

# The Chowan Herald

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**BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK**  
**GOD WISHES US TO BE HAPPY**—These things have I spoken unto you; that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.—John 15:11.

## And Why Not?

It should be of peculiar interest to citizens of Edenton and Chowan County to have in our midst for several days Dr. H. J. Pearce, president of Brenau College, of Gainesville, Ga., as well as his son, Dr. H. J. Pearce, Jr. These two gentlemen have in their possession a stone supposedly chronicling the death of Anania and Virginia Dare in 1571, which also refers to another stone listing the names and which no doubt marked the spot where were buried the early colonists massacred by Indians.

Of course, bringing to light the present stone has produced a crop of skeptics, some of whom consider the whole matter a hoax and place little or no credence in the supposition that the stone marked the grave of Ananias and Virginia Dare. Nell Battle Lewis, whetting her wit in her Sunday column a few weeks ago ridiculed the Georgians for the part they have taken in securing and preserving the stone in the museum at Brenau College, referring to the whole thing as a rare piece of "haloney." "There seems to be something charmingly childlike about the academic mind in Georgia," she said, and that she wouldn't be surprised if she learned that the professors at Brenau believed in fairies.

And Nell Battle Lewis isn't the only skeptic concerning the authenticity of the stone. There are those here in our midst who discount any connection of the stone with the early colonists.

However, the writer was favorably impressed by the comments of Colonel John G. Langston, of Goldsboro, who replying to the Lewis' scathing criticism in Sunday's News and Observer, said:

"You poke fun at the discovery of the stone on the Chowan or its adoption as authentic by Dr. Pearce of Brenau. Shame on you! Hasn't the above been examined minutely by scientists and pronounced as having sufficient evidence of antiquity and the other points necessary to establish its authenticity? What more do you want? You don't bat your eye when somebody finds some sections of bones scattered around over a considerable area in this part of the State and someone profoundly declares that the remains of a dinosaur or mastodon, or some other animal 1,200,000,000 years old have been dug up. You didn't complain when some curator of a museum examined a jaw tooth found twenty or thirty feet from a 3x4 cross section of a skull, and gave birth to the idea that the Neanderthal man, or the man of Java had furnished the elite thinker with the missing link between monkey and man, and that his remains were exactly 250,000 years old, instead of less than 7,000 as taught by the Fundamentalists. Do you mean to tell me that there are people who can doctor rocks so that these grave scientists in the field of geology, history, art, literature and what not, cannot tell whether they were carved and buried 350 years ago by Elizabethians, or fixed up day before yesterday by some scheming realtor? Tut, tut! Your faith in human kind is slipping. As for me, when science speaks, who am I to question? I'm backing Dr. Pearce mainly because he does not go back one billion years. And I hope he finds the other stone. Why, those folks up around Plymouth Rock would already, with such supporting evidence, have had the stone made the corner stone for some imposing monument."

The Pearces aren't here to sell anything and they are not interested in securing a fake stone of some sort referred to by Nell Battle Lewis. In fact, if any stone is found it will be given as thorough examination as is possible to prove it is genuine, and with the means at their disposal it would be next to impossible for anyone to trick the Georgians.

Of course, Nell Battle Lewis apparently pins all of her faith on several North Carolina historians, most of whom doubtless have far less first hand information about Chowan environs than have the Pearces and from whom alone she would have to learn of any historical developments.

There always have been doubters, which may be a fine thing, and there always will be. Even the majority of folks in Jesus' time doubted he was the Son of God, so it isn't so disheartening to have Nell Battle Lewis and her clan doubt that the present stone is genuine or that it is possible to find the other and equally as important one.

The Pearces are sincere in their efforts to solve the Lost Colony mystery and their willingness to come to this section for first-hand information is to their credit. Residents of Chowan County would not be "childish" by cooperating with the Georgians, for were the stone found not only would it be a feather in the hat of the visitors, but the county and neighborhood where it was found especially would no doubt develop into a national shrine.

## They'll Have To Pay

Town Council has been unjustly criticized which criticism was caused by misconstruing the minutes of last month's meeting when it was recorded that Miss Louise Coke, tax collector, was relieved of over \$200, some of which is owed by citizens who are able to pay. Of course, some of this tax money is uncollectable due to deaths, moving from the city and inability to garnish WPA workers.

The true intent of the motion passed by the councilmen was to relieve Miss Coke of her bond of liability for taxes to be collected, and not delinquent taxpayers.

Miss Coke during the month made considerable inroads on back taxes and her report listing the names and amounts of these delinquents revealed that only eight remain with taxes totaling about \$50, which are collectable. Those criticizing the action of Town Council may rest assured that these delinquents have not been relieved of paying their taxes, which if it had been done obviously would have been just reason for even more complaint than was made.

## FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW!!!



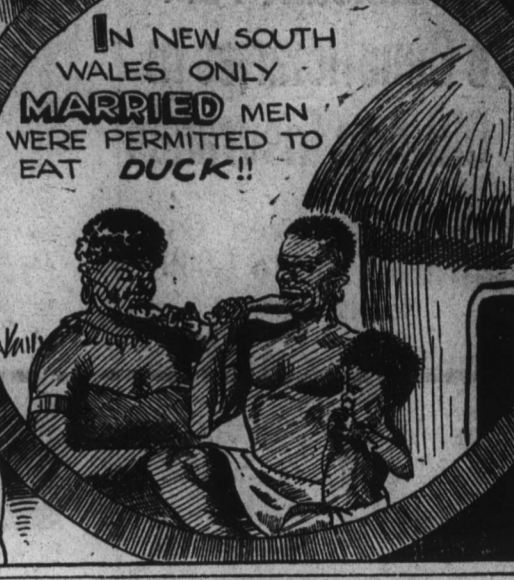
THE CROW INDIANS SHOW RESPECT TO THEIR SISTERS BY NOT TALKING TO THEM!!



IN AUSTRALIA A MAN SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDS HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW AND DOES NOT EXCHANGE WORDS WITH HER UNLESS IT IS NECESSARY.



THE EGYPTIANS WERE THE FIRST TO USE MARRIAGE RINGS DURING THE WEDDING CEREMONY...



IN NEW SOUTH WALES ONLY MARRIED MEN WERE PERMITTED TO EAT DUCK!!

By H. T. Elmo

## HEARD AND SEEN

By "BUFF"

Of course, it's under cover talk for the most part, but the whisperings have it that every bloomin' member of Town Council from Clerk Roy Leary on up, or down as the case may be, will have opposition in the next city election. This election will come off on May 2, and if the gossip has any foundation there ought to be a big scramble for jobs. Well, it's not long now, and The Herald has plenty of space for announcements, which of course, must be paid for. And that's not all. With the prospect of a gang of aspirants for office this sort of advertising will be "C. O. D." Anyway, fellows, it's about time to begin to wear a smile, wave at folks when they pass by in automobiles, pat the baby, "good morning" everybody and, incidentally, it might be a good idea to have a cigar or so handy. (I'm smoking a pipe from now on until election is over).

Carey Bunch did himself proud in his speech to the Rotarians last Thursday. He proved that he is well versed with the propagation of fish, but he fell down somewhat when he offered to answer any questions the Rotarians might want to ask about fish. He failed miserably when he was asked when and where can a fellow go to fish hereabouts and catch some fish. But Carey, a very truthful man, admitted that he didn't know. That's more than some of these birds will admit who come back with their tall fish stories.

Although I'm having a dickens of a time catching up with four bits to be able to eat at the Rotary meeting tonight, Jimmy Earnhardt evidently must be having good business at the Taylor Theater lately. The reason for this supposition is the fact that of late I can read his typewritten copy for his regular advertisement for The Herald. Business must have been so good that he could afford to buy a new typewriter ribbon—or maybe, by gosh, he bought a whole new typewriter. In either case, however, he has made a 100 per cent improvement in his copy, which is something for a newspaper man to be happy about.

Town Council on Tuesday night no doubt set a record for a short meeting when they approved the minutes of the previous meeting, paid the bills and vamoosed. Of course some of 'em immediately chased up to the school house to hear the concert by the Edenton school band and glee club. "We just must keep peace in the family," they said as they hurried away.

A big automobile bearing North Carolina license No. 1 rolled into town Wednesday around noon and many thought Governor Hoey was in town. But it was the Governor's "boss" who had come here to spend a few hours on a sight-seeing trip, so the ladies of the town had the only look-in. Leggett and Davis sales will show a 5-cent drop for the day, for the Governor always when in Edenton drops in for a drink of Coca-Cola.

Many friends of Harvey Thomas have dropped in to see him at the Edgecombe County Sanatorium near Tabor, and Friend Thomas in a letter says, "How about expecting me home around Easter?" That might be all right, but what got my goat in his letter was when he said, "Why in the devil don't you send me a shad?" What in the dickens is a shad, anyhow? Anybody seen any lately?

"Do you write for other papers?" a fellow asked me the other day. And after giving an affirmative answer, he asked, "Well, do you get paid for it?" Well, yes and no. That's where the sport comes in by acting as correspondent for any paper. A fellow sends in a gang of stuff, then wears his eyes out looking for what was used and after that wondering how much his next check will be. It's a great life. And incidentally, Richard D. Dixon also furnishes excellent reading for the News and Observer. His articles will be found on the page containing book reviews.

A delegation of Edenton friends accompanied Bill Everett to Raleigh today in an effort to convince the General Assembly that he is entitled to damages as the result of the two bridges over Chowan River and Albemarle Sound putting his ferry out of business. Here's hoping Bill the best of luck, and if wishing would do any good, Bill would just as good as have some greenbacks already in his jeans.

This has not been verified, but I'm told that while playing set-back the other night one of the players was not understood. At just about the time the bid reached one of the fellows, a cat began to yell under the table. "Six," shouted the one whose turn it was to bid. "Six, the dickens," said his partner, "you can't bid six in this game." "I mean six kittens," replied the curious one who looked under the table to find that a mother cat had just deposited six kittens at his feet. That wound up the game.

Don't fail to save a few pennies to buy Easter Seals, be used in helping crippled children. The pennies will not be missed and untold good will result in helping those who cannot help themselves.

## Boy Scouts Get Annual Charter

### Beautiful Document Received By Scoutmaster Tuesday

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, the Rotary and Lions Clubs, sponsors of the local troop of Boy Scouts, No. 156, will be interested to know that on Tuesday the annual charter was received by Scoutmaster Kermit L. Layton.

This charter must be renewed every year and is not issued unless the troop has complied with all requirements in accordance with provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the Boy Scouts of America.

The charter is a beautiful document adorned with Scout emblems, and bearing the signatures of national officers, as well as names of the local troop committee, and Kermit Layton and Colon Sawyer, scoutmaster and assistant, respectively.

The troop committee is composed of W. S. Privott, chairman, Jesse W. White, Geddes Potter, C. E. Kramer, W. D. Holmes, Hector Lupton, T. C. Byrum, W. W. Byrum and J. Clarence Leary.

## Baptists Work For S. S. Enlargement

Beginning Sunday, March 19th, several of the Baptist churches of the Chowan Baptist Association will engage in a Sunday School enlargement revival. The workers and representatives of the several churches will gather at the First Baptist Church in Elizabeth City on Saturday, March 18th, for the first meeting of inspiration and fellowship. The workers will go to the churches participating in the work from the Saturday meeting. They will speak to the congregations of the churches on Sunday morning, and make plans for a complete religious census on Sunday afternoon. Much planning has been done so that the best work may be done throughout the week. Each evening there will be classes in Sunday School administration or some other similar work that will aid the churches in building better Sunday Schools. Each day there will be association-wide meetings at Elizabeth City First Baptist Church, where reports of the previous day's work will be given, and messages of inspiration will be heard. The more of the people from the churches who will attend these meetings, the more inspiration they carry back to their churches, and the more eager they are to do better work in the local churches.

The congregation of Yeopim church will meet at 10:30 Sunday morning for inspiration and worship.

## Jr. Auxiliary Changes Its Hour Of Meeting

One new member, Lillian Byrum, was added to the Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion which met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Charlotte Bunch. Nine members were present, including their counselor, Mrs. W. E. Baker. The Juniors decided at their meeting to change the hour of meeting from 3:30 to 7:30 with the next meeting scheduled to be held the second Tuesday in April with Mary Griffin.

## Splendid Concert At School Tuesday Night

A large crowd of friends gathered in the school auditorium Tuesday night to hear a concert presented by the band, glee club and piano class.

Nine numbers were played by the band under the direction of C. L. McCullers which led the program. Following this the piano class, taught by Mrs. L. L. Lewis presented several numbers with the following taking part: Julia Burton, Dorothy Parker, Norma Perry, Janie Mitchener, Annie Mason Byrum, Catherine Reeves, Doris Jean Leary and Doris Brown.

The concert concluded with several selections by the glee club, directed by Mrs. M. A. Hughes, a feature being two songs by Sally Dixon.

## Boy Scout Trails

President Roosevelt, who has been an outstanding leader in Scouting for more than seventeen years, has striven to show how all parts of the nation are inter-dependent. The fellowship of Scouting tries to knit the nation's youth together. It adopts a good neighbor policy among its members, tries to help all boys to become more considerate, self-reliant, healthier in mind and body, reader for leadership. The daily good turn is that extra kindness, a bit more than mere good manners.

There are reliable signs that boys and young men with Scout training are stepping more and more into positions of leadership.

Surveys indicate that more than 50 percent of our Senior High School boys are Scouts. Their scholarship ranks slightly higher than that of non-Scouts; and most significant they hold a clear majority of student offices.

In a recent season 68 percent of the football captains in 270 colleges and universities had Scouting background, and more than 65 percent of our Rhoades scholars in the last 10 years have had Scout training.

Almost 70 percent of our Cadets and Midshipmen have been Scouts. Some 50 Congressmen have participated in the movement.

During and after the World War, the Scout movement grew in members and friends; educators and leaders in all walks of life looked upon it, and approved.

In 1935, the twenty-fifth anniversary, it passed the million mark in enrollment.

## WHO KNOWS?

1. What interest is paid on loans from the Farm Credit Administration?
2. What is meant by the "alphabet agencies"?
3. Has the Anglo-American trade treaty negotiations broken down?
4. Does the Wagner labor act guarantee employers any rights?
5. How much money is spent on air conditioning?
6. What proportion of relief appropriations go to payrolls?
7. How much money has Great Britain invested in China?

### THE ANSWERS

1. Three and one-half per cent.
2. Governmental units, such as the SEC, RFC, AAA, FTC, etc.
3. No.
4. No, it is solely concerned with certain rights of laborers.
5. Estimate: 1937, \$85,000,000 and moving upward.
6. About 60 per cent.
7. Estimate: 1931, \$1,189,000,000.

## Per Capita Cost Of County Homes Is Still Climbing

### Chowan Aiding 104 at Little More Than Cost Of Home Operation

Though suspending operation of the County Home during August, 1938, according to a survey made by the division of institutions and corrections of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, Chowan County during the fiscal year of operation of the home spent a total of \$1,929.73, representing a monthly per capita cost of \$16.08 in taking care of an average daily population of 16.

Under the present relief program, however, the County has greatly widened its scope in giving relief which now takes in 104 cases in various forms. And while prior to closing the home an average of \$160 monthly was required to care for an average of 10 inmates at the home, the addition of \$48 per month paid by the county, or \$208, provides some form of relief to 104 persons, including those who would have had to be taken care of in the home.

According to the report \$713,224.45 was spent in 85 counties for an average daily population of 2,990 in county homes at an average annual per capita cost of \$213.54 or \$17.76 per month. During the period \$170,210.39 was spent for permanent improvements.

County home care is still a five million dollar enterprise, with per capita costs of operation of the institutions still climbing, having jumped from \$13.66 in 1934 to an average of \$17.76 during the last fiscal period.

Chowan, Cherokee and Hyde counties suspended operation of their county homes during the past fiscal year.

## Distinguished Guests Here On Wednesday

Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, the Governor's wife, Mrs. W. K. Dupree, Jr., of New York City, niece of Mrs. Hoey, Mrs. W. P. Horton, wife of the lieutenant governor, and Mrs. Charles Johnson, wife of the State treasurer, were distinguished visitors in Edenton Wednesday. They were accompanied to Edenton by Mrs. John F. White on a sight-seeing jaunt.

Assisting Mrs. White in showing the visitors points of interest were Mrs. George P. Byrum and Mrs. Wood Privott. They remained several hours, returning to Raleigh in mid-afternoon.

# STATE THEATRE

HERTFORD, N. C.

Friday, March 17—

Science and skill were his weapons!  
**DR. MEADE**  
 THE STRANGE CASE OF DR. MEADE  
 with JACK HOLT  
 Also  
 COMEDY ACT

Saturday, March 18—

**GEORGE O'BRIEN**  
 RANGERS  
 "LONE RANGER" No. 15  
 "FIGHTING DEVIL DOGS" No. 1

Monday, March 20—

**STARR GALE**  
**IDIOTS DELIGHT**  
 COMEDY NEWS

Tuesday, March 21—

**Lobby Kream**  
**FISHERMAN'S WHARF**  
 Also  
 COMEDY ACT

Wednesday, March 22—

MATINEE 3 P. M.  
**CRASHING THE SPY RING**  
 COLUMBIA PICTURE  
 Also  
 COMEDY ACT

Thursday, March 23—

GAAL TONE  
**THE GIRL**  
 Dolansons  
 ALSO COMEDY AND NEWS