

# This, That, and the Other

By Mrs. Theo B. Davis

The pumpkins are all gone except one we think is not really good. My mentioning them in this column brought results; but more was done by the spoken word.

Thanksgiving Day Robert Ed Horton brought my husband and me home from church, and on the way Theo, not knowing I had tried out Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Ed) on the pumpkin situation, offered them some. Then he suggested that if they wouldn't eat any themselves, they take some for the hogs. In real surprise Robert Ed asked "Will hogs eat pumpkins?" and then blushed because we laughed so hard.

Reading it, I was reminded of a girl's blouse continually slipping around and up from her skirt belt, try putting a skirt to it so that it may serve as petticoat, too. Then it can't all work out above the belt, and the extra part sewed on at the bottom is less bother to wash and iron than a slip would be. I have tried this plan and it really helps.

Fashion writers tell us that colored slips are again in high style. Heading it I was reminded of a friend's saying that women's underwear ought never to be any colors except white or black. But when she said that we were looking at an elderly woman who had on a thin black dress over a cheap slip of bright pink material, so she may not have wholly meant it. And a slip of a color that matches the dress it is worn with is much less inconspicuous if it shows, than the white border many of us continually display below the hems of our skirts.

At times I wonder whether people are worse than they used to be, or whether means of communication are partially responsible for our feeling that the world is in the worst condition in its history. Accounts of robberies, murders and sex crimes cover pages in our papers; and we are told that in some cities women fear to walk outside their homes at night. Youths confess to killing for a thrill. Men in high places stoop to stealing from their country.

A modern Jeremiah could find plenty to weep over; and we would most probably scorn his words as did those who heard such denunciation centuries ago.

Many times I have seen a mockingbird tease a cat, but seldom does one play with a dog. Yet that, too, have I seen.

On Wednesday afternoon the grandchildren's little dog, Sue, was up here. Sue has for years cherished a fond hope of catching an airplane or a bird, or both. So it was not surprising to see her in pursuit of a mocker that flew low from a holly bush to a palm tree, settled on the topmost twig and preened itself fearlessly as Sue freed and barked furiously. After a little while the dog lost interest. Then the bird swooped down, passing just above Sue's head, and went back to the holly, where it

sat in plain sight, appearing to enjoy the fit of barking it had caused. I don't know how long they'd have kept up the game, for Ann went home and her dog had to go; but the bird is ready for another round. And Sue will come back.

The late Senator J. W. Bailey is said to have advised office seekers not to try for a place that paid more than they were already making. An increase in salary, he thought, might cause an officeholder to want the position for what it could do for them; not for what they might do for their country or their fellowmen.

One wonders whether Rep. Thomas of N. J., in his shamed and shameful situation today, was led astray by desire for the things bought by money wrongfully obtained; or whether he found it impossible to live as he felt a representative should on the amount paid him by his state; whether he wanted to do something for relatives and had an idea New Jersey could spare funds easier than he could. Anyway, and whatever amount he secured by padding his payroll it was far from enough to compensate for the loss of his good name, to say nothing of the reproach to his country. It might not even pay for his stomach ulcers.

## Season of Prayer

The local Baptist Church will observe the season of prayer for foreign missions, meeting daily from Monday till Friday. Programs will begin at 3:30 p. m.

All members of the church are invited to attend these services which will be concluded by the program on Friday, "the day of prayer around the world," with the special Lottie Moon offering.

## Barbecue Supper

Everyone is invited to attend a barbecue supper at Corinth Holder School, Friday, December 2, 1949, from 5:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. It will be given by Hales Chapel Baptist Church to help with the building fund. Tickets are on sale at the door for \$1.00 each. We will appreciate your presence.

Mrs. Arthur E. Creech  
Church Reporter

## UNION CHAPEL

Remember church and Sunday School each Sunday morning. We are looking forward to the sermon that Mr. Evans will preach this Sunday. We had quite a few present at church this past Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Richards were all smiles Sunday, having received the news by long distance telephone from their son, Clifford Richards, Saturday p. m., of the arrival of twin boys to him and his wife, Edna. She is a patient in Arlington Hospital, Va. They have one other son, Robert Keith, two years old. They have recently completed a new home and are now living in it at Fairfax County, a few miles out of Arlington.

Christmas is on its way at last. We have just 24 more shopping days ahead of us. Preparations have been made for the big Christmas program which we have at our church. Following the program Santa will come and talk to the little children. Gifts will be presented. A date will be announced later for the program.

We are sorry to hear that our neighbor, Heber Creech, lost his milk cow last Sunday night. She died from eating too many sweet potatoes.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards were visitors at their daughter's home, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Horton of Punn, Sunday.

Mrs. George Mangum, Mr. Leland Maynard and son, Hubert, and Mr. Eugene Mitchell were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Cardie Ferrell were visitors of Mr. Jack Creech Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Mitchell and son, Bennie, Mr. and Mrs. Vancy Lee Denton and son, Dwight, were visitors with Mr. Buck Richards Sunday night.

This has been a very busy week with some of the neighbors in this section. The hog killing is just about over, and I am sure some of the women are glad it is over.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hicks have just completed their new home. All it lacks now is just moving in it. They built it near the airport. Other people are remodeling their old homes too. Mr. and Mrs. Buck Richards have started to remodel

their's inside. I want to say for myself that it certainly does look nice, and it will still look better when completed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mangum and Mr. Leland Maynard and son, Hubert, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cunningham Saturday night.

There are quite a few winter colds going through the community. The colds have struck and made people feel sickly. The ones are Mr. Vancy Lee Denton and Mr. Sterling Mitchell. Hope they will feel better soon.

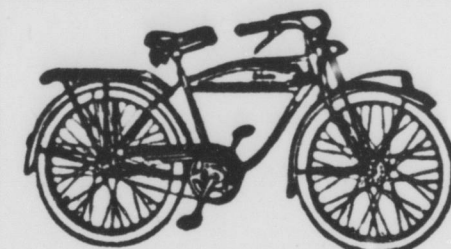
Mrs. Janice Denton

## TABERNACLE

The heating system is in the church now, and last Sunday the auditorium was very comfortable. We urge everyone who has been staying home for this reason to come next Sunday, and you will find it very pleasant.

Last Sunday we had a wonderful sermon by W. C. Barham, a young minister from Wake Forest College, whose home is in Barham Community near Rolverville.

On the second Sunday of November we had as our visiting minister Mr. Ashly, a young man whose home is in Durham, but we understand that he is at present living in Wilmington.



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