

This, That &  
The Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

Mrs. Earl Horton is one among this community's soapmakers. She knows how to make the boiled kind, and the samples she sent me are excellent. At no time since the Civil War and its aftermath has this skill been as important as now.

The thirteen-years-old grandson is much interested in nature study and prefers live things to articles in books about them. Last week he spent Friday night with us and just at dusk came in asking for a flashlight. He wanted to watch a big brown spider make her web and others went out with him.

The web stretched nearly three feet, from the low limbs of the holly tree at the kitchen door to the top of the abelia bush under the window. The light inside attracted moths, which in turn attracted the spider. When we began watching she had made all the framework of one of those geometric webs and was busily going from spoke to spoke putting in reinforcing strands. At each crossing she paused and gave the strand of web she was spinning a sort of flip with her left hindmost foot, for all the world like a woman knitting and throwing the thread over the needle. It was funny to note the resemblance.

All of us except Robert and Eric left the scene of action. They stayed until the spider caught a moth.

Next morning early I looked out to see the web, but it was not there. Every trace of it was gone. I've been wondering whether the spider reeled it in to use again.

Mrs. Everett Whitaker of Millington, New Jersey, was kind enough to find and send me a long article about children of presidents. It said that President Theodore Roosevelt's daughter Ethel married Dr. Richard Derby.

If my friends continue to be so helpful, by the time I get too old to write this column I ought to be pretty well-informed.

An odd thing about that article is that while it mentions all of President Franklin Roosevelt's boys, it has not one word about his daughter Anna, now Mrs. Boettinger.

Why is proud flesh called proud? For two weeks I have been going around with either one shoe and one red, open-toed cloth sandal, or with both feet sandaled. An ingrowing toenail got infected and then sprouted proud flesh. I kept trying one thing after another to kill the growth and heal the toe — iodine, burnt alum, raw alum, merthiolate, alcohol, lye soap, ichthyol salve, Gray's ointment, ammoniated mercury, a special foot powder my son brought home from the Army, Noxzema, and Epsom salts. Nothing did much good.

I was trying to get the toe well enough to take it to the doctor; but the family refused to believe that and the way they talked to me was fairly scandalous.

When Barbie took me to the chiroprapist Monday I was told that only cutting the growth out would get rid of it.

And what do you suppose they gave me to read so as to take my mind off the cutting process? A long article in *Life* about Shirley Temple's wedding! Next time I'll take my own literature.

## In Service

Norfolk, Va.—Dwight Hillis Strickland, 28, seaman, first class, USNR, of Rt. No. 3, Zebulon, N. C., arrived on Sept. 7 at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., Atlantic Fleet training center for destroyer crews, to undergo instruction for duties aboard a new destroyer or similar craft.

Strickland has just returned from 7 months of duty aboard the tanker USS Josiah G. Holland in the Atlantic. He wears ribbons for the American Area and the European-African-Middle Eastern Area.

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## Rotarians Hear Bert Weaver

The Zebulon Rotary club continues its record of 100 per cent consecutive meetings. The speaker of the evening at the last meeting was District Governor Bert Weaver. He gave an interesting talk on the origin of Rotary, and what it has accomplished, and its future plans. There are 114 employees in the office to handle its business. He praised the Zebulon club for its record.

The following were visitors: C. J. Jackson of Florida, who is now employed by Wake Forest College in its enlargement campaign, and Romulus Moser.

## Postal Department Asks Higher Rates

The Post Office Department in a report to Congress has proposed that postal rates for newspapers be revised with changes that would add much to the expense of small towns.

*Country Gentleman* for October expresses the hope that the changes will not be made, continuing: "The country newspaper renders services that far exceed any favors it receives. . . . It represents democracy in its truest sense."

Only a country paper is personally interested in those in the neighborhood it serves who are "to fortune and to fame unknown", but who contribute to whatever reputation the section earns. The small town is especially dependent upon the country surrounding it and again the small newspaper helps to bring the two together with timely advertising and local items of interest.

It may be too much to hope that congressmen will understand the situation as a whole — but they may, at that.

## Pleasant Hill

We are glad to report all on the sick list are improving. Mr. Roger Privette is able to be up and Mrs. Sanford Pearce is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Upchurch of Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Richardson, Jr., of Zebulon, were visitors at Mr. H. G. Hood's Sunday.

Mrs. E. W. Hood spent last Tuesday night at Zebulon with her son, F. S. Hood.

Mrs. Nora Eddins is very feeble. She is visiting in the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Bill Carroll, in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Puryear and two children of Fuquay Springs spent the week end at T. Y. Puryear's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Puryear of Neuse were visitors at T. Y. Puryear's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Williford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Horton of Bethany section.

Bobby Sherron, A-S of USNTC, Bainbridge, Md., spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Talvis Sherron.

We are sorry Mr. Billie Liles' little son was bitten by a moccasin snake last week.

## First Cotton Ginned

R. H. Bridgers of the Zebulon Gin, reports that his gin turned out on Sept. 26 what was probably the first two bales of cotton ginned in Wake County this season. The *News and Observer* reported a bale ginned on September 27.

The two bales, weighing 470 and 500 pounds, were ginned for Rufus Price and were grown on a farm belonging to L. R. Johnson.

Since Sept. 26, the Zebulon Gin has turned out 18 bales up to Oct. 2nd.

## CHURCH NEWS

### BAPTIST

Services for Sunday, October 7: 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon topic: "Impatience". 6:45 Training Union 7:30 Evening Worship. Sermon topic: "God As Father".

### REVIVAL AT PEARCES

Revival services will be held next week at Pearce's Baptist Church. The first service will be on Sunday night at 7:00. Reverend A. S. Lamm, pastor of Bunn Baptist Church, will preach.

On Sunday morning Rev. Theo. B. Davis will preach. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

## Zebulon Gets Fourth Mail Route; On List For \$85000 Build'g

### Farm Bureau Meeting

The Zebulon Farm Bureau will meet in the Wakelon High School auditorium October 8th at 8 P.M. The public is invited. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Flake Shaw.

E. H. Moser, President  
Robt. E. Horton, Treas.  
D. D. Chamblee, Secretary.

## Survey Shows Weekly Papers Favoring Airport Construction

What do North Carolina editors of daily, weekly and semi-monthly papers think of new or existing airports of their towns?

In the first survey of its kind, the editor of every daily, weekly and semi-monthly newspaper in the state was asked his views as a leading citizen, on the airport question. Of 132 questioned, 50 replied from towns representing 47 percent of the counties, and 51 percent of the population of the State. Of all the replies, 72 percent agreed the town had a planning job of its own which it should do even before the national plan for airports is decided upon by Congress.

Willingness of the editors to answer a three-page questionnaire going into considerable detail about the local airport remarks and opinions, is an evidence of the grassroots interest in adequate airplane landing facilities. R. C. Phillips, President of Airways Engineering Consultants, Inc., Washington, D. C., who made the survey, said yesterday:

"We believe this is the first survey of editors of small papers as well as large papers, on the airport problem," Mr. Phillips said. "Their replies are significant, because the National Airport Plan of the Civil Aeronautics Administration proposes that 2900 of the 3050 new airports proposed will be of the small field size and built at small towns. Thus, we have the views of the towns where new airports are considered to be most needed."

"We asked editors our questions because they know the attitude of the people of their towns. Moreover, editors are almost invariably among the progressive figures of their communities. We were agreeably surprised at the number of editors who took the time to answer a survey sent to them 'cold'. This is a very positive indication of widespread interest."

"We received no replies from the largest cities in North Carolina. I think that indicates the editors in those towns feel their airport problems are already crystallized and in proper hands. Perhaps so, but the CAA has asked every community to continue its local planning, pending decision by Congress on the national plan."

Twelve percent of the towns represented in the answer report they have airports available which were built by the military, and which they anticipate owning eventually, and 16 percent report they already have municipal airports. Of these, more than a third say they will have work to do on their city fields, or the former military fields to make them commercially useful.

Thirty-four percent of the towns have privately-owned fields, and seven out of ten say these airports need improvement to bring them to CAA standards. Most editors reported an active interest in their town for obtaining a public airport in connection with the national plan.

Most active interest, however, came from editors in small towns which have no airports. 68 percent of these report interest in their towns for proceeding now to plan airport facilities.

Ted Davis, Chairman of the Local Airport Committee and aviation editor of the *Zebulon Record*, in a town of a few more than 1000 persons, reports that his paper has recently sponsored an airmarker, "and raised the money from our subscribers to pay for it." The town is starting on its airport plan, but interest will reach a peak only when the airport is an actuality, Davis believes. As to his editorial policy on the subject, he wrote, "Anything goes, so long as it is for the advancement of private flying and the promotion of safety in aviation."

O. L. Moore, Publisher of the *Laurinburg Exchange*, points out that the Laurinburg-Maxton military air base with runways a mile long is just three miles from the city limits and the citizens are watching to see what disposal is made of that military field. "While there is no particular local interest in flying," Moore said, "Laurinburg expects many of its sons home from the war who have been in the Air Forces."

Margaret R. Todd, Editing Manager of the *Gold Leaf Farmer* in Wendell reports their business men are interested, and the Rotary Club would back an airport project 100 percent, because "our town is growing all the time." A. L. Johnson, owner of the *Franklin Times*, wrote that he has twin sons, each more than interested in flying. "Besides," he wrote, "we consider it a progressive move."

Fayetteville will improve its existing airport. "Elizabethtown," reports its editor, "really needs an airport—and its lumber and pulpwood business demands one." Albenarle's Chamber of Commerce has selected a site and conferred with CAA airport engineers. Other comments were similar except in cases where the physical difficulties of establishing fields probably will prevent their construction.

Editors from Beaufort to Murphy and Elizabeth City to Charlotte answered the questionnaire.

Prudence is the necessary ingredient in all the virtues, without which they degenerate into folly and excess. — Jeremy Collier.

The post office department of the U. S. government has established a fourth rural mail route out of Zebulon. It is called Route No. 4, and was created from parts of routes 1 and 3, with 169 families who before had to go some distance to the highway for their mail. Now the carrier goes by their homes, giving them what is called "gate service". Whitley Chamblee is temporary carrier on this new route. Later the Post Office Department will hold a civil service examination for permanent carrier. This new route gives Zebulon a total of 178 miles of rural free delivery mail routes.

News has just been released that a bill is before Congress to build a government post office building in Zebulon. The cost estimated will be \$85,000. With the amount of business done through this post office, with its four rural routes, it is very important that the town have larger and better post office facilities.

Other towns in Wake County that have new post office buildings proposed are: Wendell, Fuquay Springs and Apex. All second class post offices are to have their own government-owned buildings if the proposed legislation is carried through.

## Some Meats Free of Points

Raleigh, October 2. — Lower grades beef, utility cuts of veal, lamb, sausage, and other products of these meats will be point-free until October 27, the Raleigh District OPA announced today.

Hamburger, lamb patties, veal patties, short ribs, brisket, and flank meat are included on the point-free list.

The October increase is made possible by seasonal marketing increase in range fed cattle which produce the grades cut to zero point value.

OPA pointed out that pork, better grades beef, veal and lamb remain short in supply and the Department of Agriculture and OPA agree that rationing of these must continue. They will remain at present point values indefinitely.

Fats, oils, dairy products also are unchanged.

OPA promised the enforcement of rationing regulations at the retail level will continue at all points in Eastern North Carolina.

## P-T-A.

The first meeting of the Parent-teacher Association for the current school year will be held in Wake-lon auditorium on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:30 p. m. All interested persons as well as former members are cordially invited to attend.

## Dr. B. R. Dodd

Funeral services for Dr. Benjamin Roscoe Dodd, 46, of Wake Forest, were held Saturday morning at the graveside in Wake Forest Cemetery. Dr. W. R. Cul-lom of Wake Forest officiated.

Dr. Dodd, practicing physician at Wake Forest and Rolesville for the last 15 years, died unexpectedly Thursday at Lenoir, where he was vacationing.

Surviving are his wife, the former Katie Hicks of Wake Forest; his mother, Mrs. Fannie Powers Dodd of Wake Forest; and a brother, C. M. Dodd of Raleigh.