. Sermon topic, "What Would Happen If—"

7:00, Young people's meetings.

7:30, evening service. Message: "Paul in Damascus."

At the conclusion of this service a church conference will be held.

G. J. Griffin, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Our church year will end November 7, this being the opening date of our annual conference. Next Sunday, October 27, will be our last morning service in this church year. This being the case, we are very anxious to have every member of the church present at this morning service. If you are interested in the success of your church, make a special effort to be present.

Services for Sunday, October 27: Church school, 10:00; church service, 11:00; pastor's subject: "The Poor in Spirit." Young people's service 6:45.

OLIVE CHAPEL HOMECOMING

Homecoming Day was observed in the newly-built Olive Chapel Baptist Church on last Sunday. A program of morning and afternoon services had been prepared, with dinner on the grounds. Besides special music and two sermons, recognition was extended former pastors and those members who have entered the ministry.

The day also marked the beginning of revival services at the church.

HARVEST SALE AT WHITE OAK CHURCH

The annual harvest day sale will be held at White Oak Baptist Church at Archer Lodge Saturday, October 26. A barbecue and Brunswick stew dinner will be served at 40 cents a plate. Selling of farm produce will begin immediately after dinner. Chickens, eggs, pigs, canned goods, cotton, corn, etc., will be offered for sale and all proceeds will be used for church expenses. Merchants are especially invited. A large attendance is desired both for the dinner and the sale.

C. C. PERRY.

The Zebulon Rotary held its 38th consecutive 100 per cent meeting last Friday night, October 18. Vance Brown had the program, with Mr. Armstrong of Wakelon's faculty as speaker. His subject was "The Boy." He stated that today's boy will have four times more problems to contend with than we do now. Taxes will be higher, foreign trade bad, and possibly Democracy will have greater difficulty in holding its own. He holds that boys should be taught more democracy in the home. It was a talk that every young boy and his mother and father should have heard.

The following Rotarians agreed to give their services as local draft board members: C. V. Whitley, Prof. E. H. Moser, Albert Medlin, Vance Brown, Foster Finch, and Mr. Studdert. There were no visitors.

First Frost Bites Here Sunday Nite

Sunday night brought the first heavy frost to this section, though in low places and near streams light frost had been previously seen. Cold Sunday morning gave warning of what might be expected and lowering temperatures during the day was further proof. Monday morning showed heavy coatings of white on vegetation and roofs. Gardens were not wholly killed, but much damage was done. The editor of this paper was reminded of hearing the late John T. Robertson say more than once: "Around here you are fairly safe from frost between April twentieth and October twentieth. After that you'd better look out." Sunday night followed October 20.

Scout News

Troop No. 40, Zebulon Boy Scouts, met at the Wakelon School on Monday night, October 21st. Three new members were taken in, and several old ones returned. All the patrols made reports, and plans were discussed for the work on taking scout tests. A list of material needed for the scout log cabin was read, and a detail appointed to see about the marking of the logs which Mr. Avon Privette has so kindly given. The troop committee from the Rotary Club, headed by Mr. Hoyle Bridgers, has taken charge of the securing of the material necessary to build the cabin, and asks the generous support of all Zebulon. The log cabin is to be built on the grounds of the Woman's Club, and will be 30 feet by 18 feet. The boys will help in the building of the same. Anyone that can give some work, please see members of the troop committee, who are: Mr. Bridgers, Vance Brown, Jud Robertson, Irby Gill, Robert Daniel Massey, and Bob Sawyer. Fred Page was elected assistant patrol leader of the third patrol. The green bar patrol met after the meeting. Members of this patrol are: Jack Gregory, Donald Massey, Marshal Keith, Wilbur Debnam, J. K. Watson, R. H. Brantley and Fred Page.

Come to the celebration and subscribe to the Record.

Community Sing To Be at Middl's x

On next Sunday afternoon, commencing at one o'clock, a big community sing will be held at the Middlesex High School. It will be free for everybody who can get seats or standing room. The singers come from Johnston, Franklin, Wilson, Wake, Nash and Wayne counties.

Among the singers taking part are the Ever-Ready Quartette of Four Oaks; Royal Quartette, Smithfield; E. Smithfield Trio; Kenly Quartette; Sunshine Girls, Rocky Mount; Kemp Quartette, Zebulon; Hopkins Chapel Choir; Middlesex Quartette; Union Hope Choir, and others.

State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Clyde A. Irwin will be present and deliver a short address.

If any other quartettes or choirs would like to enter the sing, they may do so by sending their names to Leon A. Hagwood, Middlesex, Rt. 2, chairman of committee.

A large crowd is expected to be present, a good address and fine singing heard. Let everyone come and let's make the welkin ring.

Blood Tests

An opportunity will be given to all registrants who desire to have a sample of blood taken to attend one of the several clinics in Wake County. The clinic days and hours are as follows:

Wake Forest, on Mondays, 1:00 p. m., Dr. Wilkinson's office; Fuquay Springs, on Tuesdays, 1:00 p. m., over Elliott's Pharmacy; Zebulon, on Thursdays, 1:00 p. m., Dr. Flower's office; Wendell, on Fridays, 1:00 p. m., back of Nowell's drug store.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The Zebulon Junior Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday evening, at the Woman's Club House. Mrs. Eugene Privette presided over the business session and Mrs. Norman Screws was chairman of the program committee. After reports from the various committees were completed, Mrs. Screws gave a brief history of South America, modern and ancient, after which movies were shown of this country.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Wallace Chamblee and Miss Ruby Stell, hostesses for the evening, served tea and cookies to about twenty-five members.

JUNIOR CLUB

Representing the Zebulon Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. G. R. Massey, Mrs. William Cheaves, and Mrs. Eugene Privette attended the 8th District meeting of the N. C. J. W. C. at Garner last Friday.

Following the regular October meeting of the Junior Woman's Club, all subsequent meetings will be held on the night of the third Tuesday of each month. Members are asked to note this change.

Mrs. J. K. Coggin, president of the 8th District, will speak at the November 19 meeting of the junior club.

Miss Alma Doris Jones was at home for the week-end from W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro.