

# Easter Customs Trace Back To Pagan Days

Many of our present-day Easter traditions, such as the exchange of colored eggs and gay greeting cards at Easter time, have their origin in ancient customs that reach back to the dawn of civilization.

The word "Easter" itself comes from Eostra, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring and pagan symbol of fertility. The snows melted and flowers bloomed when she touched the earth, the Teutonic tribes believed.

According to legend, Eostra transformed her pet bird into a rabbit who later developed into our familiar Easter Bunny. That's why the elusive, generous hare still builds nests like a bird and fills them with colored eggs for children.

Our custom of donning new clothes for Easter springs from the age-old desire to "spruce up" at a time when all nature is blooming with new life. The Chinese and North American Indians always cast off their old apparel in the Spring, and the Roman Emperor Constantine introduced the custom to his royal court in the fourth century.

Easter, which is celebrated this year on March 28, can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25. The Church's Council of Nice decided in 325 A.D. that Easter should henceforth fall on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox, March 21. This was believed to be the time when the Easter lilies, symbolic of Christ's resurrection, bloomed in Egypt.

Today's Easter morning sunrise services are curiously similar to solemn pagan religious rites held long before the time of Christ. Every year, on March 21, tribes gathered on mountain tops at dawn to celebrate the "Festival of the Sun," hailing the lengthening days and the beginning of Spring.

Persian sun-worshippers began their New Year on this day, and gave each other colored eggs, dyed with herbs. Early Christians consecrated eggs and continued to exchange them at Easter, staining them a deep red

to symbolize the blood of Christ. An Easter gift of colored eggs came to denote affection during the Middle Ages, and elaborately gilded eggs—often adorned with jewels—were exchanged among royal families.

Colored eggs proved rather impractical to send any distance as Easter greetings, and in the middle of the nineteenth century the people of Northern Germany began sending Easter cards in their place. These early cards were religious scenes mounted on vividly-colored velvets and silks, often with a silk cord and tassel so they could be hung on the wall.

Gradually flowers were introduced into the designs. Then came the familiar chicks, bunnies and ducks that lend such a delightfully humorous note to the gay present-day greetings. Today Easter cards have almost completely replaced colored eggs as messengers of affection at Easter time, although many of the other ancient customs remain.

## Employment Office Will Close Monday

Mrs. Corie White announced early this week that the office of the N. C. State Employment Service will be closed all day Easter Monday. Any person having important business to transact should, therefore, attend to it accordingly.

## Vets' Question Box

Q. Can my son, a disabled war veteran, who is being rehabilitated under Public Law 16, continue his training for more than four (4) years?

A. Training in excess of four (4) years may be approved for your son if his disability is such that no course of training which does not exceed four (4) years will restore him to employability, or if circumstances beyond his control necessitate the extension beyond the prescribed four (4) year period. No course in excess of four (4) years may be authorized except with the approval of the Administrator.

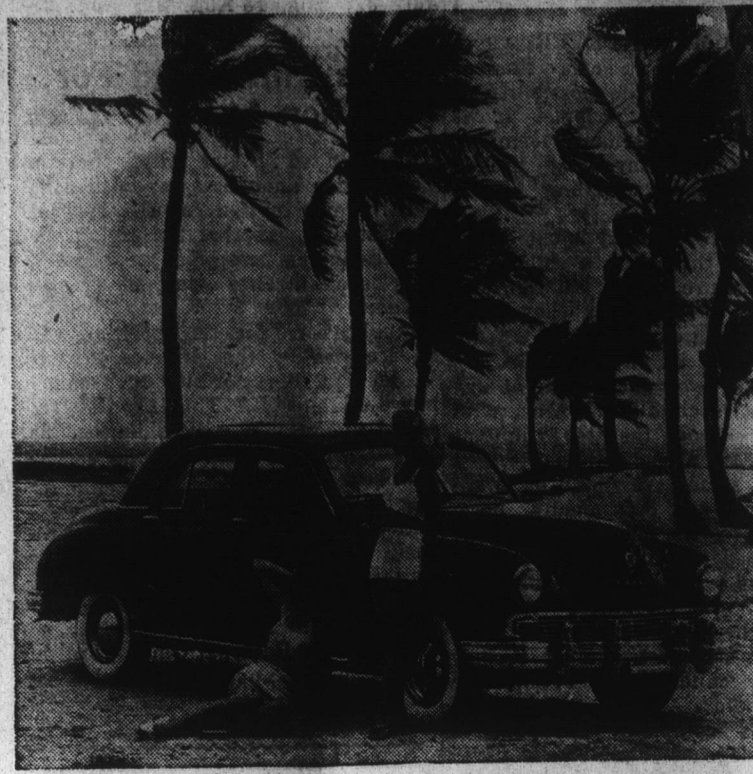
Q. If I decide to give up the course of training I am taking under the GI Bill, do I have to notify Veterans Administration of my action?

A. You should not quit your course of education or training without notifying or obtaining approval of the VA regional office handling your claim. This is necessary so that if you have not exhausted your entitlement, you may qualify for further training.

Q. May a veteran receive full subsistence payments from Veterans Administration if he works while attending school under the GI Bill?

A. He may work part-time or full-time and still draw his full subsistence allowance, provided that the wages he earns for such employment, plus his subsistence allowance while attending school, does not total more than \$175 a month if he has no dependent or dependents or \$200 a

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month if he has dependents.

Q. My father is supporting a large family and I would like to know if I can claim him as a dependent while in training under the GI Bill?

A. Dependency will be held to exist if your father does not have an income sufficient to provide reasonable maintenance for himself and members of his family under legal age, or members of his family otherwise dependent by reason of mental or physical incapacity.

## Lee E. Clark Dies As Result Of Heart Attack

Lee E. Clark, 33, a carpenter employed by J. L. Batton & Bro., died suddenly at his home in North Edenton Thursday afternoon as the result of a heart attack. Deceased was found dead by his wife when she returned from work as a clerk in H. T. Layton's grocery store, but Dr. L. P. Williams and Clerk of Court E. W. Spires decided a coroner's inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. Clark, who had been in ill health for several years, worked during the morning, but went home about 2:30, and evidently died shortly after arriving home.

He was a native of Rockingham County and, besides his wife, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clark of Rockingham County; five brothers, Reuben and Lynn Clark of Stoneville, Harry of Leaksville, Harvey of Rocky Mount, Va., and Lewis of Price, N. C., and a sister, Mrs. Lucy Hassell of Summerfield, N. C.

Funeral services were held at the Quinn Funeral Home Saturday afternoon at 2:30, with the Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was made in Bertie County.

## HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY EASTER CATHOLIC SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 25, Holy Communion will be given at 8 A. M. in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, stated Father F. J. McCourt, rector.

Good Friday, March 26, the Devotions of the Seven Last Words and Meditation on Christ's Crucifixion will be held from 2:45 to 3:15 P. M. and Rosary, Stations of the Cross and sermon on "Christ's Death" will start at 8 P. M.

Easter Sunday, March 28, the most holy sacrifice of the mass will begin at 8 and 11 A. M. in Edenton, each including sermon on "The Resurrection Proves Jesus' Divinity." Holy Communion, the pastor inviting everybody to all services.

Confessions Thursday 7:30 to 7:55 A. M., Friday after both services, Saturday 4:30 to 5:30 and 7:30 to 10 P. M., Sunday 7 to 7:55 and 10 to 10:55 A. M.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Friends will be glad to learn that Percy L. Williams, well-known Chowan County farmer, returned to his home Sunday after being a patient in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, for the past three weeks.

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# Weekly Health Talk

BY DR. GEORGE T. CRAWFORD

## CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN ABOUT MUMPS

MUMPS is an inflammation of the parotid glands and is known as parotitis. The parotid glands are the chief organs for the manufacture of saliva. In the condition of mumps, these glands become swollen and tender, and the surrounding tissues are also involved. The onset is quite rapid with slight fever, and sometimes earache, headache, loss of appetite and vomiting. Mastication is very difficult. Swallowing, speaking and hearing are often impaired.

The glands in this disease are the seat of an inflammatory process which exists because of a toxic condition of the body. Toxins in the blood are apt to set up inflammation at any point when they accumulate beyond the point of tolerance of the body. When this point is reached, inflammatory processes break out and are localized at the center of lowest resistance. In health, toxins, which are always present to some extent, are eliminated

from the body by the skin, lungs, kidneys and bowels. If anything should interfere with the operation of these organs, so that their activity is not continued, toxins accumulate in the blood stream and Nature adopts some unusual channel of elimination to rid the system of the substances which are clogging the blood.

To restore normal function in the organs of elimination is the aim of the Chiropractor in this disease. He does not seek to treat the local effect of the disorder, but rather to remove its cause, knowing that when the cause of disease no longer exists, the disease itself will quickly disappear. Stimulation by natural means is what Chiropractic accomplishes through spinal manipulations. This promotes normal elimination through the right channels. When the blood stream is thus purified, the inflammatory process subsides. Chiropractic is a success because it gives Nature a chance.

# "Where Has My Money Gone"?

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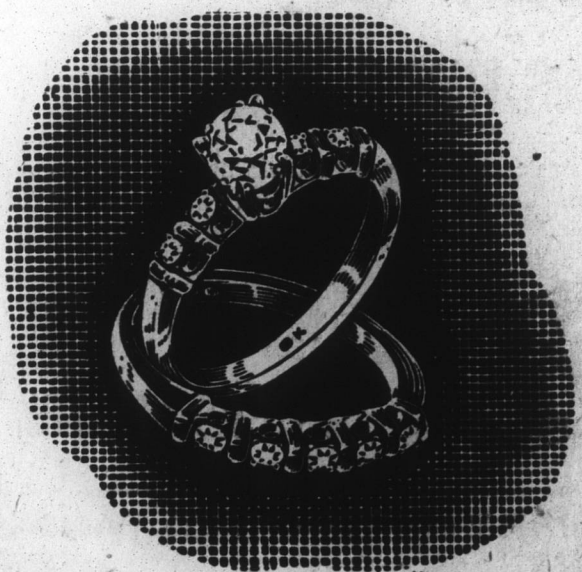
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Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living—life itself—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure. When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel tired, nervous, all worn out.  
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