

THE ERWIN CHATTER

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Ancients Set Easter Date

The date upon which Easter Sunday shall fall—April 5, this year—was fixed in the year 325 A.D. by the Council of the Christian Churches which met in Nicea, Asia Minor, to draw up the Nicene Creed.

It was decided that the commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ should be observed on the first Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March. (The Paschal Full Moon is the fourteenth day of a lunar month, reckoned according to an ancient ecclesiastical computation.) Should it fall upon a Sunday then Easter is the Sunday following.

In fixing a date for Easter the ancients sought to provide a period of bright moonlight for the benefit of the pilgrims who would be traveling to services celebrating the Risen Christ.



For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.
St. Matthew XVIII, 20

LEARNING TO DANCE IS FUN

These youngsters take dancing lessons each Tuesday at the Recreation Center in Cooleemee.

In front: Jane Alice Roberts, Robert Hornstein, Dottie Warren Howard and Ricky Bahson. Back row: Carolyn Hannah, Evelyn Nichols, Jane Wanda, Joan Beger, Darlene Ellis, Judy Carter and Kay Click. Absent were Sarah Carpenter, Jimmy Summers, and Jimmy Phelps.



Left to right: Margaret English, Ann Stewart, Sarah Walker, Ann Miller, Mary Ellen Scott, Linda Smith, Jan Jordan and Karen Martin. Lois Gregory, absent from this picture was made, is also a member of this class.

CHAMPIONS FOR THIRD TIME



The Erwin Black basketball team won the championship of the Durham City League for the third consecutive year. During the 1953 season they won sixteen games and lost six. Front row: Bruce Holt, Troy Lee Williamson, Tommy Wheeler. Back row: Whit Cobb, Raymond Barnes, Bill Norris and Malcolm Earp. Winston Suitt who played part of the season is absent.

Right: Trophy won by Erwin Black, Champions of the Durham City League.

Feature Years & Beards In April

Folks in Durham and in Rowan County near Cooleemee are preparing to celebrate history next month. Rowan County is celebrating its 200th anniversary; the City of Durham is 100 years old.

Men are sprouting handsome beards, sideburns or mustaches and the women are getting used to the idea of wearing sunbonnets. To help in the celebrations, the ERWIN CHATTER is coming out with a Centennial Edition next month. If you have any old pictures of employees or of the mills, see your Chatter Reporter or send them to the Editor.

Oh, yes! We also want pictures of those beards and sunbonnets of 1953, so get out your camera and take pictures. You'll want to show them to your grandchildren someday!

EDITOR'S NOTE

We are always happy to put servicemen and women on the mailing list to receive copies of the ERWIN CHATTER. There is no charge since the CHATTER is published by Erwin Mills for employees and their friends.

Sailors Away From Home Enjoy Chatter

Dear Editor:

I enjoy getting the ERWIN CHATTER every month because it brings me news of friends and of happenings from home. Of course, my CHATTERS are nearly three months late in getting to me because the Navy has seen fit to move me around quite a bit. I hope my address now will be permanent for a while at least. So I am hoping with this new address, my CHATTERS will arrive regularly and on time.

You have a good paper and it is especially good to have and read when you are away from home and your friends. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
LEE R. WILKINS, JR.
710 West Church St.
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Dear Editor:

I was very pleased to receive the December issue of the ERWIN CHATTER. I have received two issues since I joined the Navy, 25 June 1951, and would very much like to get a copy every month.

Since I do not get a local paper of any kind from home, the news contained in the Cooleemee section of the CHATTER is very beneficial to me. I read every article so as to gather a little information about the friends and fellow workers I used to know so well.

I feel that most boys in service are glad to read any news from home. That is why I want to be put on the mailing list for every issue of the CHATTER.

I have been attached to the U. S. Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor, T. H., for the last fourteen months. Although the Hawaiian Islands are beautiful, the weather ideal, I still think about all the fine friends I once had in the community.

In view of the fact that I am no longer employed by the mill, and too, that I am so far away, my interests are still with all the people that I used to know as my fellow workers.

I want to thank you for any kind consideration in regard to the matter. Also, if there is any charge such as subscription rates, postage, etc., please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,
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IT'S AN Erwin Mills FACT

Erwin Mills uses over 41 thousand tons of coal a year in the North Carolina plants. Compare this with the average home owner who uses 6 to 8 tons per year.



Inquiring Reporter

Do You Like The Way Pres. Eisenhower Is Doing His Job?



TOM VOGLER
Machinist, Cooleemee

"I don't keep up too well with politics but it seems like Eisenhower is doing a good job. We're all waiting to see what the Republican Administration will do before saying anything final about it."



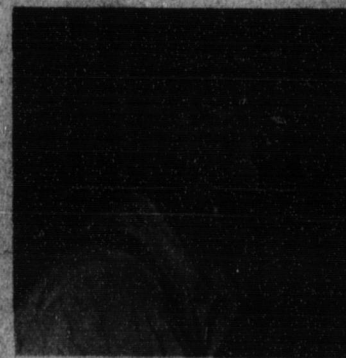
EMORY VANN
No. 1 Weave Room

"I think Ike is doing a pretty good job so far and just hope he holds up. I think it was a good idea not to cut the budget. He can't do that until we stop fighting over there and spending all that money on the war."



IOLA FAULKNER
No. 5 Beaming & Slashing

"I'm still waiting for the war to end and taxes to come down. I think Stevenson could have done just as well—better, in fact—but it's still early to say too much."



RALPH OWENS
No. 3 Spinning Room

"President Eisenhower has done a good job in organizing his Cabinet and other committees but it remains to be seen what kind of a President he will make."



MELAND PECK
No. 1 Weave Room

"Ike's doing about as good as anyone could right now. I like the men he picked for his Cabinet. We're all wondering what he will do now that Stalin is dead but I guess the Russians will make the first move."