

The Zebulon Record

Volume XVII

ZEBULON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1940

NUMBER 21

This, That, & The Other

By MRS. THEO B. DAVIS

When early last Tuesday morning I woke my husband with laughter he felt the natural resentment of a good man and weary, roused from needed rest. But, like Little Audrey, I laughed and laughed; for after fifty years I had just realized why Grandma needed so much help to get up when she stuck to the new seat in Mulberry Church. It frequently takes about that long for a truth to penetrate my skull.

I was a very small girl when Mulberry Church was built. I think that for a while we used the benches from the old church, and then had new ones made. They were coated thickly with varnish stain that had not wholly dried when I was grown and married. At any rate, they still stuck to you—or vice versa. Remembering the hundreds of garments spoiled by that stain, I can't understand why we never did anything to remedy the situation. Except for taking something—news-paper, wrapping paper, a big handkerchief or a summer lap-robe to put over the seat for protecting our clothes, I don't recall that we made any efforts towards refinishing those benches. In time most of them were papered and a restless child could find amusement by twisting around reading scraps of old news, if he had newspaper backing. The ones with wrapping paper looked a little better, but were not nearly so entertaining.

When the young ladies and their beaux came in the girl always stood until the young man had carefully covered her portion of the bench, to prevent smearing her Sunday dress.

Right after the new seats were put in there was some kind of special service and Grandma went. She was a Methodist and weighed over three hundred pounds, though only about five feet tall, so she did not often attend Baptist services. But that day she sat well up toward the front. The day was hot, the program long.

At its close—the program, I mean—Grandma started to rise for the benediction. She couldn't. Embarrassed, she sat and waited until others were leaving their places. Still she couldn't get up. It took two men to pull her and a woman or two to yank on her dress at the back before she was free. In speaking of it later she said, "I thought in my soul they'd have to tear my clothes off me to get me away from that seat." But it wasn't quite that bad.

And what I first realized last week was that Grandma was stuck so tightly from knees to shoulders that she couldn't move enough to have any purchase toward helping herself up. It must have been a wretched experience for her. But I do not have any memory of laughter over her plight; at least, not where we could see.

In case you may not be accustomed to the use of "purchase" as in the paragraph above, it means, according to Webster: "position; means for exerting power."

NOTICE

In order to avoid disappointment notice is hereby given that special prices on magazines through the RECORD are for subscribers only, and not the public in general. Paid-up RECORD subscribers may order at great savings at any time during the year; but it is not a service given free to those who desire it, but do not care to take the RECORD. The saving is often much more than the price of this paper.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Every member of the P.-T. A. at Wakelon is urged to attend the last meeting for 1940, which will be held on Tuesday night of next week, December 10. Mrs. F. L. Page, program chairman, has secured a speaker for the occasion and in addition the membership contest will close.

The usual awards will be made to grades having the largest representation of parents attending.

Clubs Meet

The Woman's Club and the Garden Club of Zebulon met in joint session in the clubhouse on Tuesday afternoon. In the absence of the president of the garden club Mrs. W. D. Spencer presided.

The club chorus sang several numbers, accompanied at the piano by Miss Jocelyn House. Mrs. C. F. Allen, program leader, presented her husband, the Rev. Charles F. Allen, who spoke entertainingly on Christmas customs and Christmas greens, making reference to the fact that most of our legends and manners of observing Christmas were handed down to us through English and German ancestors, others coming from heathen nations. He explained how Christians have tried to adapt ancient rites and give the season a holy significance instead of that of a solstice celebration. Christmas trees were discussed, mention being made of the famous Wilmington live oak which is annually decorated at this season.

Holly, mistletoe, and other greens were said to be the favored decorations for homes, while there was no special reason for the adoption of red as the chief color to use with green.

Christmas superstitions were briefly stressed.

Miss Virginia Bridgers gave a reading appropriate to the season, and Miss Margaret Clark sang as a solo, "O Holy Night." Both were accompanied by Miss House, pianist.

After the program Mrs. F. D. Finch of the ways and means committee sold at auction articles contributed by members to raise funds for the club.

Announcement was made that Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Woodcock (See CLUBS on page 8)

After writing it I began to wonder if I'd ever heard it used that way around here. We got purchase many times up where I came from

Correction: It was the Garden Club of Raleigh, not the Woman's club which secured the northern lady as speaker and got told what they had known for ever so long.

CHURCH

BAPTIST CHURCH

The services to be held in our church Sunday, December 8, are as follows:

9:45—Sunday school.

11:00—Morning worship. Sermon topic: "Jesus as Interpreter."

7:00—Meeting of the young people.

7:30—Evening worship. Message: "For the Healing of the Nations." This service is in observance of Universal Bible Sunday.

G. J. Griffin, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

As far back as I can remember, I have had plans to live by. When I was a mere lad, I used plans to bag birds and rabbits. People get lots of fun out of planning for things. This would be a dark and gloomy old world if we did not have the ability to form plans. But since God has given us the capacity to form plans, we are in position to make our world a place of sunshine and happiness. There is no way to live successfully and victoriously without a plan.

"Planning to Live" will be the pastor's subject this coming Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. This message is for men, women, boys and girls. People of all ages are benefitted when they attend a church service.

Services for Sunday Dec. 8: Church school—10:00. Church service—11:00.

Pastor's subject: "Planning to Live."

Young people—6:45.

WESLEY FRIENDSHIP CLASS MEETS

The Wesley Friendship Class of the Methodist Church held its monthly class meeting Monday evening, November 25, at the Wakelon Teacherage.

The president, Mrs. Leon Thompson, had charge of the business session. The contest which had for some time been sponsored by the class ended with the "Reds" being the fortunate team.

The hostesses, being members of the Wakelon faculty, served refreshments to the members present.

WAKEFIELD CLASS

The young married ladies class of Wakefield Church met at the home of Mrs. Victor Chamblee on Friday night, with fourteen members present. Mrs. Tom Kimball had charge of the program, after which a social hour was enjoyed. Prizes were won by Mrs. Harold Green, Mrs. Geron Gay and Mrs. C. B. Pace.

The hostess served pineapple salad with saltines and coffee.

NEW LICENSE PLATES ON SALE

License plates for use on automobiles in 1941 went on sale last Saturday. Owners of cars had previously been notified of prices they would be required to pay. Eighty-six additional workers have been employed to help with the rush of selling the tags, their wages being \$70.00 a month. The colors for 1941 are yellow and black.

STUDY CLASS TUESDAY NIGHT

The study class of Wakelon's P.-T. A. will meet on next Tuesday night immediately after adjournment of the Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. M. J. Sexton, director, announces that the subject, "All American," will be discussed by J. Howard Bunn. All who are interested are invited to attend. The class will meet in the home economics building.

Cases Heard In Recorder's Court

One, Gratis Haswell, was not so well when ordered to court for public drunkenness. The court suspended sentence on payment of all costs.

Early Carter's not having a driver's license did not prevent his speeding over the good roads around Zebulon. He must put in two months on making good roads better or pay a fine of \$5.00 and the costs.

The next case was about a small battle on the "western front." Five combatants were engaged or present in the conflict Junior Miles, Boots Tuck, Harry Green, Bo Miles and Eugene Montague. All were charged with affray and assault with deadly weapons. Harry Green was struck by Boots Tuck with a rock. Harry spent a week in the hospital, and two weeks in jail under the care of a doctor. Now he must spend 60 days on the roads or pay a fine of \$5.00 and costs. He must not violate the criminal laws of N. C. for one year. Boots Tuck received the same sentence. Bo Miles got 30 days on roads, which was suspended on payment of the cost and behave one year. The same sentence was meted out to Eugene Montague.

Junior Miles had been in court two months before for larceny and receiving stolen chickens. A suspended sentence of two months on the roads hung over him. The judge added two more months and sent him on his way to pay by the sweat of his brow the price for his misdeeds.

Cleveland Harris tried driving while drunk once too often and fell into the clutches of the law. For 60 days he has time to meditate on the error of his ways while working on the state roads.

Wesley Harris drives a big truck to which is attached a big trailer. It drives well and Wesley thinks himself a good driver, so he sped through Zebulon at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The highway cop saw him at this. Admonishing him, Judge Rhodes let him go after paying court costs.

LOW TEMPERATURE

Wednesday morning found Zebulonians shivering in unusual cold. The mercury went down to eighteen degrees above zero, or fourteen below freezing. Other sections had colder weather.

Hog-killing is underway on many farms, the cold being ideal for salting and keeping meat—if only it does not get too cold.

Industry in this country produces well over 90 per cent of all the molybdenum in the world. This particular product is of great defense value in making armaments tough.

Rotary

Zebulon, Wendell and Clayton Rotarians met at Carolina Pines November 25, taking their wives with them. Ed Harden, speaker, discussed "Our Natural Defense." It would be hard to find a better speaker, and he is also a master hand with an accordion. The meeting was most enjoyable.

Montreal Rotarians recently sent a letter to the Zebulon Club. "Our nations are deeply concerned for the preservation of our birthright of freedom. In the western hemisphere the United States has assumed leadership in the defense of democracy. Canada is associated with her sister nations of the British Commonwealth in battling the forces that are sworn to banish democracy from the earth. In this dire struggle Great Britain and her allies have been encouraged and inspired by the aid and sympathy of America. We need all the war materials we can buy from the United States—our purchases are limited only by the amount of American exchange available."

In conclusion the letter urged that U. S. citizens visit Canada, stating that the people are more than ever before eager to have visitors from this country.

See Next Week's Issue For Contest

Announcement was made today that the organizations of Zebulon and our Local Newspaper will sponsor a Christmas Decorative Lighting Contest in which the winners will receive prizes.

Committees have been busy for several days, working out plans for the contest, and they express the hope that all homes and business firms in Zebulon will be gaily decorated and lighted during the Christmas season.

A town such as ours can attract lots of attention in this respect from tourists and others passing through and besides the right kind of decorations well lighted will certainly add to the Christmas Spirit.

Local merchants are well stocked with Christmas decorations and lights, and they may be obtained at nominal cost.

A committee from the clubs will designate the judges who will look at all homes and lawns during the evening hours between 8:00 and 10:00 P.M. on Thursday December 19th.

Winners will be announced before Christmas.

On heralding the approach of the happiest season of the year, the business section will be decorated gaily and members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Town Board express the opinion that if the homes and lawns are decorated and lighted up for Christmas, they will complete an all-over plan which will do much to enhance the Christmas spirit in Zebulon.

LOST AND FOUND

Do you have false teeth? Or do you have them not? A lower plate was found and brought to the RECORD office. If these be yours, call, identify them, and receive reward.