

This, That, and the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

Quoted from last week's reading: "Laundering reveals that if a towel is used as a mop, grit shortens its life." Isn't science wonderful! Think of an educated man by long research finding out something any illiterate housemaid could tell him off-hand.

An account of a recent wedding stated that "the bride wore cocoa embroidered marquisette over a pink hat and linen colored allusions," and I've puzzled over it ever since, wondering what on earth the allusions could have referred to.

It sounded perfectly natural to read in one man's telling of his community, "The parson was a a peg on which we hung our woes." That's how many of us use our pastors.

Of special encouragement was this sentence: "We must all be faithful, or else we are little people." The author's idea was that littleness depends more upon quality of effort than size of job.

And this was found in another article: "Of every accomplishment worth while nine-tenths is pure drudgery." Of course the drudgery seldom shows and we lose sight of it in viewing the finished product; but it must have been endured.

Most impressive of anything read lately is Thomas Wolfe's *Anatomy of Loneliness*, printed in Mercury for October.

As a usual thing I don't approve wholly of Wolfe, though compelled to admit that his was a wonderful mind. But the article on loneliness commanded both admiration and sympathy. I quote a few sentences from it.

"For just as the Old Testament becomes the chronicle of the life of loneliness, the gospels of the New Testament, with the same unswerving unity, become the chronicle of the life of love. What Christ is saying always, what he never swerves from saying, what he says a thousand times and in a thousand different ways, but always with a central unity of belief is this: 'I am my Father's son, and you are my brothers.' And the unity that binds us all together, that makes this earth a family and all men brothers and the sons of God is love."

"The central purpose of Christ's life, therefore, is to destroy the life of loneliness and to establish here on earth the life of love. . . . And Christ himself who preached the life of love was yet as lonely as any man that ever lived. Yet I could not say that he was mistaken because he preached the life of love and fellowship, and lived and died in loneliness; nor would I dare assert his way was wrong because a billion men have since professed his way and never followed it."

I wondered how much that last clause—have professed his way and never followed it—might have influenced Wolfe to say ". . . though the way and meaning of Christ's life is a far far better way and meaning than my own, yet I can never make it mine. . . . For I have found the constant, everlasting weather of man's life to be, not love, but loneliness."

The Anatomy of Loneliness is of a posthumous book of



Pictured is Wladimir Selinsky, famous concert violinist, who will make a personal appearance in the state this winter.

Rotary Club Holds Meeting

The Rotary Club held another 100 per cent meeting October 11. Wilson Braswell had the program, his subject being "Citizenship a Full Time Job." Wilson had asked a speaker to make the speech of the evening but he failed to show up. Wilson told in a few words what he thought a good citizen should be. He was highly commended on his remarks. Wilson called on different members of the club for an expression on this subject. Every one that spoke said they could not add anything except what he had not said. He brought out that to be a good citizen one must live and work for his fellow man and community. The expression was made that the Rotary Club is an example as they foster every worthy cause for the benefit of humanity. The meaning of citizenship is a member of state or nation who enjoys political right and privileges.

Food Campaign Under Way

According to Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the N. C. State College Extension Service, the "Food for Freedom" campaign recently started on a Nation-wide basis, is aggressively under way in North Carolina. Every farm family will be asked to participate, and to increase production in 1942 to help feed defense forces at home and abroad.

Details of a house-to-house canvass, by means of which the food and feed production drive will be conducted, are being worked out at regional, county and community meetings of agricultural and rural-welfare leaders. The Triple-A committeemen, who are the elected leaders of the farmers, will obtain the pledges necessary to meet the county goals of more food and feed next year.

Regional educational and training meetings are scheduled Monday, October 20, at Elizabeth City, Clinton, Raleigh, Lexington, and Waynesville, and on Tuesday, October 21, at New Bern, Henderson, Rockingham, Shelby and Wilkesboro. County and community meetings will follow as soon thereafter as they can be arranged.

PHILIPPINES

Despite the loss of European markets and other adverse effects of the European conflict, Philippine export trade in 1941 has shown a marked improvement over that of last year.

Wolfe's writings, published this fall. It is not pleasant reading, but time spent on it is not wasted.

Poor Uncle Sam

SIR: I read the column by Al Brown in your Sept. 6 issue and think his "guess" is pretty near right, except on the shortage at the present time.

The major oil companies all have a large surplus storage capacity to take care of emergencies, and if they were really foresighted business men, as soon as the government asked for the 50 tankers they would have at once looked around for some other means to keep these surplus storage reservoirs full. The way was certainly available and it should have been quietly taken advantage of if the major oil companies did not have more important fish to fry.

Twenty thousand tank cars delivering 200,000 barrels per day and only 174,000 barrels need to keep their surplus storage full! I am speaking now as an owner of a between-cities gasoline station.

Mr. Government asked for 50 tankers (only a few from each major oil company.) This was a golden opportunity, and I mean golden! For years they have wanted a pipe-line from Texas to the Atlantic, but because of the opposition from the railroads and some government agencies they were blocked.

Now, Uncle Sam, say the oil companies, taking these tankers will create a shortage, and the only way it can be relieved is for you to help us build a pipeline. This was agreed to, with government assistance. What a cheating for the government. But that isn't all. The companies wanted more.

So they said, now Uncle Sam, we must stop people from buying our gasoline so as to make it last. Who ever heard of a company wanting to do less business. So poor, blind Uncle Sam said, we will execute what you suggest, stop the motorists from buying from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m.

This was done, and the result was just what the major oil companies anticipated. More gas was sold. But it was at their company-owned stations in the centers of population, and not at the personally-owned stations between cities. The between-cities stations sold from one-third to two-thirds less gas.

When people plan to go anywhere at night and know they will be unable to get gas after 7 p. m., they naturally will have their tanks filled full where they start from and pass right by all between-cities stations.

It is time the between-cities, privately owned station operators had something to say about this steal.

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SIZE OF U. S. NO. 1 POTATOES

The diameter of a U. S. No. 1 Irish potato shall not be less than 1 7/8 inches, and the diameter of a U. S. No. 1 sweet potato shall not be less than 1 3/4 inches. Also, a sweet potato must not be more than 10 inches in length to meet the No. grade requirement.

Baptist Church

Services for Sunday, October 19, will be:
9:45—Sunday school.
11:00—Morning worship. Sermon topic: "Building a Character."
7:00—Young people.
7:30—Evening worship. Message: "To Go or To Stay."
G. J. GRIFFIN, Pastor



Shown above is one of the most rabid amateur radio operators in the South—Fred Lipe of Wake Forest.

The call letters of his station are W4FPA. Fred is not adverse to local fans tuning in on him.—Gallimore picture.

Ringling Bros. Play Raleigh October 30

With Mr. and Mrs. Gargantua the Great, the world's most publicized gorilla couple, as its super-feature, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus will exhibit in Raleigh on Thursday, October 30, bringing to that city 1,600 people, 50 elephants, 1,009 menagerie animals and hundreds of horses. The performances will start at 2:15 and 8:15 p. m., with the doors open at 1 and 7 p. m., admitting the public to the radically re-styled menagerie, gorilla tent, horse fair and big top—all re-designed by Norman Bel Geddes, of New York World's Fair Futurama fame.

Among the outstanding features are: the new fairland fantasy, "Old King Cole and Mother Goose," designed and costumed by Bel Geddes, with ensembles staged by the famous Albertina Rasch, Hollywood and New York musical show dance director; Alfred Court's three mixed groups of performing wild animals of almost every known specie, appearing simultaneously in three steel arenas; the new Birdland aerial ballet, starring Elly Ardely and costumed by Max Weldy of Paris; the many aerial and novelty acrobatic troupes from South America, headed by the famous Flying Diego-Fernandez acts; the new high school and liberty horse offerings, headed by Visconte Roberto Vasconcellos, the famous Riding Cristianis; the great Truzzi, juggler; the three Flying Concello troupes, with Antoinette. In all, 800 performers.

Pleasant Hill News

We are still having fine weather and the farmers are all very busy.

We are glad to report Mrs. Irvin Privette is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Puryear, Jr., announce the birth of a son, Marvin Yancey, October 8.

Miss Lillian Pace and a lady friend of Baltimore are spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Oakly.

Quite a number of relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Carter enjoyed a birthday dinner there Sunday.

Mrs. H. P. Robbins of Princeton is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. T. Y. Puryear, Jr.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Daniel I. Massey of this section.

Mrs. Massey was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. W.

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Champion Wood Chopper At Pilot

H. E. Stallings, Pilot merchant, has secured the famous chopper, Peter McLaren, who claims the wood chopping Championship of America to stage a log cutting contest and demonstration at Pilot Wednesday, October 22, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

This contest has been arranged by H. E. Stallings at his store at Pilot. He is to be congratulated for arranging for the visit of this colorful champion, McLaren, whose wizardry with an axe has carried him from a poor farm lad in Australia, to the peak of his profession.

In chopping tours covering a score of years he has chopped before hundreds of thousands, both here and abroad. McLaren, who is nearly 50 years old, claims that outdoor chopping is a great physical developer. His own condition bears out this claim.

The contest is open to any local man who has not previously competed against McLaren. A prize of fifty dollars will be paid to any contestant if McLaren fails to chop through a log in two thirds of the time the contestant takes.

The handicap gives all good choppers a sporting chance to win the prize money, as it is just like giving 33 yards in a hundred yard dash.

The only restriction made is that no contestant be permitted to use a Plumb axe. This is the only axe which McLaren himself ever uses, and he refuses to chop against a Plumb Axe and allow the handicap.

Every one is cordially invited to attend the demonstration. Choppers wishing to compete should bring their axes with them. It costs nothing to enter the contest.

Garden Club Holds Meet

The Garden club held the first meeting of the fall last week, chief feature of the program being a talk on growing peonies by Mrs. H. C. Wade. Miss Bridget Palmer pleased all with a solo, accompanied by Mrs. R. D. Massey at the piano. Several new members were enrolled. It was decided that refreshments will not be served after meetings during the present club year. However, Mesdames C. V. Whitley and L. M. Massey, hostesses for the day, had prepared refreshments for the meeting before the matter was voted upon, and a social hour was enjoyed.

Herman Cone has also been discharged from the U. S. Army after serving some months.

Methodist Church

October is Church Loyalty month. Every member has an opportunity to help make the church a greater power for good. Make a sacrifice to help God with His work and He is certain to help you in times when you need Him most.

It is hoped that you will be physically and spiritually able to worship with us Sunday evening.

Services for Sunday, October 19:

Church school—10:00.

Young people service—6:45.

Church service—7:30.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Valdore Phillips are moving this week to Kinston, where Mr. Phillips has been employed for some time.

Mrs. William Bunn has gone to Baltimore to join her husband, who has been employed there for several months. The Bunn's have taken an apartment in the Maryland city and are doing light housekeeping.

Miss Margaret Barrow of Charlotte arrived on Friday of last week for a few days with her parents, the J. K. Barrows.

Mr. W. D. Maynard and daughter, Miss Lillian Maynard, of Apex spent Sunday here with the Phillip Masseys.

Mrs. Lonnie Rutledge of Apex took her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Broughton, to Bethel Sunday to visit relatives.

Charles Whitley was home for the week end from V. P. I., Blackburg, Va., bringing with him his friends, Arthur White and Norman Powell.

Mrs. Douglas Cooke of Ft. Bragg is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. Will Liles, while Mr. Cooke is away on Army maneuvers.

Mrs. J. G. Kemp went last week to Virginia to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. — Biscoe of Mine Run, both of whom have been sick. Mrs. Kemp is expected home this week.

The small, happy little girl seen frequently of late with the A. S. Bogens is Eloise Bryant, whose parents were killed in an automobile accident and who has been for some time in the Free Will Orphanage at Middlesex. Mr. and Mrs. Bogen plan to take Eloise into their home permanently.

Cadwin Cone, studying music at the Shenandoah Conservatory, Dayton, Va., is having the Record sent him weekly to keep him in touch with homefolk.

Mr. Alfred Hocutt, for the past three weeks on maneuvers in S. C., spent the past week end at home.

Mrs. Ida Hall attended the State Nurses Convention, which met in Goldsboro last week. The Public Health Nurses held a banquet on Tuesday evening with Miss Flora Wakefield of Raleigh presiding.

Dabney Gill is at home after serving for some months in the U. S. Army. He was recently discharged from the service.

R. L. Isaacs, in the Record office on Saturday, brought with him Mr. Wilkerson, of Denver, Colorado, and his cousin, Miss Mary Wilkerson of Raleigh.

Mrs. James M. Eason left Friday for Lancaster, S. C., to spend a few days with her husband, Corporal Eason, who is there on maneuvers. She returned Monday.

Miss Louise Johnson of Gaston spent the week end here in the home of her grandparents, the Pittman Stells.

Mrs. Ed Martin of the Hales Chapel community is recovering from pneumonia. Her daughter, Miss Linnie Martin, was sick at the same time with laryngitis and is also much better.