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## This, That, & The Other

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They have begun singing the Christmas songs over the radio again, and I am almost sorry. Not because I dislike the songs; but because I object to having them made to bear the burden of somebody's advertisement of patent medicine. It sounds so irreverent to go immediately from "Silent Night" to the benefits derived from using Dr. Doolittle's nerve tonic, or a remedy for dandruff, and you realize keenly that the singing was done for pay more than for love of the words or melody.

I do wish every community could manage to come together several times just before Christmas and sing, just for the reason that they enjoy it. It would do us good in several ways.

Few hymns are as lovely and none lovelier than the old ones written for this season. Everyone places "Silent Night" high on the list of favorites; but I find others equally as beautiful.

"Brightest and Best," written 130 years ago, has two lines that always bring tears to my eyes:

"Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall."

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" also has for me its best lines—

"Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight."

The old Portugese hymn, "Adeste Fideles," or, as we call it, "O Come All Ye Faithful," can lift our souls with its triumphant call, "O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."

The words of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" are more to me than its music, especially the third stanza:

"O ye, beneath life's crushing load,

Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the upward way  
With painful steps and slow—  
Look up; for glad and golden hours

Come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing."

That hymn is ninety years old and as new as its fresh discovery by one who needs its message.

Of course there are many more songs for Christmas; but if you'll sing for me the ones mentioned and add that plaintive "We Three Kings of Orient Are," you need not bother about the rest. I'll be satisfied to take the same ones over and over—without advertising, please.

Until last year I had never realized how much difference it makes for a smile to go with a good-morning; at any rate when you know the speaker.

On the day we had such a heavy fog I walked to the office, and, as usual every one I met spoke. But instead of calling out or looking happy one after another said solemnly "Good morning,

## Wakelon Loses Pair of Games

Two Wakelon teams went down in defeat last Friday night to faster and more experienced opponents in the Wakelon gymnasium, 22-10 and 23-16.

The Wakelon boys had plenty of undeveloped talent, and a good zone defense, but were unable to score on long shots. They were shaky when near the basket.

Bass with 12 points and Wilder with eight starred in the Spring Hope attack. Jack Liles and Wade David divided the Wakelon, scoring evenly between themselves. Final score was 22-10.

Wakelon led at the end of the opening quarter, 5-2, but Spring Hope warmed up and passed the Bulldogs during the second quarter leading at halftime, 12-8. Wakelon scored but two points the remainder of the game.

The Wakelon girls were run ragged by three teams of Spring Hope girls in the preliminary. The score was 23-16.

The score at halftime was 19-6. During the final periods Spring Hope scored but two points. Wakelon scored ten of their points during the final half.

Wakelon has two more games scheduled before Christmas, states Coach L. W. Alexander. They play Corinth-Holder here on Friday of this week, and play at Bunn on Tuesday, December 17.

Coach Alexander is confident that with a little more practice Wakelon will sport two excellent teams. Miss Mamie Beam is coach of the girls.

## Town Sports Colorful Lights

For the first time in years, if not in the town's history, Zebulon's main business street has lights strung across it for the Christmas season. These with a large Christmas tree design topped with a star, placed on the water tank, attest the interest of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in decorating for the holidays, and the days immediately preceding. Combined with the gaily trimmed windows of business establishments, the effect is exhilarating. It is yet too early for many homes to place their Christmas decorations; but, with the Garden Club leading and other organizations joining in sponsoring the movement, it is safe to say that by this time next week the town will offer much of interest and beauty for beholders.

Mrs. Davis," or only "Good morning." Actually I began to wonder if some tragedy had taken place down town and nobody had told me. At last Worth Kemp spoke—and grinned. It did me the most good!

But later on, when looks of gloom persisted I wondered whether Worth meant to smile, or whether the dampness had curled his hair even tighter than ordinarily, and thus pulled the corners of his mouth up.

It was remarkable to see how expressions changed when the fog lifted . . . How do they stand it in London when they don't have war, let alone now?

## CHURCH

### METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Geo. Griffin, pastor of the Baptist church, has invited us to worship with the congregation of the Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30. A special feature for this hour is a picture, "When Jesus Was Born." This will be interesting and helpful to all who attend.

Services for Sunday, Dec. 15: Church school, 10:00; Young People, 6:45; church service at 7:30 in the Baptist church.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

The following is our schedule of services for Sunday:

9:45—Sunday school.

11:00—Morning worship. Sermon topic: "Make Ready the Way."

7:00—Young people's meetings.

7:30—Motion pictures in keeping with the Christmas season. Title: "When Jesus Was Born" All are invited.

G. J. Griffin, Pastor.

### WAKEFIELD BAPTIST

10 A. M., Sunday School, Mr. D. D. Chamblee, superintendent.

7 P. M., Worship Service. Sermon Topic, "Love Never Faileth." The pastor hopes that many people will be interested in hearing the discussion of this topic. Some are saying that love has failed. Can Christians continue to say that Love never fails? Let all who are interested come together on the Lord's day to rethink the statement.

Wednesday, 7 P. M., Prayer Service.

### HEPHZIBAH BAPTIST

10 A. M., Sunday School, Mr. T. P. Baker, Superintendent.

11 A. M., Worship Service. Sermon Topic, "Christ Has Come!"

2:30 P. M., Group 2 of the Religious B. T. U. Association will meet at Hephzibah church.

Wednesday, 7 P. M., Teachers' Meeting and Prayer Service.

## Voters Favor Cotton Program

Cotton growers in this state last week voted overwhelmingly in favor of a continuation of the control program. The ballots showed that more than 90 per cent of the voters favored control.

The average number of pounds of cotton per acre this fall from North Carolina farmers is 425 pounds per acre, which is a noteworthy increase over that of previous years. However, the state's average is behind that of the cotton section of the country as a whole, this being 252.4 pounds per acre. It is estimated that North Carolina's cotton crop is 44 per cent greater than last year, while that for the entire country is less, part of which is due to the curtailment program.

North Carolina has in cultivation for cotton 833,000 acres this year.

## M. B. Chamblee, Prominent Citizen Of Zebulon Is Dead

### Prizes to Be Awarded for Decorations

That considerable interest is being shown in the Christmas Decorative Lighting Contest now under way in Zebulon is seen in the fact that already many homes have been entered with statements from the residents that they intend to try their best for the prizes being offered for the best Christmas decorations.

The civic clubs and our local newspaper are sponsoring the contest and will name the judges to make the tour of the town when the entries have been completed. Homes and lawns will be viewed Thursday, December 19, during the evening hours starting at 8:00 and ending at 10:00 P. M. Prize winners will be announced as soon after as possible. Those in charge assure that judging will be completed and prizes distributed so that they may be considered additional Christmas gifts for the winners.

From the interest already shown we believe that Zebulon will present the most beautiful spectacle ever seen here during the holiday. Because of the simplicity of the rules every home within Zebulon is eligible in this event.

Prizes to be awarded will be announced soon. They will be well worthwhile, according to reports from the committee in charge of this phase of the contest.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entries in the following classifications:

Homes and Lawns:

- 1—General appearance of large homes as seen from the outside.
- 2—General appearance of small homes as seen from the outside.
- 3—Doorway feature.
- 4—Window feature.
- 5—Outside decorations.

The following table of values in judging the contest will be used.

- 2—Originality, 20%.
- 1—General effect, 50%.
- 3—Ingenuity in utilizing surroundings, 20%.
- 4—Conformity to Christmas spirit, 10%.

### Rotary Club

The Zebulon Rotary Club held its 45th consecutive 100 per cent meeting last Friday, all members being present.

Fred Woodcock had the program. He said he thought the Rotary Club should not overlook the Thanksgiving service as we had so much to be thankful for. He had a special Thanksgiving song, the Rotary song.

Rev. G. J. Griffin was the speaker. His subject was "The True Spirit of Thanksgiving." He stated it wasn't something tangible but existed in our minds like our love for family or friends. We express this love in gratitude to God.

The ladies served a suitable Thanksgiving supper of turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Sarl Studdert was left the Rotary Club, returning to Norfolk, Va.

After a week's illness Millard Brown Chamblee died at his home in Zebulon on Tuesday evening at half-past six o'clock. He was 61 years old.

The funeral service will be on Thursday at 10:30 a. m. in the Zebulon Baptist church, with the pastor, the Rev. G. J. Griffin, and a former pastor, the Rev. R. H. Herring, officiating. Burial will be in Montlawn Cemetery, Raleigh.

Survivors are the wife, formerly Miss Bessie Griffin; two sons, M. Wallace and Frederick F. Chamblee; three daughters: Mrs. John Liles, Sanford; Mrs. Burke McConnell, Greensboro; Mrs. Paul Wright, Raleigh; a sister, Mrs. Mabel White, Mebane; and five grandchildren.

Active pall-bearers will be M. J. Sexton, C. V. Whitley, A. R. House, E. C. Daniel, all of Zebulon, and J. Wilbur Bunn of Raleigh. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the county board of education; county commissioners; Avon Privette, J. K. Barrow, F. E. Bunn, F. D. Finch, Pittman Stell, all of Zebulon; Judge W. C. Harris, Hunter Ellington, Leon Brassfield, and W. B. Jones, all of Raleigh; Joe Rasberry of Farmville.

Mr. Chamblee was the son of the late Dr. M. C. Chamblee and Henrietta Brown Chamblee of Wakefield. His entire life was spent in Wakefield and Zebulon. He was deeply concerned with the progress and development of the community and held positions of trust and honor, in addition to being a successful merchant and farmer. For 20 years he was a member of the county board of education.

### E. C. DANIEL, JR., GOES TO CENTRAL EUROPE AS CORRESPONDENT

E. C. Daniel, Jr., for some time with the Associated Press, has been sent to Europe as special correspondent. He sailed a few days ago for Lisbon, Portugal, from which place he will go to Berne, Switzerland, where he will be stationed. His going gives Zebulon a more personal interest in dispatches from the continent.

### Parent-Teacher

Wakelon's Parent-Teacher Association met in regular session on Tuesday night. In the absence of the president Mrs. Oris Horton presided, and also led in a short devotional service.

Directed by Mrs. Robert D. Massey the school glee club gave five numbers which they will repeat at Sunday's program. The singing won commendation from those present. Miss Jocelyn House was accompanist.

Supt. Moser presented the Rev. G. J. Griffin who spoke on "Old But Ever New," a Christmas message impressively given.

In the final count by the membership committee, of which Mrs. W. L. Simpson is chairman, it was found that the Blues led by Mrs. Robert Phillips had slightly outdistanced the Reds under Mrs. Oris Horton. More than fifty new members were enrolled while the contest was on, and at present there are nearly 200 in all.