

This, That And  
The Other

BY MRS. THEO. B. DAVIS

When our youngest son, now with the fighter pilots in Italy, wrote us that he uses in one day more gasoline than it takes to run his father's car a whole year we realized more fully why it has to be rationed here. First and last we do a good bit of driving for this shop, though far less than formerly. And it makes me feel that even walking to work helps the situation when I remember that my son and other women's sons must have the gas, if they keep flying. And if we don't keep flying, the Germans and Japanese surely will—and in our direction eventually.

Walking down town Tuesday with Judy Robertson, who was pushing her 18-months-old cousin in a stroller, I remarked that I knew Judy's mother was glad school has closed, for otherwise she could do little all day but play with the small visitor.

Well," Judy said, "That's all that all of us do, now that Jean and I are at home." She added that she knew the baby will be badly spoiled when he is taken home, but that he is so much fun to have around they can't help the spoiling. And that baby is having a wonderful time.

When the ten-year-old grandson was in bed for so many weeks my husband sent a baby rabbit to help amuse him. It amused the whole family. My daughter took it out to grazing, haltered up in an old nylon stoke. Her husband let it nibble the flower arrangements in the living-room. It led a royal life, even bossing the family dog and terrifying a tiny Manchester terrier that chased it, kicking the terrier high into the air.

But Eric is now able to be up most of the day, and last Sunday he brought Blaze, the bunny, when they came out to see us. Eric watched and saw how Blaze mixed and mingled with his eight brothers and sisters, and pondered long whether he ought to be taken back to city life. Finally, he put Blaze in the car, but before they drove off, jumped out and carried him to the hutch to stay with his kind. Please, somebody buy that rabbit; none of us could eat him.

Now that the canning season has begun, canners might keep in mind that directions for different jar tops vary. The metal disks with that sealing already on must NOT be touched after processing the contents of the jar. If they are not sealed, use another disk and boil the jar again. Read directions for screw or glass tops—and follow them. Manufacturers have done lots of experimenting and are anxious for us to have success; they know best how their product should be used.

I do hope none of you try the old three-day boiling for peas, corn and such. If you don't have a pressure cooker for canning, do all the boiling one day anyway, and you'll save time in the end. And be sure to pack corn, peas or butterbeans loosely in the jars.

Talk about the pride a young girl feels in wearing the first corsage from her boy friend; that's little to the pride of a middle-aged mother who has on her shoulder an orchid or carnations sent by a soldier son for Mother's Day—or another day. You can't miss seeing her pleasure in this evidence of love and appreciation. Gray hair or white forms as good a contrast for corsages as do golden curls or dark, rolled tresses. We older women are not out of the picture.

## Club Postponed

The meeting of the Woman's Club has been postponed from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock. This was necessary because some of those who are to appear on the program found it impossible to arrive in time for the earlier date.

This meeting is to be of special interest and it is hoped that all members and members of the Junior Club and the Home Demonstration Club may attend.

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## Middlesex Scene of Annual Convention

The Eastern Carolina Singing Convention will have its annual meeting in the Middlesex High School auditorium on Sunday, May 28th. It is an annual affair and large crowds come to hear the singing of quartettes and choirs. The exercises will begin about 11:00 o'clock in the morning and continue till late afternoon. Singing classes from many churches and Sunday Schools are expected to come and take part in the singing. There will also be quartettes from Benson, Smithfield, Durham, Wilson and other towns. The Lone Star and Conway radio quartettes will be present and sing a number of songs.

Leon A. Hagwood of Middlesex is President of the Convention, C. J. Morris of Zebulon is Vice-President and Alvin Denton of Smithfield is Secretary. There is also an Executive Committee of fifteen members who assist in planning the annual meetings.

## Waste Paper Collection Friday

Mrs. L. M. Massey announces another collection of scrap paper on Friday afternoon of this week. All householders are requested to tie the papers in bundles and put them where they are easily accessible by 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. It will be taken, if not tied, but having this done will be greatly appreciated by those in charge of the work.

Salvaging paper is one of the important projects in conservation of war material and all should cooperate in its collection. Only one round can be made taking it up. If it can be sent direct to the clubhouse, still more time could be saved.

Don't forget the date—Friday p. m.—nor the paper that has accumulated during the past weeks.

## Legion Meets

The Cedric Harris Post No. 148 of The American Legion met Monday night and members present enjoyed a sumptuous barbecued chicken supper, "Dutch style." Members of the Women's Auxiliary were guests at the meal.

During the business session the following officers were elected for the coming year. (W and Z stand for Wendell and Zebulon.)

Commander, Walter Scarboro, W; 1st V—Commander, K. P. Leonard, Z; 2nd V—Commander, W. C. Marshbourne, W; 3rd V—Commander Roy Nowell, W; Adjutant, W. C. Land, W; Finance, M. M. Pleasants, W; Service Officer, Jim Dean, W; Guardianship, Charlie Marshburn, W; Sgt. at Arms, A. O. Bridgers, W; Chaplain, P. F. Massey, Z; Historian, R. B. Critcher, W; Athletic Officer, F. S. May, W; Child Welfare, F. D. Finch, Z; Americanism, F. M. Pearce, W; National Defense, J. O. Renfro, W; Graves Registration, K. P. Leonard, Z; Employment, I. D. Gill, Z; Boy Scouts, A. O. Bridgers, W, A. S. Hinton, Z; Membership, Haywood Biggs, W; Publicity, F. L. Page, Z; Chairman Sons of Legion, E. T. Boyette, W.

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## You Are Needed At The Red Cross Sewing Room

If you have not helped at the sewing room heretofore, will you carefully go over the reasons for your absence or lack of co-operation? It may be that you are very busy; so are those who do go. It may be you have more pressing obligations and must fulfill them. Perhaps you would prefer a day or an hour other than Tuesday afternoon. If so, that will be remedied. Until further notice the sewing room will be open all day Tuesday. After two weeks at the most arrangements will be made for other days as well.

This week Mesdames E. H. Moser, Guy Massey, R. H. Herring, Wallace Temple, F. J. Kerr, Mrs. Theo Davis and Mrs. L. M. Massey worked at the clubhouse. Mrs. C. V. Whitley sent in work done at home and Mrs. Moser brought what she had done.

## Annual Red Cross Meeting

Mr. Grover L. Dillon, Chairman of the Wake County Chapter, American Red Cross, announces that the Chapter will hold its annual meeting May 26, 1944 at 4:00 P. M. in the Joseph G. Brown Room Edenton Street Methodist Church. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of Chapter Officers and members of the Board of Directors. Chairmen will present reports on accomplishments of their service during the past fiscal year.

Mrs. John Pasco, Volunteer Special Service; Mrs. T. E. Browne, Production; Mrs. John Andrews, Surgical Dressings; Miss Daisy Thompson, Knitting; Mr. F. H. Shuford, Disaster; Miss Ruth Wyman, Life Saving; Mrs. T. L. Young, Home Service; Mr. Jesse G. Ball, Jr. First Aid; Mrs. Landon Hill, Camp and Hospital Council; Mrs. H. W. Mims, Nurse Recruitment; Mrs. F. Lee Terry, Volunteer Nurse's Aide; Mrs. Graham K. Hobbs, Home Nursing; Mrs. H. M. White, Junior Red Cross.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

## Child Poet

Susan, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah W. Chambliee of Richmond, Va., has written a number of poems which have been published in a booklet with the title *My First Poems*. She recently sent a copy of this to her grandfather, W. H. Chambliee of Zebulon, who let the associate editor of this paper read the collection. They range in subject from Nature to toys and in length from four to twenty-three lines. The selection below is fairly representative and, to the editor, is truly remarkable for one of Susan's age.

WINTER

When the soft snow is gently falling  
And the soft breezes through the trees are calling,  
The children come out to play  
On that gay and happy day.  
The trees are all bare and the ground is all white,  
While glitters the sky with its glorious light.

## Church News

BAPTIST CHURCH

10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon topic: "Pray For Peace"  
7:15 Training Union  
8:00 Evening Worship.

## Mrs. Chas. Morgan

Mrs. Charlie A. Morgan, 67, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Alton Pulley, Wednesday after a lingering illness.

She is survived by five children, Mrs. Onnie Driver and Mrs. Alton Pulley of Route 2, Zebulon, Clifton Morgan of Jacksonville, Fla., Sgt. Clarence Morgan of Panama, and Robey R. Morgan of Wilmington, Delaware.

Funeral services were held from Mrs. Pulley's residence Thursday afternoon at 4, conducted by the Rev. A. D. Parrish. Burial was in the Zebulon cemetery.

## Wakelon Has Novel Class Night Entertainment

Class Night at Wakelon was different from these exercises of former years, but nonetheless enjoyable. On Thursday at 8:30 p. m. seniors presented "The Rainbow Trail," a playlet.

Betty King was salutatorian. Mary Frances May was Queen of light, Wayne Chambliee a student. The Spirit of Education was represented by Bessie Kay Williams, while Initiative, Appreciation, Courtesy, Cooperation, Obedience, Health, Learning, Patriotism, Service and Loyalty were portrayed by Elizabeth Richards, Doretha Parrish, Elizabeth Ihrie, Audrey Amos, Dorothy Barnett, Imogene Pearce, Eloise Mitchell, Lydia Hinton, Rochelle Doyle and Etta Vee Lyles. Tommy Temple was herald, Jeanne Bobbitt, Patsy Allman, Alice Faulkner, Sandra Bunn, Peggy King and Armenia Hocutt were Rainbow Fairies. Other seniors and juniors assisted.

After the play Mr. and Mrs. Miller were hosts to the graduates, members of the school board and their wives, local ministers and wives, the faculty and other members of the school personnel in the Home Economics building.

On Friday morning the processional of graduates began at 10:30. The Rev. M. M. Turner led in prayer. Hilda Winstead, Hilda Lewis, Lydia Hinton, Faye Williams, Jewel May and Eleanor Oakley sang "Love Lies over the Hills."

The Rev. R. H. Herring presented the speaker, Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of Meredith College, who spoke in a conversational and personal way to the graduating class. He reminded the audience that he was going to address himself directly to the Seniors. After citing facts about so many students ending their preparation for life with the presentation of a diploma, he told the class that they were just on the threshold of life's opportunities. He told them to go on to college if possible and make the most thorough preparation for the many doors opening and to be opened in the future to them. The address was well-received and every one seemed to appreciate the practical message with its lessons for old and young.

The glee club sang "Life's Highway" just before the valedictory was delivered by Bessie Kay Williams.

Principal B. K. Miller presented diplomas to the class and the recessional sounded the final notes of Wakelon's 1944 commencement.

Marshals for commencement were Carrie Bridgers, Charles Horton, Hilda Winstead, L. T. Averett, Jr., Peggy Perry and Crocker Perry.

Zelma Greene and Carlton Reid Cox were class mascots.

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Dear Mr. Davis,

I am a reader of your paper and have been for a number of years, and I hope to continue on. I am over in Italy on the Beach head at Anzio, and our news from home is scarce. I was wondering if you could interest someone in the Union Hope area which I happen to be from, that would send in the weekly news to you. There are plenty boys here that feel the same. I am the only one that gets your paper and when I read it I pass it on to the others and they seem to enjoy it very much. They wonder why somebody don't send in the Union Hope news. They, like myself are anxious to read what is happening back home. If you can get anyone to do this for us boys we sure would appreciate it to the utmost.

Must close. I hope to remain  
Yours truly  
Cpl. D. R. Strickland

Sgt. Willard H. Gay, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gay, of Zebulon, Route 3, is now under arms at Bouganville, according to notice received here from the Army's Public Relations Office San Francisco.

Gay, awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity joined the Army on April 5th, 1941, at Fort Bragg. He has spent the past two years in the South Pacific, and is chief of a gun sector in his Field Artillery Battery.

He recently received the Presidents Citation for support of the Marines on Guadalcanal. He also has harvested some tobacco seed that he found growing wild near his gun emplacement. He sowed a plant bed and has some plants as large as a dime in two weeks after planting. He has planted potatoes around his camouflage net and some of the vines have grown as much as twenty feet giving him a natural camouflage as well as shade from the hot sun.

San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas May.—At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, future pilots, bombardiers and navigators are receiving preflight courses to prepare them for aerial instruction.

The present preflight class includes 65 from North Carolina, one of them from Zebulon: William S. Griffin.

Camp Butner, N. C. — The award of Good Conduct Medals to twelve members of WAC Detachment No. 1, Camp Butner, N. C., were announced today, by Col. Herbert M. Pool, post commander. Among the WACs receiving the awards is Lillian R. Mitchell, Zebulon.

The awards were made for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for the period of a year.

Earl Antone, USN, has been transferred to another post in the Pacific area. Earl writes that he and his cousin, Eugene Joseph, have seen plenty of action; but he adds that his people are not to worry, that he is all right and "can take it."

Leslie Garner, USN, came from California for three days with his aunt and uncle, the H. E. Manns, last week. He has been transferred from San Diego to another station.

Lt. Charles Whitley was among those recently sent overseas.