

This, That, & the Other

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MISCELLANEOUS

PARAGRAPHS

"Are you helping out with the Vacation Bible School this year?" I asked Mrs. Ralph Bunn. "I certainly am," she replied. "I am sending four children to it every day." The four are her husband's young brother and sister, her own little daughter and a young cousin who is visiting them. To my mind getting that many off every day is a very real help in the school.

One of housekeeping's surprises is how many pieces a water glass can fly into when it makes up its mind to commit suicide. You know how sometimes a glass will stand almost any treatment; then again, if you barely look carelessly at it the crash comes. However, it may be more a matter of temperature than of temperament.

We have finished what I hope is a final experiment with sweet cherries in this climate and soil. Because both the head of the house and I came from the mountains it has taken us years to realize that they are right who say one need not try to grow here the cherries we used to know and love. Sour cherries will do well here as will some that are sweet; but not the big blackhearts or the wide-sweeping late red ones. With memories of a cherry tree more than nine feet around we have time and again bought young trees only to see them make a brave start, slow down and at last die. Pulled up, or grubbed up, each showed a knarled, knotty root system instead of the mass of roots necessary for enduring growth.

I wish they had died all at once, instead of waiting about two years.

This is a lovely season, and if I can only live till the privet bushes, and the chinaberry trees stop blooming, I expect to be good for much longer, barring fire, flood and catastrophe. Somehow the scent of hedge and of chinaberry sickens me until it takes strong, bitter coffee to make life seem anywhere near right again. Yet the majority like the fragrance of both, and they are ornamental.

There are various so-called tests for determining when boys have put away childish things, becoming adult. One fairly reliable rule is to note when they quit begging to scrape the bowl in which cake batter was beaten up or the pan in which the icing was cooked.

Hilda Lewis told me this week about being asked by Mrs. George Broughton to bring some nasturtium seed from town. Hilda kept saying "nasturtium, nasturtium" all the way to the store — and then went in and asked for narcissus seed. She said the clerk hunted for some time through the packages and at last asked her if she could have meant nasturtium. Then the name came back to her mind, so Mrs. Broughton was not disappointed.

One day recently I was inspecting boxes of berries in Temple Market and turning to Jack Temple I asked, "Which is the best of all?" "The other one," Jack solemnly replied. And I think he was right. No matter which box I select, the other one seems better.

We have had a rhubarb pie from our own pie-plants, but my husband found it not half so good as those his mother used to make when he was a boy. I knew it wouldn't be; and it is less my cooking than his taste and appetite that are responsible. Years ago rhubarb pies were the first fresh fruits of the garden, if long

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Johnston Sunday Schools to Meet

On next Sunday afternoon there will be a meeting of the Johnston Baptist Sunday Schools at Bethesda Baptist Church. This church is about five miles west of Smithfield toward Clayton on the main highway.

The meeting will open at 2:30 and continue until 4:00 o'clock. The devotional service will be led by Rev. H. F. Harrell. Following him, Mr. C. H. Brown will discuss the Vacation Bible School. Conferences will be held on Sunday School work led by Associational Department Leaders.

The concluding feature of the meeting will be an inspirational address by Rev. C. L. Gillespie, pastor of the Smithfield Baptist church.

The public is urged to attend. It is said that only one child out of three in Johnston County attends Sunday School. This meeting is held for the purpose of enlisting these children and older people in Sunday School work and attendance.

Rev. A. C. McCall is pastor of Bethesda Church.

Spending Waste Pointed Out

In one of his recent columns, David Lawrence pointed out a great and often overlooked danger in the governments present spending program.

"Drastic taxation — the most severe America has ever experienced — is planned," he wrote. "And yet not a word is heard about cutting out wasteful expenditures."

"If the American people submit to a tax program such as is being rightly proposed to finance defense and still permit spending, as-usual on projects that can be omitted or else postponed, it will mean that the day of reckoning will bring an economic depression in the United States far more perilous than that of 1929-33 . . ."

"Scarcely a week passes that there isn't some impetus given to projects which are being planned on a big scale which have relatively little to do with defense, but which are being dragged into the picture with defense as an excuse . . . Only an alert and aroused public opinion can do something about it — and maybe the nation will have to organize its own economy campaign and make it an issue in the congressional elections of 1942."

Mr. Lawrence doesn't just criticize — he points to definite places where major cuts in government spending are both possible and desirable. There is, for instance, the proposal that \$450,000,000 be spent on farm subsidy payments — a boost of \$238,000,000 over last year. There is the fact that some \$1,000,000,000 a year is still being spent for relief, even though employment is at the highest level in our history and in many sections there is a serious labor shortage. There is the fact that strong forces are behind measures to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on the St. Lawrence and other socialized power projects despite the undeniable evidence which shows that the existing private utility industry is 100 per cent ready and able to meet all present and prospective power needs — and to develop and build new facilities with private money, not with tax money. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has just passed resolutions asking that at least \$2,000,000,000 be saved annually by curtailing non-defense spending and devoting this money to defense needs, holding down debt or tax requirements by that amount.

Mr. Lawrence goes to the heart of the matter when he says that only the American people can do anything about this situation. They are willing to spend any amount necessary for defense. Are they willing to make unprecedented tax and debt sacrifices merely to pay for political luxuries, for experiments in state socialism, for a bigger and bigger bureaucracy, or for any activity which is not absolutely unavoidable. Governmental waste at this time is a certain guarantee of an unprecedented economic and social collapse at some future time.

In 1850 the two largest towns in North Carolina were Wilmington and New Bern.

Photo Service Begun Here

Mr. L. W. Alexander, member of Wakelon School faculty, has established himself in the business of developing and enlarging pictures. This business comes into being as results from a hobby that he began when he first came to Wakelon two years ago.

He has fitted up the basement of his home for developing negatives and making prints of all kinds. And he offers this expert service at a reasonable price. Not only may local people have the convenience of this quick service, but they will be helping this infant industry along. Have your picture taken; carry the film to Mr. Alexander and let him show you results you will be proud of.

Hocutt-Braswell Wedding

Miss Sadie Mae Hocutt and Wilson Bunn Braswell were married Wednesday, May 21, at high noon in the Duke University Chapel. Only members of the two families were present. The Rev. G. Carl Lewis officiated.

A program of nuptial music was played by Edward Hall Broadhead, organist.

The couple entered together unattended. The bride wore an ensemble of navy blue crepe. Accessories were navy and white. She wore an orchid corsage.

They left immediately after the ceremony for a motor trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Costa William Hocutt of Zebulon. She attended Meredith College and E. C. T. C. For the past three years she has been a member of the Princeton High School faculty.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. J. A. Braswell and the late Mrs. Braswell of Zebulon. He is Rural Mail Carrier of Zebulon.

The couple will make their home in Zebulon after May 28, having an apartment with Mrs. R. H. Jenkins.

Three North Carolina counties border on the state of Georgia. The chances are that not one per cent of the people living east of Greensboro know what these three counties are, so we'll tell you: Cherokee, Clay and Macon.

Make Garden Additions Now

There are still many vegetables that the farm family may plant in the home garden as late as June.

Sweet corn, field pears, New Zealand spinach, Swiss chard, lima and snap beans, okra, egg plant squash, and cucumbers are good crops to plant. In the mountains, June is the month to plant the main crop of cabbage.

It is suggested that the space between the rows of vegetables



Fly Fishermen Note

An article in May "Southern Sportsman" magazine tells us about a bill that would prohibit the use of legally killed wild bird feathers for making flies! Better act, fishermen!

Rudderfish

The "wreck fish" or rudderfish derives its name from the fact that it has the curious habit of accompanying floating logs or planks, or of taking up its abode within floating barrels or broken boxes.

Two on One

One of our readers of Citronelle, Alabama, Mr. Charles Stewart, was fishing in a Florida phosphate pit when his line back-lashed. He was using an underwater minnow. It must have been trailing along the bottom when a good sized fish hit it and brought the minnow to the top. Then he dived. "I finally got my backlash untangled," writes Mr. Stewart, "and started reeling him in. I nearly fell over when I saw two fish — one on the upper set of hooks and one on the lower. Their not fighting or pulling together counteracted real resistance so it was like pulling in a log. One weighed four and one quarter pounds and the other two and one quarter pounds. Boy, whatta thrill!"

Fish Cleaning Flash

It's so much fun to catch 'em and such a job to clean 'em! Some fishermen come in so tired from a hard day afield that they much prefer giving their fish away rather than go through the misery of cleaning them. The way some sportsmen go about this job makes it a pretty miserable situation all right!

Try this easy, quick method of cleaning sometime. Have a pail of water boiling on the stove or campfire. Place your fish, just as it comes from the lake, in the boiling water. By much experimenting we have found that a two-pound bass should be left in the boiling water until you can count forty without hurrying. If the fish is bigger, add ten additional counts for each pound — up to five pounds. Seventy counts will serve for all fish weighing over five pounds. Salt water fish are tougher, it seems. Starting with a two-pound fish, have fifty counts as a par and then add fifteen for each additional pound.

When your fish is removed from this boiling water, its fins can be pulled out by the roots. Then by sliding down the backbone and along the belly, fore and aft, the scaling can be accomplished by simply stripping off the skin-like peeling a banana. To complete the job then, all that is necessary is to cut the backbone back of the head and pull down and back. The entrails will come out fastened to the head. Your fish is ready for the frying pan and it wasn't so bad, after all!

Stores Close

In addition to stores listed last week as closing on Wednesday afternoons until Tobacco Markets on the border open, City Market, Quality Food Store, and Page Supply Company will also close.

Determined Bird Nests in Mailbox

Bluebirds are small but at times show great tenacity of purpose, as is attested by the following story: Last year a bluebird tried over and over to build a nest in the mailbox of the T. C. Pippin family. For days and days she patiently carried grass and tiny twigs into the box only to have them taken out by the Pippins and the mail-carrier. One day Mrs. Pippin saw the bird fly across the road with a letter and drop it in a field. But they finally discouraged her enough to keep her from nesting.

This year the same bluebird or one from that family was again

determined to build in that same mailbox. And they thought they might as well humor her. Each day Carrier Braswell carefully placed the mail inside so as not to disturb the tiny builder, and it was removed with equal care. The nest finished, eggs were laid in it, the bluebird brooded until they hatched, three younglings were cared for until they were large enough to leave the nest.

They are gone now; the box is once more used for mail only; but the Pippins hope one brood this year will satisfy that bluebird.

Sumner Here With C. P. L.

John D. Sumner, formerly head of the service department of the Carolina Power and Light Company in Raleigh, who has been named manager of the Zebulon district of the company. The district includes the Zebulon, Spring Hope, Nashville, Wendell, Bailey, and other communities in this section of the State. Sumner succeeds F. A. Woodcock who has been named manager of the Oxford district of the company.

Bell-Poole Vows Are Spoken

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bell of Route One, Middlesex, N. C., announce the marriage of their only daughter, Rudene to Frederick H. Poole, of Raleigh, on February 22 in Lawrenceville, Va., by Rev. David S. Hammock, pastor of the Lawrenceville Baptist Church.

Mrs. Poole graduated from the Corinth-Holder High School in Johnston County on May 9 of this year.

Mr. Poole, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Poole of Clayton, N. C., graduated from the Archer Lodge High School in Johnston County.

Mr. and Mrs. Poole will make their home in Raleigh where Mr. Poole is employed at the Orange Crush Bottling Company.

Colored Man Found Dead

James Hartsfield, negro youth about 17, was found dead Sunday morning near where the Zebulon dirt road enters Highway 39.

Bruises were on his body and a wound was on his head. He is known to have been in a automobile wreck Saturday night, but is said to have walked about two miles afterwards. Officers of the law are making an investigation.

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Moser Speaks To Rotarians

Zebulon Rotarians held the 60th consecutive 100 percent meeting Friday night, if Hoyle Briegers and Wilson Braswell make up their attendance.

Judd Robertson had the program. Mr. Moser was speaker, his subject being of circumstances beyond our control — circumstances so unrelated to purpose or desires that they seem the product of an overwhelming fate. For that reason, Americans, regardless of opinions in the past, are seeking the psychological materials out of which to produce unity. When people find themselves in the midst of a lot of open powder kegs it doesn't matter who opened them but who is carrying the matches. He stated that war can be brought on by weakness or shortsightedness at any time. It has happened before and can happen again; 81 percent of us seem to oppose the United States entering war; 82 percent of us seem to believe we will go into war. Is this the indication of a vast overpowering fatalism? Do the American people no longer believe they can control their own destiny?

Roy Park and Earnest L. Layfield were visitors from the Raleigh Club.

Baptist School Ends Friday

This week brings to a close the two weeks Bible School held in our church. On Tuesday the enrollment of the school was 123 and at that date the average attendance was above 95. Much credit must be given the faculty members for the fine way they cooperated in making the school a success. Those helping out this year have been: Mrs. John D. Horton, pianist, Mrs. J. A. Young, Mrs. Thurman Murray, Mrs. K. P. Leonard, Margaret Marshburn, and Doretha Parrish in the Beginner Dept.; Mrs. I. D. Gill, Mrs. Allen Pippin, Mrs. Eugene Privette, and Mrs. Billie Hopkins in the Primary Dept.; Mrs. F. E. Bunn, Mrs. M. T. Debnam, Mrs. Wallace Chamblee, Mrs. Ferd Davis, and Miss Cleo Glover in the Junior Dept.; Miss Mary Barrow, Mrs. C. C. Pippin, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin in the Intermediate Dept.

The commencement program of the school will be held Sunday evening. At seven-fifteen the hand work will be on exhibit for all who care to see it, and at seven-forty-five the program will begin. For one part of the program moving pictures of the school will be shown. All in the community are invited.

Bond Purchases Are Urged

The Government needs money and that's the reason why special bonds and stamps have been placed on the market. But the Treasury Department seems to be more enthusiastic over the bond program than the American pub-

Local Church News

METHODIST CHURCH

42 members were present Sunday morning for Church service, 65 members attended Church during the month of May.

Our aim is to get one hundred members to attend Church services during the month of June. Sermon topics for June:

1. How People Have Found God.
 2. Doors We Shut Against God.
 3. Bridges.
 4. How to Overcome Worry.
 5. Meet Yourself.
- Services for Sunday, June 1:
Church school—10:00.
Young people—7:15.
Church service 8:00.
Sermon — "How People Have Found God."

BAPTIST CHURCH

Services for Sunday, June 1, are as follows:

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon subject: "How to Live Forever"

7:15 Instead of the Young People's groups this time will be given for the parents and visitors to view the handwork of the Bible School which will be on exhibit.

7:45 Commencement program of Vacation Bible School. All are invited.

WAKEFIELD BAPTIST

10 a.m., Sunday School, Mr. D. D. Chamblee, Superintendent.

8 p.m., Worship Service. The Vacation Bible School which is now in progress will continue throughout next week. We are having a fine school, but there are a few more children who should attend. Those who have not yet enrolled may do so and receive profit from the remainder of the school.

HEPHZIBAH BAPTIST

10 a.m., Sunday School, Mr. T. P. Baker, Superintendent.

11 a.m., Worship Service, Sermon Topic, "The Child, Our Joy and Responsibility".

Carter Dies Brantley Dies

Mrs. Arabella Brantley Carter at the age of 71 died at her home near Zebulon on Monday night after an extended illness. The burial was on Tuesday afternoon in the family cemetery.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. A. D. Parrish. Survivors in the immediate family are the husband, Bertis B. Carter and a son.

Theatre Robbed

Sometime between the hour that Wakelon Theatre closed on Saturday night and Sunday morning a robber took about twenty dollars from the building.

Manager Jackson is at a loss to explain how entrance was effected, inclining to the belief that either a duplicate key was secured or that the thief contrived to be locked up in the theatre, leaving by the door after securing the cash. No arrest has been made.

The first public schools in North Carolina were opened in 1840 and the first State Superintendent of Schools was Calvin H. Wiley, a native of Guilford County, who served from 1853 to 1866.

lic because sales of these National Defense Securities are below expectations. If you don't help the Government out on bonds that will pay you interest on your investment you are quite sure to "pay through the nose" in higher taxes. So, there is more than one way to figure out that bonds are a good buy.