

This, That, & the Other

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If anybody knows how to keep a cat from catching little chickens or to break one from such a habit, he or she is invited - entreated - to speak up. Our last two cats have been hastened to the grave because each was found with a small Rhode Island Red dangling from its mouth. It seemed a great pity to kill cats otherwise harmless and useful, but our experience has been that once they start killing chickens there is no cure.

The heavy wind last Friday brought havoc among some flowers. My own young rosebushes were bruised - as to leaf and bud, and one bush was split wide open by being twisted while laden with fat buds - I have cut the broken branches smooth and have bound the split together with adhesive tape. It may grow again or it may have to come out from the root. In that case I'll need to watch closely to see that the rambling stock the bush was grafted on does not get ahead of the Lady Hillingdon part.

It may sound a bit peculiar, but I believe my son's young wife has had no more sincere compliment paid her than when Sarah, our colored helper, said to Ferd last week, "You ought to get married long time ago. I've sho' got good help now Selma's here."

One day this week Mrs. T. C. Pippin told me of a trip to Raleigh she made some time ago with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bobbitt who live on Route 1, just across the highway from the Pippins. There are thirteen Bobbitt children and the trip to Raleigh was for buying school clothes for them. Mrs. Pippin said it was delightful to walk around and help select dresses with no responsibility for paying for them. Mrs. Bobbitt on that one trip got twenty-eight dresses for her daughters. "And," said Mrs. Pippin in conclusion, "not one of those dresses cost as little as ninety-eight cents. They all were higher-priced." The youngest child begins school next September.

Two other families that have furnished pupils for years at Wakelon are the W. H. Winsteads and the E. P. Dentons. Twelve children in each group. Hilda, the youngest Winstead, will be in high school next year and will be the only member of her family at Wakelon. Jackie and Dorothy Denton will both be in high school next fall, the latter being the youngest in her family. Before long we shall have to get used to commencements with neither a Winstead nor a Denton among the graduates.

Commencement Program For The Seventh Grade Held At Wakelon

Too late for last week's paper the account of the graduation program for Wakelon's seventh grade was received.

The opening devotional was led by Jane Baker and Carolyn Mangum led the prayer. A song, "Largo," was given by the class. Thurston Arnold was salutatorian, Faye Williams was historian and the prophecy was given by Hilda Winstead. Supt. Moser presented certificates to graduates after which Carrie Bridges, valedictorian, spoke words of farewell. The class sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." Thurston Arnold was presented the award given by the Woman's Club while the art award from the Junior Club went to Mildred Hagwood and Jewell Hood. A list of the graduates follows: Jane Baker, Andrew Droughon, Robert Denton,

Singing Convention To Be At Middlesex

Already Middlesex community is making preparation to entertain the Four County Singing Convention in May. It will be held in the high school auditorium on the fourth Sunday in this month, commencing at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and continuing through the afternoon. Singing classes from Wake, Johnston, Franklin, Nash counties will gather for this big singing convention. Not only will there be classes and choirs, but also quartettes, duets, and special selections by individuals.

There were 1,500 people at the last convention in October last year, and twice that number is expected this year. All over the territory classes are already organized and training for this occasion. Let's everybody begin now to plan to attend. Bring your family and dinner and enjoy a good day with your friends.

Governor Broughton will be present and will make an address in the afternoon.

Any choirs or individuals wishing to enter the contests will communicate with Mr. L. A. Hagwood, Chairman, Middlesex, N. C. Rt. 2. Fifteen others are assisting him on the committee planning to make this the greatest occasion of its kind ever held in this section of the State.

Zebulon Girl Is President

Miss Ida Cahoon, formerly of Zebulon, now assistant manager of the Duke University Store, Durham, has been elected president of the Pilot Club, organization of business women, chartered by Pilot International.

She was formally installed at the convention of clubs comprising District Six, meeting this year in Charlotte in April.

Miss Cahoon's many friends here are pleased to know of this recognition of her efficiency and wish her continued success.

Magazines

The Northside Circle of the Baptist W. M. S. is collecting magazines to be sent to Fort Bragg for the soldiers' reading. All who contribute are asked to send magazines at once to the store of J. A. Kemp and Son, where Mr. C. M. Watson will take charge of them and see that they are forwarded to their destination.

COTTON

Domestic cotton consumption in March established a new high record of 854,000.

Draftees

The following men are to be inducted into the army May 22, 1941:

William McKinley Dunn, Route 3, Zebulon; Lumas Edward Harris, Zebulon; Clement Godfrey Harris, Method; Archie Dean Leach, Method; Fred Douglas Holder, Route 1, Zebulon; Harman Harris, Route 1, Zebulon; Mosley Valine Hunter, Route 5, Raleigh.

Rotary Club Hold Meeting

Zebulon Rotarians met Friday night for the 67th consecutive 100 percent meeting provided Professor Moser, Stewart Black, Vance Brown and Judd Robertson make up their attendance. Albert Medlin began his program by having Miss Jocelyn House play a beautiful piano solo.

The speaker was Mrs. Lelia Sills Garner, a Quaker preacher whose subject was "Vacations." She said we are realizing more and more the need for vacations; that one gets bored with the monotony of his work and can not be at his best when the mind is tired. She believes that the slothful person has a slow mind and that this condition should be avoided. Nature has made the world beautiful and an appreciation of this would make living happier.

The talk was enjoyed in addition to the novelty of having a lady preacher address the club.

The following were visitors: Mrs. Albert Medlin and her aunt, Mrs. Marion C. Butler.

Counterfeiting

Therius Wilson, a farmer of Sampson County, has been arrested on a charge of counterfeiting. He is said to have passed a number of bogus ten-dollar bills, one method being to buy a few gallons of gas, give one of the bills in payment and receive change.

He is thought to be one of the principals in a counterfeiting ring. Headquarters may be at a distance from here.

When the bogus bills first began to appear, R. Vance Brown, cashier of the local branch of the Peoples Bank and Trust Co., warned against acceptance of these bills by local citizens.

Wind Damage

The high wind of last Friday damaged fruit and flowers considerably, though it is possible in the case of the former the fall now has lessened that of later weeks. Many trees had more set than could well have matured. Flowers were bruised and buffeted by the wind until gardeners looked with dismay at ruined buds that had been meant to grace the flower show.

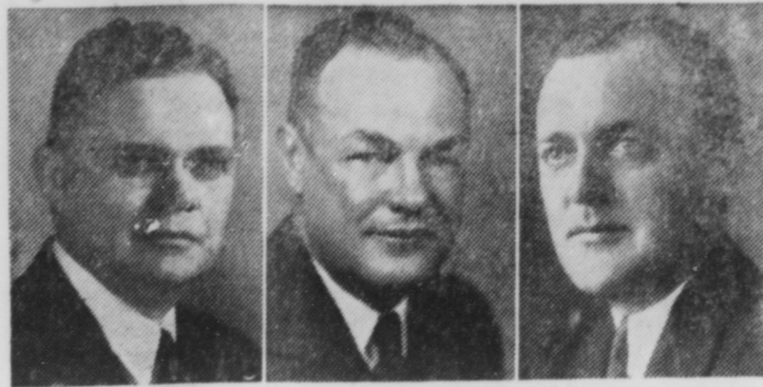
The wind was especially damaging to young tobacco plants, which had been set Thursday after Wednesday night's heavy rain.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Mrs. Walter Bunn and family of the Hopkins Chapel community wish to express through the Record their sincere thanks for kindnesses shown them and for sympathy extended during the illness and at the time of the death of the husband and father of the household.

NOTICE

Mrs. A. N. Jones announces that the library at the Woman's Club will be open on Mondays only, from 8:30-12:00 and 2:30-5:00 each week of the summer. The first date is next Monday.



M. G. MANN. CLAUDE R. WICKARD. HAROLD D. COOLEY.

Three outstanding men at the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association in Raleigh Tuesday. Harold D. Cooley, Congressman from this district introduced the principal speaker Hon. Claude R. Wickard, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture. M. G. Mann is General Manager of the Co-ops. Five thousand farmers gathered at the Co-op annual meeting in the Auditorium, Raleigh. A barbecue dinner was served all present following the meeting.

Local Church News

Baptist Church

Our services for Sunday, May 18, are as follows:

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Morning Worship. Sermon subject: "Christian Education"
7:30—Young People's service
8:00—Evening Worship. Sermon topic: "The Worth of the Kingdom."

Vacation Bible School

Our Bible school begins Friday of this week with the faculty meeting at three-thirty in the church. The pupils will come to register at four o'clock. Monday, May 19, will be the first day of classes. The school will continue for two weeks.

SPECIAL SERVICE

A special program for Mother's Day, planned and directed by Mrs. Russell Temple, superintendent of the Intermediate Department at the Baptist church, was presented Sunday morning, boys and girls from the department having the parts in a playlet, in songs and readings. Mrs. J. A. Kemp was chosen to represent motherhood. It was regretted that Mrs. Temple was kept away by the illness of her husband, but her place was ably taken by Mrs. R. H. Herring. The sermon by Pastor Griffin followed the line of thought suggested by the day.

On Sunday afternoon a memorial service arranged by Rev. C. F. Allen was held in the Zebulon cemetery. This was somewhat of an innovation here, but may prove to be a permanent addition to the day's programs. Mr. Allen was assisted by the other ministers of the town in a short service of commemoration and appreciation.

Methodist

Forty-six members were present last Sunday. Fifty members have attended church services for the last two Sundays. We still hope there is going to be an increase in church service attendance.

Services for next Sunday: Church School, 10:00; Young People, 7:00; Church Service, 8:00. Pastor's subject: "How May We Find God?"

CHRISTIAN SERVICE SOCIETY

The Ida Fisher Missionary Society of Christian Service met with Mrs. J. F. Coltrane, with Mrs. Coley Arnold assistant hostess. Mrs. Jethro Stell, vice-president, presided. Mrs. B. F. Boone had charge of the program. Mr. Fred Page discussed the essential value of Prayer. Mrs. W. D. Finch reported the Mission Study meeting at Knightdale, which included Wendell, Knightdale and Zebulon. Around forty-five were present. Mrs. Doane Stott, missionary from Japan, gave a short talk on her stay there. After the business, refreshments were served.

The Lost Colony

Paul Green's drama, "The Lost Colony," will again be presented at Manteo this summer, the first date being July 3.

It is probable that increased attendance may be the result of the widely-known controversy concerning the many stones claimed to have been found lettered by Eleanor Dare, and which tend to prove a fate for the colony differing from Green's finish to the play. The fact that these stones are thought to be fraudulent attempts to lessen North Carolina's claim to the Lost Colony may deepen interest.

Press agents state that Roanoke Island can take care of 5,000 visitors nightly. The play will be given each night from July 3 through July 13. After that performances will be given each night except Mondays and Tuesdays until September 1.

Pleasant Hill

Little Miss Billie Dove Hopkins has measles.

Mrs. W. P. Robertson has been some better for the last few days. Visitors to see her Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hodge, Sr. of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hodge, Jr., and Mrs. J. W. Carol of Wakefield; Mrs. Carey Moore of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Wendell; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Horton and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Floyd of Bunn; Mr. Clifford Richards, Mr. Tom Batten and Mr. Buck Alford of Fort Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hood and sons of Tennessee spent several days with Mrs. E. W. Hood last week. His mother, wife, brothers and sisters surprised him with a picnic dinner Saturday with a number of other relatives and friends present. The afternoon was spent with social talk and string music by the Puryear brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Thorne and children of Varina, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Puryear of Wake Forest, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Puryear of Mitchell Mill and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Puryear and families spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Puryear.

Mrs. Edd Fowler and daughters, Sallie and Evelyn, of Fowlers X Roads, visited Mrs. W. P. Robertson Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones of Wendell called to see their mother, Mrs. B. K. Horton, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sallie Horton of Fowlers X Roads spent last week with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Robertson and her son, B. K. Horton.

Masters Bobby and Billy Rhodes spent Sunday afternoon with Master James Ellis Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Horton and daughters spent Sunday with Mrs. Horton's mother, Mrs. Norman Dean of Wendell.

The children of Hephzibah Sunday School gave Mrs. Marshall Strickland, one of their teachers, a handkerchief shower Saturday afternoon on the Rocks at Rocky Branch.

The choir of Hopkins Chapel came to see Mrs. W. P. Robertson Friday night and sang for her.

North Carolina's 1940 grape crop was the largest on record.

Jay Cees Elect New Officers at Meeting

The Zebulon Junior Chamber of Commerce held the regular meeting Monday night with fourteen members present. Election of new directors was held. Robert Daniel Massey was appointed to look after the voting.

Directors elected were: for two years, Raleigh Alford, Robert Dawson, George Griffin, Robert Daniel Massey and Tom Scarborough for one year, to finish out the term of Jesse Narrown, elected last year for two years, and also as secretary-treasurer. When Jesse was transferred from Zebulon, Elmo Bunn was appointed acting secretary-treasurer until the next election.

After the regular meeting a meeting of the directors was held for the election of new officers for the coming year. Those elected were: Bob Sawyer, president; Rom Moser, 1st vice-president; Robert Dawson, 2nd vice-president, and Robert Daniel Massey, secretary-treasurer. They will take office July 1st.

Thanks From Club President

Mrs. H. C. Wade desires to express the thanks of the Garden Club to Mrs. C. E. Flowers, general chairman, to her committees in all departments; to Mrs. Ferd Davis, registrar; to the judges who worked so faithfully; to all who brought flowers for entry, and for every act of co-operation to achieve the success of the Flower Show.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The May meeting of the woman's club will be held on Tuesday afternoon of next week with Mrs. Irby Gill directing a program on Art. Mesdames C. F. Allen and C. E. Flowers will be hostesses.

Weather

Unseasonable cold the latter part of last week and the first of this has delayed gardens and planting of crops. A little tobacco was set during the slight "season" of last week, but the bulk of the acreage is not yet in the fields. Rain is needed before planting may be expected to be successful as the ground is too dry for watering to provide sufficient moisture.

CLUB MEETING

The Home Demonstration Club of Wakefield will hold its regular meeting May 21, 3:00 P. M. at the club house. Visitors are always welcome.

Mrs. Willie Bullock, Club Pres.

Notice

Electric service will be interrupted in Zebulon, Wendell, Bayleaf, Sims, and Neverson, Sunday, May 18, to allow workmen to make improvements and install new equipment at the substation feeding electricity to these communities.

Power will be off from 5 to 6 o'clock in the morning, this time being chosen because it was felt the public would be least inconvenienced at these hours.

Flower Exhibit Great Success

Because of the unseasonable cold weather following the high winds of last Friday it was feared that the flower show sponsored by the Zebulon Garden Club might be less than the success hoped for. But, as often happens, the display of blossoms astonished those who had doubted.

In number the arrangements exceeded any show held here previously, and there could not be criticism of quality. Iris, roses, and snapdragons were in the majority, but many other blossoms were shown.

Judges did not complete their work until some time after one o'clock and the doors of the clubhouse were then opened for visitors.

A complete list of the awards will be published next week.

Bethany

Mrs. E. T. Robertson spent last weekend in Baltimore with her daughter, Margie.

Miss Frances Jones of Raleigh spent Sunday with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Durrance of Columbia spent Sunday with Mrs. Durrance's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wiggs of Richmond, Va., are spending the week with Mr. Wiggs' brother, B. J. Wiggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hales of Zebulon spent Sunday P.M. with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Perry.

Mrs. E. E. Williford invited all of her children and grandchildren to a dinner Sunday, it being Mother's Day. She received many beautiful gifts, among them was a large Mother's Day Cake, given by her daughter, Mrs. Lowell Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Thorne of Varina spent Friday P.M. with Mrs. L. H. Williford.

North Carolina's largest wheat production was in 1900 when 6,800,000 bushels were produced.

The Bell System Expects To Spend Nearly \$400,000,000 On Construction

The Bell System expects to spend approximately \$400,000,000 on new construction during 1941 as a result of accelerated industrial and military activity under the national defense program, announces President Walter S. Gifford of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

This represents an increase of more than \$100,000,000 over 1940's expenditure for the same purpose. Long distance traffic is running about 25 per cent above that of last year.

Emphasizing the part the Bell companies are playing in providing for defense communication needs, Mr. Gifford said, "In the midst of this extraordinary activity, the Federal Communications Commission has instituted a formal case against the Bell System Companies.

"We are naturally disappointed that the Commission should, especially at this critical time, depart from the practice which it has followed in the past of handling rate matters by informal conference with the Company - a procedure which, the Commission has said in its annual reports and other public statements, has been productive of results without the necessity of legal proceedings."

He declared that the speed and vastness of the defense program and the importance of the telephone to its success are a challenge to every man and woman in the Bell System and expressed pride in the spirit and competence with which the entire telephone personnel is meeting its challenge.