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This, That, & The Other

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Not happening to be one of those mothers who feel it is some one else's duty to get up the costume for all in the Sunday school Christmas pageant, I am this week wondering just how the angel Gabriel looks, and especially what he wears. Normally I don't worry over the angels' clothers, but at this season the problem becomes acute.

I am prejudiced against wings for human angels. They always look so stiff and unreal. If they might be furled or folded, it wouldn't be so bad; but to me the sight of those wings, stiff and stark while their wearer is standing still detracts from any program.

Of course tradition puts wings on angels; but they are celestial beings and may know how to manage them. But I'd stake my opinion against anyone's that if angels do have such things they shut them up when not flying. And when angels spoke to Abraham and Lot they were thought to be men.

As regards the world we know, birds invariably close their pinions when at rest, or even when hopping on the ground. A chicken or turkey that stands still with its wings out is sick and might as well be killed. In fact, the only bird I know that sits or stands with wings outspread is a buzzard.

Let this serve as a notice: If you see Barrie Davis in the program at the Baptist church Sunday night, wings or no wings, he is the angel Gabriel, regardless. And the fault is mine.

Let's talk about children a while.

Mrs. Graham Conn told me about two little girls who went to a show together. Upon their return the larger told their mother she never meant to take her smaller sister again; that "she cried all the time." The younger indignantly denied the charge, declaring she did not cry, adding, "My eyes just got hot and sweated."

From the same source came this one: A tiny girl was told by her older brother that she knew nothing about spelling. She said she knew how to spell "reporter," anyway. Asked for proof, she said "E S S O." Needless to say she had been listening to the radio.

Small Billy Bunn boasted that his father had a gun so wonderful it would shoot many times before you could say "two." His hearer seemed a bit incredulous and Billy modified his assertion thus: "Well, before you could say ten, then." And he claimed this same gun will shoot crooked if you know exactly how to pull the trigger.

Her Sunday school teacher was giving out the lesson cards and small Linda Bridgers exclaimed as she saw the picture of John the Baptist in his coat of skins,

Rotary Club Has Another Good Meeting

The Zebulon Rotary Club held its 46th consecutive 100 per cent meeting last Friday. Irby Gill had the program. He had for his speaker Fred Dixon, a Boy Scout Master from Raleigh, who spoke on the good scout work is doing to develop better character in boys. He said that next to church and school the Boy Scout organization came foremost in the molding of a boy's character. To his mind character was not something inherited but formed by constant training and daily environment. Those who are sponsoring these organizations are preparing for the country better citizens for the future and a greater spirit of morality. If the Rotary Club had not done anything else they have helped their community in a great way by sponsoring the Boy Scout organization. Fred gave the history of the origin of the U. S. A. Boy Scout. An American citizen was in London, lost in a London fog, and while trying to find his way a boy about 13 or 14 years of age dressed in a scout uniform approached him and said, "Mr., you seem to be lost. If you will tell me where you wish to go I will direct you there." He told the boy where he wished to go and the boy took his handbag and guided him safely to his destination. When they arrived the man tried to pay the boy but he refused, saying he was a Boy Scout. The man was so impressed that when he came back from England he had all the information he could get in the handbag the scout had carried for him. This he used in forming Boy Scout organizations in America.

Fred's talk was enjoyed by all.

Faculty Play Enjoyed by All

From all accounts the faculty play at Wakelon was well presented and much enjoyed on Thursday night of last week. While attendance was good, considering the date and the weather, there are many who hope the play will be given again after Christmas when those who could not leave their work last week will be nearer at leisure and may enjoy the presentation.

Hitch-hikers are perfectly harmless—if you never pick them up.

"Oh, I know who that is! It's Tarzan!" At any rate, the idea most probably came from a Sunday supplement.

This is what my four-year old nephew said when he offered his mother a dead, damp, and slightly mutilated mouse: "Peggy (his collie) and I were playing and we saw the mouse. Peggy tried to catch it and it ran towards me and I stepped on it with my front foot. Peggy wanted to eat it and I started to let her have it—and then, Mother, I thought of you."

CHURCH

SOCIAL PLAINS

On next Sunday morning a Christmas tree and Christmas program will be at Social Plain church. All members of the church are asked to come and bring the pastor something. The Rev. Otho Hilliard of Apex will preach. The public is invited.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Our services for Sunday will be as follows:

9:45—Sunday school.

11:00—Morning worship. Sermon topic: "Christmas Everywhere."

7:30—Evening service. The Sunday school presents its annual Christmas program. A pageant entitled, "The Nativity" is to be given.

G. J. Griffin, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

We will have a Christmas service this coming Sunday morning at 11:00. All people of all ages should make a strong effort to be present for the Christmas services.

It is hoped that all members and friends of the church will bring or send their "Christmas Thank Offering" to church Sunday. While you are making plans, plan not to forget this.

Services for Sunday, December 22:

Church school—10:00.

Church service—11:00.

Pastor's subject: "Meaning of Christmas."

Young people—6:45.

SOUTHSIDE CIRCLE

The Southside Circle of the W. M. S. met on Friday of last week in the home of Mrs. S. A. Horton with Mrs. Robert Phillips directing a program on Missions in China and Japan, with added Christmas features. Mrs. K. P. Leonard in Chinese costume discussed the work in China. Mrs. Lorenzo Bunn sang a solo. Gloria Phillips, Mrs. Clifton Horton, Retha Dale Pearce, Mary Alice Conn represented Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, while Rachel and Maisie Horton parts of those without these blessings. Gloria and Betty Jean Phillips sang a duet and Betsy Pope Simpson gave a reading.

Mrs. Graham Fowler was a new member at this meeting and Mrs. Rondal Phillips was welcomed as a visitor.

During the social hour the hostess served refreshments and Mrs. K. P. Leonard in behalf of the circle presented a gift to Mrs. Lorenzo Bunn's baby son.

WAKEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Services for Sunday, December 22:

10 a. m.—Sunday school, Mr. D. D. Chamblee, superintendent.

11 a. m.—Worship service. Sermon topic, "When They Had Seen The Child."

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—A Christmas Cantata, "Back to Bethlehem," will be presented by the Wakefield church choir. Pageantry will be introduced by a number of the young people. The public is urged to attend.

All Christmas Decorations to Be in Contest

Tonight, December 19, between the hours of 8 and 10 p. m., out of town judges will make a tour of our town to view the homes entered in the Christmas decorative contest, which is being sponsored by the civic clubs and our local newspaper. Prizes will be awarded in the following classifications:

1. General appearance of large home.
2. General appearance of small home.
3. Doorway feature.
4. Window feature.
5. Outside decorations.

The following have entered this contest at the time this paper went to press. Entries will be accepted until Thursday noon.

Doorway feature—Mary Barrow, Mrs. John Barrow, Jr., Mrs. Donald Stallings, Mrs. F. E. Bunn, Mrs. G. S. Barbee, Mrs. C. G. Weathersby.

General appearance of large house—Mrs. C. V. Whitley, Mrs. A. V. Medlin, Mrs. J. M. Whitley and George Griffin, Mary Barrow, Mrs. W. C. Campen.

General appearance of small house—Mrs. C. E. Flowers, Mrs. W. B. Bunn, Mrs. L. E. Long, Mrs. F. L. Page, Mrs. Robert Jenkins, Mrs. J. R. Alford.

Window feature—Mrs. C. E. Flowers, Mrs. Robert Dawson.

Outdoor decorations—Mrs. L. M. Massey.

The prizes, 2 lamps donated by C. P. & L. Co., and 3 cash prizes of two dollars will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

Mrs. F. D. Finch and Mrs. Avon Privette are the committee for the garden club.

Allotments Announced

Farmers of Wake County have been allotted 21,124 acres on which to grow cotton in 1941. This compares with the county's 1940 cotton acreage allotment of 21,076 acres.

D. G. COX

D. G. Cox, aged 67, formerly of Zebulon, died in a Raleigh hospital Wednesday, December 18, and was buried at 3:00 p. m. Thursday near Zebulon. He is survived by his wife; two brothers, Dr. C. W. Cox, Oxford, and T. B. Cox, Zebulon; a son, Donald Cox of Burlington.

150 PER CENT INCREASE

Johnston County reports a total of 35,117 bales of cotton ginned this year as against 14,370 bales at this date in 1939.

HEPHZIBAH BAPTIST CHURCH

10 a. m.—Sunday school, Mr. T. P. Baker, superintendent.

7 p. m.—Worship service. The Christmas story will be presented in sermon and song.

We Still Have Someone's Teeth

No one has yet appeared to claim the false teeth recently brought to the RECORD office. They are on a lower plate, and were probably made for a man. The owner may have been glad to be rid of them—one can feel that way about dental plates—but, if wanted, they may be had.

Storms Cover Entire Nation

While Monday brought a foggy drizzle to this section the country farther west and north had hail, sleet and snow with heavy winds. Iowa reported eighteen inches of snow in 48 hours. Some schools in New York were closed because of sleet that made travel too dangerous to be risked for children. In California more than 200 trucks and cars were trapped by a blizzard.

Work Seekers Stay Home

Advice is being given job-seekers on various work projects to stay at home until there is some certainty of employment. They are urged to get in touch with the state employment agencies and let the agents do the preliminary details, after which they may be informed without expense as to what is required and what may be expected in return. Probably greater attention will be paid to communications from agencies than from private individuals.

CATS AND DOGS

While Mr. Sawyer of the City Market is somewhat non-committal as to his purpose in buying up cats and dogs, his customers may be assured that he does not mean to go into the wholesale sausage business. The offer is made in good faith and there is no catch in it, except as regards the animals to be sold.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Attended by the usual large gathering Wakelon's annual Christmas program was presented on Sunday at 4:30 p. m. The glee club in vestments sang the well known carols with additional numbers seldom heard. In several of the songs the audience took part. The children did exceedingly well, and many expressed pleasure at having heard them sing.

Mrs. Robert D. Massey directed the chorus and Miss Jocelyn House played the accompaniments and also an especially beautiful arrangement of "Silent Night" as a piano solo.

If you're wrong in a traffic situation, you can't afford to lose your temper; if you're right, why lose it?