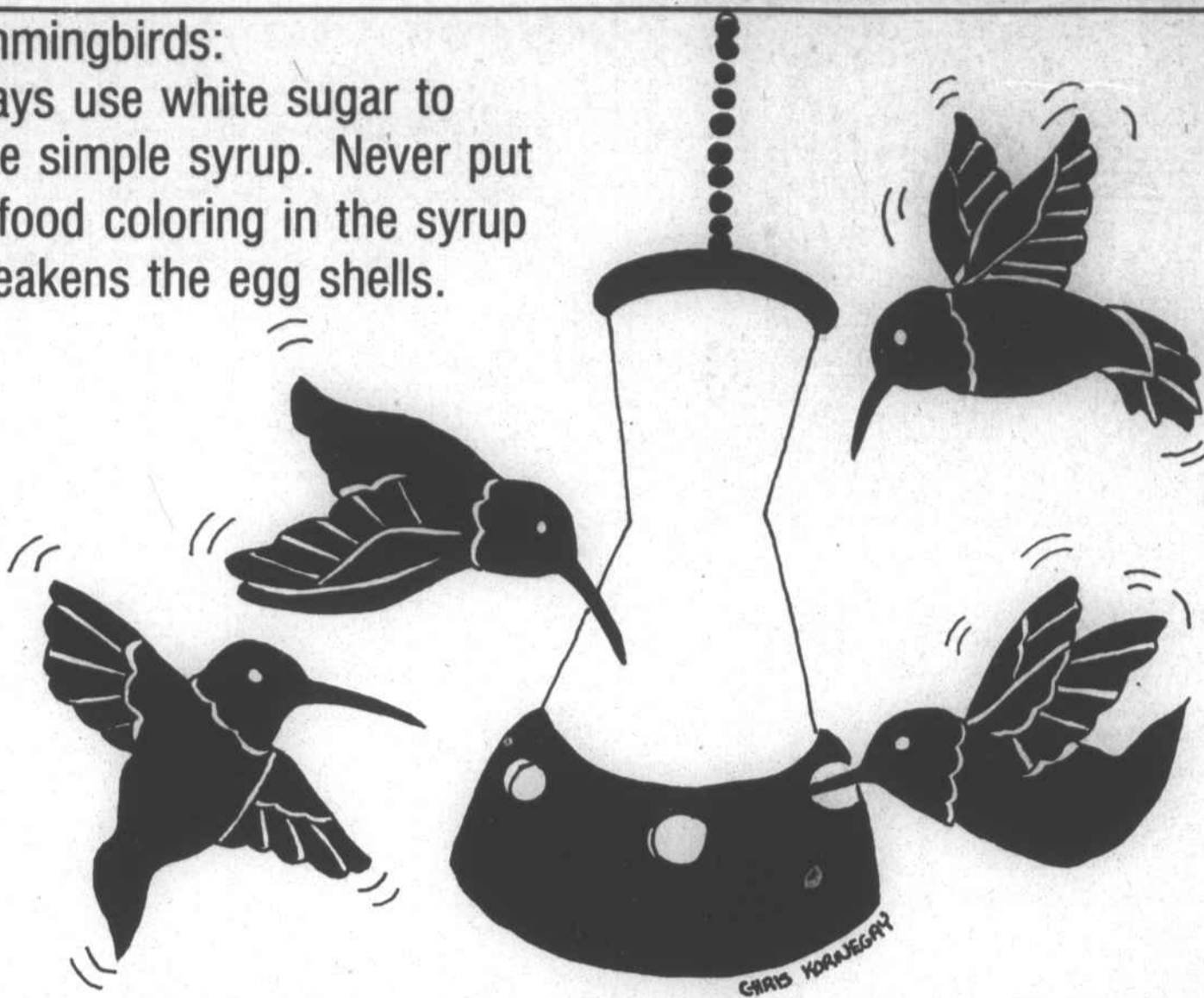


# Perspective

**Hummingbirds:**  
Always use white sugar to make simple syrup. Never put red food coloring in the syrup it weakens the egg shells.



## Fort Bartow attacked



After ten months of warfare, the United States was seeking an entry into the Confederate States through some vulnerable point in the latter's defense.

One of the chosen points of attack was the North Carolina coast, where a whole company of infantry from Perquimans County garrisoned Fort Bartow on Roanoke Island. Capt. Lucius Johnson and the "John Harvey Guards" (Company I, Seventeenth Regiment, North Carolina Troops) were in the path of Union forces under General Ambrose Burnside and Admiral L.M. Goldsborough.

The events of February, 1862, were reported by the Confederate officer commanding Fort Bartow, who had cause to mention several Perquimans men.

"On the morning of the 7th, while the men under my command were at drill in the fort, we saw that the fleet of the enemy was coming up the sound. I immediately cleared the fort for action and make every preparation in my power to give them a warm reception.

"About 11:30 o'clock their fleet opened fire...throwing shell, with shrapnel, a few round shot, and every variety of rifle projectiles. We answered cautiously and slowly...and they soon fell back...

"The enemy maintained an uninterrupted fire for more than six hours;...We fired the last shot...

"Early in the action the quarters were fired by the enemy's shells and, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of Lieutenant (Thomas H.) Gilliam,

of Company I, who was sent with a detachment to rescue the property contained in them, nearly the whole of it, including the small-arms of my battalion, was destroyed.

"While in this service Private Bagley, of Company I, was severely wounded by the explosion of a shell..."

"On Saturday, the 8th, my men were at their post by 5:30 a.m. in fine spirits, expecting a renewal of the attack.

"At 9 a.m. the enemy's fleet attempted an advance up Croatan Sound, with the apparent intent of cutting off our re-enforcements landing on the north end of the island..."

Firing continued until 12:30 o'clock, when, "receiving the intelligence that our land defenses had been forced and my position consequently turned, I abandoned Fort Bartow, destroying the ammunition and disabling the guns."

Unable to get off Roanoke Island, nearly all the "John Harvey Guards" were captured by Federals that February 8, 1862.

(Part 4 next week.)

## The promise of the Easter season

I succumbed to the charm and pure genuineness of Ma Frattie as she greeted me on her rickety old porch with her face rippled and dimpled all over like a brook when a sunbeam strikes it.

She chuckled good naturedly as I clutched at a porch post when I nearly lost my footing while walking up to greet her.

"Careful there, girlie," she instructed. "That little spring breeze blowed that rain ever which way and left this old porch slicker'n split punkin on cee-ment."

Inside, I settled into the old chair near her wood stove that still held a bit of warmth from a log, despite the fact that it was weeks into spring. She tossed me a pillow for my back, slid a stool across the floor for my heels and then settled into her own rocker. Then was a pregnant pause while the mantel clock finished striking and I vied for a more comfortable position in the overstuffed chair.

We spent an hour bringing each other up to date, and then finally



ended up at the kitchen table smearing homemade pear preserves on cold biscuits.

"It's Easter, so before you leave, I've got sumpt'n I wantcha to see," she said as she finished clearing the table and headed out the back door. "Come on."

I trailed along behind her through the back yard and down a long, winding path in the woods, my soft-soled moccasins making little noise in the damp leaves and straw underfoot. I finally caught up with her at a bend in the path, where she stopped and pointed to a little cemetery.

The whole woods was dressed in the finery of spring, while the old stones stood with dignity beneath feathery whit dogwoods that blossomed in profusion. Lacy shade spewed down upon the ground where wild violets and daffodils ran rampant. The air was full of fragrances wafting from a ring of apple trees with limbs bowed in graceful bounty of pink and white flowers whose petals were stewn among the violets still glistening from the rain. It was the most beautiful place I had ever seen.

"My pappy-planted all this," she whispered in pride. "He said this was a special place. He was just a boy when he come here with a new bride and a young dream. Hit won't easy 'em. He buried his first born there," she pointed, "and the thrid born there...all in the first five years."

"He told me he was hunt'n back here one Easter when he found sumpt'n special, so he cleared away the underbrush and made room for this place. He planted all these

things. All my folks is buried here, and hit's where I also plan to lay."

We wandered among the many stones and then stopped at the foot of a grave that rested closest to the large old dogwood in the center.

"This here's my pappy's grave. See there? See why my pappy chose this spot for his kin to sleep 'neath?"

As I stepped up to the tree in amazement, I saw that somehow, through nature's glorious handiwork, the perfect contour of a large cross covered half the trunk. Suddenly, tears stung my eyes and a warmth filed my heart, and in that moment I knew how Ma Frattie's father must have felt here all those years ago.

Easter. With all the splendor and beauty of new awakenings. Easter. A time for resurrecting that which lays silently awaiting new birth. Easter. Life eternal, for all mankind. No matter how heavy the stone, how deep the grave or how painful the loss, Ma Frattie's "pappy" knew that there is always hope in a dogwood and a cross.

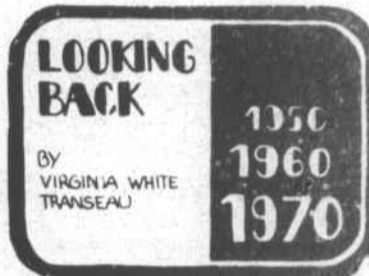
## Broughton receives award

20 YEARS AGO

Sid Broughton Wins Dodge Award In Delaware: Dodge Division of Chrysler Corporation has announced the awarding of the coveted "Dodge Dealer Owner Award" to Sidney C. Broughton, the only Dodge dealer in the Metropolitan Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Broughton is the son of Mrs. Vera Broughton Batten of Hertford, and the brother of Sherriff Julian Broughton of Hertford.

The award was presented to Mr. Broughton while he and his wife, the former Sybil Chappell of Tyner were taking a ten day tour of the Hawaiian Islands as guest of the Chrysler Corporation. The trip was the result of Broughton's membership in the Dodge Charger Club, a select group of Dodge dealerships throughout the United States who have attained a sales record of over 1,000 cars sold during 1968.

Neighborhood Youth Corp Gets Summer Funds: The Neighborhood Youth Corps program in the Albemarle area will have \$165,200 to operate with this summer, which will give employment to about 400 people. The announcement was made by John T. Biggers, NYC director who said that in-kind contributions amounting to about \$16,000 will be provided by local agencies which will donate office space, supervision and other assistance. Biggers stated that survey



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## Survey indicates public has low opinion of T.V.

Though the story didn't say exactly who was polled as a cross-reference of American thinking, the results were interesting.

The poll, conducted by the Roper Organization, and sponsored by U.S. News-CNN, indicated most Americans have a very low opinion of TV ministers. Recent media exposure of the controversy surrounding the television ministry has certainly had an effect on these opinions, as Oral Roberts received a very low rating from those polled. Billy Graham, who received a favorable rating of only 51 percent, was considered the most honest. These ratings reflect much of the mistrust many Americans have for TV evangelists.

Of those polled, nearly two-thirds, or 62 percent, held an unfavorable view, while 30 percent reported favorable opinions. Thirty-five percent admitted the recent controversies surrounding Roberts and Bakker had an effect on their feelings. Only 1 percent said they feel better about TV evangelists as a result of recent news reports.

By now most Americans are well



aware of the tactics employed by Oral Roberts to raise \$8 million for medical-missionary scholarships. Stepping down from his 200-foot prayer tower in Tulsa, Roberts jubilantly declared, "It's April and I'm alive." He went on to note the struggle he had with the Devil, and announced that a new message from on high instructed him to raise \$8 million more every year until Jesus returns.

Few of those polled really believed God would "call him home" if he didn't raise the money as Roberts claimed. Only 12 percent thought Roberts honestly felt he would die, while 75 percent saw through his

clever scheme to raise money.

Others didn't fare well either. Jim Bakker, surrounded by accusations he paid blackmail to cover up an extramarital affair, was considered in "not very high regard" by 76 percent of those responding. Pat Robertson, who is considering a bid for the Republican presidential nomination, was rated by only 17 percent as being of "high" regard. Only 12 percent said they might vote for him in an election, while 73 percent said they wouldn't.

In some circles, there are those who feel the antics of these "ministers" will have an adverse effect on religion in America. They fear a "turn-off" toward God and organized religion.

These fears may have some foundation.

Traditionally, Americans have felt a personal obligation to support religion and have had few qualms about "digging deep" to support their church and related programs. Millions of dollars are donated yearly to mission and other work, often with

few questions about the results of such donations.

The future may find churches without sophisticated methods for raising funds in serious trouble. As many become turned-off by the insincerity of electronic religion, the traditional church will suffer as well. Should such develop, the community church must share the blame. While evangelists and self-proclaimed preachers of God's word have always had their followings, tradition has been in favor of the community church because worshippers felt they received more. However, the past couple decades have seen the local church show less interest in local matters and a reduction in spiritual contact outside the walls of the church. They've allowed the electronic church to take a foothold in homes they should have been visiting.

Until the local churches recognize their responsibility in reaching outside their walls, TV evangelists such as Roberts and Bakker will continue to receive millions for their bank accounts.

## Letters to the editor

The Perquimans Weekly,  
We hear so many negative things about our young people in Perquimans County, but last Sunday morning at the Hertford Baptist Church, a large group of boys and girls filed into our Sanctuary with a quite dignity that was warming to the heart. They were honoring the memory of their friend and playmate, Jonathan

Ward, who had died one ago. They sat in their pews with heads erect and listened attentively to the Palm Sunday Sermon. Their courteous behavior was a great testimony to their friend. Jon would have been so very proud of you all.  
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