

This, That & The Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

A letter from our son in the Philippines said: "You needn't worry about the rain keeping you from attending church for Charles Horton's first sermon. I dreamed that I went to hear Charles preach, so the family was represented." . . . But nobody here knew Ferd was dreaming.

It gave me a queer feeling to do a little figuring and realize that I have lived through three of the six wars our country has fought. Though not on hand for the Revolution, the War of 1812, nor the Civil War, I was a young girl when the Spanish-American War began and lasted barely long enough for us to begin learning a new vocabulary. Less than four months, but long enough for many to know the sorrow wars bring. And it brought us the Philippines.

When World War I began and my husband tried to enlist as a chaplain I strove to balance his sense of duty with mine of relief when he was declared too old for the service. And when "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 brought the Armistice I was among those who thought there were grounds for hope that the war to end war had been finished. My mother saw three wars and the beginning of a fourth. Her father, her husband, her son and her grandsons were or had been soldiers. No wonder her tired heart gave out.

Those who rode back and forth celebrating last night have either exhausted their gasoline or their energies. Those who used exploding firecrackers as a means of letting off steam may have shot the last one, for there is quiet today. Stores in town are closed. The union service held at the Baptist church has just ended. The War is over.

Now we who made war are to turn to the making of peace. And when we consider world peace, it may be well to begin with it in our own hearts. Already I am looking back and seeing where I might have done more to help, wondering whether I might not have made a greater sacrifice of time or energy; whether I was the real patriot I should have been. Others will have like thoughts. And we shall have to live with ourselves all the days of our lives. Our peace must be largely a compromise.

We must study community peace with all it implies of readjustment, co-operation, tolerance and sympathy. We must, insofar as is possible, take care of our own as they return to civilian life.

We must unceasingly strive to keep ourselves from the pride that goeth before destruction, the haughty spirit that precedes a fall. We dare not forget our own faults and failings, the injustices our nation in years past inflicted upon those unable to resist. Over and over we need to voice the prayer: "America, America, God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law."

We must be continually on guard lest "drunk with the sight of power we loose wild tongues that have not God in awe" and descend to the level of lesser breeds.

Shotwell Notes

Grady Douglas, who has been at the Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Md., is visiting his parents, the Hubert Douglases.

Mr. G. W. Miles had the misfortune of losing a tobacco barn last week.

Mrs. Lythrell Holloman and daughters, Clarice and Lillian, of Portsmouth, Va., were last Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. G. M. Johnson. Mrs. May and Mrs. Alice Shepich of Wendell were also there.

Miss Marjorie Gay of Durham spent last Friday night with her sister, Mrs. Johnnie Jones.

Little Peggy Joyce Johnson returned to her home last Friday after spending a week with her

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CHURCH NEWS

PREACHING AT PEARCES

There will be church services at Pearce Baptist church next Sunday morning. Rev. Theo. B. Davis of Zebulon will preach. Sermon subject: "A Religious Man." The public is very cordially invited to come and worship with the congregation.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Services for Sunday:
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon topic: "What Now?"
7:15 Training Union
8:00 Evening Worship. Sermon topic: "Choosing Companions."

CENTENNIAL PARTY

Sunbeams of the Baptist church under the leadership of Mrs. K. P. Leonard are giving a Centennial party Saturday afternoon at the church. Guests will be those who have reached their 75th birthday, with the exception of wives or husbands who may be younger, but who are invited to attend with their companion who is 75. Mrs. Leonard extends through this paper an invitation to any eligible whom she may not have a chance to see personally.

A program by the children will be given in the Baraca room after which refreshments will be served.

Red Cross Sewing

Mrs. Wallace Temple, chairman, announces a new project at the Red Cross sewing room here. An urgent need for layettes has caused other work to be put aside until the needed baby clothing can be made.

Zebulon's quota has been set at 225 sleeping garments to be made of outing. The work is not difficult, but will take some time to complete. Help is much needed and it is hoped the response to this appeal may be adequate. Those who cannot sew on machines may do handwork, which is an important part of the sewing on hand.

After the completion of this project all work done will be for United States patients in hospitals.

Mrs. Temple insists that accurate accounts of hours worked for the Red Cross be kept, since plans at headquarters are for pins to be presented all who have worked the required time to earn them. The pin is in recognition of time given.

V-Day Celebrated

Nearly all of Zebulon's business houses were closed Wednesday in celebration of war's end, news of which came over the radio Tuesday about 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday night a number of citizens rode back and forth with horns blaring, set off fireworks or otherwise displayed enthusiasm.

In larger towns and in cities spectacular programs of celebration were staged and some church services were held on Tuesday night.

A union service here was held in the Baptist church at 9:30 Wednesday morning with pastors Vale and Griffin in charge, assisted by former pastors R. H. Herring and T. B. Davis. Attendance was good, considering that announcement was made by telephone.

cousin, Luna Rose Johnson, and grandmother, Mrs. Bettie Johnson.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson and baby, Dorothy Anne, and Carolyn Strickland of Knightdale spent a while Saturday at the E. V. Johnsons.

Margaret Johnson spent the latter part of the week in Wendell with her grandparents, the L. B. Mays.

Clara Johnson visited Miss Kathleen Whitley Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rosa Nowell of Durham visited her sister, Mrs. Bettie Johnson, recently.

AN EDITORIAL —

Our Next War Near

Germany is vanquished; Japan is conquered, yet a more dangerous foe than either is not only at our door, but in our homes. North Carolina must gird herself with all her moral and religious forces if this foe is routed. Since our late President gave his personal endorsement to the use of strong drink and our prohibition laws were repealed, this awful enemy to society has been strengthening its stranglehold on our country.

Starting with our community, I have been told by those who have lived under both prohibition and the ABC setup that Wake county and other parts of our State have been steadily growing worse. I have never known conditions among social drinkers and drunkards quite so bad as they are today. I have seen some of our leading citizens and church members visit the ABC store unashamed—both men and women. For a quarter of a century I have lived in this community. I have never before seen so much drinking and drunkenness as today. I have asked a number of citizens about the use of intoxicating drink and they say they have never seen conditions so bad as now. One said, "There is five times more drinking today than under prohibition."

Nationally it is no better. President Harding was condemned for social drinking, yet we have frequently seen unadmitted statements of our late President and our present one taking a "social drink." It was reported by the press that Mr. Truman was "mixing a Bourbon" when news came to him of Mr. Roosevelt's death. TIME states that there was plenty to drink for everybody at the "Big Three" at Potsdam.

Now a Dr. Miller, connected with a Federal Hospital in Washington, makes the public statement: "Alcohol is a major factor in Congress and exercises a most damaging effect on legislation." He says not only Congress but also the State Department and U. S. Diplomatic Corps are "stuffed with drunks." One Congressman answers the accusation by saying that 50 per cent of Congressmen are teetotalers, only about 10 per cent of the members drink as a habit, and 40 per cent drink for

"social purposes", whatever that may mean. The doctor's intimation is that our government at Washington is largely composed of drinkers and drunkards.

On a late Sunday afternoon we saw three men together who had been drinking for "social purposes." It is probable that half the liquor consumed by men and women is for so-called "social purposes." There are few pleasures, right or wrong, that are not shared by two or more, and drink is no exception. One Congressman explains or justifies statesmen's drinking thus: "Our physicians advise us to have a cocktail or two to relieve the strain and stress of the tremendous burden we carry."

In 90 days our governor will call a referendum on the liquor question in North Carolina. It will be a battle that is more significant to the people of our state than World War II. Liquor is entrenched in the high places of church and state. It will be hard to uproot than ever. The church must lead in the campaign. Unless it has a house cleaning first of its own, its efforts will largely be futile. In our last general election it was stated frequently that leading candidates were drinkers or drunkards. Yet prominent prohibition and church workers were accused of voting for these men in loyalty to the party in preference to temperance men running in opposition. A teetotaler makes no progress in eradicating the liquor evil in our State by voting to elect a drunkard to represent him in the government. Had church members and temperance folks not elected representatives to our General Assembly who were indifferent, "social drinkers", or drunkards, our state would never have been in the mess it is today in reference to the drink evil. Church members rule our state and many of them are called Baptists. The example and vote of all temperance people must consistently be used to drive this, America's greatest foe and curse, from our homes and our country. We might truthfully say, considering it in all its ramifications and results, it is of more serious concern than the War itself.



In Service

Ivan W. Pearce, 22, Radioman, third class, USNR, of Zebulon, has returned to an East Coast port after serving 14 months aboard a LCI(L) (landing craft infantry, large) in the European Theatre, where he participated in the amphibious assault at Southern France. He wears ribbons for the American and European Theatres of Operation with one combat star in the latter.

Before entering the Navy in February, 1943, he was employed by the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia. He attended Stonewall High School, Stonewall, N. C. Radioman Pearce is the son of Mrs. I. A. Pearce who resides at Zebulon.

WAR PRODUCTION CUTBACK

War production will be automatically cut almost 75 per cent the day VJ-Day arrives (and it's already here). This will be possible through a cutback provision, which WPB soon will include in all contracts. — Pathfinder Magazine.

Water used in Seaboard Railway locomotives is chemically treated to prevent corrosion and rust on the boilers.

Late Slumberers Short-Changed

Raleigh, August 15.—Late sleepers who allow bottled milk on doorsteps to be exposed to direct sunshine get less for their money, according to a report released by the State Agriculture Department. Recent tests showed that bottled milk exposed to late morning sun for an hour lost 26 to 36 per cent of its riboflavin. In two hours over half the riboflavin content was lost.

"Since riboflavin is regarded as one of the essential B complex vitamins, prolonged deficiency of this necessary food element may result in eye disorders and organic damage," said the department, adding: "If you must sleep late, provide a covered box for your milk bottles and get better nutritive value for your money."

Lend-Lease

Lend-lease will be choked off for both England and France insofar as occupation purposes in the continent are concerned. It was just recently too that Congressmen learned both England and Russia over-estimated their requirements during the war to build up stocks for the reconversion period. — Pathfinder Magazine.

Woodrack cars that carried fuel for old-time Seaboard Railway locomotives fifty years ago are going back into service hauling short-cut logs to the pulpwood mills of the Southeast.

Wilson Market Planning Large Selling Program

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Wilson Tobacco Market

On Tuesday morning, August 21st at 9:30, Wilson, The World's Largest Bright Leaf Tobacco Market, will begin its 55th year of successful operation. All warehouses have been put in readiness and will welcome the thousands of tobacco growers who annually sell their tobacco in Wilson.

The Wilson Tobacco Market has built a name for itself that stands out above all markets in the entire flue cured area. This was achieved by the untiring efforts of the local warehousemen, buyers, and most of all by the tobacco grower himself. The many customers of the Wilson market realize the advantages the market offers that no other market in the country can offer. The grower has the confidence of the warehousemen and knows that he is trying at all times to get the highest possible dollar for his tobacco.

The Wilson market has arranged an outstanding advertising program for the 1945 season so as to let the tobacco growers all over the belt know the prices, trend, and condition of the market at all times. There will be a radio program each day at 1:15 to 1:30 over WGBTM, Wilson, and WGBR, Goldsboro, with a very interesting program with those well known comedians, Mustard and Gravy and latest official market reports. In addition to this, we have contracted with about twenty-five daily and weekly newspapers to keep you better posted as to the happenings of the Wilson market.

The Wilson market has 11 modern and up-to-date warehouses and 10 of the most modern tobacco plants found on any market. The market will sell a total of 17 1-2 hours per day, thus making it more convenient for the farmer to sell his tobacco and return home to his many chores. The sales system will be the same as last year where every warehouse in town will sell some tobacco every day. With this system the customer can tell exactly what time his tobacco will be sold and can sell with the warehouse of his choice. This system was so arranged so that the farmer can come and sell his tobacco and return home with the minimum time from his many jobs that he has at home to do, and no one to get to do these jobs for him. The Wilson warehousemen and factorymen realize the shortage of labor on the farm and wish to cooperate in every way possible with the farmer in helping him cope with this unfortunate situation.

The following warehouses will operate on the Wilson market this season: Banner Warehouse, A. W. Fleming, owner and operator; Big Star Warehouse, with J. J. Gibbons and Geo. L. Wainwright; Carolina Warehouse, with W. Boyd Clark and Col. Hart Shumaker; Centre Brick Warehouses Nos. 1 and 2, with J. C. Eagles and U. H. Cozart; Farmers Warehouse, with J. F. Deans and W. O. Harrison; New Planters Warehouses 1 and 2 with R. T. Smith and W. G. Carr, Jr.; Smith Warehouses A and B, with H. H. Harris, John R. Harris, A. B. Baines and R. C. McElroy; and the Watson Warehouse, with S. H. Anderson and M. W. Anderson. These warehouses will operate under the same system as last year and will continue to give their many farmer friends the same courteous service as they have in the past.

We wish to thank the many customers who have sold in the past, and welcome you back to Wilson for the 1945 season. Come and bring your neighbor and you will find your friends here from wherever tobacco is grown.

Well over one million trees were planted in the Seaboard-served states of Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Florida during 1944.