

## This, That and the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

"Now I have to go down to the shop and work a while; and I want to be SURE you two are going to bed early. DON'T sit there and read till midnight; you need more sleep than you are getting. Promise me you won't sit up late."

The above suggestion, not to say command, was heard at our house one night last week; but neither my husband nor I was the speaker. It was our youngest son, somewhat worried and anxious because we had colds and were tired.

We elderly parents looked at each other and grinned sheepishly. It was so exactly the sort of thing we have said so many times and only quit saying a year or two ago. And here we are getting it back with interest.

There's at least one man in the Baptist congregation who would probably appreciate having hat-holders included on the list of improvements planned for that church. He came in Sunday after classes to take his place by his wife, who was next to me. When we sat down after singing the first song she hurriedly raised herself and lifted from where she had been her husband's hat, its jaunty crushed crown even more crushed than had been meant by manufacturer or owner. With a sigh she said to me, "I sit on it every Sunday." It seems he comes in and puts the hat on the seat as they stand and she always forgets to remember it. Some of those wire racks fastened under the pews might help them.

According to the papers, Senator Byrd of Virginia has been appointed on a committee to look into the extravagance said to be rampant in Washington governmental affairs. He has a lot to see. To my mind wastefulness now is on a par with sabotage; and it is a peculiar trait of most humans to feel that funds of any organization need not be administered with the same diligent economy they would use for their own private affairs. And could anything be more ironic than insistence upon housekeepers economizing in everything to the limit while funds are squandered suggesting economies by mail, by publications and by radio. We want our soldiers fed, clothed and paid, and want it all done well; we want them abundantly supplied with munitions of war; and we are willing to sacrifice to that end. But we want also to know that what is paid out goes for its real equivalent in work or goods. Senator Byrd has a reputation for economy. Here's to his success.

I read with gratitude that in a nearby town those who had meant to publish a list of needy families for Christmas donors to help could find none who lacked necessities. That is different from any former time that I recall. Of course there are many who could use much more than they have, but to feel that none are suffering brings thankfulness.



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## Rotary Club Hears Miller Give Biography

Prof. B. K. Miller spoke to the Zebulon Rotary Friday evening, Dec. 11, when the Club held its 150th consecutive 100 per cent meeting. Two of the members were absent but they are war horses and will make up their attendance somewhere. This is a record to be proud of for it puts Zebulon on the map and will go down in its history.

Prof. Miller's subject was a biography of his life. He stated that his great grandfather lived in Randolph county at one time and moved from there to Buncombe county.

Prof. Miller grew up and attended school at Fairview. After finishing school there he went to Mars Hill and studied under Preston Stringfield who was born and reared in Wakefield. After studying there two years he accepted a position in a one-teacher school located on the top of a mountain. His salary was \$40.00 per month.

He saved his money and invested it in calves for he wanted to be a farmer.

The following year he taught in a school on the coast at a salary of \$50.00 per month. After teaching there for one year, he secured a position in the Biltmore school at a salary of \$60.00 per month, all this time investing his money in calves and colts so that sometime he could settle down to farming and stock raising.

When the World War came he enlisted and served through it. After the war he lost interest in farming and decided instead to help his fellow man.

As the standard of teaching had been raised and requirements were greater he saw that he could not go far with his present training, so he spent two years at Wake Forest College. On leaving there he accepted a school in the southern part of Johnston County.

Irby Gill taught at this school in Johnston County, and Prof. Miller said it was a most successful year.

The following year he taught in

## CHURCH CALENDAR

BAPTIST CHURCH

Special Christmas services, Sunday, Dec. 20:

9:45, Sunday School.

11:00, Morning Worship. Sermon topic: "Angels of Christmas." At this service we are to honor all the men of the church who are in the armed forces. The parents of these boys are requested to be present also.

6:45, Young People's meeting.

7:30, Christmas program of music. All the people of the community are invited to this service.

PERFECT S. S. ATTENDANCE

Wakefield Baptist Church has nine members of the Sunday School who attended Sunday School every Sunday during the last year. Their names are as follows: Mrs. C. B. Pace and her four children: Emma Ruth Pace, Lela Pace, Bobby Pace and Victor Pace. The others are as follows: Mr. P. P. Pace, Harold Pippin, Doris and Dot Knott.

## With the Men In Service

Wilbur H. Pulley, AS-V6  
Barracks 230, Co. 70  
U. S. N. T. S.  
Bainbridge, Md.

Seven Springs—On leaving there he went to Fremont in Wayne County and had been teaching there for 12 years when he was called to Wakelon.

The Club enjoyed hearing Prof. Miller's life history and ambition. He has shown the Club that he has the Rotary spirit—"Service Above Self." He is a Rotary but did not know it.

Pastor Charles Vale of the Methodist Church was welcomed as a new member.

—D. D. Chamblee

## U. S. Government Recognition To Local Bank

The Peoples Bank and Trust Co. has been appointed an authorized agent of the U. S. government for the issuance of War Bonds and rendering other special services for the government. This was done because of the splendid co-operation and support the bank has given in every way to the country's war effort. The people of this community may now get the same service in the local bank as they would in dealing directly with the government in purchasing bonds.

The Peoples Bank and Trust Co. has sold \$192,465.00 War Bonds to its customers and others. When cashing checks or on other business at the bank, be sure to buy a few war bonds. In this way, you will be making a fine investment and at the same time helping your country to bring peace once more to a warring world.

## Freak Eggs

The Clarence Hintons have two hens which seem to have an aversion to the usual shape eggs and lay theirs with shells ridged and corrugated into strange patterns. Two brought to the Record Shop last week look almost as much like small squashes as eggs.

## Salvage Comm. Met Dec. 10th

The meeting was called to order and the following were present: W. I. Hopkins, R. Vance Brown and L. C. Thompson.

A report was given to the Committee by L. C. Thompson on the finances. This report consisted of the total amount of money received, and the expense, all derived from bank statements which shows amount received and disbursed. Canceled checks were on hand showing in every case what the

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## Allies Hardput in Africa But Victory Inevitable

This is the fourth of a series of weekly articles written especially to help RECORD readers keep up with the general trend of the war.

This past week's news brought plenty of contradictions from all parts of the globe. Most of it, however, presented a bright side for the Allies.

American and British ground forces in Tunisia are being hardput to hold their ground against fierce German tank and bomber attacks, which, though expected, are much more fierce than anything the Allies thought the Germans could bring forth. The Allied Air Force has at last been increased until we now can challenge the German's complete superiority in the air over Tunis. Planes used by the Nazi forces are superior to any of their older models, and may be the first of a new German Air

Force said to be abuilding in the Reich.

Rommel's retreat across Africa has again been renewed. After weeks of preparation for a long drawn out battle, the British 8th Army broke the German ranks at the first blow and are now on the way to Tripoli.

Over Europe, where the exploits of the American Airmen are much-publicized, operations for the past week have been nearly entirely carried out by the R.A.F., which has flown across the continent several times to bomb Italy. Bad weather has hampered aerial operations over Europe throughout the week.

The Solomons battle is continuing with little progress being made by either side. New American reinforcements have been landed, while the Japs have lost extensively in trying to reinforce their hard-pressed troops.

New violent fighting has flared up at Buna Mission in New Guinea, which is one mile from Buna, reported captured by American forces a short while back. Army officers have been surprised at the completeness of the Jap fortifications, which enable a small group of Japanese to hold off a company of Allied troops.

The Chinese, as usual, are fighting with the same determination they have shown through the years, still waiting for heavy American bombers, which, they believe, can pave the way for attacks directly on Japan proper, striking at the heart of the Japanese war effort, and shortening the war considerably.

Little word has come from Alaska, either good or bad. The Japs are still there, and apparently in force, for the American army and navy has not yet felt sufficiently strong to try to drive them out.

The Russians are fighting off German counter-attacks all along the front, and report killing 1,600 additional Germans in yesterday's fighting. Reports from the Russian front have never been entirely clear however, and there seem

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## Swashie Clears Up The Telephone Situation

This week I called a young lady in town and when she picked up the receiver she said—

HELLO

—now these old ears of mine hear none too well anyway, so I said 'hello' a couple of times and finally got her up to a normal tone. We finished the conversation in fine form and she had completely regained all of her vocal coordination and volume.

Just the opposite of this lady is the big business executive who grabs the receiver off the hook and yells—

# HELLO

—After you finish scraping the bits of carbon and receiver from your inner ear, you begin the conversation, usually on something else, since his fierce approach has frightened all thoughts of your previous reason for calling out of your mind.

Then there are those people, both male and female who start off low

and finish with a wham, verily a true crescendo something like this

# HELL-O

Usually the sweet young thing trips lightly over to the phone and believing that some eligible male is phoning for a date trails—

# HELLO

—Of course this musical tone soon becomes drab when it's only the cashier down at the bank telling her that she has another check in with all her funds awol.

Oh yes, and far be it from me to forget that rugged individualist who in his most cultured voice picks up the receiver and growls—

# YEAH?

—Five will get you ten that the rest of his conversations is made up of 'Yeahs' in

various forms meaning yes, no, and maybe. There may be a few grunts thrown in.

We mustn't forget the adolescent whose voice is changing and he comes on the air with—

# HELLO

—Most embarrassing, particularly when it's the best girl on the other end of the line.

Of course the person calling sometimes is a very brilliant conversationalist and comes in after your hello with something like this—

"Hello, (musically) betcha can't guess who this is— Who? — Naw, guess again. — Who? Naw, guess again. Who? Naw, guess a—" By this time you are ready to tell her you don't give a (deleted by the editor) who she is and slam the receiver back on the hook with a

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