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Uncle Ferd's Almanac

Today of course is a very special day, the likes of which we will not encounter for another four years. That's all right with most of us, but what about folks like Patricia Ann Brantley? Her birthday comes up today, and it's only her third! Worse than that, if she lives to be 64 years old, she will have to go eight years without a birthday because years divisible by 100 are not leap years.

The extra day in leap years (or bissextile years, as scholars are wont to say) did not always come at the end of February. It used to be that February 24 was simply observed twice, but it was sort of confusing and the calendar makers decided that it would be easier to have one February 24 and one February 29 in years divisible by 4 than to have February 24 come twice. Well, science is wonderful, I always say.

Twenty years ago today there was a George Washington program at Wakelon School. It was supposed to have been given the previous Monday, February 22, but Mr. Moser had something else scheduled that day. So on February 29 little Margaret Bunn, Marie Finch and Kay Kemp portrayed the spirits of George and Martha Washington

coming back to investigate the 20th century. Needless to say, George and Martha found the world right much of a mess and eagerly betook themselves off to the nether regions or wherever it was that they came from.

Sixteen years ago today J. P. Fowler won an automobile given away by Zebulon Supply Company. Miss Inez Pitts came home from teaching duties at Mount Ulla the same day, and John T. Robertson received a carload of pigs. As if that were not enough, Rev. Theo. B. Davis predicted that morning that a man named Clyde R. Hoey would be the next governor of North Carolina.

There was a dress rehearsal of a minstrel show at Wakelon School twelve years ago tonight. Miss Frances Barrett of Kinston and Zebulon directed same, with stars being Wilbur Hales and Wade David as end men, and Jeffrey Carter, Earl Antone, Monroe Jones, and Sam Horton as interloper men. Barrie Davie was the circle locutor. There's another minstrel at Wakelon 12 years later to the night; there was a capacity crowd in 1940, and I guess there will be a capacity crowd tonight, too. Anyhow, here's a fond hope!

There's Plenty of Bachelors to Go Around, According to Record Survey

Every cross roads for miles around is loaded down with bachelors, according to reports from our rural spies, and girls can flush whole covens of eligible males just by listening to the bay of the hounds and checking on those participating in the many fox hunts now going on. There is no indication in this community that girls come near outnumbering the men.

Minstrel Postponed

"The Showboat Minstrel," originally scheduled to be presented by the Senior Class, Friday night, February 29th, has been postponed until March 11th, due to sickness.

Heading the additions to the list this week is Rufus Hicks, handsome farm owner who can cook and keep house. Another eligible is Bolie Watson, overseer for the C. N. Robertson farms.

Others added to the list as Leap Year prospects include Laddis Jones, Proctor Robertson, Raymond Price, Harold Ellington, Wallace Medlin, Drexel Phillips, Eugene Perry, Hardon Perry; Charles Massey, Ballius Lewis, Bud Green, John Burton Ray, Reginald Lewis, Beaman Stallings, Jasper Pearce, Cadwin Cone, Willard Puckett, Max Paul Williams, Stacy per Stallings, Cloyce Alford, Kearn Williams, Forrest Williams.

Fines Are Liberal In Judge Gill's Recorders Court

It cost plenty to participate in the role of defendant in Judge Irby D. Gill's Recorder's Court on Wednesday of this week. Fines from \$50 to \$150 were usual in cases ranging from assault to drunken driving.

Donald Jones of Wendell, Route 2, was found not guilty of passing a school bus unloading passengers.

Cases of assault against James Duck and Richard Vick resulted in fines of \$50 for each of them.

In the first of a series of cases involving traffic violations, Robert Lee Carlyle of Club Carlyle, Raleigh, paid \$25 fine and costs for driving with an expired license.

James Robert Taylor, for driving with improper lights, paid \$25 and costs.

Clyde Vernon Alford paid \$60 and costs for speeding 75 mph, and James C. Green of Spring Hope paid \$50 and costs for speeding 65 mph.

Hubert G. Barnes of Raleigh was fined \$25 and costs for driving with an expired operator's license, and Cleveland Speight of Wilson paid the costs for driving with no license. Harold Obie paid \$25 fine and costs for no operator's license.

Drunken driving resulted in a sentence of four months for William R. Dorsett, Jr., of Raleigh. The sentence was suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs and the surrender of Dorsett's license.

Walter B. Allen paid \$50 fine and costs for careless and reckless driving.

Matthew Hinton paid \$150 and costs for drunken driving.

Improper loading of vehicle cost
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Revival Is Planned By Local Methodists

Plans are being made by Rev. S. E. Mercer and the Zebulon Methodist Church for a revival or spiritual life mission to begin on Easter Sunday, April 13, and continue through the following week. Advance notice is being made so that individuals and groups who wish to cooperate with this important spiritual undertaking may have the opportunity of doing so.

It is felt that Easter will be a very appropriate time for this revival. Too often church programs begin to lag following Easter, but the risen Christ goes before his followers and calls on us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

All interested persons are given a cordial invitation not only to plan to attend these services but also to begin to pray for them right away. —Rev. S. E. Mercer

W. M. U. Schedules Week of Prayer

The WMU Week of Prayer for Home Missions will be observed this coming week with meetings led by the following groups.

Monday, 3:30, Mary Lee Earnest Circle

Tuesday, 7:30, Buisness Women's Circle

Wednesday, 3.30, Vivian Nowell Circle

Thursday, 7:30, YWA

Friday, 3:30, Mrs. Lester Green

Pre-School Clinic

The Wakelon Pre-School Clinic will be held Tuesday, March 4, at 12:30 p. m., in the Wakelon School auditorium, according to Mrs. Fred Page. All children who will be six years old or over on or before October 1, 1952, are urged to be present.

Religious Group Names Delegates To Circuit Meet

The following delegates from the Stancil's Chapel, N. C., Company of Jehovah's Witnesses will be attending the semi-annual circuit assembly at Kinston, N. C., February 29 to March 2, 1952. They are: H. B. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Vause, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Osbin Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Raper, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Raper, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Raper, D. L. Raper and Bobby Raper.

More than 700 delegates from the coastal plain section of North Carolina will convene at the Grain-ger High School Auditorium, East Park Avenue on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock for advanced Bible training. There are now more than 440,000 ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses in 119 countries of the world serving lovers of righteousness free of any charges.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of the sessions, but especially the high light of the assembly, a public address by W. D. Couch of Brooklyn, N. Y., district representative of the Wachtower Society, on the subject "What Religion Will Survive the World Crisis?" The entire program is free and no collections will be taken.

Baptist Services Listed for Sunday

The regular observance of the Lord's Supper will be held at the local Baptist Church tomorrow evening at 7:30. The pastor will present a Communion Meditation and Miss Elizabeth Salmon will sing "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees."

The pastor will use the topic "Let Us Now Turn Together" for the morning sermon. Miss Jayne Smithwick, guest soloist, will sing "The Beatitudes" by Malotte. The Adult Choir will sing the anthem "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

They May Not Be Big Bargains But License Plates Are Selling

Tarheel motorists may not think of them as bargains but they are sure buying new license plates at an astonishing rate according to licensing officials in the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Department released its latest sales figure today, which topped one million several weeks ago and has since climbed to 1,033,533. With just over two months of the year gone new tag sales are running 64,615 ahead of last year. And based on 1950 figures, which are still reasonably ac-

Farmers Are Top Dressing Pastures For Best Growth

G. L. Winchester
S. W. Holleman
John F. McBane

Many farmers are now top dressing pastures with phosphate and potash. The more common mixed goods are 0-14-14; 0-9-27; and 0-10-20. Rates per acre vary usually from 300 to 800 lbs. per acre.

R. M. Brooks who has a small herd of good Herefords is applying 500 lbs. of an 0-14-14 per acre and then broadcasting stable manure on the eroded and other unproductive areas in the pasture. Mrs. Brooks is also making plans now to sow some additional pasture in the fall. He has some lespezeza for summer grazing.

This past week I had the satisfaction of observing the pasture progress on the farm of J. Gregory Poole. The tour of the farm was made with "Bud" Meek, the farm manager. We saw one field of tall fescue that had carried over 100 sheep and 17 head of beef cattle during most of the winter. When good hay was placed in the lot for them, they ignored it and preferred the tall fescue even when there was ice on it.

Our second stop was to observe 30 or 40 head of Herefords on some fall sown wheat. These cattle have been on the wheat for several weeks. They will be removed from the wheat in about two weeks and the grain will be harvested in June.

A third stop was made in a field of crimson clover and rye grass which was "shoe top" deep. It was a dark green and looked almost good enough to eat. On it was a herd of registered Herefords all grazing one way up the hill with their full, sleek bodies silhouetted against the pine forest and the blue sky was as pretty as any picture.

The fact that we have had a very cold winter seemingly has not affected the grazing on the farm. Hay has been put in the field but little has been eaten because they preferred the small grain, rye grass, crimson clover, tall fescue, orchard grass, or Ladino clover according to the field in which they were grazing.

Fidelis S. S. Class To Meet Monday

The Bessie Davis Fidelis Class will meet in the home of Mrs. Clarence Hocutt Monday night at eight o'clock. Mrs. W. A. Allman is associate hostess.