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This, That, & The Other

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On Christmas Eve, just before midnight we sat down, my husband and I, to go leisurely over the many greeting cards that had come to us. There had not been time before for more than a mere glance.

The cards were lovely, indeed. Such things are much prettier now than some years ago; or it may be that they are more carefully chosen. It was impossible to say which pleased us more—the calm, aloof bits of scenery or the gorgeous, glowing ones gay with Christmas colors. There was one I specially loved because it was so cute; it had little pop-eyed angels singing, and even its Baby Jesus was pop-eyed. Some of the greetings seemed unusually appropriate, cheering and comforting.

Among the lot was one from friends, sisters, whom we have not seen for more than twenty-five years. They lived in Morehead when we were there, and were called the "Ellis girls," were delightful neighbors, were from Pennsylvania, and known by many as Yankees. Their relatives visited them fairly often and one niece came down to Morehead for her honeymoon.

That honeymoon was the talk of our part of town. The young couple took upon themselves the task of entertaining the children of the neighborhood, who already knew Frances, the bride. She and the bridegroom could have been seen daily in the midst of a noisy, active group of youngsters. Because Frances had such long, heavy hair, she was always chosen to be kidnaped and rescued, or saved from particular perils, most of which involved being dragged or held by her hair. Jake, the husband, was invaluable either as the leader of the bandits or pirates, or as the valiant hero rushing to succor the damsel in distress. The children wept when the honeymoon was over, but I've often wondered if it was not in a sense a relief to Jake and Frances, and also to the Misses Ellis and their elderly father.

Another amusing fact about the Ellises was that they were never able to join the patriotic organizations where they lived. In Pennsylvania they were invited to belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution but had to refuse. Asked if their ancestors had not fought in the Revolutionary War, they replied that in their family the fighting was done for King George, as those ancestors lived in England. When they came South to live they were invited to join the U. D. C., but couldn't because their father had been a Union man.

Margaret Ellis told me that when they were children her mother always had the table set with cloth and napkins and would permit no short cuts or easy ways in serving. Consequently they were much surprised when about grown by Mrs. Ellis' bringing home an oilcloth for the table. She told them they were old

Garden Club Gives Prizes

The Garden Club herewith presents the list of prize-winners in the Christmas decorative contest. Prizes were donated by this club, civic organizations of the town and by Carolina Power and Light Co.

The award for general appearance of large house was given Mrs. W. C. Campen, who had used evergreen and blue and white lights in her scheme. First prize for small house went to Mrs. L. E. Long, whose home glowed with color.

Mrs. C. E. Flowers won a lamp given by C. P. and L. Co. for the best decorated window, which the judges considered outstanding in many ways.

Prize for the best door went to Mrs. Donald Stallings, who used red and blue with the white of her house.

The town had more homes and business places decorated than ever before and the Garden Club appreciates the cooperation of all who took part. Many who decorated did not enter the contest.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

The Junior Woman's Club held its regular December meeting the third Tuesday night of the month. Helen Temple had charge of the program. Christmas selections were rendered by the newly organized chorus, with Jocelyn House accompanying. Bobby Gill sang "Little Baby In a Manger," and "Away In a Manger." The story of the first Christmas was told by Gayle Privette. Jocelyn House played a solo. Frances Massey, Nellie Kemp and Ruby Massey were hostesses.

HOME-GROWN POINSETTIA

Those who admired the lovely poinsettia at the Baptist Church recently and were told it belonged to Mrs. L. R. Temple thought one of her children had given it to her for Christmas. But Mrs. Temple grew that plant herself and brought it to flowering just in time for the holidays.

enough for their manners to be habitual, that she had devoted years to training them, and that they knew how to have things nice; that for the rest of the time she meant to take things easy and relax. Which she did; nor did they forget what she had taught.

My oldest son was a very small boy when we first knew the Ellises and their relatives. He was delighted to be allowed to play with an Ellis nephew, DeLos Hibner. One day I heard Eric berating "Yankees" and all their ways and reproved him, emphasizing the truth that many Northerners are just as good and kind as any Southerners. He was unconvinced and I amazed him when I remarked that DeLos Hibner was a Yankee. That was the beginning of Eric's growing out of sectionalism.

There are many who will understand why the card from Margaret and Daisy Ellis—a friendly call across the years—was one of the happiest experiences Christmas brought.

New Governor



J. M. BROUGHTON

This is not his latest picture—but nobody in the state needs a picture anyway to know how the new governor looks. His inauguration next week will be an important occasion socially and politically, though no party change impends. When a Republican governor is elected in North Carolina it will be NEWS.

CHURCH

On last Sunday the evening service at the Baptist Church was given to a panel discussion of religious activities on college campuses. Pastor Griffin, leader, was assisted by Miss Cornelia Herring of Meredith College, Douglas Chamblee of State College and Charles Whitley of P. I., Blacksburg, Va. The young people spoke interestingly of the denominational work done at their schools, asserting that their teachers did nothing to weaken their religious beliefs, but, in the main, sought to strengthen them.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 5, the following services will be held in our church:

9:45—Sunday school.
11:00—Morning worship. Sermon topic: "Jesus Takes An Inventory."

7:00—Meeting of the young people.

7:30—Mission Night. All organizations of the W. M. U. and the Men's Brotherhood meet at this time.

G. J. Griffin, Pastor.

WAKEFIELD BAPTIST Services for Sunday, January 5

G. Carl Lewis, Pastor
10 A. M., Sunday school, Mr. D. D. Chamblee, superintendent.
7 P. M., worship service. Sermon topic, "The Guiding Power for The New Year."

Wednesday, 7 P. M., prayer service.

The pastor feels that the greatest need of the day is spiritual growth and satisfaction, and feels that the worship services of the church are one of the finest aids in the growth of the soul. He hopes that there will be a large attendance for the services of the first Sunday of the year, and an increasing attendance and interest as the year progresses.

HEPHZIBAH BAPTIST

10 A. M., Sunday school, Mr.

Stores Will Close Early

Announcement is made that grocers in Zebulon will close at 7:30 instead of 8:00 in the evening each day of the week except Saturday, when places of business will be open until 11:00 as usual. It is thought that other merchants will cooperate in this movement.

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January 1 was a beautiful day in this section. Not cold, but clear and bright, it gave opportunity for rightly beginning a new year.

In Zebulon no special activities marked the day unless grocers sold more than the usual amount of black-eye peas and hog jowl, the traditional fare for the day.

Fertilizer dealers have begun their sales for the new crops and farmers in adjacent sections are working on plant beds. Regular farm work will begin in earnest soon. There would seem to be less moving of tenants than is often seen.

The year one thousand, nine hundred forty-one begins soberly and seriously in these parts.

FIRE AGAIN

North Carolina leads the Union in the size of families, according to the 1930 census. Families in the state average 4.5 members, while the average family for the nation numbers 3.8 at present. The South Atlantic region has larger families than has the Pacific Coast, the figures being 4.2 and 3.2 respectively.

ANNOUNCEMENT REPEATED

As announced last week there will be a program of music with special numbers by the Dodd Quartette from Goldsboro at the Wakefield - Zebulon schoolhouse next Sunday night. Admission will be 10 cents and 15 cents, proceeds to be used for church purposes. Special seats reserved for white people.

DEADLY WEAPON

Of nearly 500 deaths reported during Christmas as due to accident nearly three-fourths were from automobile collisions or other wrecks in which cars were involved. The figures would seem to prove that automobiles are rightly classed as deadly weapons.

BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

The store formerly owned by Bill Strickland, now of Fort Bragg, has been bought by Claude Dunn of Macclesfield, who has taken charge of the business. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn with their two small children are moving to Zebulon next week. Mr. Dunn formerly operated the Purcell station here and Mrs. Dunn was Miss Margaret Liles of Zebulon. Their friends welcome this young couple back home.

T. P. Baker, superintendent.

11 A. M., worship service. Sermon topic, "What God Expects of Us in 1941."

Wednesday, 7 P. M., teachers' meeting and prayer service.

Rotary

The Zebulon Rotary Club had an unusual program last Friday evening. Professor Moser was in charge and instead of making a speech he gave a program of music and recitations. His sister, Mrs. Funderburk, played the piano for Rotarians to sing several selections. After this Miss Betsy Shamburger of Richmond, Va., granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pittman Stell, gave two recitations. One was a beautiful and pathetic Christmas story, the other was humorous.

Poster Finch and Stuart Black were absent and we do not know whether they have or will make up attendance.

Mussolini Is Very Uneasy

It is obvious that the purpose of British strategy now is to eliminate Italy as a major belligerent in the war. That thought unquestionably underlay the recent British naval invasion of the Adriatic Sea—a body of water which, on the basis of fighting ships and manpower, Italy should be able to control with ease. England is rapidly liquidating Italian military influence in Africa.

There seems to be little doubt that Mussolini is on the down grade and that the magnificent Fascist empire he envisioned has small chance of being realized. Il Duce has but two alternatives, both of them unpleasant from his point of view—he must either surrender to England, or ask that Hitler save him. The first alternative is extremely unlikely—Germany could not permit it without risking a tremendous loss of prestige. The second alternative means German domination of Italy. The Italian people, going by the judgment of the best observers, will not like that, but there will be little they can do about it. Unconfirmed reports say that Gestapo agents are already in Rome, and it is known that the German air force is conveying troops to Albania. It looks as if from now on Mussolini will be only Hitler's stooge.

England's Greatest Danger and Need

England's greatest danger now is destruction of her merchant shipping. The British Isles are consumers, not producers. Without ocean transport, they could sustain themselves for only a limited period of time. The German submarine and surface raider attack has been dangerously effective. It is likely that England will soon tell us that she needs freighters even more than she needs planes and guns and other implements of war.

MOVING STORY

Mr. and Mrs. Burley May are moving into the apartment in the home of Mrs. R. R. Creech, until recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Daniel and little son who have gone from Zebulon to Washington. C. B. Eddins, Jr. and family will move into the house vacated by the Mays. Rondal Phillips has bought the house in which the Eddins family now lives and will move there soon and the house he now rents will be taken by Anton Pearce and family.