

"Scouting In Action Fair" Being Planned

Edenton Boys Will Participate In District Program

Plans for the 1954 Albemarle District "Scouting In Action Fair" are being completed, T. F. (Doc) Lowry, chairman of camping and activities committee for this district has announced.

Lowry said that there will be two shows again this year, one in Hertford on October 16 and one in Elizabeth City October 23. "All Cub Packs, Scout troops, and Explorer units will participate in each showing," he said. "The purpose of the show," explained Lowry, "is to acquaint the public with the ingredients of the scouting program." He added that both shows will be free to the public and friends of scouting.

In making this announcement, Lowry issued the following assignments for each unit.

- Cub Packs**
 155 Hertford—Cub Scout games and how to play them.
 159 Edenton—The den meeting and what goes on there.
 164 Elizabeth City—Hobbies, collections and handicraft.
Boy Scout Troops
 150 Gatesville—Woodcarving.
 151 Elizabeth City—Finger printing.
 152 South Mills—Carpentry, bird houses, bird feeding stations.
 153 Elizabeth City—Signaling and radio.
 154 Tyner—Home repairs.
 155 Hertford—Civil Defense and emergency service.
 156 Edenton—Indian lore.
 158 Sunbury—Handicraft.
 160 Elizabeth City—Camping, first class as at camporee, fires, shelters, etc., out in the center of the fair circle.
 162 Central—Conservation, soil, forest wild life, natural resources, etc.
 163 Elizabeth City—Cooking, with pots, with aluminum foil, reflector, oven, etc.
 164 Elizabeth City—First aid and life saving.
 165 Manteo—Public health, germs and how they spread.
 166 Camden—Leatherwork.
 168 Gates Stat.—Tin can craft and metal work.
 169 Rocky Hook—Forestry.
 172 Currituck—Pioneering.
Explorer Posts
 172 Currituck—Nature.
 156 Edenton—The four parts of the Explorer program in action.

Human pride is human weakness. Self-knowledge, humility, and love are divine strength. —Mary Baker Eddy



HOME AWAY FROM HOME — Women's Army Corps Captain Roberta E. McWilliams locates the spot on a map of Paris where the 82 members of the International Women's Detachment of Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe, make their home.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MacKENZIE

Where did Cain get his wife?

Every now and then someone will ask me that question; then, pleased with himself for having discovered an "irreconcilable contradiction" in the Bible that no one had ever noticed before, will sit back and wait for me to stumble around in utter confusion. The question itself betrays a petty spirit, so utterly foreign to that of honest inquiry, that I am often tempted to repeat Billy Sunday's classic answer to it: "Brother, don't let your interest in another man's wife keep you out of heaven." However, it is typical of the so-called contradictions in the Bible, and perhaps an answer to it here will be of help to some.

Where did Cain get his wife? Those who labor to find a contradiction in the Bible here reason in this manner: "The Bible says there were only two children born to Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, both boys. These were their first children, and their only children up until this time. Since Abel had been killed, there were only three humans alive on the earth: Adam, his wife Eve, and their son, Cain. Yet Cain went to the land of Nod and took unto himself a wife. Where did she come from?"

Where did she come from? (to use a proposition to end a sentence with). First of all, Cain and Abel were not the first two children born to Adam and Eve. Children were born to them while they were still in the Garden of Eden. When God first created them He said, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Genesis 1:28). In Genesis 2:24, Adam is quoted as saying, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." In Genesis 3:20 we read, "And Adam called his wife's name Eve (which means 'life-giver'); because she was the mother of all living." All of this took place in the

Garden of Eden, and all of these Scriptures are taken from the first three chapters of Genesis. We do not read of the births of Cain and Abel until the fourth chapter of Genesis. These two boys were born after their parents had been expelled from the Garden of Eden.

Why are these children not mentioned by name? Because they are not necessary to the sacred story, merely incidental. Why is Cain's wife (who was obviously a sister, or a niece) not mentioned? Mainly because the Bible, like other ancient books, never mentions female children unless they are very important to the story. Further, at the time this was written, everyone knew where Cain got his wife; it would have been superficial for the writer to include an account of his courtship and marriage.

"That may be so," I can hear someone say, "but the Bible says that he went unto the land of Nod and took unto himself a wife." No it doesn't! It says that he dwelt in the land of Nod and "knew his wife" (Genesis 4:16-17). The phrase "knew his wife" is merely an old English way of saying that he had intimate relations with her (see, for example, Genesis 4:1, or Matthew 1:25). However, even if we were told that he met her in the land of Nod there would be no inconsistency in the Bible story. That there were many people living in the land of Nod at that time is indicated by (1) that the land of Nod had already been named; and (2) that Cain was able to build a city there (Genesis 4:17), which he named after his son, Enoch.

Where did Cain get his wife? You have just read my answer to this question. Personally, I still prefer Billy Sunday's answer.

Mrs. Fannie M. Byrum Dies At Edenhouse

Mrs. Fannie M. Byrum, 43, died at her home at Edenhouse Friday night at 7:15 o'clock following an illness of four years.

Surviving are her husband, Coy W.

Byrum; two sons, Coy D. Byrum of Fort Bragg and Donald Gray Byrum, at home; two daughters, Mrs. Ernestine Rose of Matvey, Pa., and Miss Betty Ruth Byrum, at home; three brothers, Willie Daniels of Edenton, Perry Daniels of Scotland Neck and Roy Daniels of South Norfolk, and one sister, Mrs. David Cobb of Merry Hill.

Quality Can Help Make Up For Acreage Loss

Despite the loss of 154,000 acres of cotton in North Carolina—and prospects of further reductions in allotments—cotton growers can still increase their incomes.

David S. Weaves, director of the State College Agricultural Extension Service and member of the state Cotton Quality Improvement Committee, suggests that growers and others set their sights on:

Improving the inherent quality of cotton and preserving that quality through production, harvesting, gin-

ning, handling and other processes. Weaver points out that North Carolina is largely a state of small cotton growers; there are 87,000 farmers producing less than 600,000 acres. This small acreage per farm means that certain practices that have proved profitable elsewhere, such as mechanization, are difficult to carry out in North Carolina. In this state, 96 per cent of the cotton is hand-picked, compared to 38 per cent in California and 19 per cent in Texas.

On the other hand, North Carolina enjoys some advantages over these states. North Carolina cotton is close to the markets, and local mills favor high-grade North Carolina cotton. Weaver declares that Tar Heel farmers can produce a cotton of a very high quality if they will observe every practice essential to maintaining that quality.

MAKE-UP TIPS FOR TEEN-AGERS

Just how much make-up a teen-age girl should use and what type poses a moot question. Columbia Pictures make-up head offers suggestions in the helpful article appearing in September 19th issue of

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