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This, That & the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

After a summer "up nawth" the robins are back in force. I looked out one morning to find the lawn full of them. Without exception they seem to have outstayed both their welcome and their credit. Each one brought a long bill; each has on a badly faded waiscoat; and each has a neck-piece almost bare of feathers. They are not frisky and are too busy hunting worms to pay much attention to anything but food. Let the bluejays chatter as they will; those robins don't even look up; they are feeding.

Weather Prediction

Did you ever hear that the last Friday in each month forecasts weather for the month just ahead? Many persons believe it does, and I have begun to take notice. Since last Friday was a fairly pleasant day, I am expecting September to be endurable. If not, there's another superstition gone wrong.

Morning Glories

The prettiest thing on our place now is something of which I am really ashamed. It is pink and purple morning-glory vines all over an eleagnus shrub in front of the diningroom windows. I meant to pull them up long ago, but neglected it and they have grown as all pests do when given a chance. The eleagnus needs cutting back and I promise myself to do that when getting the vines. At least I hope to do it sometime.

Space for Shrubs

I do wish somebody would teach me to use sense and judgment when putting out shrubs. Never can I remember how soon they will take all space allotted them and begin stealing from their neighbors. Then there's extra work to be done remedying the situation or else the whole place will look as ours does.

Yankee Crepe Myrtles

In the *New York Times* I read a letter from a gardener who said his crepe myrtle bush was frozen to the ground last winter; but he rejoiced that the roots were not killed and that new shoots were sprouting, and hopes to have a crepe myrtle in bloom again some future summer. Of course that gardener lived in a northern state. Crepe myrtles do not winter-kill here. And I wonder if we properly appreciate their beauty and adaptability.

No plant or tree looks cleaner than a crepe myrtle that has just shed its old bark and is wearing a new sheath of greyish-green-tannish skin, smooth and glossy. I love to help it peeling off the curled pieces of thin brown bark that are dead and discarded. They make good kindling, if you need any.

Sounds in the Night

Some wakeful night I shall arise and betake myself to the edge of our yard between 1:30 and 3:00 o'clock to see what manner of motor vehicles and what manner of drivers they are that pass so swiftly at that time. Lying sleepless I hear them, first a hum that rapidly changes to a roar. They go by, engines declaring their power, tires screaming protests at the curves just beyond our house. And I tense myself, waiting for the crash that has not come yet, but which is inevitable some night.

TAR HEEL BOYS WIN DESIGN TEST



WINNERS in the annual model car competition of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild are Tim M. Hendrix (left), of Maple, who took first state honors in the Junior Division (ages 12 through 15), and Robert W. Tucker, Jr., of Greensboro, whose beautiful model car won first in the Senior Division (ages 16 through 19). Each received a cash award of \$150, and Tucker's model went on to take regional honors and a chance to win a university scholarship in the national competition.

Mafia Controls American Crime, Senator Estes Kefauver Declares

By Senator Estes Kefauver

The Mafia is the shadowy international organization that lurks behind much of America's organized crime. It is a network about which no member, on fear of death, will talk.

In fact, some of the witnesses whom we had good reason to believe could tell the Senate Crime Committee about the Mafia, sought to shrug it off as a sort of fairy tale or legend that children hear in Sicily where the Mafia originated. The Mafia, however, is no fairy tale. It is ominously real, and it has scarred the face of America with murder, traffic in narcotics, smuggling, extortion, white slavery, kidnaping and labor-racketeering.

Mafia Secrets

La Mafia even has its secret — and, of course, unwritten — code called "Omerta," a derivation of the Italian word for "man." The code is simple and brutal: death to those who resist or inform on the Mafia. Usually, a member of the offender's family is killed as additional warning. "Mafiosi and law-abiding Sicilians alike live in mortal fear of "omerta."

Head of Mafia

Narcotics Agent Claude A. Follmer testified that there is "some contention" as to the identity of the New York head of the Mafia. He revealed that "it has always

Fidelis Class Holds September Meeting

The Bessie Davis Fidelis Class met Monday night at the home of Mrs. Ruric Gill with Mrs. Ed Richardson, associate hostess.

The meeting was devoted to business and the election of class officers.

Mrs. Edith Freeze was elected president, Mrs. Paul Strickland, secretary and treasurer, with Mrs. Oscar Corbett as her assistant. The entire list has not been completed.

Mrs. Theo. B. Davis, teacher, was presented a birthday gift.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

been my understanding that it is either Vincent Mangano or Joseph Profaci."

Mangano is said by New York police to be active in Brooklyn waterfront rackets. We had planned to question him, but our hearing time was consumed by other developments. His brother Philip Mangano, also active on the waterfront and publicly identified as prominent in the Mafia, was questioned by the committee in executive closed session. A month after our New York hearings, Philip Mangano was found dead in a Brooklyn swamp, shot three times in the head.

Narcotics Ring

Agent Follmer told how the Narcotic Bureau in the early 1940's broke up a vicious Mafia-backed Kansas City narcotics ring. "All of these persons," he related, "were members of the Mafia, or Black Hand, and were financed in the narcotics traffic as a group by the Mafia. This Mafia subsidiary placed the illicit drug traffic on a business-like basis and hired a legal advisor, supervisor, general manager, traveling representative, a bookkeeper, and an extensive retail sales force.

"At St. Louis, a branch office operated under John Vitale, who was in turn under the domination of Thomas Buffa and Tony Lopiparo, chiefs of the St. Louis Mafia."

St. Louis Statement

(In St. Louis, some months later, the committee summoned Gangster Lopiparo, alias "Lopip," to ask him about his presence with a group of Sicilian gangsters in Tia Juana, Mexico, about the time Binaggio and Gargotta were murdered in Kansas City. Lopiparo at first was a sullen, snarling witness. He crouched in the witness chair and refused even to admit he had been in Tia Juana. When I asked him on what legal ground he could justify his refusal, he snapped back: "Haven't I got a Constitution?")

In Tuesday's *Record* Senator Kefauver will discuss other phases of the Mafia crime syndicate.

Rites for C. G. Weathersby, Medlin, Breedlove Are Held

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home for Charles Grady Weathersby, 68, of Zebulon, who died at Duke Hospital Monday night, following a brief illness.

The Rev. R. H. Herring and the Rev. Carlton T. Mitchell officiated. Burial was in the Zebulon Cemetery.

Mr. Weathersby was the son of

the late John and Molly Weathersby of Franklin County.

He was a former town commissioner in Zebulon, having directed the construction of the local water system.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irvine Williams Weathersby; one son, Charles Allen Weathersby; one daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Jack Gary of Kinston; two grandchildren; three brothers, Thad Weathersby of Spring Hope, Talmadge Weathersby of Atlanta, Ga., Robert Weathersby of Spring Hope; two sisters, Mrs. Loomis Brantley of Spring Hope and Mrs. Carl Finch of Raleigh.

He was connected with Fenner's Tobacco Warehouse of Rocky Mount for 30 years.

Lee Medlin, 72

Lee Mack Medlin, 72, died at his home Tuesday morning following several months of declining health.

Surviving are one son, H. V. Medlin of Baltimore; three daughters, Mrs. M. C. Pippin and Mrs. Bryant Pippin, both of Zebulon, and Mrs. Kenneth Kelly of Akron, O.

Funeral services were held from the Pilot Baptist Church Thursday at 3 p. m. The Rev. M. A. Pegram officiated. Burial was in the Upchurch cemetery.

Zollie Breedlove, 51

Zollie T. Breedlove, 51, died in an Oxford hospital Wednesday morning. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted at Pittard-Vaught Funeral Home at 2:30 p. m., Thursday. Burial was in Corinth Baptist Church near Ingle-side in Franklin County. The Rev. M. L. Banister officiated. Surviving are five brothers, E. F. and P. D. of Oxford, W. W. of Louisburg, P. N. of Bunn and O. S. Breedlove of Franklinton; six sisters, Mrs. W. T. Cash of Franklinton, Mrs. C. J. Watkins of Zebulon, Mrs. C. W. Dickens of Rocky Mount, Mrs. F. A. Strother, Mrs. S. H. Foster and Mrs. Eddie Smith of Louisburg.

Methodist Revival Begins Sunday

The annual revival at Zebulon Methodist Church will begin on Sunday at 11 a. m. The pastor, Rev. S. E. Mercer will bring the opening message using as his text "Behold I stand at the door and Knock." Beginning on Monday night and continuing through Friday night, Rev. R. W. Brawshaw, pastor of First Methodist Church in Wilson, will do the preaching. These services will begin promptly at 8 p. m. each night. Mr. Bradshaw has had wide and successful experience in Sunday School and youth work as well as in the pastorate. He is an able and spiritually minded preacher.

A most cordial invitation is extended to the other churches and the community in general as well as to the members of the Methodist Church. A special invitation is given to the public school teachers as they begin the new school year.

Services Announced For Baptist Church

The pastor, Carlton Mitchell, will preach on the theme "The Church on the Frontier" at the regular morning worship service Sunday at eleven o'clock. The choir will sing the anthem, "The Promises" by Panchenko-Wilhou-sky. Miss Elizabeth Salmon will sing "Come, Ye Blessed" by John P. Scott.

At the evening service the pastor will use as the sermon topic, "A Ladder for Growth." A trio composed of Miss Helen Wall, Miss Elizabeth Salmon and Mrs. Carlton Mitchell will sing "Near to the Heart of God." The annual church conference for the election of church officers has been postponed until September 23.

BEGINS 5TH YEAR



Rev. Carlton T. Mitchell, pastor of the Zebulon Baptist Church, is beginning his fifth year of service to the local church on Sunday, September 9.

Kindergarten Opens Here for Fall Term

The Kindergarten to be conducted at the Zebulon Baptist Church will open on Monday morning at nine o'clock under the leadership of Mrs. Oleta Chamblee Smith. The school will be operated in the Primary Department.

Mrs. Smith states that the Calvert kindergarten school curriculum has been ordered and will be followed this year. This curriculum is designed for the type school to be operated at the local Baptist Church.

Enrollment of pupils may be made by contacting Mr. Wilbur Debnam, Chairman of the Kindergarten Board, or Mrs. Mary Temple, Board Secretary. The school will operate daily from nine o'clock to twelve o'clock.

Scouts Plan Parking Lot for Local Fair

The Zebulon Boy Scouts of Troop 133 will meet Thursday night to make plans for operating a parking lot during the Five County Fair, J. P. Arnold said yesterday. Proceeds from the parking lot will be used to repair the hut. Eagle Scout James Debnam will assist Arnold in directing Scout activities.