

This, That, & the Other

By MRS. THEO. B. DAVIS

Did you ever see a white-necked robin? I have. It was on the Whitley lawn Tuesday morning of last week. At first I didn't know what kind it was, and then it turned and I saw the red breast. The head and neck were not the glistening white of a Leghorn chicken, but more like a "white" guinea, with flecks of gray showing, and the white extended to where the bird's wings began.

In case you doubt my word, ask Mr. John Ihrie. He passed while I was watching the robin and I showed it to him. He had never seen one like it.

Further down the street Tuesday I saw the first toad of the season. It was small and rough, with an iron-rusty look as if it had wintered in a metal pipe. It had a chilly, disappointed expression as it hopped slowly across the John Barrow yard. I think they will be kind to it. And it will work enough to pay its board.

There are three chairs which are too hard for me; yea, four which hold horror for my soul: the chair of the dentist; the chair of the photographer; the chair of a judge in a high school debate; and the chair that is called electric.

With the last-named I still hope never to have dealings. With the first-named I have served my various turns and have finally reached the place where I can send my teeth and stay at home myself, if I like. As regards the second, my recent ordeal by camera will probably be my last for many years. But the third is right at present a painful memory.

My daughter has said that one of my failings is my willingness to take on responsibilities for which I have neither the time nor other essential equipment. I remember that after having promised Mrs. Coltrane to help judge one of the triangular debates last Thursday she was having a bad time locating three persons who would serve, and now that all of my children are through high school there are fewer excuses for my not being a judge occasionally.

What makes the task harder is how much it means to the debaters. All know that some must lose, but it hurts to watch when the decision is announced and see the defeated team struggle to get a grip on themselves at once and prove that they are what we call good sports by hurrying over to congratulate their opponents.

Another thing that worries me is hearing words used that are so palpably unfamiliar to the debaters. I have a fear that we are listening to a memorized speech and not a real debate. It is true that words previously unfamiliar must of necessity come into the arguments presented, but one prefers those that show some wear to brand new ones.

And I am always saddened when a speaker has a sneer for opponents or satirizes them for the opinions they profess to hold. It is a pity that many may be swayed more by abuse than by argument and by invective more than by information. The greater pity is when we so teach and so coach our youthful debaters that they feel personalities to be a legitimate part of carrying their point.

The final misery is doubt of my own ability to judge fairly; the fear of giving a decision that may be unjust. It is so hard to eliminate my own ideas completely and to listen with absolute detachment.

But there is some balm in Gilead; my next call as judge is in the distant future.

Payments by life insurance to living policyholders last year averaged about 33 million dollars a week, which compares with 33 million dollars a month only 20 years ago.

Clean-Up Fix-Up Week, April 7-12

JUNIOR CHAMBER AND GARDEN CLUB ASK SPRING CLEAN-UP TO SAFEGUARD HUMAN LIFE

In a statement to this paper, Louis Poythress of our Junior Chamber of Commerce told how fire attacks a home somewhere in America every two minutes. "Consider the threat to human life in this situation," he said. "On the average, fire causes 16 deaths in our homes every day. Unless we do something about it, many more thousands of persons will suffer a horrible death. And who knows where fire will strike next!"

Continuing, he emphasized our opportunity to checkmate fire in our Spring Clean-up to clear out winter's accumulations of papers and rubbish and to beautify our cities and our homes.

"When you start to brighten-up and beautify your home, you'll probably get busy with a paint brush. That's fine, because we all like to take pride in our possessions and do our share toward making the community attractive. Be sure to dispose of all paint-stained rags or clothing at once, or put them into metal cans with a tight cover. Otherwise they are apt to heat up and catch fire from spontaneous ignition. Treat oily cleaning cloths and mops with the same caution."

Now here's a real suggestion for Spring Clean-up time. Many of us wait until fall to take care of our furnaces. Then an early cold snap suddenly chills the house so we start a fire without checking up on possible dangers. Why not check over the entire heating plant now to see if it's in good condition? Look for broken or rusted-out parts and pipes. Clean all soot out of furnace and chimney. Repair cracks or loose mortar in the chimney.

Fire from Electricity

Mr. Poythress expressed the opinion that we take electricity too much for granted, forgetting that certain standards of safety have been established. It is unwise for the average person to attempt repairs on an electrical system in his home. Instead, hire an expert electrician, who knows the requirements of the National Electrical Code, for all new wiring, extensions and repair work. The fuses in the system are in reality safety valves. For safety's sake, use only the correct-size fuse. Inserting pennies or wires in back of a burnt-out fuse eliminates the electrical safety valve. Fire may result. Use automatic pressing irons and purchase all electrical appliances and cords having the approval of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

Gasoline for Cars, Not for Cleaning

We get so much pleasure from the use of gasoline in our cars that we become careless in handling this inflammable liquid. Any cleaning with gasoline, benzine or naphtha is dangerous, because only a tiny pilot light or a static spark is required to ignite the explosive mixture formed by these liquids and air. A static spark may result from moving the clothes around in the gasoline. Kerosene should not be used for

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MUSIC CONTEST

Wakelon students competed with other schools in their group in the annual contests at Raleigh last Saturday. Ratings given are not directly the result of competition as once was the case, but each singer or chorus is graded upon individual performance. In the mixed chorus singing Wakelon was given a III rating; the same rating was given for girls glee club, for boys glee club, for mixed quartette and girls trio.

For soprano solo Emma Jean Pace was graded I, Charles Carroll making a grade of III for tenor solo. Ira Joyner was given II on a baritone solo and Billy Green IV for bass solo.

Electric Service to be Interrupted

Electric service will be interrupted in Zebulon, Wakefield, and their immediate rural areas from 5:30 o'clock to 7 o'clock next Sunday morning.

In commenting on the reason for this interruption, F. A. Woodcock, manager of the Zebulon district, said, "It is occasionally necessary for our company to interrupt service in order that improvements may be made to our facilities. An interruption of this kind, however, is usually scheduled at a time when a minimum of inconvenience will result. Our responsibility in connection with the National Defense Program has made it necessary for us to make numerous changes in our transmission and distribution equipment."

Mr. Woodcock stated further that his company would make every effort to hold the interruption within the 1-2 hours scheduled for the work and expressed the hope that any customers who normally demand service at this time would arrange their schedules so as to eliminate their demands between 5:30 o'clock and 7 o'clock on Sunday morning, April 6.

Wreck Victims Are Improving

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Richardson have returned to their home after being in the hospital and at the home of Mrs. Richardson's parents since March 15. Mr. Richardson is able to be up, but Mrs. Richardson will be confined to bed several weeks because of the serious cut on her leg.

Billy Forest Alford is still in the hospital, but out of danger, though he must be in bed for some time. Mrs. John Bisette is at home, but is also confined to her bed. Douglas Alford is back in school. The others injured in the wreck are well.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson wish to thank all those that aided them during and since the wreck.

SHIPS IN CUSTODY OF U. S.

In addition to 28 Italian ships and two German ships now held by the United States, 36 Danish vessels are being held by the Coast Guard. Detailed announcement has not been made as to reasons for this action, though a part of the ships are said to have been held to safeguard American harbors from sabotage.

TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN

In connection with the annual campaign the Wake County Tuberculosis Association will use radio talks and screen pictures. At the close of the month a clinic is to be held.

The films, which deal with early diagnosis of tuberculosis, will be shown in schools. The date for Wakelon is April 10, about noon, and the same films will be shown later in the day at the Wakefield-Zebulon Colored School. All interested persons are invited.

Further information may be had from Mrs. R. H. Herring, who is helping the committee with the work in this section.

QUADRUPLETS BORN IN N. C.

Quadruplets were born at Cabarrus Hospital to a Concord couple last week. All were boys. The largest weighed one pound, 4 1/4 ounces. Only one lived more than a few hours. Their birth was said to have been premature. The mother's condition is said to be satisfactory.

Rotary Club Holds Meet

The Zebulon Rotary Club held its 61st 100 per cent meeting Friday, March 28, 1941. All members were present except Vaden Whitley. We are reasonably certain that Vaden will make up his attendance, as he is one of the three original charter members. Hoyle Bridgers had the program. He gave us a surprise entertainment by the Wakelon Glee Club, directed by Mrs. Robert Daniel Massey. She showed us what the Glee Club is doing. These boys and girls can certainly sing well. We are expecting them to take a great part whenever and wherever their talent is needed.

The following musical was enjoyed by all present:

1. "Where Lies the Land?"—Boys' Glee Club.
2. "The Brown Bird Singing"—Emma J. Pace.
3. "Hark, the Vesper Hymn is Stealing"—Boys' Quartet: Ronald Green, first tenor; Charles Carroll, second tenor; Sam Houston, first bass; Ira Joyner, second bass.
4. "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes"—Billy Green, Bass.
5. "The Year's at the Spring"—Girls' Glee Club.
6. "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blossomed"—Mixed Quartet, Emma J. Pace, Dorothy Mizelle, Dave Finch, J. K. Watson.
7. "Passing By"—Charles Carroll, tenor.
8. "A Little Star"—Girls' Trio: M. Ihrie, Dorothy Glover, Faye Carter.
9. "Clouds"—Ira Joyner, baritone.
10. "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee"—Mixed Chorus.

President Visits At Fort Bragg

President Roosevelt was on Monday at Fort Bragg, now the largest artillery post in the world. He stayed 99 minutes and inspected the work recently done there, expressing satisfaction with the progress that has been made. Mrs. Roosevelt was with her husband, having met him at Fort Bragg as he returned from a fishing trip in the Bahamas.

Governor Broughton and Mrs. Broughton were among the dignitaries greeting the President.

Gallopade at Rocky Mount

The annual Gallopade at Rocky Mount will be held April 30 to May 2. Last year's most successful events will be repeated with added major features. An airshow will be put on by the Carolina Aero Club. The usual horse show with larger premiums than heretofore will draw throngs. Each night will close with a dance. The square dance will be on April 30, a costume carnival dance will be staged May 1, and the formal ball will be on May 2.

The Pet Parade is set for April 30, the floral parade for May 1, and Baby Day Festival and softball game May 2.

Berry Pickers Wanted Soon

A call has been made for berry pickers to help save the strawberry crop in the Chadbourn, Wallace and Mount Olive sections. The work will begin the last of April and will last about five weeks.

Pay will be from 1 1/2 to 2 cents a quart with transportation from and to nearby points daily. Those from a distance will be given their transportation to the berry fields and back home again. Houses or shelters for bunks will also be provided, but pickers must supply their own cooking utensils, dishes, blankets, and food.

All who are interested are asked to call or write L. J. Craven, 118 East Martin or 113 East Davis, Raleigh.

MUSICIAN, SINGER, COMPOSER



Miss Grace Coltrane, New York City, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Coltrane, Zebulon. Two of Miss Coltrane's compositions will be used in Greensboro this spring at the Music Festival.

The Following Are Selected

The following named men have been selected for induction by Local Board No. 3, Wake County, Zebulon, N. C., April 4, 1941.

- V 3032 Gattis Wilbur Gooch, Route 3, Box 9, Raleigh, N. C.
- 228 Roger Macon Robertson, Wendell, N. C.
- 292 Robert Wilbur Watkins, Route 1, Knightdale, N. C.
- 351 Jessie Burdell Alford, Rte. 2, Wake Forest, N. C.
- 385 Leon Montague Blackley, Route 5, Raleigh, N. C.
- 407 Thomas Richard Wright, Wake Forest, N. C.
- 418 Franklin Davis Jeffreys, Veterans Administration Facility, Lyons, New Jersey.
- 462 Willard Horace Gay, Route 3, Zebulon, N. C.
- 540 Robert Lee Strickland, Box 314, Wendell, N. C.
- 542 Otha Elmont Johnson, Rte. 1, Wendell, N. C.

A. C. Dawson, Chairman

Only One Year Of Service Still Goes

It has been disclosed that barring grave emergency the War Department will not keep draftees in service more than the year for which they enlisted. The primary motive of registration and the draft was for the purpose of training as many as possible; and this will in part be defeated unless the terms of service are kept short. Enlistments in the regular army are for three years as heretofore.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

The annual clinic for children who will next fall enter Wakelon's first grade is to be held on April 10 in the school gymnasium. It is most important that all parents of beginners have their children present for this physical examination in order that defects may be found and remedied before work begins in September. A child with physical handicaps can never do his best work and this free service should be appreciated and utilized.

VOCAL UNION

The Frank Kemps attended the vocal union at Rocky Cross Sunday afternoon. They report that special features greatly enjoyed were the chorus from the Free Will Orphanage at Middlesex and the harmonica quartet from Ferrell's School, trained by their principal, Mr. Hamrick.

Local Church News

Baptist Church

For the next three months we are making an effort to have more people attending both our morning and evening worship services. If you have been irregular in your attendance we urge you to do better. If you do not go to church at all, we invite you to worship with us.

Our services Sunday, April 6, are:

- 9:45 — Sunday School
- 11:00 — Morning worship. Sermon topic: "The Hard Road to Triumph"
- 7:00 — Young people meet
- 7:30 — Mission night. All missionary organizations meet in their respective groups with the exception of the Sunbeams which meet at eleven o'clock.

G. J. Griffin, Pastor

Senior Fidelis Class Meets

The Senior Fidelis class of the Baptist Sunday School meets on Monday night of next week in the home of Mrs. R. H. Brantley. At this time the identity of class Pollyannas will be disclosed and new names drawn for the next three months. A full attendance of the membership is desired.

Methodist Church

"I long to share in His sufferings" is the text and topic for Sunday evening at the 7:30 worship hour. These are days when we are meditating on the suffering Christ who died on the cross for our redemption. The least that we can do is to gather in our churches and dedicate our lives more completely to that Christ and Savior. St. Paul loved his Lord to the extent that he longed to share His sufferings. How much can we suffer for the Christ who suffered and died for us?

Services for Sunday, April 6:
Church school — 10:00
Young people — 6:45
Church service — 7:30
Topic: "I long to share His sufferings."

Church Lecture Well Attended

With Rev. D. M. Branch, pastor of Cary church and moderator of the Raleigh Association presiding, the Hephzibah church was hostess on Tuesday night to representatives from other churches in this section when Missionary I. N. Patterson, on furlough from Africa, lectured on his work.

On behalf of the church and W. M. S. Mrs. Dewey Martin, society president, spoke graciously in welcome. Mrs. Paul Brantley of Wendell led the singing with Miss Pattie Lee at the piano.

Mr. Satterfield, Biblical Recorder representative, spoke briefly in regard to his work.

Mr. Patterson devoted the first period to a condensed history of Baptist Missions in Africa and an account of the work being done there at this time. Pleading in appearance and manner, speaking with ease and fluency, the speaker held the undivided interest of his hearers.

During a short intermission the ladies of Hephzibah served an iced fruit drink and assorted cookies. The second period was given to moving pictures taken by Mr. Patterson shortly before he left Africa. These showed churches, the homes of missionaries, schools, pupils and teachers, and other scenes of interest and information. A greater appeal was found for many in the fact that Miss Vivian Nowell of Wendell, now in Africa, was shown in a number of the pictures.

Mr. Branch expressed gratification at the large attendance, and voiced the feelings of all in thanking the Hephzibah pastor and membership for their successful efforts toward the comfort and enjoyment of visitors.

Last Meeting of P. T. A. Tuesday

The last Parent-Teacher meeting for the present school year will be held on Tuesday night, April 8, at Wakelon.

An installation ceremony is being planned for the induction into office of the newly-elected officials. Mrs. Eugene Privette is the incoming president; Mrs. A. N. Jones is vice-president; Miss Ena Dell Anderson, secretary; Miss Jo Dunlap, treasurer. Standing committees are to be appointed.

A special program will be given by the school glee club that night, and the retiring president, Mrs. C. G. Weathersby, will give her farewell talk.

All members are requested to attend and all interested persons will be welcomed.

REGISTER FOR VOTING

All persons qualified to vote in the town election and not already registered should register at the earliest date possible. The books will be open at the usual place on Saturdays preceding the primary.

This notice is published for the special benefit of those who were not living here at the time of the previous elections, and for those who became citizens of the town when the boundaries were extended last year.

TRIANGULAR DEBATES

In the triangular debates held last week by public school students Wakelon was grouped with Spring Hope and Bunn. On Thursday afternoon the Spring Hope affirmative team met the Bunn negative at Wakelon. In arguing the question of compulsory military training for all able-bodied men before the age of twenty-three Bunn won the decision. Speakers for Bunn were Eva Mae Williams and Joe Woodward. Those for Spring Hope were Maxine Frazier and John Sledge. The audience was composed of Wakelon teachers and pupils in the upper grades.

Jean Flowers presided and Dave Finch acted as secretary.

At Bunn and Spring Hope Wakelon's teams, composed of R. H. Brantley and Jack Gregory, Billy Green and Cleo Glover, won both decisions and will go to Chapel Hill to compete in the finals. This is an honor the school has not had in several years. There are 240 schools in the state taking part in these debates.