

This, That And
The Other

By Mrs. Theo B. Davis

Some of the most enjoyable reading I have done this summer is found in *The Woodland News*, a mimeographed sheet gotten out at Wake Forest by Margaret Brown, editor, and Jenny Cocke and Alice Spears, assistant editors. The first issues carried the name of Melinda Speas as Deliverer, but this was changed in later issues to Circulation Manager. These children have had the paper as a vacation project and my copies came from Jenny's mother, whom I knew at Gladys, Virginia, when she was Virginia Webb, special friend of my niece, Doris Thomas.

The Woodland News carries varied items of varying importance, all interesting. One story tells of Mr. Cocke's bees that swarmed on a bent-over tree and of the children's watching him in his bee suit as he hived the swarm. Another tells of the mole that messed up Mr. Brown's bean vines and adds, "Mr. Brown was angry." We know just how he felt. Moles are in our bean patch. An item telling of a newcomer to the neighborhood says he is nearly five, is very friendly, and likes lizards. Headlines above another item state that Frances Speas has stopped running away, which is important news to Frances' family, at least. The date of Mrs. Easley's music recital is given with the comment: "Most of the children are glad it is over. Most of them were scared." Climax of a story telling of Mrs. Clonts' slipping off a rock into the branch and getting very wet is "She had on her Sunday clothes." Animals, insects and reptiles share the headlines with humans. There is no effort towards elegance or eloquence, but always the facts are given clearly and concisely.

I commend such undertakings to mothers of other children who have to be at something, school or no school.

Do you remember Haile Selassie, the Ethiopian monarch whose kingdom was taken over by Mussolini some years ago, and who returned five years later to his throne, as he prophesied he would do? It is said he made nine forecasts, of which seven have been fulfilled. The eighth is that the Allies will be victorious in Europe "some time near November 11, 1944." I'm hoping hard that one doesn't miss fire. And I wouldn't mind if the fulfillment came ahead of the date set by Selassie.

At our house we are planning for a celebration of sorts on Thursday. The head of the house will be seventy that day. It takes one a good while to reach that age and justifies taking a little time from work.

Last Sunday my husband quoted from the ninetieth Psalm about the days of our years being three-score years and ten, then asked me about the rest of that verse. I replied that "if by reason of strength they be four score years", he had reason to expect them to be labour, if not sorrow. The seventy have surely been.

There are many who will agree that my husband is not an old man. But not all will be as flattering as was Mrs. Antone, who, not sure of what his age is, said "No matter what it is, Mr. Davis, you don't look it."

Mrs. Jenkins Made Representative Of Life Ins. Co.

Mrs. Ruby H. Jenkins has been appointed local representative for the Protective Life Insurance Co. of Birmingham, Ala. This company is one of the largest life insurance companies in the South, having more than \$190,000,000 of insurance in force. Mrs. Jenkins will be glad to talk over with you your life insurance needs.

The WFA has increased from 482 million pounds to 578 million, the allocation of flue-cured tobacco to manufacturers and dealers for domestic use.

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Daniel President Of Pharmacists

E. C. Daniel, owner of Zebulon Drug Store, has been elected president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association for the 1945-46 term. He is to be installed at the annual meeting next year. Nomination for the position was made last spring at the meeting in Raleigh, and voting was done by mail.

Mr. Daniel has been in the drug business 38 years. He has served as mayor of Zebulon eight years, has been secretary of the local school board, and member of the finance department of the Baptist church here, besides being on the board of directors of several financial institutions.

Rotary Club

OLIVER GLOVER SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB

Last Friday evening Oliver Glover had the program at the regular Rotary meeting. His subject was "Should we have compulsory military training for our young men?" He stated that the present war and the last one would not have cost so many lives had the boys been trained during peace times; that the cost of the war would have been greatly reduced if our camps and equipment had been built and manufactured during peace times.

After Mr. Glover had expressed himself, he asked Prof. Moser to speak. He was in favor of compulsory military training. It cost the government about \$50,000 to train a boy to fly our big airplanes. This cost can be greatly reduced by military training during peace time.

Luther Massey was asked for his opinion. He spoke against it, saying it might have a tendency to make a dictator government. Thus the subject is still a debated one.

Prof. Ray Lowry, the new Wake-
ton School principal, joined the Rotary Club.

Ernest Layfield and Otis Robertson of the Raleigh Rotary Club were welcome visitors.

Seen And Heard

PAGE AND PIGS

The Page Store Co. bought too much flour for the summer trade. Last winter they bought too much rye. The flour became tainted, and Walter Page did not want to carry the rye over. So he had a lot of corn ground. He bought a lot of fish meal. Next he put his men to work mixing several tons of hog feed. Then he built a fence around the vacant lot next to his warehouse; visited the Rocky Mount and Raleigh hog markets, and bought some sixty pigs. Along about the Christmas season there is going to be one of the hog killing times in Zebulon you ever heard about.

TALL TOBACCO TALES

A farmer told us the other day that when his truck mule went down the row, that he could not see him any more till he came out of the field.

Kemp Leonard says he has primed his tobacco high enough to be able to see the folks and the mules at work under the top leaves, and that it will be two more weeks before he finishes curing.

P. G. Curtis was in town one day lately when farmers are supposed to be in the field. Some one asked him if he had to stop priming and come to town to get a step ladder. He replied that it was not quite that bad, but almost.

SOME TOMATOES!

On Wednesday morning T. Y. Puryear came into the *Record* office and left three tomatoes his wife sent us. Their total weight was four pounds. The largest weighed one pound and seven ounces. They seemed to be the Brimmer variety. Mrs. Puryear

Zebulon's Biggest Enterprise Begins

On Tuesday morning the Beck Veneer Company began operation. It is Zebulon's newest as well as biggest enterprise. All of the ground space of the old cotton mill is used, as well as considerably more, on which have been built a big brick enclosed room for drying the finished veneer, and two steaming rooms for logs. Also that part of the building which houses the cutting machines is new. Back of the main plant is another building in which a 175 horse power boiler has been installed.

A side track has been built for loading and unloading. Already 35,000 feet of logs are on the grounds. When operating regularly it will take 7,000 feet of logs daily to supply the plant. Forty men will be required for operation, along with about ten able-bodied women. So far only about half the number of employees needed have been secured. White and colored men are wanted, and preferably colored women. Farmers who have finished their crops and want work for the fall and winter should call at the plant.

The mill turns out only veneer. It is shaved into strips, graded and cut into sheets, stacked and carried to the dryroom. After being cured it is loaded on cars and shipped to mills elsewhere, where it is made into ply-board and boxes. A twenty-four-inch log will turn off a strip of veneer about a mile long. Only poplar and gum are used. The poplar may be used green from the woods, but the gum must be steamed first. Farmers having such timber for sale should contact one of the Mr. Becks. They are: E. R., Fred and Howard. Fred and Howard will operate the plant, since E. R. will be away most of the time attending to other interests of his business.

Since the payroll will be above \$50,000 a year, Zebulon is to be congratulated on having this business and these progressive men located in our community.

Union Hope News

Next Sunday, Sept. 3rd, is our regular preaching Sunday and all attendance will be appreciated.

Misses Versa Gray Bryant, Lois and Lola Murray, Estelle Hicks, and Georgia Bass were visitors in the home of Miss Annie Sevelia Strickland last Sunday evening.

Mr. L. C. Strickland visited Mr. W. A. Brantley of the Pilot section Sunday.

Miss Clarice Brantley of Norfolk was a visitor of Miss Annie Pearl Brantley Sunday night.

Mr. DeWitt Hinnant celebrated his last day of barning tobacco with a barbecue supper.

Mr. Raeford Chamblee gave a barn supper last Saturday night. Barbecue, chicken, coffee, tea, and lemonade were served to all the barn hands. A few outside friends were invited and all members of the family were also present.

Mrs. Olie Brantley lost a tobacco barn by fire last Monday night, August 21st. This was her second fire in two weeks.

Pfc. R. B. Batchelor of Camp Butner is home again for the week end.

Cpl. William H. Brantley, son of Mrs. Hattie Brantley, was home last Monday. He is stationed at Camp Patrick Henry, Newport News, Va.

SECOND DEGREE WORK IN MASONRY

The Zebulon Masonic Lodge in its regular monthly meeting will have special work in the second degree next Tuesday night. All members are requested to be present. Visitors are cordially invited.

is some tomato grower. So far she gets the prize.

Mrs. T. C. Pippin has the nicest patch of tomatoes we have seen. They are not the largest, but nice, smooth and round—just the right size for canning. And she has a big patch, too.

With The Men In Service

Maj. E. E. Hood, whose address is Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, visited Mrs. E. H. Hood and other relatives lately.

Lt. Wilbur T. Debnam, who has been in Lincoln, Neb., has been transferred to Pueblo, Colorado.

Earl Antone, who has been for some time in the Pacific area, is now in a hospital being treated for an injury to his front teeth. He wrote his parents, the A. D. Antonos, but could give no details.

Henry Massey of the USMC recently enjoyed a reunion with his brother, Wilbur, also a Marine. They had not seen each other for more than a year. Both are in the Pacific area.

S-Sgt. Dwight Tant has been spending a few days at home with his wife and son. News came of the death of his brother, Pvt. Kenneth Tant, in France, on August 8, while he was home.

Billy Ferrell of the Coast Guard spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. W. T. Ferrell. He has been taking amphibious training at Camp Bradford, Va.

Pfc. Robert Lee Kimball, who was for some time in Ireland, arrived in Norfolk a week ago and was sent to Quantico before being given a thirty-days furlough, which he is spending with his mother, Mrs. Mamie Kimball, and other relatives, arriving here last Friday. He is spending this week with his sister, Miss Marie Kimball, in Marion, S. C.

A letter received by relatives told of George Henry Temple and Melvin Massey seeing each other in England recently.

S-Sgt. J. R. Sawyer, who has been for some time in a hospital, was here for the week end with his wife and baby son.

KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Kenneth Tant of Route 2, Middlesex, was reported killed in action in France on August 8th.

Before entering the service in December of 1943, he was employed as a welder in the Wilmington ship yards. Pvt. Tant went overseas in June of this year.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Julian Whitley and Mrs. Curtis Glover, both of Route 2, Middlesex, and three brothers, Corbett Tant of Wilmington, Staff-Sergeant Dwight Tant of Fort Dix, N. J., and Jack Tant of Cypress Chapel, Va.

Hephzibah W.M.S.

The August meeting of the Hephzibah W. M. S. was held in the home of Mrs. Lumis Horton with the following members assisting her as joint hostesses: Mrs. W. S. Caudle, Mrs. J. P. Winston, Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. Hilliard, and Mrs. D. L. Martin.

The meeting was opened with the theme song, "The Morning Light Is Breaking." The watchword was repeated in unison.

Our soldiers were remembered in the usual way, followed with prayer by Mrs. Caudle.

A lovely devotional was given with each hostess taking a part.

Mrs. W. S. Caudle, program leader, then presented Mr. Caudle, who gave the program for the month.

At the conclusion of the program, the roll was called and minutes read. Business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned for the social hour.

The hostesses served ice cream with cake.

Kudzu is one of the best temporary grazing crops for building up the dairy industry in Rockingham County, say Extension Service representatives.

Tobacco Market Opened Monday

While Wendell took on somewhat the appearance of former years Monday, as the tobacco market opened, there was lacking the big crowd. Very noticeable was the absence of younger men of other openings, who are scattered over the world, engaged in the biggest job our country has ever undertaken. Then, too, most farmers were busy trying to finish up curing what, many believe to be the best tobacco crop in years.

One farmer said he came because he needed some money, others came because pack houses were filled and they needed more room. Still others needed more sticks and they could not buy nor borrow, so they brought their tobacco to empty the sticks needed. Then there was the usual crowd of spectators.

Sales were far below normal, but higher-than-usual average prices were paid. When the day's sales were ended the growers were happy over the prices. Tobacco that brought from \$16.00 to \$35.00 a hundred would have brought only 2 or 3 cents a pound a few years ago, or the warehousemen would have advised taking it back and using it for fertilizer. Much of the sales reached close to the ceiling. On the better grades the price, otherwise, would have been far above the ceiling. Better grades sold for from \$40.00 to \$47.00.

While the offerings on the local market were much less than usual, considering present conditions, both farmers and warehousemen were pleased with the opening day sales. 119,470 pounds were sold for \$52,213.92, an average of \$43.67 per hundred pounds. The present market outlook indicates that Wendell will exceed the total sales of last year by many thousand pounds, if not the most in the history of the local market. All warehousemen are "on their toes" to make it so. Only failure of the tobacco growers of this section to cooperate will prevent its being realized.

Red Cross Sewing

Workers in the Red Cross sewing room are really stitching. Some one said that at the present rate Zebulon will almost take care of Wake County's emergency quota of 1200 kits. Mrs. C. V. Whitley made 39 kits last week; Mrs. E. H. Moser made 36; Mrs. L. E. Long made 25, and Mrs. J. E. Carter 19. Others completed smaller numbers. Mrs. R. H. Herring keeps bandages cut and ready for those who will make them.

Mrs. Guy Massey told of seeing Mary Sue Long, eleven years old, and Jean Bunn, seven, busily cutting scraps for fracture pillows. Jean paused and remarked that her hands were tired. Mary Sue, whose fingers had been blistered by the scissors and bandaged, replied, "Yes, but think of the soldiers' feet." Both went back to cutting.

The sewing room is open all day Tuesdays and Fridays of each week. Some of the most faithful workers have had to stop to help with the tobacco crop, and there is room for all who can sew.

Church News

BAPTIST CHURCH

Services for Sunday, September 3rd:

10:00, Sunday School for adults and young people above 16 years of age.

11:00, Morning Worship. Sermon: "Tension."

8:00, Evening Worship. Sermon: "Isaiah's Experience of God."

There will be about three-fourths as many canned tomatoes for civilians this year as compared with 1943-44.