

This, That, and the Other

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I may, of course be mistaken, but I believe that fewer persons know the difference between the spelling of *mantel* and *mantle* than any other two words you could pick out that sound alike.

A mantel is a shelf above a fireplace and we set things on it—the clock, vases, and such. We used to put medicine bottles, letters, photographs, and everything we wanted to keep out of the children's reach up there, too, but nowadays we are more artistic.

And a mantle is what Elijah had on when he was taken to heaven and which he let fall and Elisha caught. It is a sort of cloak or wrap.

You'd be surprised to know how many college trained persons don't know which of those spellings to choose when writing, not to speak of those of us who have had fewer advantages. We read of lighted candles on a mantle or of wreaths of holly above the mantle, until at times I feel like going to the dictionary to reinforce my memory.

"..... the days of darkness for they shall be many." That is part of what a Wise Man said centuries ago. and it is going over and over in my mind daily. For they are coming as surely as time endures. If ever I knew a time when one should make ready for storm and stress it is now. Work, save, prepare mind and body for what is in store. I have no special fear of depressions as such; but the next one is going to have roots, branches and ramifications different from any we have seen before. And I am afraid not so much for myself who am now elderly, as for the younger generations who will be here to struggle with it after I am gone. I do not know whether the present situation could have been avoided as a whole; but I do know if more economy had been used in affairs governmental, we should have had more in reserve than we do have.

Defense measures, priorities, millions and billions of dollars are hard for the average mind to comprehend; but when translated into worry and want the meaning will be made more nearly plain. Add to that sorrow and suffering and you will have the cause of some of the days of darkness that are coming.

Long ago in mythology there was a princess prophetic who foretold events and spoke truly, but nobody believed her. About all Cassandra could do when the evils came to pass as she had prophesied was to say I told you so, but that did no good. They doubted her next time.

Still, the Wise Man said, "If a man live many years and rejoice in them all," before he spoke of the days of darkness. And it is good to remember that we usually rejoice some in every year and probably shall keep on having cause to rejoice.

If you can find time, do go to the garden club meeting next Tuesday afternoon at the clubhouse here. Those club members will give you something worth remembering. Their December meeting is even more beautiful in some ways than a flower show. They have their loveliest decorations and most sparkling packages on display and you'll feel repaid for going if you should not care

Christmas Is Just Around the Corner

Zebulon Stores will be ready for you. All you need — they have.

Watch next week's Zebulon Record to learn what to buy and where to get it.



Do your Christmas Shopping early so you will not be disappointed.

Trade at home and save time and money. Be loyal to the home town.

Christmas Sing On Tap Here

On Sunday afternoon, December 14, at 4:30, pupils of Wake-lion schools directed by Mrs. Robert D. Massey will present the annual concert of Christmas music. For years this has been a special feature of the season in this community and a mere notice is sufficient to bring a large attendance. This year's program will feature many old favorites as well as others not so well known. Further particulars will be given next week.

Allan Pippin Hurt In Wreck

Allan Pippin, salesman for Zebulon Supply Wholesalers, was hurt in a collision that demolished his car at Middlesex Tuesday afternoon. Fortunately his injuries do not seem to be serious and it is hoped he may be out in a few days. In the other car were four young people, all of whom were hurt to some extent. They are said to have entered the highway from a side road.

Baptist Church

Services for Sunday, December 7:
Sunday school—9:45
Morning worship—11:00. Sermon topic: "But"
Young people meet—7:00.
For the evening service at 7:30 Mr. John McMillan will bring a message appropriate for our regular Mission Night program. Mr. McMillan, a student at Wake Forest, is the son of one of the Baptist Missionaries to China. All are invited to be present for this service.

Study Course For Methodists

Mrs. C. E. Flowers announces a Bible Study course to be taught at the Methodist church on Friday, Dec. 5, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Pastor Boone will take part as will other speakers from Wendell and Zebulon. All interested are cordially invited.

Rotary Club Has 95th Perfect Meeting Friday

The Rotary Club held its 95th 100 per cent consecutive meeting. Leon Thompson, town manager, had the program. His subject being "Town Manager." Thompson stated that he was well pleased with the cooperation the town has given him and he would like any suggestions for the town in any way in which to make it better. He had for his speaker Mr. Patrick Healy, Jr., of Raleigh, Executive Secretary for North Carolina, League of Municipality.

Mr. Patrick stated that our town government was more important to us than the state or national government. He said towns who had managers found it the most satisfactory way as there would be someone to look after the welfare and to keep in shape, lights, water, sewage, taxes paid, looking after vacant lots and many other things too small to mention. Town managers use him for information bureau to answer different problems that come up.

P. F. Massey was a welcome visitor.

Here's a Late Early Harvest

C. E. Stone of Wakefield brought to the Record office Monday morning an Early Harvest apple that had fallen from the tree on Sunday night. It was small, but had the characteristic color and shape of this early sum-

Garden Club to Meet Tuesday

The December meetings of the garden club and the woman's club will be held on Dec. 16, Tuesday afternoon the former organization having the program in charge. The Rev. John Wright of Raleigh will speak.

An exhibit of Christmas decorations and arrangements is being made ready and will be on display at the clubhouse. Those not able to attend the entire program are invited to come later in the day.

Hostesses will be Mesdames R. H. Herring, J. K. Barrow, Z. N. Culpepper and Allan Pippin.

Road Detours

The following roads are closed temporarily: U. S. 1 between Henderson and Franklinton and between Raleigh and Wake Forest. Detours for through passenger traffic have been posted over N. C. 59 via Louisburg. N. C. 59 has an eight-ton gross load limit. Through truck traffic should detour over U. S. 301 from Petersburg or Fayetteville. Local traffic can be maintained at slow speed on the Henderson-Franklinton section, whereas on the Raleigh-Wake Forest stretch local traffic can detour over a county road, four miles of earth. The road between Henderson and Franklinton is scheduled to be opened about December 20th.

mer apple and was sound and smooth. December first is the latest this section has known for such fruit.

Religious Order Holds Meeting In Wilson Nov. 29

Jehovah's witnesses in eastern North Carolina held an assembly November 29 and 30 in the court house at Wilson, and many from Zebulon and vicinity attended. Over eleven hundred were present on Sunday afternoon to hear an address by A. H. Mac Millan of New York concerning the Theocratic Government of Jehovah God. He referred to numerous Bible prophecies (Daniel 2: 44; Isaiah 9: 6, 7; II Peter 3: 13; Rev. 21: 1, etc.), showing that in the immediate future Christ's Kingdom will be fully established and then the peoples on earth will live under an everlasting government of peace. He gave Scriptural evidence (Isa. 32:1; Psa. 45: 16; Luke 13: 28; Dan. 12: 13, etc.) proving that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the other faithful men of old will soon appear on earth and be the earthly representatives of the Theocratic Government. In conclusion he stated that in lands under totalitarian rule the Kingdom Message has been suppressed, but that in the two remaining strongholds of freedom, the United States and the British Isles, a wide witness is being given to the name of Jehovah and His Kingdom. The assembly ended Sunday night with a transcribed address by Judge Rutherford entitled "Comfort All That Mourn."

How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!—Proverbs 16:16.

Aged Pilot Lady Dies Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Watkins Williams, widow of Joseph F. Williams, who died Thursday night at her home in the Pilot section, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Pilot Baptist Church.

Mrs. Williams, who was 76 years of age, is survived by the following children: B. C. Williams, Mrs. Charlie Privette, S. F. Williams and L. J. Williams, all of this section; Vernon and Vance Williams of Raleigh; Mrs. B. C. Ray of Spring Hope, Route One; Mrs. Milton Pearce of near Pilot, and Mrs. W. M. Stallings of Zebulon, Route Two.

Christmas Contest On

The ban on use of electricity having been lifted, the Zebulon Garden Club again offers prizes for the most striking effects in outdoor decoration for Christmas. Features to be considered are

- 1—Front door
 - 2—Outside appearance of large house
 - 3—Outside appearance of small house
 - 4—Window scene viewed from outside
 - 5—Outdoor feature
 - 6—Tree
- The judging date will be announced later.

Bottoms Better

W. D. Bottoms, brother of Mrs. D. D. Chamblee, seriously hurt in a car wreck some time ago, has recovered sufficiently to be carried from the hospital to his home near Mt. Pleasant. For a while his living was very doubtful and his improvement seems almost miraculous.

Ordain Deacons

At Wakefield church on Thursday night of last week Clarence Hinton, Claude Baker, Harold Greene and Douglas Pace were ordained as deacons, Rev. R. H. Herring assisting Pastor Whitted in the service.

The church has called Mr. Whitted as regular pastor for next year.

SOUTHERN WILDLIFE

SNIPES THAT SNIP!
This may never make you a million dollars but it's interesting to know. The U. S. Bureau of Standards has declared the cigarette to be a greater forest menace than the cigar! Research has established that a discarded cigarette will burn for 8 1-2 to 12 minutes, while a discarded cigar will go out in from 2.3 to 5.17 minutes.

NEW TYPE DEER FENCE
A new type "deer proof" fence, composed of five electrified wires suspended three feet apart horizontally on cross bars three feet above the ground, is now being tried out. To clear this fence it is necessary for deer to leap more than fifteen feet, while it is impossible for them to crawl under without being shocked. Conservation officers watching the experiment report that it has been successful thus far, but deer are often stopped temporarily by new devices and later find ways to defeat their purpose.

POISON FISH
In Philippine Islands water there are several species of fish whose flesh contains poisons. A number of mysterious deaths were solved when it was found that they were the direct result of eating poison flesh of fish. These strange fish do not bite you. Neither do they sting—yet their flesh contains poisons similar to the deadliest of mushroom poisons.

THERE'S SOMETHING NEW ALL RIGHT
Sometimes you think there is nothing more new that can be told about the funny things happening afield to sportsmen. But it seems there's always a new one. This takes our cake. A Virginia game warden came across a hunter with a squirrel in his pocket recently and quite naturally asked the man for a peek at his license. "Oh, I don't need a license," replied the hunter as he stroked the bushy tail of his vanquished game. "The squirrel season isn't open in this county."

FUR BEARERS VALUABLE
Many of the common fur bearers play an important and highly useful role in preying upon injurious insects and rodent pests. The weasel, for example, is beneficial in destroying large numbers of mice and rabbits which damage gardens, orchards and property. The skunk is helpful in its destruction of white grub, wire-worms, grasshoppers and mice.

Methodist Notice

Services for Sunday, Dec. 7:
Church school—10:00
Young people—6:45
Church service—7:30
Subject—"Pure Religion."

Strike Averted By Railways

The long heralded railway strike has been averted. The workers will receive a \$300,000,000 increase in pay. The strike was to begin Dec. 7, and would have demoralized the country's business had it lasted for any length of time. The poor old railroads have had a hard road since the world war with increase of wages and competition from motor traffic.

No Garden Means Expense!

Farm people of Wake county rob their pocketbooks, as well as their health, when they fail to grow a garden, says L. P. Watson, Extension horticulturist of N. C. State College. To prove his point, the agricultural leader presents the following facts and figures.

The 1940 census showed that 4,709 farms in this county had a garden, but 546 farms in the county did not have a garden. The value of all the farm-gardens in the county, as estimated to the census-takers by the farm people themselves, totaled \$317,056. That

is an average value per garden of \$67. By multiplying the average value per garden by the number of farms without a garden, it can be seen that the loss to the county due to the failure of every farm family to have a garden totaled \$36,582.

The State totals show that \$1,868,940 was lost by North Carolina farm people because of a lack of gardens. The census report shows that 247,127 of the 278,276 farms in the State had a garden, leaving 31,149 without a garden. The total value of all

gardens in the State was \$14,773,625, or an average value of \$60 per garden. Little Dare County on the coast reported the highest value per garden, \$153, but there are only 55 farms in the county. Forty-six of them had a garden. The Extension horticulturist says that the vegetables which can be grown in a half-acre garden would cost the farm housewife \$225 if bought at retail prices. One-tenth of an acre will produce an abundance of vegetables for one person. A family of five, therefore, would need half an acre for garden crops.