

### Customs Date To Pagan Days

The present-day Easter, such as the colored eggs and gay time, is at Easter time, in ancient custom back to the dawn of time.

Itself developed into the Easter Bunny, a chaste, generous bird, not like a bird with colored eggs.

at dawn, new Easter "spruce up" when all nature is new life. The Chinese American, In the East off their old spring, and the Constantine intrusion to his royal fourth century.

is celebrated March 26, can fall on March 22 and the Church's Council in 325 A.D. that heretofore fall on blowing the first of the vernal equinox. This was equated when the Easter of Christ's resurrection in Egypt.

er morning, strange curious similarity in pagan religions before the time of Christ, on March 26, on mountain to celebrate the Sun, "hailing" days and the beginning.

war-shippers, be- Year on this day, with other colored with herbs. Early decorated eggs and exchange them at a deep red to the blood of Christ.

ill of colored eggs, devotion during and elaborately adorned with exchanged among.

proved rather in- and any distance as and in the mid-thirteenth century the Northern Germany be- later cards in their cards were reli-

### Tractor School Will Be Held Here Saturday

There will be a Tractor Maintenance School at the Waynesville Armory Saturday, March 27, starting at 10 o'clock.

Due to the shortage of tractors it is necessary that proper care and maintenance be given them. There are many things which the driver of a tractor can do in proper maintenance. Most of the time it is necessary to get a mechanic when your tractor does not function properly due to some slight maladjustment, however, with some knowledge of tractor mechanics, the driver can make these adjustments himself and save this expense.

The following points will be covered in the school:

1. General principles of internal combustion engine.
2. Fuels and carburetion systems.
3. Cooling systems.
4. Lubrication.
5. Oil filters and air cleaners.
6. Ignition.
7. Operation, safety and storage.

Drivers and owners of tractors (including jeeps) should attend this school for a good program of daily maintenance can add many months and even years to the life of your tractor and can substantially reduce the frequency of major overhauls.

A display of air cleaners, oil filters, tractor, charts, etc., will be on the program at the school and J. C. Ferguson, agricultural engineering specialist from North Carolina State College will assist at the schools.

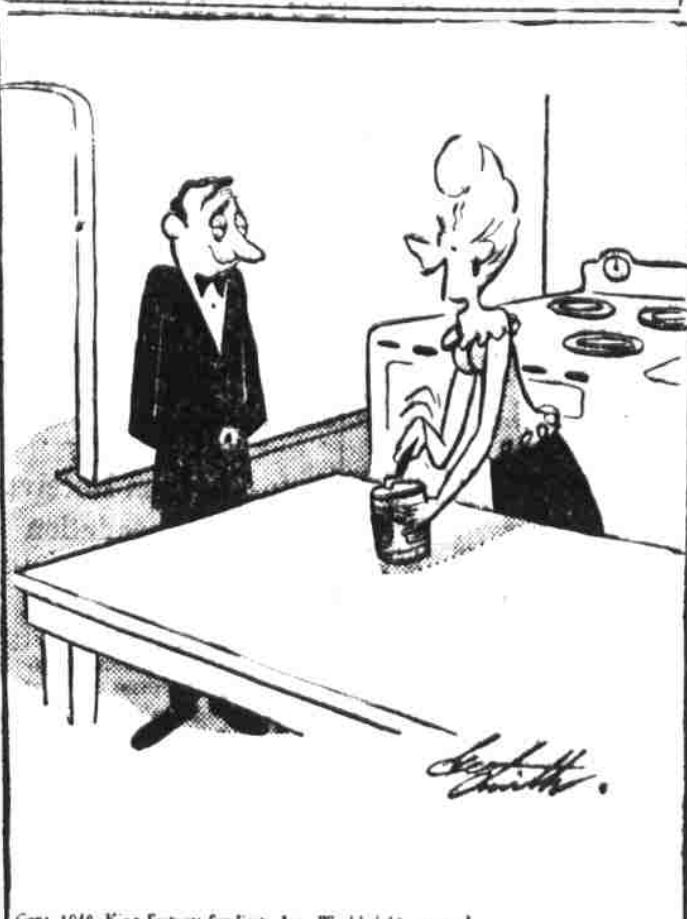
Tractors will be used in the instruction.

Surveys show that workers and salaried executives make up the bulk of American airline travelers. About 39 per cent earn less than \$6,000 annually, another 38 per cent earn "executive's salaries" of \$6,000 to \$15,000 and only 22 per cent earn more than \$15,000 a year.

gious 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.

### LAFF - A - DAY



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### Nantahala Co. To Furnish Power In Caney Fork

The state utilities commission issued an order Wednesday authorizing the Nantahala Power & Light company to furnish electric service to residents of the Caney Fork township in Jackson county.

There has been some controversy over whether the area should be served by the power company or the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation.

Last January the utilities commission issued an order giving the membership corporation until March 10 to begin construction of power lines in the area, but, the commission said:

"March 10 has come and gone and the commission has received no report from the Haywood Electric Membership corporation showing that it has procured a single petition for service, a single foot of right of way or made any construction."

### Paralyzed Veterans Offered New Hope

CHICAGO (UP)—A rehabilitation specialist holds out new hope to veterans paralyzed from spinal cord injuries.

Dr. Louis B. Newman, chief of the physical medicine rehabilitation service at Hines Veterans Hospital, said veterans partially or completely paralyzed by spinal cord injuries no longer face a helpless life.

He said intelligent and co-operative patients with partial use of their upper extremities can be taught to walk with the aid of braces and crutches.

Trained personnel, modern equipment and an "endless reservoir of ingenuity" are necessary to rehabilitate such patients, he said.

### MINNESOTA PROSPERS

ST. PAUL (UP)—Total Jan. 1, 1948, livestock and poultry value on Minnesota farms was \$323,000,000, an increase of 10 per cent over a year ago and nearly 90 per cent more than for the previous 10-year period.

### CHOICE BRIEFS OF CAROLINA NEWS

From The Wires of Associated Press and United Press

#### FRIGHTENED WOMAN SHOOTS YOUNG GIRL

At Franklin a little five-year-old girl who was mistaken for a burglar has lost her left leg below the knee. Officers say Wanda Clark went to a neighbor's home and knocked on the door. Mrs. Ella West heard the knock and thought a burglar was trying to enter. She fired a shotgun through the door. The charge struck the little girl in the knee and doctors have been forced to amputate her leg.

#### INDICTED FOR MURDER

A Lee county grand jury has returned a true bill of indictment charging first degree murder against James Palmer. The Negro is accused of murdering another Negro, Otis McNeill, whose bullet-riddled body was found in the Deep River near Sanford.

McNeill had charged Palmer with shooting him in the leg and a trial was scheduled to get under way just a few days after McNeill's body was found.

#### UNION POLITICAL GROUP REGISTERS

The United Labor Political Committee of North Carolina has registered with Secretary of State Chad Fair as an organization designed to influence public opinion. This makes the seventh group to register as required by a law passed by the 1947 legislature. O. C. Lee of Raleigh, head of the Communication Workers of America for this state, is listed as co-ordinator of the committee, which declared its total assets to be \$43.

#### FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY RESIGNS

The first assistant U. S. attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, W. M. Nicholson, is resigning. After holding the office for the past 14 years, Nicholson is resigning effective March 31 to devote full time to private law practice at Charlotte.

#### TAR HEEL SHARK EXPERT HEADS FOR RED SEA

Cecil Nelson of Morehead City is on his way back to the sharks of the far-distant Red Sea. An expert on sharks, Nelson has spent his lifetime catching and preserving sharks in North Carolina waters, and his work along the outer banks and in the Atlantic has won him recognition as a national authority on the deep-sea killers.

Now branching out he is going to Saudi Arabia to establish a profitable shark-fishing industry in the Red Sea. He has been hired by the Saudi Arabian government as a special expert. Nelson plans to sail Monday with his family for a year's stay.

#### CHARTER IS GRANTED POLITICAL GROUP

A state charter has been granted to a non-stock group, the Piedmont Taft Club, Inc., which says it hopes to see that the Taft-Hartley law, Senator Taft and those who voted for the law receive what the group calls "just recognition and support."

The application for a charter is signed by George A. Waddle, Clay Hyder and Dr. Wilbur Griffith, all of Hendersonville. They say the club will function for charitable and educational purposes.

#### TWO ARE INJURED IN TORNADO IN CAROLINA

The injury list now stands at two persons in the tornado which passed over the piedmont section of North Carolina Tuesday night. J. W. Phillips received slight hip injuries near Kannapolis when he crawled under a house for shelter from the wind. The tornado blew the house off its foundations. Twelve-year-old David Henderson was slightly hurt in Mecklenburg county when the wind took another house from over the heads of 12 Negroes as they lugged the floor.

#### SEIZE LOAD OF LIQUOR

State Highway Patrolmen at Franklinton this week seized a truckload of bootleg whiskey valued at more than \$5,000. Authorities say 135 cases of whiskey was concealed in rolls of asphalt roofing in the truck. The driver, listed as Henry Hatten of High Point, is being held in jail at Franklinton under \$1,000 bond.

#### ENGINEER HIRED FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

A California engineer will head the Charlotte city school system's \$4,000,000 construction program. The job of superintendent of the large project is being turned over to Howard M. Davall, Jr., managing engineer of the experimental department of Clayton Manufacturing company, Los Angeles. Davall, a native of Cheraw, S. C., will take over the two-year construction project within the next 30 days.

#### CIO LEADER REPORTS ON DRIVE IN SOUTH

The secretary-treasurer of the CIO organizing committee says the union's membership has increased by some 400,000 since the CIO drive was launched in 11 Southern states in 1946.

Sheehan H. Dalrymple spoke in Charlotte to North Carolina CIO organizers.

Dalrymple says there is much to be done, although we have established 932 new bargaining units we have not begun to scratch the surface in organizing the textile industry," he says, adding that the organizing drive in the South will continue until the job is complete.

Dalrymple says that more new members of the union have been signed and more plants have been opened up in North Carolina than in any other Southern state.

#### INQUEST SET TODAY

An inquest will begin today in Asheville in the death of nine women patients in a mental hospital here March 11. Coroner P. R. Terry says the testimony of firemen will open the hearing.

#### TAR HEEL ATTORNEY DEFENDS JAP GENERAL

James N. Freeman, Winston-Salem attorney, who is defense counsel for the ex-chief of the Japanese war office's military affairs bureau, has charged a major prosecution witness with testifying merely for vengeance. In the Tokyo trials this week, Freeman says Maj. Gen. Ryukichi Tanaka, one-time high officer in Japan's Kwantung army, discredited himself as a witness. He is defense counsel for Lt. Gen. Henry Sato.

#### HOSPITAL PROGRAM HALTED BY HIGH COSTS

An unusual increase in building costs has temporarily stymied the state-wide medical care program. Governor Cherry told the South-eastern Hospital executives at a meeting this week in Durham. But the governor assured the group that hospital projects will begin at the earliest possible date.



If you want to make friends with children, don't "talk down" to them. Most youngsters hate to be patted on the head and cooed at. Treat them as equals and you'll win their respect and affection.

### EASTER GREETINGS

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