

*This, That And
The Other*
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One day not long ago I decided it would be well to experiment with the Yankee way of drying apples; peeling them, cutting each apple into quarters or sixths, and stringing these thick pieces on a strong thread to hang up for drying. A big needle was threaded with string saved when opening out feed sacks (tobacco twine would be less trouble and probably better.) My husband became interested and helped a while. Together we strung about three yards of apples and I hung them over the clothes line in the hot sun. We were surprised at how nicely they dried. The strings are handled much more easily than are driers of fruit. Once when it was raining I hung my strings of apples over the curtain rods in the little upstairs hall, and my grandson thought I was making some sort of newfangled portieres. Mentally, I apologize to the northerners who have for years done their sun-drying this way. No more spreading sliced apples for me.

If you are already canning all you have time, strength and produce for, don't even read this paragraph. If not, remember that the chances are canned vegetables and fruit will be harder to get next winter than you've ever known them to be. No matter how the war goes, extra supplies will be needed overseas. Many big companies have contracted to furnish the government more than they formerly put up in a whole season. Wholesalers are finding it very hard to contract for definite deliveries of canned goods. For these reasons it will be well to look out for our own needs to the best of our ability. True, we get fearfully tired at the work; but we shall probably rest up before time to eat what we put into the jars.

On Tuesday afternoon I went with my husband to the burial service for young Betty Belvin, whose tragic death was such a shock to the community. Bethlehem church has a nice looking congregation and it was most courteous for a number to introduce themselves to me. One lady—I think she said she was Mrs. Pulley—told me she reads this column every week and has taken the *Record* twenty years, which is also something of a record.

After the funeral we were to go to Wake Forest to deliver some printing, and Theo. thought it would be better to go on from the church instead of turning around and going back to where we left the paved highway. He said we'd strike the paved road to Wake Forest after a few miles. It was beautiful along the way. Tobacco was being suckered or barned, the yellow leaves translucent in the sun. Corn was dark green, though much of it had been flattened by the recent storm and lay with only the tasseled tips upright as though stretching out hands and listening with all ears for help to come that it might straighten out again. Fruit trees were laden till they swayed tiredly in the breeze. A man and woman picked butterbeans from vines as tall as they were. Goldenrod told us that autumn is on the way.

Sure enough we hit the paved road and drove along it for some distance. I remarked on the attractive homes to be seen and all at once we were on a street, which astounded the driver. He asked "Where are we?", and aside from being in our old Chevrolet I had no notion. Then he saw that we were in Rolesville and wondered how we had passed that junction between here and Daniel's filling station without seeing it. I didn't know, but my sense of direction is so poor I can get confused in Zebulon. I excuse myself by saying I inherited it from Mother and let others decide which way to go. Anyway, that Rolesville street is worth going to see.

We didn't get off the track any more and were soon returning from Wake Forest. It worried us to see, first, two mules grazing on what looked at that distance like a sweet potato patch. And further on a fat red cow stood in the road watching two other cows that had not as she had filled up on

Your Chance Here, Girls

With a steadily mounting number of returned war casualties, the Army Recruiting Stations in North Carolina are making an all-out bid to enlist women as WAC Medical technicians, according to Sgt. Marjorie Radder of the Raleigh Army Recruiting Sub-Station.

Minimum requirements for service in the Medical Corps are a high school education and an earnest desire to learn this type of work. The Army is seeking already trained technicians as well as qualified women without previous technical training. It was pointed out by Sgt. Radder that training received for Medical Corps assignment will be invaluable after the war to Wacs recruited for this field.

Wacs are trained for these duties at the Medical Department Enlisted Technician Schools at Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Ind. Courses last from 8 to 16 weeks. Following training, the Wacs will be assigned to hospitals in the states as well as overseas.

For additional information, women may write or see Sgt. Radder at the Raleigh post office.

Betty Belvin

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at Bethlehem Baptist Church for Betty Belvin, 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. V. V. Belvin of the Mitchell's Mill community. The Rev. Theo. B. Davis was assisted by the Rev. A. D. Parrish, a former pastor of Miss Belvin, who died Monday morning.

Card Of Thanks

(Omitted by mistake from an earlier issue of this paper.)
The family of the late Alonza C. Chamblee express grateful appreciation of words of sympathy and acts of kindness at the time of their father's sudden death on July 7.

Rotary Club

The Zebulon Rotary Club continues to hold its 100 per cent consecutive meetings. Last Friday evening all members were present. Vance Brown had the program, his subject being, "Do we live the lives we plan, or do we plan the lives we live?" Vance had four speakers, two on the negative side and two on the affirmative. The following were the speakers: E. H. Moser, Vaden Whitley, Luther Massey and Charlie Vail. The negative won, as they had the strongest side. As a rule the man or woman who plans their lives have something to look forward to and try to prepare themselves for one particular thing. All other issues in their lives are side issues. This was the impression of the rotary members. No visitors were present.

Recorders Court

Judgments following were given in Recorder's Court last week, Judge A. R. House presiding. Chunk Bennett, charged with drunkenness, had judgment suspended on payment of costs. Charlie Horton, for careless and reckless driving was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10.00 and costs. Bronco Warrick and W. B. Duke, Jr., for illegal transportation of intoxicating liquor, had sentences of one year on the state roads suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs and were placed on probation for two years. All other cases were continued or sent to a higher court.

which way that was. Driving into Zebulon after having been gone

Curtis C. Critz Killed In Action

Mrs. Curtis Critz, formerly Miss Etha Strickland, received a message from the War Department Saturday informing her that her husband had been killed in action on July 6 on the Normandy Peninsula front. He had been previously wounded, but had recovered and returned to combat duty.

An infantryman with the 79th Division, Cpl. Critz had been in service since June, 1942. He had been overseas since March of this year. Mrs. Critz is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Strickland, of near Zebulon.

Prior to entering the Army Cpl. Critz was a printer, learning his trade in Danville, Va., where his parents lived. For a while he was a member of the Record Publishing Company staff, working also for the *Raleigh Times*.

In addition to the wife and parents, two brothers and two sisters survive.

It may be worthy of note that this is the third casualty among those who have worked with the Record Company. First was Lt. Eric Davis, son of the firm's head. Second was Sgt. Louis Poythress, who left his position here to enlist.

Ration Reminder

MEATS, FATS — Red Stamps A3 through Z8, A5, B5 and C5 good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS — Blue Stamps A3 through Z8 and A5 through F5 good indefinitely.

SUGAR — Sugar Stamps 30, 31 and 32, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar Stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

GASOLINE — In 17 East Coast States, A-11 coupons, good thru November 8. In States outside the East Coast Area, A-12 coupons, good through September 21.

FUEL OIL — Period 4 and 5 coupons, good through September 30. New Period 1 coupons now good.

SHOES — Airplane Stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

This One For You Kids

More low cost candy and better price control for candy are two of the aims of the Office of Price Administration in setting up four new advisory committees of candy manufacturers. Just in case you kids are interested, these manufacturers represent "general line candy," "candy bars," "package goods" and "wholesale candy."

Tires For Farm Vehicles

Because farm vehicles must be kept in service, they may be equipped with used truck tires if available, as well as with used passenger tires, OPA announces.

Plant Cover Crops

Farmers of Wake County may earn a practice payment of \$1.50 per acre under the 1945 AAA farm program for establishing winter cover from seedings this fall of wheat, oats, barley, rye, or mixtures of these grains, it was announced today by Russell Powell, chairman of the county AAA Committee.

To qualify for this payment a protective winter cover must be provided and the crop must not be harvested for grain. However, it may be pastured, cut for hay, turned under as a green manure crop, or left on the land as a "go down" crop next spring. The seed bed should be well prepared and the seed sown sufficiently early to permit plants to withstand winter freezes.

In view of the expected shortages of legume seed this fall, farmers of Wake County should take advantage of this opportunity under the AAA program to protect their soil against erosion through use of small grain cover crops.

Union Hope News

Our Sunday School met today a little earlier owing to the preaching that followed, as usual, on every first Sunday. Our pastor, Rev. Staniel, preached a very good sermon that everyone seemed to enjoy. The right hand of fellowship was also given to new church members. Attendance was extra good, and we had a lot of visitors from other churches. Rev. Harding, also a visitor from Corinth Church, dismissed the congregation.

Most people of this section are very busy with their tobacco, especially those that the wind storm hit last Tuesday night. A lot of tobacco, corn, and other crops were lowered by the wind. We are having a lot of rain now, which will probably finish the late crops. Late gardens are real good and most women are doing lots of canning.

Mr. Charlie B. Whitley celebrated his 56th birthday Sunday with a big family dinner. Some of his friends were also invited.

Martha Lee Denton is spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Brantley of Pilot.

Berlie Brantley, S2-c, recently arrived in Italy and had the pleasure of meeting a near relative, Cpl. Dorsey R. Strickland, and also another close friend, Frank Chamblee. Both boys have been serving with the army overseas for two years. The letters sent home from all three boys expressed joy in the reunion.

Bethany News

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parks of Henderson visited Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Davis Thursday.

Mrs. John Blackard, Mrs. Dewie Ray and Mrs. George Watson visited Mrs. Molly Blackard at Knightdale Saturday afternoon.

Miss Katherine Watkins is spending the summer with Miss Elouise Davis. Both Miss Watkins and Davis held jobs in Raleigh and quit to come home and help with housing the tobacco.

Mrs. George Cox spent Thursday at Mrs. G. H. Cox's canning.

Mrs. Lizzie McGee and Helen and Hurley Harward of Elizabeth City are spending some time with her grandson, Hoyle Davis.

Miss Christine Green of South Boston, Va., is visiting Miss Corina Robertson.

Mrs. S. T. Davis and Mrs. W. A. Davis celebrated their birthdays Sunday, August 6th, one's being the 6th and the other's the 7th. The dinner consisted of barbecue, chicken, slaw, and Brunswick stew. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Blackard and Walter, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Ray and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Poole and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Watson and family; Mrs. Lizzie McGee and Helen and Hurley Harward, all of Elizabeth City; Miss Katherine Watkins of Raleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Davis. After dinner every one was invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davis to a watermelon slicing. A number of friends and neighbors were there to enjoy the occasion.

Shotwell News

Glad to report a very good meeting, good attendance and good sermons.

Mrs. L. A. Doub of Knightdale gave her husband a very nice birthday dinner Sunday. She had all his sisters and brothers and their families, as well as his mother, present for the occasion. We all had a real good day together.

Mrs. Paschal of Knightdale spent the week with Mrs. L. L. Doub and attended church. She delights in going to church and is a faithful member of Oak Grove.

Mrs. J. H. Tucker of Kinston spent the week with her mother, Mrs. L. L. Doub. Her husband had gone North to buy goods for the Harvey Store.

Mrs. Hay visited in Wendell

With The Men In Service

PURPLE HEART

First Lt. Philip D. Pearce, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dollie Pearce of Zebulon, has received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Italy. He has served with the Fifth Army for 15 months, having gone overseas in April, 1943. He entered the service in October, 1939.

Excerpts from a letter of recent date from Talmage Harper, Bari, Italy.

"I have recovered from my injuries enough that I'm now with my group, flying missions again.

"We made a trip over Corsica, Sardinia and Mt. Vesuvius this week. Mt. Vesuvius is a tall mountain with a large, deep hole in the center. Smoke was still coming from the hole. It looks exactly like the pictures you've seen. On another trip we flew over Cassino and the Abbey that caused so much trouble. Cassino is no more than a pile of rubbish—might say a 'Ghost Town'.

"Another trip, we visited Naples, Rome, Pompeii and the Holy City. Rome is much like the cities back home, modern conveniences.

"Seems the farther North we go in Italy the better it is. Harvest-



ing of grain is much in evidence, civilization more real.

"The Italian melons and fruit are good, but are vastly different from ours.

"I had a most unusual experience and coincidence recently. As we were returning from a mission with two of our engines shot out, we were afraid of being attacked by enemy fighters. Some place over Yugoslavia one of our fighter planes came into sight (a P-51). I called him on the radio and asked for escort back to friendly territory. When he came near by, I read 'Tar Heel II' written on the ship. Immediately, I asked if it was Barrie Davis, and to my delight it was. Due to radio connections we couldn't carry on a conversation except by friendly gestures. He came back half way across the Adriatic and then went back to help another bomber."

Fred Pippin leaves this week for induction into the Navy. He is the second son of the Allan Pippins. His brother, Allan, also in the Navy, is now in the Central Pacific area.

Sgt. Clarence Morgan was home last week on furlough from his station in the Canal Zone. He was not able to get here when his mother died a few months ago.

In a letter to his parents, the M. T. Debnams, Capt. Dwite Debnam, USMC, tells of being wounded in the head and arm. He was in the hospital when he wrote and said his wounds were not serious. He has for some time been in the Pacific area. He has been recommended for the Purple Heart.

shopping in Raleigh Saturday