

This, That & the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

The Psalmist tells us "the days of our years are three-score years and ten," adding that by reason of strength some may attain four-score years. Job spoke of how one dieth in his full strength, his bones moistened with marrow. And at times the old and the young go close together.

In our home last Saturday afternoon one telegram told of the sudden death of my mother, nearly 82 years old. She was drying the dinner dishes when the stroke came and merely sank down and stopped breathing. As one of my sisters said, "It was just like Mother not to be sick a long time, and to die on Saturday so all the family could gather on Sunday without disrupting their own affairs."

Hardly two hours after the message about Mother's death came a telegram from the War Department saying our oldest son had been killed in action in the Philippines. We had for weeks been in suspense, because the fighting had been heavy where he was in command of a training camp of Philippine recruits, and we knew they were cut off from communication with southern Luzon.

On Sunday afternoon the service at Gladys, Virginia, was for both my son and my mother. Other members of the family wanted it that way, and there were more of us together than could gather again soon. It was a short, simple, sweet service with the same friend who sang at my father's funeral singing again. This time she used that old song about the dear ones gathering home, and I had not before fully realized its beauty.

The unexpected tribute here Sunday morning when the Methodist church and the Wakefield church called off services and joined our congregation has deeply touched and comforted us. We knew Mrs. Massey was to sing and that we would be mentioned in prayer, but had no idea the news would spread so rapidly nor that so many would attend. Sorrow is lessened when thus shared.

Because some have asked about the words Mrs. Massey sang Sunday to the music of Londonderry Air I am having them printed here. I wrote them two years ago primarily for my own burial, whenever that may be; but I wanted them used for Mother and Eric. They are my sincere belief and I know of no music that touches my soul more than the old Londonderry Air. If others may find some measure of

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Taxpayers May Deduct Fire Losses from Taxed Income

Charitable Donations May Also Be Counted on Talley

Some of the items that are deductible from gross income to determine net income are listed in this article. Lack of space prevents a full explanation of the various deductions. If in doubt on any item consult the nearest collector of internal revenue, deputy collector or internal revenue agent.

Typical business expenses of a mercantile establishment are amounts paid for advertising, hire of clerks and other employees, rent, light, heat, water, stationery, stamps, telephone, property insurance and delivery expenses.

A professional man may deduct all necessary expenses incurred in the pursuit of his profession.

A loss arising from "fires, storms, shipwrecks, or other casualty" need not be connected with the taxpayer's trade or business. If his home or his automobile is destroyed by fire he may claim a deduction for the loss sustained unless compensated for by insurance or otherwise. Loss of property by theft is an allowable deduction.

In general, taxes are deductible only by the person upon whom they are imposed. Certain taxes are not deductible, such as those assessed against some local benefits, and the Federal income tax. The Federal tax of 10 percent on the retail sale of jewelry, furs, and toilet preparations is not deductible by the purchaser. Other taxes not deductible are those imposed on employees by the Social Security Act, Federal estate and gift taxes and State inheritance, estate, legacy, or succession taxes. The Federal taxes on automobiles, gasoline, cigarettes, and liquor are imposed upon the manufacturer, producer, or importer, and are not deductible by the purchaser or consumer.

Charitable contributions and gifts made by an individual are deductible within certain limitations, if actually paid within the year. The organization to which the gift is made, for example a corporation, trust, community chest, fund or foundation must be created in or organized under the law of the United States or any possession of the United States or under the law of any State or Territory, or of the District of Columbia and must be organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Gifts to an individual are not deductible.

Amounts paid or accrued within the taxable year 1941 as interest on indebtedness are deductible, with certain exceptions, from gross income.

The Internal Revenue Code provides for "a reasonable allowance for the exhaustion, wear and tear or property used in the trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for obsolescence." For convenience such allowance usually is referred to as depreciation.

Wakefield G. A.

The Junior G. A.'s of Wakefield met at the Baptist Church on January 16 with Mrs. Harold Green and Mrs. Edison Wood in charge. After election of new officers and a business session, fruits and candies were served to Margaret Pace, Emma Pace, Joanna Williams, Jean Janes, and Betty B. Joyner. The next meeting will be at the home of Margaret and Emma Pace. All members are asked to come and bring new ones.—Betty B. Joyner

February Garden Plantings Given

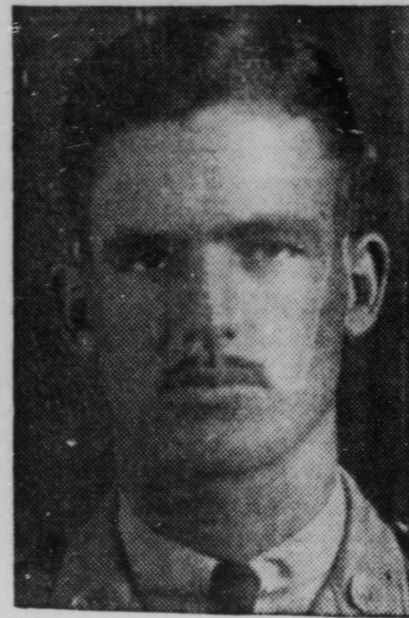
In the Tidewater, tender green and mustard should be started February 1; rape and mustard, February 10-28; beets, February 1; carrots, February 1; garden peas, February 1-10; turnips, February 1-15; in the Coastal Plain, lettuce plants, February 1-15; cabbage plants February 1-15; spinach, February 1-15; tender green and mustard, February 25; beets, February 15; carrots, February 15; garden peas, February 10-15; onions from sets, February 15-28; turnips, February 15-28; Irish potatoes, February 15-28; in the Piedmont, lettuce plants, February 15-28; cabbage plants, February 15-28; spinach, February 15-28; beets, February 15-18; carrots, February 15-18; garden peas, February 15-28; onions from seed, February 15-28; in the Mountains, onions from seed, February 15- March 1.

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club will meet Tuesday, February 17, in the club house at 4 p.m. EDST. Mrs. B. F. Boone has charge of the program. Mrs. H. I. Glass will be the speaker.

Baptist Church

Services for Sunday, February 15: Please note that time given is daylight time. 10:45 Sunday School. 12:00 Morning worship. The sermon will be brought by Mr. R. H. Herring.



MR. THEODORE B. DAVIS ZEBULON, N. CAR.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON FIRST LT. ERIC FARMER DAVIS UNITED STATES ARMY WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN DEFENSE OF HIS COUNTRY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS JANUARY FOURTH STOP DELAY IN REPORTING FACTS TO YOU CAUSED BY COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES STOP LETTER FOLLOWS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

HOMEWARD BOUND

Long lanes of time, ancestral strivings, Culminate in a flaming soul, That follows the gleam of Truth's far shining, Freedom's light toward Life's high goal.

Now only high noon; but the soldier is resting; Now only midday; but his battles are done;

A heart-filling fight, with aim to widen The perilous road, where others will run.

O perilous road! But there Freedom's white beauty Shines over the strife as the flower the cloid;

And he who loved Truth, held Freedom high duty, Knew that the road is the highway to God.

—Sarah S. Hughlett.

Recorder's Court Is Crowded Last Week

Assault Cases Head Crowded Docket; D. & D. Comes Next

Wednesday of last week was a busy day in Recorder's Court here.

Cases as follows were brought up with disposition as recorded: Coy Pate: Possession of non-tax-paid whiskey. Sentence of 60 days on State highway suspended on immediate payment of costs amounting to \$26.00, and a fine of \$10.00 to be paid not later than March.

The case of Rufus Beckwith, charged with non-support of an illegitimate child, was not pressed with leave.

Shelton Morgan, for assault, was given 60 days in the common jail of Wake County, suspended on payment of costs, a \$5.00 fine, a promise of good behavior for one year. An additional sentence was 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of a doctor's bill for \$5.00 and costs.

Jesse Hicks was found to have been drunk and disorderly and had judgment suspended on payment of \$5.00 fine and costs.

Robert Tuck was also found to have been drunk and disorderly and the same sentence given Hicks was given him.

Beedie Goodson pled guilty of larceny and was sentenced to six months on the State highway.

Walter Horton pled guilty to assault. Sentence was 60 days, suspended on payment of costs and good behavior one year.

Case against Lester Barham, charged with larceny, was dismissed, no probable cause being found.

Charles Mitchell was charged with destruction of cemetery property and pled guilty. Upon recommendation of prosecuting witness judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Albert Horton pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. He was given six months on the State roads.

Willie Bunn, charged with carnal knowledge, had his case continued till March court.

Raymond Horton pled guilty to assault with deadly weapon and was sentenced to six months on the State highway.

Methodist Church

Sunday services, February 15: church school — 10:00; worship service — 8:00.

Rotary Club

The Rotary Club continued its perfect record by holding another 100 per cent meeting last Friday night. The program time was taken up by Ferd Davis, Robert D. Massey, and Vance Brown, who made reports on the information meeting at Rocky Mount the preceding week.

M. C. S. S. Meets

The Methodist Christian Service Society met with Mrs. M. J. Sexton with Mrs. B. F. Boone leading the devotional which consisted of an impressive candlelight pledge service, each member pledging prayers, gifts and service for extension of God's kingdom.

Mesdames W. D. Finch and Kitching volunteered to take charge of the work for children under twelve years.

Mesdames Boone and Sexton are the new Epworth League leaders.

Pastor Boone, Mrs. Boone, Mesdames Sexton, W. D. Finch, Jethro Stell and A. R. House attended the Missionary Institute recently held in Raleigh for training leaders for Christian work.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Pruning Pine Trees Urged on Farms

Pruning shrubs and fruit trees has long been recognized as a valuable practice, and now comes the suggestion from R. W. Graeber Extension forester of N. C. State College, that North Carolina farmers prune their pine trees. The idea has been tried out for the past two years; now it is beyond the experimental stage, says Graeber.

The growing of pines as a crop on the farm is well on its way as one of the South's most profitable developments. The only drawback is that the bulk of the pine timber in the South is growing in understocked stands, where there are too few trees per acre.

The result is that such uncrowded trees generally grow rapidly in diameter and branch freely. The trunks taper sharply and have a high percentage of sapwood and many knots. "Proper pruning of young trees practically guarantees high quality timber," the Extension worker declared. "Knots constitute the only common defect in second-growth Southern pine timber."

Graeber says that there is little demand for very knotty pines or poles, and even the pulp mills refuse to take too much knotty wood. Clear saw-logs are worth two or three times as much as knotty logs. Where pines grow in well stocked stands, they will prune themselves, but where open growth is found, pruning is necessary.

Philatheas Meet

The Philathea Class of the Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. W. N. Pitts on last Monday evening, with Mrs. John D. Horton as program leader.

After the devotional part of the program Mrs. Horton presented Mrs. S. G. Flowers, teacher of the corresponding Woman's class of the Methodist church, who spoke on the subject, *Building a better world together.*

Mrs. Flowers' talk was very forcefully presented, giving food for serious thought to those who heard her.

After a short business session an informal social hour was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

On Dean's List

The name of Cornelia Herring, senior at Meredith College, is among those on the Dean's list, which means that her grades are so high she does not have to attend classes unless she herself feels it necessary. Miss Herring, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Herring of Zebulon, is editor of *The Twig*, bi-weekly newspaper of the college.

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"Wise men say nothing in dangerous times"—Selden

FEBRUARY

- 12—Lincoln's birthday; John Adams sent to France as U. S. agent, 1778.
- 13—University of N. Carolina opened, 1795.
- 14—Telephone patents issued to Bell and Gray, 1876.
- 15—U.S.S. Maine blown up, Havana harbor, 1898.
- 16—Samoaet, Indian chief, pays friendly visit to Pilgrims at Plymouth, 1621.
- 17—House of Representatives elects Jefferson president over Aaron Burr, 1801.
- 18—Slavery abolished in Cuba, 1880.



THE VOICE OF LINCOLN DOWN THE AGES—"I always feel inclined, when I happen to say anything to soldiers, to impress upon them the importance of success in this contest. It is not merely for today, but for all time to come, that we should perpetuate for our children's

children that great and free government which we have enjoyed all our lives... Still, let us not be over sanguine of a speedy, final triumph. Let us be quite sober. Let us diligently apply the means, never doubting that a just God, in His own good time, will give us the rightful result."

WHAT NEXT?



An illuminated compact which permits the user to primp in the dark is the idea here. A small bulb and a completely concealed battery, below the mirror, does the trick. Of light plastic material, the compact has a compartment for loose powder with sifter and powder puff.