

This, That, & the Other

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Ever since the beginning of the melon season I have saved seed to put on top a post at the side of our redbud tree. The cardinals have had a great time with the watermelon seed, cracking each, eating the kernel and throwing away the hull. But one day last week a bird found the post-top empty. And how he fussed! Instead of being grateful for having been given so much, he was mad as all get-out because he had to work for his breakfast that day. He cha-a-a-ed in a hoarse, rasping tone until I went out and scolded him away.

Sometimes birds remind one of human beings.

My brother told me a strange tale last Sunday of army worms and their enemies. He said he sat for more than an hour in the woods and watched a horde of the worms as they devoured leaves, leaving bare boughs and destruction behind them. They were followed by thousands of large, long green bugs or beetles that seemed in the biggest hurry of anything my brother had ever seen. These dashed at the army worms, attacking them fiercely. They stayed only long enough to mangle the head, leaving that worm to die while a mad rush was made to another. Manly is not quite sure whether man's efforts accomplish much to help nature maintain a balance.

And my sister also told me a strange tale. It was about a woman who lost her mind and it was said the cause was worrying over having cheated her neighbors in weight on butter and honey sold. Not that the neighbors complained; the woman just carried the secret on her mind until she became unbalanced.

And here's a butter tale that is not tragic but funny. A certain housewife had been selling her surplus butter as churned, to tenants and sawmill hands at twenty-five cents a pound. On one occasion a number of her city friends came out for a visit. They praised her butter highly and asked if she would sell them some, she agreed to do so and, knowing prices in the city—knowing also the extra cost of molding, wrapping and packing butter for transportation—she charged them thirty cents a pound. This, I think, was all right. But her husband did not know about it and when he saw the visitors departing with their butter he exclaimed that his wife was an expert with dairy products, adding emphatically, "If that butter is not worthy twenty-five cents a pound, it's not worth having." Doubtless his loving wife felt for a moment that she'd enjoy choking him.

Fall garden catalogues are making their appearance, and, as usual, I want to stop everything else and look them over. There's not going to be much to spare for new plants at our house, but I do want a hardy fuchsia and a tree hydrangea. The latter we may be able to root from cuttings, but the fuchsia will have to be bought and paid for. Until last year I did not know there were hardy ones on the market.

Does any one around here grow kale? It does not have so much flavor of its own, but it goes to seed very slowly and is fine for toning down collards that have more strength than discretion or turnip greens that are embittered with life. Mix it about half-and-half. Some families raise rape for greens, too, but eating it makes me feel like a pig or a hen because I first knew it as grazing for stock.

Lettuce sowed with turnip seed is another idea that impressed me. The lettuce may be either eaten when young and green or transplanted and given some protection to make firm heads, which it will not do in hot weather.

Chas. Flowers Makes Talk To Rotary Club

The Rotary Club held its 81st consecutive 100 per cent meeting August 22nd. G. K. Corbett had the program, his subject being "Building Community Morale". He had for his speaker, Charles Flowers, Jr. Charles understood his subject well. He gave us some beautiful thoughts. He stated that often an uninspired person could be interested in something that would raise his morale to make something of himself. For instance, if the merchants and clerks in stores, offices and shops had a sluggish way of going about their daily toil that didn't impress the public to be interested in their business. Whenever clerks have a cheerful word for all who come in contact with them you will find useful citizens. Charles said that even the appearance of homes had a moral effect; that owners were proud of their homes, when grass and weeds were kept cut and beautiful flowers growing. He gave the advice that if the back lots in and around Zebulon were cleaned up and also the streets and sidewalks it would help the spirit of the citizens, and help business here. No one likes an unsightly town or business establishment. When one loses his morale he has lost his self respect. He stated that if officers and leaders lose respect for their person and business, their followers lose respect for the leaders. The club appreciated the talk that Charles made, especially because he was our own town boy.

Bethany News

We are sorry to report Mr. L. R. Mason is seriously ill after an operation at Rex Hospital and is unable to receive visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Joris Bell, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, August 22.

The majority of farmers in this community will finish barning tobacco this week.

Mrs. Julian Williford and children spent the week-end at Corinth-Holder with her sister, Mrs. D. Ellis.

The M. W. Perrys and the Benjie Ray Osbourns of Durham spent Sunday P. M. in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, of Greensboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Rolesville spent a while Sunday at the G. H. Cox's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Williford spent a short while Sunday at the P. P. Perrys.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Hicks of the western part of the state are spending some time in the Ronnie Watson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vaughn, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with Mrs. Vaughn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson.

The revival meeting at Bethany will be held during the first week in September with the Rev. Lucius R. Evans, a former pastor, preaching. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Important Meeting

An important meeting of all the business men in Zebulon has been called for tonight (Thursday) at nine o'clock Daylight Saving Time (eight o'clock Eastern Standard Time) by the Rotary Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be for the purpose of discussing the best method of attracting business to Zebulon this fall. Some merchants wish to follow the same plan used last year, while others want to give a larger grand prize, possibly an automobile.

Every business who attends the meeting will be given an opportunity to express himself concerning the best plan for business attraction.

Economic Highlights

National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare

President Roosevelt's recent appointment of an Economic Defense Board is generally regarded as proof of the Administration's intention to wage economic war against the Axis on a big scale. The Board is headed by Vice-President Wallace, and its other members are the Secretaries of State, War, Navy, Treasury, Commerce, and Agriculture, and the Attorney General. The important position of executive secretary has been given to W. W. Riefler, a professor of economics at Princeton, and a former economist for the Federal Reserve Board.

Economic warfare will mean the use of all this country's vast resources to advance the cause of the democracies, and to oppose the purposes of the dictatorships. A start has been made in the case of Japan. The Administration is obviously prepared to squeeze the little island empire to the limit. Our present Far Eastern policy says, in effect, that if Japan will call off her current program of conquest, we will continue to buy her silk and sell her the raw materials she so sorely needs—while if Japan insists on going ahead in the East, she need expect nothing else from us than ruthless economic sanctions and possibly a naval war.

When it comes to Germany, our technique must of course be different. We have had almost no trade with the Reich since the war began. Battleground of the trade warfare in this case will be Latin America. Despite all our past efforts, Germany is still a big factor in many countries south of the Rio Grande. Job ahead is to destroy Germany's Latin American influence, and disrupt her plans for bartering her manufactured goods for South America's raw materials.

At the moment, it looks as if most of South America is ready to play along with this government. Uncle Sam isn't loved without reservations down South, but—Continued on back page—

Rocky Mount Warehouses All Have Sales

Every warehouse firm in Rocky Mount will receive a sale each and every sale day. So regardless of with whom you wish to sell you are assured your friendly warehouse will get either three or six hours a day.

Since the warehouses will receive either six or three hours daily the warehousemen or floor manager will be able to tell you immediately after your tobacco has been weighed exactly when it will be sold. All he will have to do is to check the sales card, check the row your tobacco is on and tell you when you may expect a set of buyers. This should be of great value to the Farmer because he then will be relieved of the anxiety, worry and trouble here-to-fore experienced under a different system.

Under this new sales system it will be impossible for any warehouse to receive a sale a single minute later than the sales card shows. When you bring your tobacco to the Rocky Mount Tobacco Market all you need to do is to look on a sales card, find out if your warehouseman has a morning or afternoon sale and knowing that the morning sales begin at nine o'clock and the afternoon sales begin at one, you immediately know the selling and starting period.

One of the finest things ever offered a tobacco Planter, is the new method of putting out tobacco on the warehouse floors. There are eleven warehouses in Rocky Mount and every floor has been marked so that one may walk around each and every pile of tobacco on those floors.

Money Saving Plan This new plan provides safety for your tobacco. Now it cannot be jammed together. Now it will not be doubled up or twisted around. Now there should be no more broken heads or tie-leaves. Now your tobacco may be seen from all sides and a better display is offered for you. If you have ten or twenty or a hundred baskets on the floor you are given so many squares and there is no way

Two Clubs Plan Scout Fish Fry

The Zebulon Rotary Club, the Zebulon Junior Chamber of Commerce, and their guests will meet at the local Scout Hut when it is completed at a fish fry. Plates will sell for 50 cents each, and will be served by a local caterer. Proceeds will be used to help defray the expense of building the hut. At present the date for the support has not been set other than tentatively.

Weed Workers Need Cards

Marshall H. Barney, manager of the district office of the Social Security Board, today urged that all workers who expect to work in connection with the tobacco markets, secure an account number card before going to work. Many employers are refusing to put any employee on the payroll without his social security card in his possession. The office issued in the last two weeks more than 2,000 numbers to people who are getting their cards now.

An employee who has had a Social Security Card but who has lost it, should make application for a duplicate. Form SS-5, application for account number, is used either for applying for a new card with the old number, or for obtaining a first number. Application blanks are available at all post offices, and all North Carolina Employment Service Offices.

for others to pull the row, push or crowd your crop.

Official sales cards for Rocky Mount tobacco market have been placed everywhere. Find one and study it. See how simple and how self-explanatory it is. Determine for yourself where you will sell in Rocky Mount and then proceed with your load in a happy cheerful spirit knowing everything will be easy, smooth and pleasant sailing and selling.

Junior Chamber Of Commerce Holds Meeting

The Zebulon Junior Chamber of Commerce held its regular bi-weekly meetin Monday night, August 25. Only routine business was taken up, save for the issuance of a challenge to the Zebulon Rotary Club, which challenge has been accepted. The clubs will meet in a team golf match at the Tipplon Golf Course next Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m., D. S. T. President Bob Sawyers presided.

Ferd Davis was in charge of the program, which consisted of a current events program in the form of a contest with cash prizes offered for correct answers. As each contestant answered a question correctly, he was given an opportunity to double his money by trying to answer another question. Bob Sawyer, a twenty-cent winner, was top man. Raleigh Alford, Robert Ed Horton, and Book Antone each got seven cents. Others collected sums ranging from three cents to nothing.

Rocky Mount Fair October 6

The Rocky Mount Fair will open this year on October 6 and continue through the week. This is one of the best fairs in the state and Mr. Norman Y. Chambliss proposes to make this the best yet. Watch for further announcements in THE RECORD.

No Date Set For Garden Club

No time has yet been set for the first fall meeting of the Garden Club. The executive committee meets at an early date after which announcement as to the general meeting will be made in this paper.

Care Advised With Stamps

Following the unfortunate burning of a farm home in North Carolina and the loss in the fire of AAA cotton stamps worth \$50, E. Y. Floyd, state AAA executive assistant at State College, urged farmers to observe every precaution against the possible loss, theft, or destruction of the stamps.

Stamps which are lost, stolen, or defaced beyond identification will not be replaced, Mr. Floyd said. Defaced stamps which can be identified as legal stickers, will be replaced, however, it was added.

Recent statistics from the United States Department of Agriculture show that while corn is the most important crop in this country. It may surprise some to learn that hay is second in important. Grass, however, is essential in more than one way, helping as it does to supply meat and milk for human consumption.

Local Church News

Baptists

The following services are to be held in our church, Sunday, August 31:

10:45 D. S. T.—Sunday school. 12:00 D. S. T.—Worship service. Sermon topic: "Taking Religion Seriously."

8:00 D. S. T.—Evening worship. Sermon topic: "Grieving God."

Methodists

Revival services will begin next Sunday, August 31 at 7:30 p. m. (E. S. T.) Rev. D. E. Earnhardt of Durham will assist in these services. There will be a service each night next week at 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended the people of the community.

Services for Sunday, August 31: Church school—10 a. m., E. S. T. Revival service—7:30 p. m., E. S. T.

Sermon by Rev. D. E. Earnhardt.

M. E. Revival Next Week

You are invited to hear Rev. D. E. Earnhardt in the evangelistic meeting at the Zebulon Methodist Church, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6. He will discuss the following subjects during the meeting:

Sunday night—"Why I joined the Church."

Monday night—"Divine Healing."

Tuesday night—"Suffering Through."

Wednesday night—"Sow in Tears, Reap in Joy."

Thursday night—"How to Get Religion."

Friday night—"Born from Above."

Saturday night—"What do We Know About Life After Death?"

Sunday night—"If you Love Me."

Intermediates Have Week

The Intermediates of Rolesville Baptist Church gave their pastor, Rev. H. O. Baker, a week of gifts, or pastor's week.

To his surprise upon the first day he was given a necktie and notes on his sermons. Two girls took notes on his sermons the six previous services, morning and evening. The second gift was personal cards or letters; Tuesday, handkerchiefs; Wednesday, attendance at prayer meeting; Thursday, grocery shower; Friday, socks, Saturday, picnic supper; Sunday, song book.

The Intermediates are happy to have Mr. Baker to work with them in God's business and with his aid want to love and serve Christ better.

Revival Held At Negro Church

Revival services begin Sunday night at the Colored Baptist Church of Zebulon, and will continue through the week. Rev. John Jones, of Raleigh, will preach. Further announcement will be made at church.

Irby Gill Has More Bad Luck

Disaster seems straight after Irby Gill's tobacco crop this year. Not only did he lose a barn and contents on his farm near Zebulon, but when a load of his crop was being taken to market the truck and tobacco were both burned. The truck, however, did not belong to Mr. Gill, but to the

Appraisal of Effect of War on Daily Life

Uppermost in many million American minds right now is this question: "What effect will defense priorities have on the supply of goods for civilian use?" At this time, it is impossible to give an exact answer to that question.

But, judging by information from Washington and the industrial centers, it looks like we're going to have enough of all the necessities and many of the luxuries of life to keep us going in comfortable style. There will be shortages in some lines, but there will be no grave disruption of the American standard of living, unless some unlooked-for cataclysm occurs. A lack of some important

materials will make the use of substitution necessary, but, according to the experts, these substitutes will be generally adequate in quality and reasonable in price. Here is how the outlook shapes up at present:

Clothing: No serious shortage in sight, though there is none too much leather on hand, in the light of military needs. Prices will probably go considerably higher for shoes and suits. In the case of lower price goods, quality may have to be lowered. Within a few months, silk stockings are expected to entirely disappear from the market, and there is not enough nylon and rayon to supply the demand. However, new types of cotton stockings are being developed, and are said to be excellent.

Automobiles: It has not yet been decided to what extent production will be cut. Best guess is that 1942 output will be at least 25 per cent under the record level established in 1941. It will be necessary for dealers to make larger profits per unit, so trade-in values will be lower. The expected government excise tax will up the price of new cars substantially. There will be little chromium trimming, and there will be no aluminum for pistons, etc., after present stocks in car-makers' hands are exhausted.

Oil: The industry's capacity to produce is far beyond any demand that can yet be foreseen. But the transfer of tankers to Britain has created something of a transportation problem in this field. Main

shortage is along the Atlantic Seaboard, where some think rationing may be put into effect. In the foreseeable future, there will be no lack of petroleum in other parts of the country.

Household Appliances: Heavy cuts in production will be made to conserve metal for military purposes. In the case of washers and refrigerators, the cut may go as high as 50 per cent. However, the cut will be made, as in the case of automobiles, on the basis of 1941 record sales. It is reported that the substitutes being used for aluminum and nickel are satisfactory. Higher prices are to be expected.

Food: No shortage of food is anticipated. If rationing of certain foods, such as in the last war, is

imposed, it will be very limited in extent.

Housing: In certain areas, notably those which contain major defense industries, there is a very grave shortage, and rents are soaring. This is one of the toughest problems the country has on its hands now.

Electric Power: Shortages exist in a few areas, and utility experts say this is largely due to the government's "anti-utility" policy which has prevented much private expansion. The utilities, however, are now planning an ambitious development program, and are confident of their ability to meet the demand. In most of the country there is plenty of juice for both industrial and household