

This, That, & the Other

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It's odd how much difference it makes when someone gets a wrong number and apologizes for bothering you. Last week our line must have been tangled or melted with others for there were numerous rings not meant for us. Sometimes the ringer merely hung up as soon as I spoke, not explaining at all. Sometimes I'd hear a short, exasperated "wrong number."

Once in a while somebody would say, "Oh, I am sorry to have made you answer. I was trying to get Mrs. Blank."

One wrong number took not a bit more time than the other; but, while I might have felt in one case that a minute or two had been lost from work, when an explanation or apology came, I'd feel glad to have had a word with such a considerate person.

As is my custom at this season I am finding the most irritating reading of all those columns and pages of advice on how to keep cool during the hot weather. Much as they fret me, I can't resist going over them. They sound so logical and convincing and are in reality so impossible for most of us. For instance:

We are told to rise late, keeping the bedroom darkened against the glare of morning sun. But nothing is said of who'd cook breakfast or gather the vegetables for dinner or get the house in order. Nothing of Daylight Saving. Nor is there a word as to how the mockingbird is to be stopped from singing at that hour. Some vary this by saying, "rise early, perform all necessary tasks before the day grows hot."

But it is necessary for some of us to work all day. "Eating of cooling foods is urged, with mouth-watering mention of chilled melons and salads; "tall iced drinks" are commended, and cold cuts are said to be especially nice. Maybe so, but you just try such diet on a man with work in the field to do. His opinion of a dainty gelatine salad and a wafer-thin sandwich would hardly be cooling.

"Frequent bathing" is one of the essentials mentioned. Granted and enthusiastically endorsed. But it's just like me to remember that with water as hard as that piped to us the tub always has to be scrubbed out—and that is hot work, all stooped over.

If you have no tub, and many do not, there's the job of lifting pails of water at least twice.

"Entirely fresh clothing at least once a day is requisite," if we would be daintily groomed and cool. Yea, verily. And, if we can forget for a time the size of the resultant weekly wash, or the fact that we ourselves must launder much of what we wear, that may aid in keeping down our temperature. For with weather like we're having, no "gentle swishing through lightly foaming suds" will suffice for garments saturated with sweat—and I don't mean perspiration, much less "perspiration." It takes squishing and rubbing to get them clean.

"Only moderate exercise should be indulged in." Does that mean we are not to sweep floors or yards, not to pull the grass and weeds from flower beds? And should the cow—or the neighbor's cow—get out, or the hens invade the garden, should we keep our minds on being cool and let them ravage what they will? Where does canning come on the moderate exercise list?

Finally, they insist that we think only pleasant, unexciting thoughts. Keep ourselves emotionally cool and calm. That advice is good; but if I live up to it I must quit reading articles like the ones I quoted from.

I am convinced that those writers know little or nothing about the lives we folks live. But some of them do have imaginations, and why can't they turn their imaginings in one direction as well as another?

It may be that such realism

Stewart Black Is Program Leader For Rotary Club

Rotarians Still Holding to Their Perfect Record

Zebulon Rotary Club held its 76th hundred per cent consecutive meeting on August 1st.

Charles Allen being the only one absent. He probably was conducting a meeting somewhere and will make up, his absence. Stewart Black, had the program. His subject was "Slow Down, School I-Here." Stewart went to the State Highway Patrol Department in Raleigh and got the figures on accidents and how these accidents occur. The record showed that 156 school children had already been killed this year in North Carolina. This is 50 per cent more increase this year than last. He stated that more accidents occur according to the record on straight roads. Five times more people get killed or injured at crossings of intersections in towns than they do on the marked ways for crossing. He said that drunk driving accidents had greatly increased since the liquor stores were legalized. The largest per cent of accidents happen to automobiles driven by farmers. The record also shows that the least accidents are on Tuesday. This makes Tuesday the safest day to travel. This program given at this time is to be a caution to drivers that they are the ones expected to look out for school children, as they are not responsible for taking chances.

Five county farm agents, a members of the Rotary Club, stopped by and took supper with us. There are: C. W. Overman of Edenton, George B. Hobson of Taylorsville, Joe B. Gourlay of Lillington, Bob Smith of Windsor, R. M. Williams of Elizabethtown. The club will meet at Matthew Liles next time.

Isaacs Sees An Interesting Town

R. L. Isaacs is enjoying a vacation in West Jefferson from which place he writes the editor of this paper. Mr. Isaacs states that his landlord declares he has never lost a cent on boarders in his fifteen years in the business nor has anything been stolen from his place. The barber of the place reports that they have had no outstanding cases in court for 24 years. Negroes of the section frequently own land and not one of them has been indicted in the county for ten years.

Barns Burned

Fire is taking its annual toll of tobacco barns and contents. On Wednesday of last week a barn on the Will Duke farm near Zebulon was destroyed. On Thursday a barn on the George Richardson farm cultivated by Wes Jones, colored, was burned. The lost barn was in line with two other barns and a packhouse was also close by. Hard work saved these; though a well was emptied of water in the time used in fighting flames.

Odd Tomatoes

Mrs. Clarence Kemp brought into the Record office last week some odd tomatoes. They were of a yellow variety, the seed having been ordered by Mrs. Kemp. Two were unusually large and each had a small tomato growing on a short stem from the middle of the large one. The large ones were almost identical in shape and size and so were the two small ones. Two weighed one pound five ounces, the other two weighing a pound and four ounces.

would not sell, and even cooling writers must have funds for inactivity.



THE RIGHT WAY—Shown is a forest tract in Wake County after it had been thinned. The cut wood will be used for fuel, while the other trees are left standing for lumber. Some of the standing timber will be cut for pulp use.

Hoke Farmers Are Getting "Guaranteed" Gin Work

Something new in the annals of ginning in North Carolina is a "guaranteed ginning" program to be offered by the ginners of Hoke county this year.

Fred P. Johnson, gin inspector for the State Department of Agriculture, has been the leading and pioneering figure in pushing guaranteed ginning as an answer to most of the ginners' problems. Here's his story.

Recently the eight ginners in Hoke County submitted their answers individually and as a group to the so-called gin problem by agreeing to guarantee their work during 1941. From the viewpoint of the ginners and farmers in Hoke County there is nothing particularly interesting in this action on the ginners part. Good ginning evidently is taken for granted in a county that had 99.3 per cent normal ginning in 1940. Nor do these Hoke County ginners feel that they have made any heroic or risky commitment, after ginning 10,581 bales last season and having only 73 bales classed below normal.

The ginning situation anywhere is generally difficult to explain because the influences that produced it are obscured by time and more spectacular factors. For more than 25 years the gin service in Hoke County has been supplied by men whose primary interest was in cotton farming. Being farmers themselves they realized that the practices found profitable on their own farms should be promoted among their customers. As have ginners in many other sections of North Carolina, they have been called the original county agents. They were already grading, delinting and treating cotton seed and knew the value of better seed when the federal cotton improvement program was undertaken in their county. Consequently the work of the Extension Service was greatly facilitated, as evidenced by the fact that over 25 per cent of the North Carolina cotton classed under the federal improvement program this past season was produced in Hoke County, and that 49.42 per cent of this cotton was midling and better, while the remainder of the state had only 34.45 per cent that graded midling and above.

A CUSTOM INDUSTRY—Cotton ginning is a custom industry and the producer is just as responsible for the condition of the cotton he puts on the market as the ginner, in fact he is more responsible, because the ginner merely contracts to do a job according to the producer's specifications. Technically the results of the ginning process are determined by the condition of the raw material, the mechanical equipment and the ability of the gin operator. Any one of these factors can be responsible for losses due to improperly ginned cotton. The fact that the ginners in Hoke County are prepared to guarantee their ginning indicates that they have good gin equipment, and confidence in the ability and loyalty of their employees, and most essential of all, that they can depend upon the intelligent cooperation of their customers.

THE GUARANTEE—In guaranteeing their processing the Hoke County ginners have merely agreed to formalize or define a responsibility they have assumed for many years. In their situation the adoption of this plan involves no more than posing on their premises a notice with the following tentative text:

To Our Customers: The management of this gin hereby agrees to pay the owner of any cotton ginned by us for any damage attributed to the ginning process, (preparation), as determined by U. S. Government classification and the price of cotton on the day it is ginned, except when, after examination of the seed cotton and before the bale is ginned, we present the owner or his employee or representative with a written notice that this guarantee does not apply to that bale.

It is the practice of conscientious ginners everywhere to examine the seed cotton prior to ginning it at times when the cotton is likely to be immature, green, wet, or unfit from any cause for ginning. The additional burden involved in the Hoke County plan would require only that the gin employee who examines cotton put in a printed form reading about as follows:

"This is to notify you that we are unable to guarantee our ginning on bale No. because we find the cotton to be, and we hereby so inform your employee whose signature appears below.

The Federal Government is at present manifesting its concern for good ginning by paying a bonus of \$2.50 a bale to groups of farmers raising one variety only of cotton having staple of one inch or more in amounts of 2500 bales.

On August 7 and 8 the North Carolina Ginners Association meets in Raleigh. To be discussed are such subjects as Objectives of the Association; Farmer-Ginner Contracts; Merchandising Improperly Ginned Cotton; The Warehouseman's Stake in Better Ginning; Ginners' Responsibility for the Cotton Industry; Better Ginning in North Carolina. This meeting promises much for cotton growers, if they will cooperate.

It is to be hoped that Wake County will fall in line with this forward movement and develop the best ginning facilities to be had.

Jaycees to Meet

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting next Monday night at 8:00 p. m., Daylight Saving Time. Ferd Davis will have charge of the program, and President Bob Sawyer asks that all members be present.

Tipplon Golf Course to Be Opened Sunday Afternoon at 3:00 p.m. with Exhibition

Local Church News

Zebulon Baptist

Services in our church for Sunday, August 10, are as follows: 10:45 D. S. T. Sunday school 12:00 D. S. T. Worship service Scripture topic "Throwing Stones." Vesper Service 8:00 D. S. T. We will meet on the lawn north of the church for this service. The message will be: "Backward Then Forward."

Fidelis Meeting

The Fidelis Senior Class of the Baptist S. S. met on Monday night in the home of Mrs. Ruric Gill with Mrs. Willard Gill as associate hostess.

The devotional was lead by Mrs. Graham Conn. Mrs. Theo. Davis conducted a round table discussion of suggestions for improving the efficiency of the class. It was decided to study another book during the winter. The hostesses served cooling refreshments to the twenty present.

G. A. Course

The Intermediate G. A. of Wakefield will have a study course at 8:30 D. S. time on Friday 11 this week. Mrs. Carl Lewis will teach the class. It is hoped that the entire membership may attend.

Pastor Honored

Members of the Wakefield congregation gave a surprise barbecue supper on Wednesday honoring their retiring pastor, Rev. Carl Lewis. Mr. Lewis leaves at an early date for his newly accepted work at Chadbourne.

W. M. S. to Meet

The W. M. S. of Wakefield church will meet at the church on next Monday night, August 11 at 8 o'clock. At that time Miss Mary Ann Peebles of Raleigh, recent graduate of the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Ky., will speak. All members of the society are urged to be present and all others interested are cordially invited. Miss Peebles will discuss some phase of missionary work.

Philatheas Meet

Baptist Philatheas met on Monday night with Mrs. Cameron Postess. Co-neta Herring led the program. Mrs. Mike Whitley presided during the business session. During the social hour the members served delicious refreshments.

Seen and Heard

A small girl declaring that she would never get over her dislike for a man who accidentally killed her little dog, adding wonderingly, "Bu, Daddy likes him yet." ... A slender, fastidiously neat young woman stating that she loopes six hundred sticks of tobacco on Monday—enough to fill a barn. But it took three to wait on her, handling leaves, and laying down the sticks when filled. ... That same young woman attending a meeting on Monday night. ... Canning and more canning—it might be safe to wager that this



Pictured is Gladys Swarthout, who will sing in Raleigh this fall under the auspices of the Raleigh Civic Music Association.

Wakelon School Opening Sept. 9

Announcement has been made by County Sup. Randolph Beaton that white schools in Wake County will open Sept. 9. Negro schools will open a week later. George Dean home economic teacher, will begin their work on August 15, their being supported by the Federal government and lasting for ten months. Schools for bus drivers have been held and a checkup is planned to bring use of gasoline in line with national defense practices. Comparisons are to be made of the costs in different schools.

New Shoemaker

Ralph Halstead of Wendell has been employed by C. B. Edgus, Sr., to manage the shoe shop in Zebulon. He is an expert shoe maker, having had 15 years experience. He says he is going to give the folks in the Zebulon community the very best service possible and will guarantee fully his work.

Street Paved

Work of resurfacing the part of Arrendall Street from the Baptist Church to Massey's Hatchery progresses well. The new coating is of bituminous soil and will give a good highway for travel. The street is also being widened. Particularly desirable is the broadening at the Baptist church where curbs have been fixed and the gutter filled in.

Bogen Buying

Mr. Bogen of the Leader Department store left Sunday night for the markets to purchase fall and winter line of men's, women's and children's ready-to-wear, and furnishings.

Country Club Is to Be Organized

Best Ball Match to Be Played at Official Opening

FAIRWAYS PERFECT

Seven Hole Layout Now Ready for the Public

Zebulon's beautiful new Tipplon Golf Course will be officially opened to the public next Sunday afternoon, August 10, when an exhibition match will be played by four of the best golfers from this section of the state, all of whom shoot in the seventies.

The match will begin at 3 p. m., and will be for 18 holes. Since the course is only 7 holes at present, the course will be played twice with an added 4 holes, provided the match is not won earlier. The play will be best ball; two players will be partners and the best score on each hole of either of them will be matched with the best score of the other twosome.

There will be no admission fee. The public is cordially invited to attend the exhibition, both to see good golfers in action and also to see what a good job Mr. Tipplon has done in building the course. The entire layout is seeded with Bermuda grass and is mowed regularly with a new gang mower designed especially for golf courses. Rocky Branch winds through the middle of the course, providing a natural hazard, though it has to be crossed only twice in the course of play.

Following the exhibition, a local golf club will be organized. Golf clubs from Clayton, Louisburg, and Wake Forest have already asked for matches with the local group, and other invitations are expected to be forthcoming. H. L. Thompson, who is promoting the match here next Sunday, stated that tournaments were planned by the prospective members, which tournaments would be organized immediately after the body's organization.

The first hole of the course runs from the driving range across the old pasture about 400 yards, all on the south side of Rocky Branch. The second hole is across the branch, with the golfer driving toward the highway. Hole number three extends about three hundred yards toward Wakefield with the player driving across the branch, while hole number four is almost on the Wakefield-Pearce road, the golfer again crossing the branch. Hole five is about half way between the road and the highway to Spring Hope, extending about five hundred and fifty yards. Number six is almost on the highway, and number seven is down behind the Tippet house, about thirty yards from the branch. A hole seven the branch is deep because of the dam below the highway (forming the swimming pool).

A large crowd is expected to attend the meet, and many of them will probably join the club in order to retain for Zebulon the remarkably good course. Any persons interested in joining who can not be at the course Sunday afternoon are asked to see Mr. Tipplon.

Cheaves Praised

Many commendations have been heard this summer about the way W. S. Cheaves looks after the lawn of the Baptist church. Never before has it been kept so consistently in first class condition. Such carefulness is bound to impress itself upon those passing through Zebulon as well as the local citizenry.