

ETHIOPIAN TONGUE IS 7,000 YEARS OLD

Alphabet Reformed at Start of Christian Era.

Washington. — Revolutionizing the alphabet! That is a daring deed in any day and age. But the Ethiopians did it. What is more, the clever old alphabet-invention of Ethiopia has been invented all over again in modern America with applause and approval.

Ethiopia's alphabet inventing took place away back at the beginning of the Christian era, says Dr. John P. Harrington, linguistic specialist of the Smithsonian Institution. "Ethiopia's," explains Doctor Harrington, "inherited the old Semitic alphabet in common with the Hebrews, Aramaics and Arabs. It was a cumbersome system of writing consonants of words and then placing the vowels. It was written at all, outside the contours as dots and dashes—not unlike some forms of shorthand. Books in Hebrew are filled with this over-dotting, which Germans aptly call 'eye-wood.'

Cut Out the Frills.
"Ancestors of Emperor Halle Selassie did away with all this bric-a-brac outside the contours of letters, thereby helping eyesight 100 per cent. They noticed that each consonant letter had four corners, and their bright idea was to join a tick to each corner to express one or another of the vowels following the consonant. This gave them an alphabet of syllables, but syllables easy to remember.

"Ethiopia's also reversed the order of writing, so that the eye moves from left to right as in modern English print. Instead of the reverse as in old Hebrew and modern Yiddish."

When the American Indian Sequoyah invented an alphabet for writing the Cherokee Indian language over a hundred years ago he was repeating the very invention Ethiopia had made some 2,000 years earlier, Doctor Harrington finds. Sequoyah's alphabetic symbols represent a consonant plus a vowel. Unlike the Ethiopians, however, the Indian alphabet maker was weak on system, and his alphabet is about five times as hard to learn as the old Ethiopian product.

It is quite possible, Doctor Harrington believes, that Sequoyah had heard something of the ancient Hebrew and Ethiopian systems from missionaries.

Repeated by Indians.
Coming to still more recent times, French Canadian missionaries, among the Cree Indians of the Hudson Bay region, repeated the same discovery in the 1890s. Working in collaboration with Cree Indians themselves, and certainly with some knowledge of Ethiopian and Hebrew writing in the back of their heads—as Doctor Harrington points out—the missionaries invented a system whereby Cree could write their own language. Their system is more like the Ethiopian than Sequoyah's had been. Using simple geometric figures to represent consonants, they turned the consonant symbols in various positions to indicate the vowel following.

While bold in improving their written language, Ethiopians have conservatively preserved the spoken language of their ancestors down through 7,000 years. Sounds of the oldest language in the world can be heard in the royal palace and churches in the city of Addis Ababa. The words are more primitive in sound and form, says Doctor Harrington, than the dialects of the Semitic language—Hebrew and Aramaic—in which the Bible was written.

"Proto-Semitic," the language student would call these ancient primitive speech forms heard in Ethiopia. By proto-Semitic he means the basic language spoken about 5000 B. C., by people who founded civilization in the Old world.

Hawaii to Try Growing Giant Coconut Trees

Honolulu.—Seeds weighing from 16 to 32 pounds are being germinated preparatory to experimental cultivation of "double coconut" trees in Hawaii.

In reality they are not coconut trees at all but a species of fan palm peculiar to the Seychelles islands in the Indian ocean, scientifically known as *Lodoicea Seychellarum*. The seeds resemble huge coconuts and were long known as "coco de mer" or sea coconuts, because before the tree was discovered, 200 years ago, sailors found the seeds floating in the ocean.

The tree, which reaches a height of 60 to 100 feet, lives from 500 to 1,000 years. Available descriptions of the seed indicate they are similar to the coconut with a soft jelly-like meat. Uses of the tree are similar to those of the coconut palm—the shells for bowls and the leaves for baskets and tropical houses. The seed is still used for medicinal purposes in some parts of the Orient.

Recluse's Will Leaves \$8,000 to Little Boys

Bloomville, Ohio.—Discovery of a will left by Milton O. Myers, Bloomville recluse, put an \$8,000 estate within grasp of two local school boys. They attracted his attention, when as boys of four and two, they romped about as he repainted the place a few years ago. Nell and Don Stiles were named to the will, discovered in a Tiffin (Ohio) safety deposit box just as preparations were being made to divide the estate between two sisters of Myers, Mrs. Estelle Faust, of Detroit, and Mrs. Cinderella Brook of Cleveland.

Elias E. Chappell Dies In Indiana

In the Carthage (Ind.) Citizen of January 17 there appeared a notice of the death of Elias E. Chappell, a seventy-seven-year-old native of Chowan County who has lived at Carthage for more than fifty years.

Among the surviving relatives is named a sister, Mrs. J. T. Hollowell, of Tyner. The notice reads in part: "He was born in Chowan County, N. C., the son of James C. and Mary Ann Chappell. Here he received his early education and graduated from Belvidere Academy, a prominent Friends School of that period.

"In the spring of '81 he came to Indiana to live and was married to Emma J. Binford February 21, 1884, who preceded him in death about ten years.

"He was a birthright member of the Society of Friends and served efficiently as Clerk of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting for a number of years.

"He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Herman Gillis, of Hennepin, Ill.; Elsie E. Chappell, a teacher of Moses Brown School, Providence, R. I.; Lucille E. and Ada Chappell, teachers in Carthage School; two sons, J. Merrill Chappell, of Carthage, and Edwin J. Chappell, at home."

MERCURY DROPS QUICKLY

Without apprehension as to frozen water pipes, Hertford folks retired Wednesday night, and many a householder got the surprise of his life to find that the mercury which had stood at 40 at 10 o'clock, had dropped to 12, following a severe wind storm after midnight, and there were many hurry calls for plumbers to look after frozen pipes.

MRS. SMALL VERY ILL

Mrs. P. H. Small, who has been sick for several weeks, and whose condition was improved temporarily, suffered a relapse last week. Mrs. Small is quite sick.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

A marriage of interest to their many friends throughout the county took place December 31, 1935, when Miss Edna Phthisic, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Phthisic, became the bride of Mr. Nurney Chappell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chappell. The ceremony took place in Norfolk, Va., with the Rev. E. Q. Russell officiating. The bride was attired in a brown swaggar suit with matching accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Chappell are making their home with his parents near Belvidere.

A wise man of our own time said: "If God did not make you far a talker, you can make a great hit with everybody by keeping still."

National Forest Preserve
Our national forest preserve in the continental United States is over 140,000,000 acres.

True flying fish can make gliding flights through the air for more than a hundred feet.

Dead Snake's Tail Wiggles
The tail of a snake may wiggle long after the snake is dead on account of nervous reaction; there is nothing to the notion that it will continue to wiggle until sunset.

Dr. T. A. Cox
HERTFORD, N. C.
OFFICE HOURS
9 a. m. to 12 m.
2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Taylor Theatre

EDENTON, N. C.

PROGRAM COMING WEEK

Today (Thursday) and Friday, January 23-24—
CECIL DE MILLE'S "THE CRUSADES"
Loretta Young
Henry Wilcoxon
Spectacular - Romantic - Magnificent

Saturday, January 25—
"NEW FRONTIER"
John Wayne
Last Episode "Call of the Savages" Comedy

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 27-28—
"MILLIONS IN THE AIR"
Wendie Barry
John Howard

Wednesday, January 29—
Warren William
Genevieve Tobin
"THE CASE OF THE LUCKY LEGS"

Attention!
On account of length of the picture "The Crusades," there will be only two presentations daily at—
3:30 and 8:15

"MILLIONS IN THE AIR"



Wendie Barry and John Howard who take the leading roles in "Millions in the Air," which will be screened at the Taylor Theatre, in Edenton, Monday and Tuesday.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Darden had as guests on Tuesday Will Norfleet and his daughter, Miss Lucy Norfleet, of Suffolk, Va.

Miss Kate Wade, of Goldsboro, was in Hertford on Tuesday. Miss Wade, who is a court stenographer, was here to take the testimony at the special hearing held in a Carteret County matter before a referee.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Raper, of Piney Woods, were shoppers in Hertford on Wednesday.

Miss Mamie Stallings, accompanied by her house guest, Mrs. H. I. Esty, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. C. O. Fowler, of Hertford, Mrs. W. Harrison, of Portsmouth, Va., and Pool White, of Elizabeth City, spent a few days last week at Chesapeake Beach, near Norfolk, Va., with her niece, Mrs. Maurice Hodges, and Mr. Hodges.

Postmaster J. E. Morris, accompanied by Dr. E. S. White, of Belvidere, W. E. White and R. T. Brinn, have returned from a trip to Washington, D. C.

Miss Carolyn Riddick, who is a student at E. C. T. C., Greenville, and who was at home for the week-end, had as guests Miss Frances Chamblee, of Spring Hope, and Miss Sallie Lee Brewer, of Windsor.

Miss Evelyn Riddick was the week-end guest of Mrs. Frank Kugler, in Elizabeth City.

Lloyd Turnage, of Ayden, made a business trip to Hertford on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Futrell and their little son, Richard, Jr., of Rich Square, spent the week-end with Mrs. Futrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Elliott.

Carlton Davenport, Jr., spent the week-end at Mackeys as the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. W. S. Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight, of Burgess, spent Sunday at New Hope, visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spivey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Hollowell and Mrs. V. N. Darden will return today from a trip to Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Trim Wilson had as dinner guests on Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Sawyer and Phil, Jr., Mrs. Louise Freeman and Hubert Toxey, all of Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. White spent the week-end at Petersburg, Va., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Toms.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard, Mrs. J. A. Perry and Edward Weeks spent Monday in Richmond, Va.

Miss Carolyn Riddick, who is a student at E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riddick.

Mrs. V. N. Darden had as guests for Tuesday afternoon and night Mrs. Raymond Fuson, Mrs. A. J. Flowers and Mrs. Horace Hill, all of New Bern.

Mrs. F. A. Banks, who spent several days with her mother, Mrs. R. Q. Skinner, following the burial of her husband in Hertford on Thursday of last week, has returned to her home in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Howard, of Suffolk, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Roberson, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winslow and their daughter, Ruth, Misses Spivey and Alice Roberson spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L.

Spivey, Jr., at New Hope.

Clifford Simpson, who has a position in Greenville, spent the week-end with relatives at New Hope.

Mrs. J. H. Pruden is very sick at her home on Front Street.

Mrs. Clifford Banks and her little daughter, Margaret Anne, of New Hope, spent the week-end in Hertford with Mrs. Banks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Divers, Sr.

Little Miss Jane Kugler, of Elizabeth City, was the week-end guest of Miss Ellie Mae White.

Miss Martha Elizabeth Jordan, who is a student at the Norfolk Business College, Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. R. S. Jordan.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Davenport had as recent guests Dr. Davenport's mother, Mrs. W. S. Davenport, and Mrs. C. W. Blount, of Mackeys.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER HELD IN HONOR OF RECENT BRIDE

Mrs. J. V. Roach, Mrs. J. R. Roach and Miss Celeste Godwin delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. J. V. Roach, near Winfall, Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. George Roach. Before her marriage on Christmas Day, Mrs. Roach was Miss Alice Simpson, daughter of Mrs. C. L. Godwin.

The evening was pleasantly spent playing games. The bride was presented with a wagon filled with useful and beautiful gifts. Delicious refreshments were served.

Those sending presents were: Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Simpson, Mrs. Effie Miller, Mrs. Mollie Barber, Mrs. L. M. Godwin, Mrs. John Lane, Mrs. J. J. Lane, Mrs. Charlie Lane, Mrs. Susan Etheridge, Mrs. J. H. Baker, Mrs. Walter Umphlett, Mrs. B. M. Jones, Mrs. Claud White, Mrs. David Trueblood, Mrs. R. S. Jordan, Misses Beulah Roach, Frankie Barber, Addie White, Myrtle Umphlett, Celeste Godwin, and Doris Miller; Messrs. Kenneth Miller, Ralph Miller and Durward Leigh Barber.

MRS. WILLIS IMPROVING

The condition of Mrs. W. H. Willis, of Hertford, who is a patient in a Richmond, Va., hospital, is reported as slowly improving.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION HERTFORD BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION

Of Hertford, N. C., as of December 31st, 1935.
(Copy of Sworn Statement Submitted to Insurance Commissioner as Required by Law)

ASSETS	
The Association Owns:	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 1,273.95
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	None
Mortgage Loans	55,800.00
Money loaned to shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to own their homes. Each loan secured by first mortgage on local improved real estate.	
Stock Loans	9,265.75
Advances made to our shareholders against their stock. No loan exceeds 90 per cent of amount actually paid in.	
Accounts Receivable	66.00
Temporary Advances for Insurance, Taxes, etc.	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	None
Real Estate Owned	None
Other Assets	None
Total	\$65,905.70

LIABILITIES	
The Association Owes:	
To Shareholders	
Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on stock as follows:	
Installation Stock	\$47,118.25
Matured Stock	None
Running Stock	None
Prepaid Stock	11,200.00
Paid-up Stock	None
	58,318.25
Notes Payable, Federal Home Loan Bank	None
Notes Payable, Other	None
Money borrowed for use in making loans to members, of retiring matured stock. Each note approved by at least two-thirds of entire Board of Directors as required by law.	
Accounts Payable	None
Undivided Profits	7,587.45
Earnings held in trust for distribution to share-holders at maturity of stock.	
Other Liabilities	None
Total	\$65,905.70

State of North Carolina,
County of Perquimans, ss:

Wm. H. Hardcastle, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association, personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

WM. H. HARDCASTLE.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21st day of January, 1936.
(Seal) R. M. RIDDICK, JR., Notary Public.
My commission expires November 30, 1936.

Notice!

After February 1st next, 1935 Town Taxes are subject to penalty of 1 per cent. Please pay same promptly to avoid this penalty.

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Town Clerk

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