

This, That, and the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

Mr. B. M. Price, who lives on Route 1, over in Johnston, was in our shop last week with one of the queerest reptiles, or animals, I ever saw. Mr. Price had it in a jar, but I think it would have been about six inches long, if straightened out and was about the size of my little finger, tapering off into a tail. It looked somewhat like a lizard, but was spotted with black and white down its back and its head was rounded. It had little shiny pop-eyes as black as jet and gazed at us as if longing to get out of that jar for just one minute. It was found in the horses' watering-trough. We never decided just what it was.

On last Friday as I came to work I saw at the edge of Mrs. Lela Horton's a dead bird or fowl, and first thought it a wild duck. Inspection showed it to be something else. Mrs. Horton said she had no idea what it was, but said it or one like it with a lighter colored one had stayed around her place nearly all summer, seeming specially attracted by her pool. The bird weighed a little over a pound, had a jet black head and body of slate gray with a tiny band of white at the top of the wings and white tips on about half of the quill feathers in the wings. Its tail was very short and white on the underside. The beak was rather long, neither like a duck's nor a hawk's, but more on the order of a redbird's. The breast feathers were plainly those of a waterfowl, having the thick layer of down that such birds wear. The feet looked exactly like sprays of Christmas cactus, the three front toes being what is called lobated and not webbed.

Mrs. Horton said she never heard the birds make a sound.

Down town I tried several times to identify my find. Every one at first would say it was a wild duck, then become puzzled over the bill and feet. Mr. Ed Martin said he used to see birds like it along the river and they called them good-gods; but Postmaster Sexton said good-gods have red heads.

The latest Merriam-Webster unabridged dictionary and the National Geographic Bird Book convinced me the dead bird was a grebe, a water bird often called a didapper, and related to the coot family. By the way, if ever you get called an old coot, don't be insulted; they are beautiful.

Why a didapper should leave the streams and ponds about here and take up with that small pool in Mrs. Horton's yard is something a naturalist might be puzzled over. And I'm no naturalist.

Sunday night I dreamed a special tax had been put on long words, and woke up counting the letters in particularly to find if I might use it in a sentence or if it would be cheaper to find a short word to take its place.

That idea should impress Congress. Probably we should all speak and write more clearly if we confined ourselves to simple terms.

To Whom It May Concern: Out of my misunderstanding and not my imagination I bestowed upon the Mr. Morris who came last week to work with us a wife and baby son, neither of which he owns. When I inquired about an



Tarvia Jones is district governor of the Rotary Club.

District Governor Lauds Rotarians

The Rotary Club held its 91st 100 per cent consecutive meeting October 31. The Rotary was honored with the presence of H. Dennett Jones of Greenville, the district governor. He praised the club for its record of attendance. It was something more than attendance Rotarians have interest in and they were doing something worthwhile and putting their best in it. The governor stated that he called upon a professional man who had lived in Zebulon for twenty years and never been a Rotary member. He didn't know the district governor and possibly didn't know why he was interviewed and questioned in regard to the Rotary club. This person told him the Rotary club was at least seventy-five per cent more efficient than a few years ago. The Rotary club was certainly interested in knowing what the man on the street thought of them.

William Cheaves had the program his subject being Cordial Customer Relations. He had for his speaker Professor Aden Hamrick of Samaria school. He didn't have much time to make a speech but made use of it by telling us something worth while.

Dr. Smith of Wendell Rotary Club was a welcome visitor.

Mrs. Joe Tippett, 79, Dies Here

Mrs. Joe Tippett, Sr., 79, died Friday morning at the home of her son, A. L. Tippett of Zebulon, Route 1. Services were held Saturday afternoon at the Friendship Free Will Baptist church, and were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. E. M. Tyson. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Tippett leaves the following children, A. L. Tippett and Walter Tippett, both of Middlesex, Route 1; Jackson Tippett of Zebulon, Route 2; Mrs. William Lee of Zebulon, Route 3; Wade Tippett of Clayton, Route 1; Joe Tippett of Zebulon, Route 3; Will Tippett of Middlesex, Route 1. A sister also survives, Mrs. Jimmie Lee of Middlesex, Route 1.

The family of Mrs. J. W. Tippett, Sr., wish to express their appreciation to the many friends who rendered help and comfort to them during her recent sickness and death.

THE CHILDREN

apartment for him I stated that he had the family mentioned above. Since they were publicly given, I hereby even more publicly take them away, leaving him as single as before.

Sage of Little River Writes Final Column

Author of "Little River Reflections" To Leave Community

Howdy Neighbors.

Well, I expect it is Goodbye this time. The Sage has enjoyed the opportunity to talk to you all through the pages of the Zebulon Record. He wants to record his appreciation to the Record, and Rev. T. B. Davis for all the courtesies shown, and for his fine editorial. You have a fine paper in Zebulon, and hope you will both read it, and cooperate with it in its fine work for the community. The Davis family is a fine family, and are doing much for the best interests of Zebulon and community.

You all have been mighty fine neighbors to the Sage and his family, and we regret to leave you one and all. To be neighborly is a fine thing, and should be cultivated to the fullest by both town and country.

Zebulon and the community round about took us in when we came into your midst as strangers, and made us feel at home. By many courtesies and a fine hospitality we were made to feel as one of you, and as such have labored with you for the best interests of the entire community.

You people in the country round Zebulon, support the town, and townpeople, try to develop a fine feeling of cooperation and sympathy with the country folks. Support in the town all your civic and fraternal organizations, and work together for a better town and community. Help every effort of the School, aid the Boy Scouts, and be good members of the Church and Sabbath School to which you belong.

Am I preaching a sermon? Perhaps, but it is the last time I will be able to preach in this section, so please read and think on what I say. We leave you with the best wishes for all in our hearts, and memories that we will always cherish.

So, we say farewell, but not really goodbye, for we hope to see you again sometime. "Should old acquaintance be forgot and ne'er brought to mind, we take a cup of kindness yet, for the sake of Old Lang Syne."

THE SAGE OF L. R.

Club Meeting

Members of the women's clubs in Zebulon are urged to remember the joint meeting which is to be held November 17 at night. At this time a bazaar will be held and articles donated will be auctioned off, funds raised to go on the club debt.

A meeting of all civic organizations in town is being arranged in conjunction with the club meetings.

Well-Known Doctor in Iceland

The editor is indebted to Mrs. Eger Massey, now of Middlesex, for interesting items concerning the work her brother, Dr. Hubert Bailey, is doing in Iceland where he went when the U. S. Armed Forces went to that country some time ago. His friends in this section will doubtless be glad to have this news from him.

Dr. Bailey is commanding off-

U. S. Wings for Pacific Defense



AMERICAN fighting planes today form the Allies' first line of air defense from Australia to the Netherlands East Indies and on to Singapore and Malaya. When war broke out, only Australia in this part of the world had a small aircraft industry of her own. This has since been expanded and now turns out hundreds of bombers and trainer-reconnaissance planes. There is also a new accessory industry in the East Indies, and the region is dotted with new assembly plants and repair shops. But even today, local industries can supply only a small part of the area's defense needs, and although not all of the U. S.-built planes so far delivered are of the latest types, it will depend on them and on the men who fly them—Australians, Dutchmen, British, Indians and Javanese—whether or not an Axis drive into the South Pacific and South Asiatic zones could be successful.

Shown in these pictures are: (top) Curtiss interceptor planes of the Royal Netherlands East Indies Air Force, manufactured in St. Louis, Mo., and similar to a type that has been standard in the U. S. Army; (left) Brewster "Buffalo" pursuit ships being serviced at a landing field near Singapore; and (right) Lockheed "Hudson" medium bombers of the Royal Australian Air Force during a patrol flight over the South Pacific. In recent months, a number of 20-ton Consolidated "Catalina" flying boats—similar to the one that helped locate the Bismarck—also have reached Australia and the Netherlands East Indies from the United States.

Town Of Zebulon Budget \$20,758

TOWN OF ZEBULON
North Carolina
PROPOSED BUDGET
Year Ending June 30, 1942

EXPENSES	Estimated 1941-42
Bond Interest	\$4,093
Bond Retirements	3,000
Sinking Fund Contribution	1,100
Office Salaries	1,510
Police Salaries	2,133
Water and Sewer	2,785
Street and Sanitary	3,823
Fire Department	378
General Expense	768
Office Expense	357
Legal and Audit	716
Cemetery	25
Tax Disc. and Allowances	70
TOTAL	\$20,758

ESTIMATED REVENUES	Estimated 1941-42
Int. and Penalties	\$1,001
Privilege Licenses	799
Auto Tags	107
Water Sales	2,796
Sale of Cemetery Lots	60
Intangible Tax	148
Miscellaneous	174
Poll, Dog, Street Tax	829
Recorders Court	736
TOTAL	\$6,650

BALANCE TO BE RAISED BY LEVY \$14,108

ASSESSED VALUATION \$786,143.00
Rate 1.85

TOTAL LEVY ON PROPERTY \$14,543.65
Less reserve for Uncollectible 3% 435.65

NET LEVY ON PROPERTY \$14,108

Revival At Wakefield

The Rev. Alvis Whitted, new pastor at Wakefield, will conduct revival services there next week, services to be held each day at 3:00 and 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to take part in each service and thus to help welcome this minister to the community.

Ferrell's School Gives News

On Tuesday night, October 28, the Parent-Teacher Association of Ferrell's School had its second meeting of the school year, with 125 members present. At this meeting, there was a very generous contribution from the parents for the Halloween Party, which we had on Thursday night, October 30. With the cooperation of the community, the party was a huge success. The proceeds were quite large and will go for the benefit of the school.

Ferrell's School recently purchased \$125 worth of new supplementary readers.

A play entitled, "A Womanless Wedding," will be presented by the Parent-Teachers Association in the near future. Everyone will be welcomed!

Wakelon Singers At Wakefield

The Wakelon Glee Club will be at the services at Wakefield Baptist Church next Sunday morning and take part in the worship. The school has a good glee club this year and will add much to the service with their singing. The public is invited to be present.

Navy Offers Good Food

Napoleon once said, "An army travels on its stomach." The Navy sails on its stomach. And believe me, it's some stomach!

Some interested person has dug up some interesting facts about Navy eating. For example, the Navy will eat 146,016,000 eggs and will consume 1,419,600 gallons of sauces, oils and vinegar during the year.

What's more, our Navy has 3,100 cooks and bakers who prepare 720,000 meals every day. Yes, sir, the Navy sure is well fed. The food is wholesome and nourishing. Nothing fancy, mind you, but mighty good. Navy cooks know their business. They get good food supplies and they turn out grand meals. Ask any Navy man.

Many Navy trained cooks have cashed in on their training and have become hotel chefs and restaurant owners in later civilian life.

Let's join the Navy, young men, have plenty of good "eats," a good time, a good job and learn a good trade.

Baptists

The services in our church for Sunday, November 9, will be as follows:

9:45—Sunday school.
11:00—Morning worship. Sermon topic: "I Can Not Come Down."
7:30—Evening worship. Message: "The God of Peace."

Methodists

Our conference year will end next Sunday, November 9. How would you like to help us make this "Victory Sunday?" We hope to make a statement saying that our budget has been paid in full. We can make it a "Victory Sunday" by attending church and giving praise to God for all His mercies. The fact that we have done our best for the church of God, should cause us to rejoice and to sing praises unto Him.

Services for Sunday, Nov. 9:
Church School—10:00.
Church service—11:00.
Young People Service—6:45.

Secret study, silent thought, is, after all, the mightiest agent in human affairs.—Channing

No Arrests Made In Daring Robberies Here

Owners' Own Keys Used In Obtaining Entrance To Stores

No arrests have been made in connection with the robbery on Thursday night of last week of Zebulon Drug Store and Temple Market. Wallace Temple, owner of the market, left his keys on a table in his home when he retired. On Friday morning he found the keys had been moved and on reaching his place of business discovered his cash drawer had been robbed of between thirty and forty dollars. He is certain the keys were taken and returned.

Mr. Daniel, owner of the drug store, missed his keys also, but they were found in his car later. About ten dollars was the amount taken from his cash drawer, the safe failing to open for the thief or thieves. Screws were removed from a showcase which was thus opened for the removal of ten watches. The screws were found lying on top the case.

Along with the thefts of tobacco and cotton, robbers seem to be unduly busy in this section this fall and it would be well for householders to be on the alert.

Masonic Order Here Friday

Masons of the 15th District will meet with the Zebulon lodge on Friday, November 7. The first session will be held at 4:00 p. m. in the lodge hall and J. H. Anderson, Grand Secretary, will have the program. There will be a recess from 5:30 till 7:00, and refreshments will be served by the Zebulon Lodge at 6:00.

The night session is to begin at 7:00. A local Mason will give an address of welcome, visitors will be recognized, and short reports of work done by the lodges will be heard. Following these Grand Master Charles B. Eldridge will give an address.

It is hoped that every member of the organization at Zebulon and Wakefield will attend and help to make this meeting a success.

Class Meeting

The Senior Fidelis Class of the Baptist S. S. met on Monday night in the Riggsby Massey home with Mesdames L. M. Massey and Rodney Murray assistant hostesses. Mrs. Murray led the devotional and presided over the business session as president of the class. Mrs. Willis Strickland effectively taught the second lesson in the study course, "Give Your Child a Chance."

Chairmen were given lists of the members, division into groups having been arranged for better work.

Refreshments were enjoyed during the social hour.

The Negro Fair is in full swing here this week on the same location occupied by the Five-County Fair last month. Carnival features are perhaps the main attraction and crowds are attending.

The Chinese showed their appreciation of Major General Smedley D. (Gimlet-eye) Butler, of the U. S. Marines, by presenting him a huge Blessing Umbrella, emblazoned with ribbons and mottoes, an honor rarely given to any foreigner.