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## Easter Is a Time of Beginning Again—for Joy and Gladness

by Frances M. Cagney

Once again we stand in the protective shadow of the Cross, awaiting the dawn of Easter. To the Christian world, now even more than ever before, anxiously seeking the path of permanent peace and brotherhood, Easter is a day of hope and spiritual restoration.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." These words represent the religious significance of Easter. Down through the centuries they have inspired men to live justly and to die bravely, secure in the belief that death is but a prelude to everlasting life. Yet, long before the birth of Christianity, man looked to his pagan gods for the secret of life and immortality. Evidence of his ancient beliefs can still be found in our modern observance of Easter.

The word "Easter" is derived from Eastre, Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring, and many of our Easter customs originated in the festivals held in her honor. Since Spring was the start of the solar year, when the earth itself stirred into blossom and all things were renewed, it was fitting that old garments should be discarded in favor of new, that the hearth fires should be newly lighted, and that life should have a new beginning. Symbolic of this beginning was the egg, long considered by the ancients to hold the secret of life. These were exchanged as a mark of friendship and a token of good wishes for the coming year. In time, it became the practice to color them, imitating the brilliant hues of Spring flowers. Today, colored eggs remain a bright part of our Easter pageant.

The adoption of the rabbit as a symbol of Easter seems to be based on a rather whimsical legend, probably of Teutonic origin, that rabbits lay eggs on Easter eve. To the children of today, the rabbit is a kind of animal Santa Claus, who brings them baskets of candied eggs and other goodies to be found on Easter morning.

The idea of Easter fashions appears to have had its beginning in the fourth century under the reign of the Roman emperor, Constantine the Great. Extremely fond of display and gaudy ostentation, his decrees gave to the Easter observance much of its regal pomp and ceremony. The richness and elegance of his personal Easter attire, designed to impress his subjects, only inspired them to follow his example. Although they could not hope to equal the grandeur of their emperor, it became an established practice to wear one's very best on Easter Sunday, and this custom survives in the colorful Easter Parade of today.

From this brief outline it can be seen that Easter is both a religious holiday and a Spring festival. As such it carries a message of promise to all mankind. It is a time of beginning again, a time when all things are renewed, when hope stirs in a blade of grass or a budding tree. It is a time when man's faith is reborn and he looks beyond the Easter sunrise into a new and better day.

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There is always room at the top because so many who get there go to sleep and roll off.

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### Womans' Club Holds White Elephant Sale

A white elephant sale was a highlight in the March meeting of the Woman's Club held in the Ladies Parlor of the Methodist Church. Mrs. C. L. Isley and Mrs. J. E. McNeely revealed unsuspected talents as auctioneers and gleaned twelve dollars from the members in their sales for the treasury of the club.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. M. A. Carpenter and Mrs. L. J. Davis.

After the customary ritual and business, Mrs. Isley, chairman of the ways and means committee announced that the Kidnap Breakfast and the Silver Tea postponed from February would both be held in the near future.

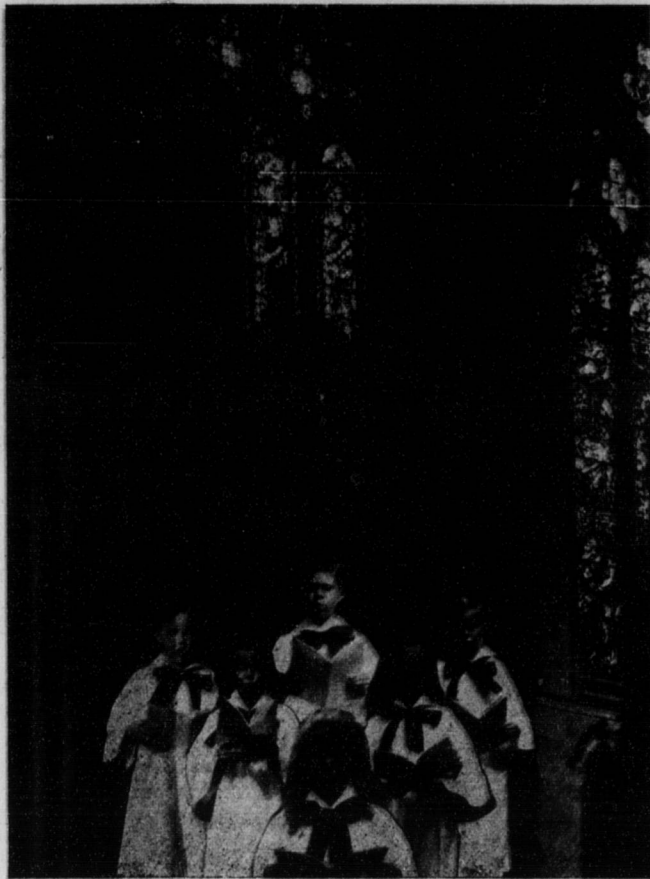
The topic "Home Beautification" was the program theme for the garden division of the home department of the club. Mrs. W. P. Price read Tennyson's poem, "Early Spring." Mrs. J. L. James read a pamphlet especially prepared for Club members on flower gardening. A poem, "Your Seed Blow Into My Garden," closed that part of the program.

A contest on trees was conducted with Mrs. A. T. Lewis winning. Mrs. McNeely then sang "Trees" accompanied by Miss Mariola Crawford. Mrs. M. A. Carpenter, Mrs. L. J. Ford.

Members have announced their plans for spring planting and named varieties of flowers available for exchanges.

The club welcomed Mrs. M. C. Wilds as a new member. Ice box cake topped with whipped cream and coffee was served by the hostesses of the 17 members and one visitor.

Those present were Mrs. M. M. Calhoun, Mrs. I. H. Huske, Mrs. M. H. Hoyle, Mrs. R. D. Jenkins, Mrs. E. C. Tatum, Mrs. C. W. Shepherd, Mrs. H. V. Royster, Mrs. W. P. Price, Mrs. J. L. James, Mrs. A. T. Lewis, Mrs. C. L. Isley, Mrs. Davis and Misses Awa Clayton, J. E. McNeely, Mrs. M. C. Wilds, Eula Reavis and Mariola Crawford.



Hosanna! This Glad Easter Morn!

## CHS Boys and Girls Take Top Honors In Davie Basket Ball

Cooleemee High School made a clean sweep of the Davie County Tournament Saturday, February 28, by winning two games from Advance and two games from Farmington.

The Cooleemee "B" girls started the ball rolling by taking the first game from Advance with a close score of 31-27. Next, the Cooleemee "B" boys took the title from Farmington by the score of 35-19. Then came the varsity contests. The Cooleemee varsity girls, by playing the best ball of the season, defeated the strong Advance team with a final score of 43-39. The varsity boys clinched the tournament by taking the final game from Farmington with the score of 44-33.

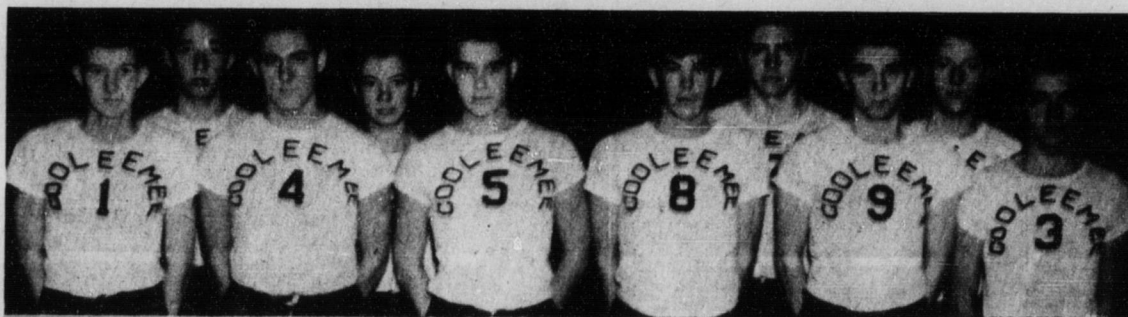
High individual scoring was the order of the night. Margaret Daniels topped everything in sight with a 36-point barrage, while Davis bucketed 23 for Advance. McClannon who was high scorer for the varsity boys chalked up 26 points.

### AN EASTER THOUGHT

by Albert Thompson

"Why seek ye the living among the dead."

On this Easter season let's commemorate it by seeking for and doing those things that will help us live an abundant life, thus proving that we believe in a living Lord. We can get spiritual help and inspiration by going to church. Let all of us attend a church of our choice.



BOYS' AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS ARE VICTORS IN DAVIE COUNTY CAGE TOURNAMENT—Members of the boys' squad are left to right, front row—Joe Cuthrell, Louie Beck, Sonny Foster, Hayden Benson, Bob Jordan and J. W. McClannon; Second row—David Page, Bud McClamrock, Richard Beck and Sonny Miller. Girls' basketball team pictured left to right, Barbara Jean Spillman, Peggy Daniels, Jean Wagner, Kathleen Crotts, Betty Sue Webb and Doris McClamrock; second row—Mabel Angell, Janet Tatum, Margaret Daniels and Allie Canupp.

## Cooleemee Music Club Studies Modern Opera

"A Modern Galaxy" was the title of the chapter from the study book which et the theme for the study of modern opera which was the topic of the program for the February meeting of the Cooleemee Club. The meeting opened with the singing of the Federation Hymn and the Prayer of Petition. During the business meeting presided over by the president Mrs. J. L. James, a letter of thanks from the veterans hospital which received the shipment of records from this club, was read.

Miss Mary Lee McMahan gave an interesting and informative review of the chapter from the study book. A piano solo—Sonata Opus 10 No. 1 by Beethoven played by David Milholen and a vocal solo, "Were My Song With Wings Provided," sung by Peggy Brinegar, accompanied by Margaret Kirk. And a piano solo march from "Of the Three Oranges" by Pjokoff, played by Margaret Kirk made up the enjoyable program planned by Miss Kirk.

Attractive and delicious refreshments using the theme of George Washington's birthday were served by the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Jenkthe meeting in the Ladies Parlor ins who were host and hostess to in the Mthodist Church.

## Glee Club Participates in District Contest

The Cooleemee Glee Club entered the District Music Contest in Winston-Salem, Friday, March 12.

The purpose of the contest is for comparison of the local school choruses with other schools in the district having the same rating. Cooleemee entered the Class C competition as the High School falls in that enrollment class. Last year's entry received a rating of very good.

The P.T.A. made it possible for them to enter this recital.

## Senior Class Play is Rollicking Comedy

A three-act comedy, "Sis Perkins," was presented by the Senior Class of the High School on Saturday evening, March 13.

Starring in the play was Kathleen Crotts in the tile role of Sis. Ann Ridenhour played Mrs. Chandler; Billie Jean Josey took part as Marcia Chandler; Peggy Daniel as Lydia LaSalle; Mabel Angel as Elvira Sniffkins; and Jean Eason as Violet Astor.

J. N. Tutterow played the male lead as Baldwin Chandler. Carl Chappell played Carter, the butler; Henry Shof the part of Count Gaston de Long; and Bill Shoaf was Jay Shuyler.

## Ceremony Launches New Baptist Building

The contract for the new Baptist Church here was signed by the trustees this month and likewise by the contractor. The work on the new building is expected to begin soon. Trustees are E. C. Tatum, chairman, Miss Kathryn Barnes, J. L. James, W. H. Spillman and J. F. Davis.

A ground-breaking ceremony, planned earlier, took place on March 14. This will be a significant date for it was a year ago that the Church burned to the ground. Special music for this occasion was provided by demonstration of a new tower music system. Bells and chimes were simulated so that one heard the music as if played on large carillon bells.