

## This, That & the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

By main force I have held myself back from writing about the war, and especially that part of it concerning the Philippine Islands. Main holding-back-strap in my harness of self-control is the memory of Barrie's telling me of two men who discussed at length whether Singapore would be taken shortly or whether reinforcements might arrive and save the day. At the last one inquired casually, "By the way, where is Singapore?"

Instead of war I shall speak of baby-talk. There's something I do know about. And I boldly assert it is one of the most important branches of languages.

In an argument about baby-talk recently a young father of my acquaintance asserted that he and his wife had decided not to use it with their baby and that if any one else did, they would keep a disapproving silence. I told him that a baby deprived of all such talk might almost as well be brought up in an orphanage; that it does not react to make children use incorrect English later; that it is the tone and not the words a tiny baby listens for; that no one can say sentences wholly grammatical in structure and pronunciation in a way so soothing to infant ears as is baby-talk.

Not every person can use baby-talk. My own husband's best efforts in that direction go like this: "Chooger, chooger, chooger! Was a fine ole boy; yes he was!" And he can under the stress of unusual emotion bark surprisingly like a fice dog. Hardly a complete vocabulary, but it does lots for a baby.

Take me now. I practiced on eight younger brothers and sisters, on my own daughter and four sons, on six grandchildren, on numerous nieces and nephews; and I can talk to a baby about anything I ever heard of or imagined and the baby loves it and tries to talk back.

It is of as many different brands as there are speakers. Uncle Tom Haymes used a strange doggerel composed of words like "Blah, da blah, de blum, de bligh," and the babies were all crazy over him. I can't recall that Grandpa Harvey ever used baby-talk with

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## Supt. Moser Starts Adult English Class

### Recorder's Court

In the last Recorder's Court here the following cases came up: Samuel Anderson was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, sentence suspended on payment of costs, a fine of \$50.00 and promise of good behavior for one year, also payment of \$20.00 to the Court for damage to Dan Jordan. This case was taken to the Superior Court.

The case of Willis Woodliff, charged with non-support of an illegitimate child, was continued till February.

Frank Smith was charged with assault, and the case was continued till February.

Adram Fowler, for being drunk and disorderly, was given 60 days on the state highways, judgment suspended on payment of costs and a promise of good behavior for one year.

Durward Dunn pled guilty of operating a motor vehicle on the state highway with improper license and defective equipment. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Bishop W. Best, charged with speeding, had his case continued till February. Rufus Horner was charged with rape. He was bound over for the next term of Superior Court under a justified bond of \$2,000.

Mozelle Goodson pled guilty to larceny. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Raeferd Driver pled guilty to a charge of assault with fists. Again judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

A plea of guilty was entered by Spencer Jeffries, charged with being drunk and disorderly. Sentence of 30 days on the highways was suspended on payment of costs.

W. E. H. Ray pled guilty of operating a motor vehicle without proper license but had judgment suspended on payment of costs.

The case of Coy Pate, charged with possession of non-tax-paid whiskey, was continued till February.

Willie D. Price received a suspended sentence for operating a car with improper brakes, provided he pays costs and does not again operate the vehicle till brakes and lights are properly adjusted.

### Rotary Club Is Sponsor of Unique Course for Adults

Zebulon's Rotary Club, following its regular meeting last Friday night, attended the first of a series of English classes to be held for local men and women by local school superintendent E. H. Moser.

To be held following the club meeting each Friday night, the courses are intended to give a basic knowledge of grammar and syntax to those persons who have forgotten facts learned in school or were not given an opportunity to study them.

Dr. L. M. Massey, who suggested that the classes be sponsored by the Rotarians, emphasized the fact that they are open to every person in Zebulon who wishes to attend. There is no tuition fee.

No textbook need be bought, for all exercises are mimeographed by Professor Moser.

At the Rotary meeting only routine business was discussed. The program, directed by Barkton Antone, consisted of the reading of a letter from Washington by Vance Brown, which letter purportedly contained secret and highly authoritative information from Washington. The writer requested that the contents not be divulged; however, Record readers may find the same information in last week's issue of Time.

The following message to Rotarians is printed by request:

Goldville, S. C.  
January 10, 1942

Dear Rotarians:

Congratulations on One Hundredth Hundred Percent Meeting. Go out after Two Hundred now! You all made a fine group in the picture in the Record. I hear that Bob Massey is growing a mustache. Hope he has better luck than Vance Brown. Is he going to be a member of the Diaper Club too? Tell Bob Sawyer that South Carolina is the place to go to get married. Hope to see hmi and John Sumner soon. Miss the Rotary Club fellowship very much. Irby looked like the District Governor in the picture, and Vance seemed to be grieving about something. Maybe it was over the bank situation. Remember me to all the boys.

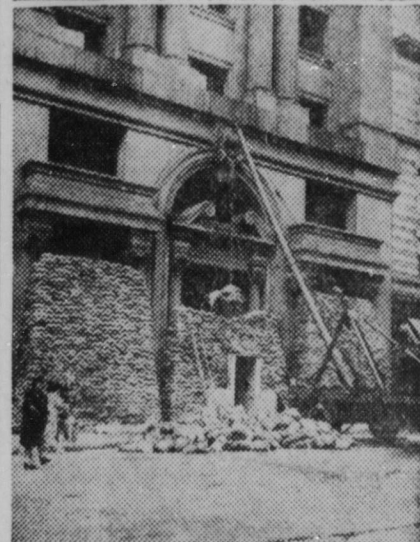
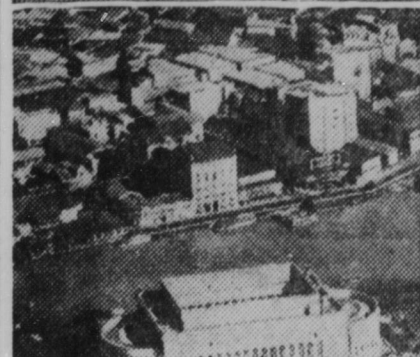
Cordially yours,  
CHAS. ALLEN

### Joint Club Meeting

Both women's clubs of Zebulon will meet on Tuesday of next week, the senior organization in the afternoon at 3:30, the Junior club meeting at night, both in the clubhouse. Mrs. C. F. Allen, chairman of the art department, is no longer in Zebulon, but the program will be presented as scheduled for the afternoon. Mesdames F. D. Finch and J. V. Cox are hostesses.

Mrs. Charles Flowers will direct the program.

All members who have not already paid their dues are asked to do so at this meeting as national dues must be sent in at once. There is also a request for a penny from each member as a donation to the Penny Art Club.



**WAR PICTURES**—In the top photograph the President is shown reading his war message to Congress. Behind him is seen Vice-President Wallace. The second picture of Manila, mercilessly bombed by the Japanese after being declared an open city. Next is shown the San Francisco telephone office sand-bagged as protection against bombs, and bottom, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau urges Americans to buy defense stamps and bonds.

## Citizens to Sign Up for Defense

To Enroll Saturday  
At Town Office  
10 to 12, 2 to 6

Falling in line with the national defense movement Zebulon citizens will on next Saturday enroll for special work at home. Not all can join the fighting forces on the battle front, but each may have a share in making homes and town as nearly safe as possible.

Plans are to have each person enrolling give the nature of work he or she is able to do with the number of hours that may be given to it. Town Manager Leon Thompson is busily engaged in perfecting arrangements and hopes for one hundred per cent cooperation.

You may not be able to give much time and perhaps you feel your ability may be limited; but there are so many phases of defense that none need hold back for fear of not being able to help.

Whatever Zebulon and community may need in the way of preparation should be attended to, and that speedily. The future is uncertain, but the need of making ready is certain.

### Wake County Tire Quota Set

The Zebulon Motor Company has been appointed to membership on the Wake County Tire Rationing Board. The board is at present holding daily meetings, except Saturday, in the county courthouse.

To be eligible for tires or tubes a person must be given certification of the need of them by a qualified inspector, then may appear and petition the board for tires or tubes.

Wake County's quota for this month is 119 tires and 100 tubes for private cars; 285 tires and 239 tubes for heavy trucks.

### Winter Arrives

Two light snows last week with unusually cold weather brought Zebulon a touch of real winter. On Sunday morning official temperature records gave six degrees above zero for this section. Little wind made the cold less disagreeable, but it pinched.

### Plant-beds Lack Canvas

Many Farmers Are Using Wheat Straw To Protect Plants

Farmers are having a hard time trying to buy canvas cloth to cover their newly-sown tobacco seed. Word has gone out that authorities will make an effort to have cloth available by the time it is needed—which in this section is NOW.

Formerly plant-bed cloth was carefully saved from one year to another, being neatly rolled up and put away after using. About this time of year it was one of the tasks of women and girls to go over it and patch the holes, making it ready for further service. A measure of prosperity combined with tenancy of land resulted in the cloth being considered as temporary as the bed it covered.

Some farmers are trying out a plan that calls for a light layer of wheat straw under the old plant-bed cloth. This is said to give good results, the straw furnishing protection and the cloth holding it down.

### Mrs. S. Lawrence Of Apex Dies

News of the death last Saturday of Mrs. Sexton Lawrence of Apex brought sadness to relatives and friends here. Mrs. Lawrence was a daughter of the late Thomas Honeycutt, a sister of Mrs. Lucy Bunn and Mrs. Hershel Mitchell of Wakefield and before marriage lived in that village. Of her children two, the Rev. Tom Lawrence and Mrs. James, formerly Miss Alva Lawrence, occupy prominent places in the work of the Baptist denomination.

### Charlie Shannon To Leave Zebulon

His friends are regretting that C. M. Shannon, for some time Zebulon's chief of police, will shortly leave here for Union County, where his father lives.

Mrs. Shannon, a daughter of the John Clarkes, and the children of the family will be missed from the town and community. The new home will be at Monroe, where Mr. Shannon will be on the police force.

### Methodist Church

Services for Sunday, Jan. 18:  
Church school—10:00.  
Young peoples service—6:45.  
Church service—7:30.

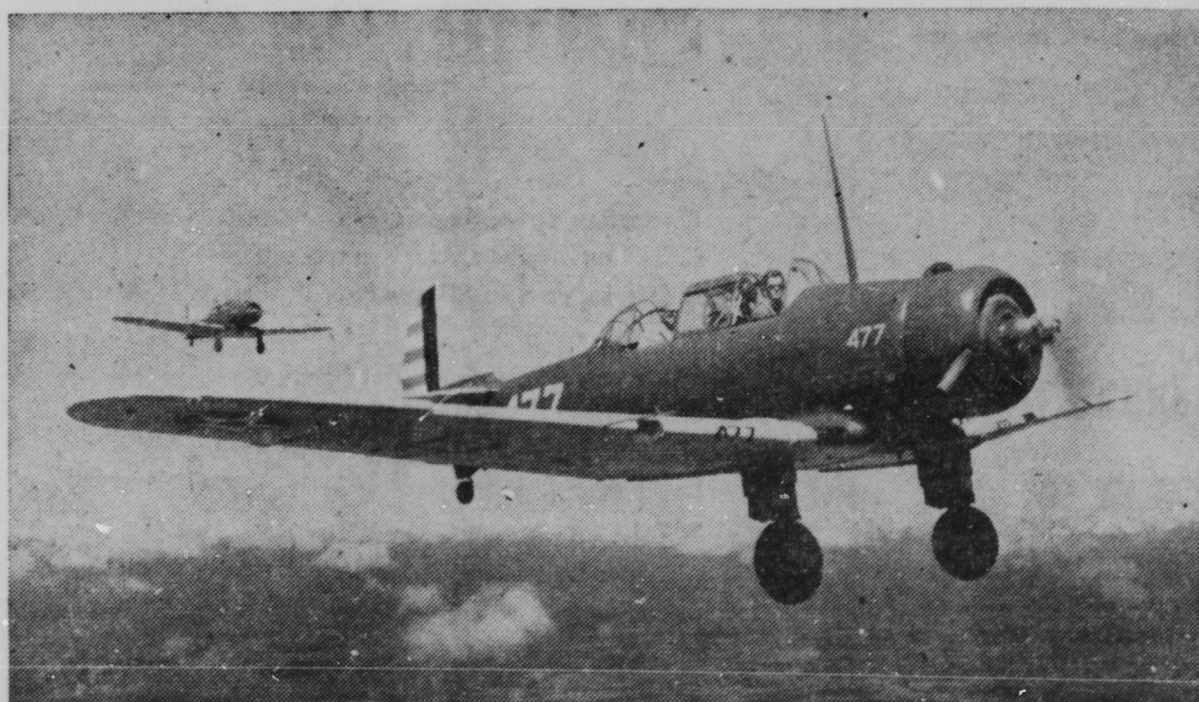
"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalms 122: 1.

### Baptist Church

Services at the Baptist Church for Sunday, January 18, will be:  
9:45—Sunday school.

11:00—Morning worship. Sermon subject: "Holding On or Turning Loose."

7:00—Young people meet.  
7:30—Evening worship. At this hour we are to have a guest speaker.



**FAMILIAR SIGHT**—Appearing often over the south Texas plains are the low winged monoplanes of the Army Air Corps, for at Randolph Field are more than 4000 future pilots. Fourteen North Carolina

collegians are now training at Uncle Sam's "West Point of the Air," which has increased its pilot training facilities many times in the last few years. Flying cadets pile up 70 hours of flying time in 10 weeks and

after seven months' training receive their wings and second lieutenant bars. North State cadets come from the University of North Carolina, Duke, High Point, Mars Hill, State, WCTC, and Wake.

## ALMANAC



- JANUARY**
- 15—Price of wheat rises to \$1.45 a bushel, 1915, highest since 1898.
  - 16—First Nebraska territorial legislature meets in Omaha, 1855.
  - 17—Benjamin Franklin, statesman, philosopher, born, Boston, 1706.
  - 18—Peace conference opens at Versailles, 1919.
  - 19—Floods on Ohio leave 15,000 homeless around Cincinnati, 1907.
  - 20—First third term inauguration of president in U. S., 1941.
  - 21—Louis XVI executed, 1793.