

EASTER PRACTICES

By Charles V. Stanton

One of the most widely observed of our holidays is Easter.

Here in the United States we find our people expressing the religious beliefs upon which our Nation was founded.

Our churches are crowded to capacity by worshippers, some of whom are not regular communicants but who seek on this particular holiday to demonstrate their spiritual beliefs.

According to the World Book Encyclopedia:

In most Christian churches, Easter marks the end of the forty-day observance of Lent. The Catholic Church and some Protestant churches begin to prepare for Easter on Ash Wednesday. From that day until the end of Lent, fasting is prescribed, special devotions are held, and many entertainments and amusements are given up.

Significant Event

The above quotation indicates the very deep emotion with which the celebration of Easter is surrounded.

To the believer there is no day more sacred, more significant, than Easter.

All men are concerned with the thought of eternal life. The Christian bases his belief and faith in an eternal life upon the resurrection. Consequently he finds in the observance of this day a great joy, a time for expression and confession of his faith, a demonstration of gratitude for the Divine plan.

The celebration of Easter, though intensely religious today, grows out of pagan practices.

The coming of spring, signaling a new birth of life, was accompanied in early times by orgiastic fertility rites.

Early-day Christians could not countenance such practices. In their new-found religion, however, was the promise of a resurrection to a life after death. They had reason for great fervor. For the pagan rites they substituted spiritual practices.

But many quaint and colorful customs have been built around Easter. Some of the fertility signs and symbols were carried over into religious pageantry.

Celebration Described

In recent years the holiday has developed commercial aspects. We find much emphasis placed on sales of clothing, flowers, greeting cards.

One of the manufacturers of greeting cards, the Rust Craft Publishers, recently sent out an interesting summary on some Easter celebrations:

Folk dances, torchlight parades, bonfires and the exchange of gifts are just a few of the many ways in which people of various lands herald Christ's resurrection and the coming of spring.

In remote parts of Russia, the week after Easter, peasants will celebrate the festival of Krasnaya Gorka — the bright little hill. A circle dance around a woman who holds a round loaf and a red egg — each an emblem of the returning sun — is the central rite.

Dutch children parade through the streets on Easter Eve with bright Chinese lanterns on top of sticks. Later they meet in the market place for dancing.

In some Italian villages, the Easter candle is blessed with traditional rites. Then it is used to light a huge fire of sticks in front of the church. Good fortune is assured those who take a blazing stick home to light their household fires.

Our seemingly modern custom of donning new clothes for Easter, actually has ancient roots. It is the result of age-old desire to "spruce up" at a time when all nature is blooming with new life.

An ancient Chinese custom, for example, called for the wearing of new apparel in the spring. Superstition declared "misfortune to those not wearing some new item of adornment to symbolize the message of new life."

The Roman Emperor Constantine introduced the custom to his royal court in the fourth century when, to honor the Feast of the Resurrection, he decreed elaborate ceremonies at which his entire court appeared in new robes.

The word Easter comes from "Eostre," an ancient pagan goddess of spring who supposedly liked to delight children by changing her pet bird into a rabbit. This led to our present "Easter bunny" and his association with Easter eggs.

In Medieval England, egg throwing was a church custom. On Easter Sunday the choir tossed eggs back and forth while singing hymns.

Methodist Women Set District Meet

Miss Laura Heist, a returned missionary who served approximately 20 years as matron and a teacher in the Girls School of Coon, Dillard-Winston, Roseburg, Ore., will be guest speaker at the Umpqua Subdistrict meeting of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service, reports Hazel Marsh, correspondent.

The all-day meeting will be held in the Methodist Church at Yoncalla Tuesday.

Registration and coffee hour are scheduled for 9:15 a.m. with program following. Delegations from the Camas Valley Society, Myrtle Creek, Dillard-Winston, Roseburg, Sutherlin and Drain will attend.

Mrs. George Blinkhorn of Eugene, retiring president of the Eugene District of the W.S.C.S., and Mrs. Orval Pontius of Yoncalla, will be the featured speakers.

Conviction Appeal Set For June In Washington

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — The State Supreme Court has set June 5 to hear the appeal of Thelma Ann Swenson, 26, Kent, Wash., convicted of murder.

Mrs. Swenson and Frederick A. Ferguson, 24, also of Kent, were convicted last July 29 of first degree murder in the slaying of Mrs. Mary Campbell, 29, of Kent.

Ferguson testified he killed Mrs. Campbell March 8, 1961, because "Thelma and the devil" persuaded him.

He and Mrs. Swenson were sentenced to life in prison. She appealed.



Laura Heist, Methodist speaker

promotion secretary of the Eugene District, will conduct a leadership training on the morning program. Miss Heist will speak following the luncheon.

The closing numbers on the program will include installation of officers and the presentation of a dramatization, "The Challenge of the Cross," directed by Mrs. Leo Gillett of Roseburg and including several local women.

Nursery care or small children will be provided. Anyone desiring transportation should call OR 3-3991 or OR 3-8537.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

A Real Romeo!

DEAR ABBY: My boy friend told me he loved me and wanted to marry me. He said his wife was older than he was and he never loved her. He moved to Dallas and paid my way there so I could be near him while he waited for his divorce.

That was a year ago. Now I find out that two other women beside myself followed him there. One is a brunette about 24. And the other is a gray-headed woman in her fifties who even divorced her husband and brought her grown daughter along!

All this time he has been feeding us all the same line. His wife is not older than he is. She's a nice-looking blonde woman. Should I tell the other women he has made fools of us? (I feel kind of sorry for the old one.) I hate to hurt his wife by telling her, but I think she ought to know what a rat she married. I am going back home, but why should that liar get away with anything?

FOOLED: Tell the others. They'll get over the disappointment when they learn they've been part of a hare. And his wife should know, too. He's had his three strikes.

DEAR ABBY: I swear my wife has sleeping sickness. We both work to help pay off our house. She gets off work before I do (half an hour) and falls asleep waiting for me. At supper time she is always the first one through, and she often lays her head on the table and falls asleep while waiting for me and the children to finish. When I finish, I clear the table, put the children to bed, and then I wake her up (at the table) so she can

go to the couch and sleep some more while I watch TV. She sleeps on the couch until midnight, and then I wake her up so she can go to the bedroom, get into her nightclothes and go to sleep. She sleeps all night and wakes up at 7:00 A.M. The next day it's the same story over again. When we go anywhere, she falls asleep in her chair. Her mother and father both have sugar diabetes and take insulin daily. Could this have anything to do with it? My wife refuses to go to a doctor. I am worried.

WORRIED: Your wife should see a doctor at once for a thorough check-up. Insist on it, and don't take "no" for an answer.

DEAR ABBY: My heart doesn't yearn for wall-to-wall carpeting and fancy clothes, but oh, Abby, how I would love to have my husband bring home some foolish little gift on some special day. He's not a thoughtless guy, but when you have to "hint" it's no fun. He's a grand guy and a wonderful husband, and if he'd only do this little thing to let me know I am as special to him as he is to me, I'd be the happiest woman in the world.

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Medical Research Reports Offer New Hopes For Men And Infants

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Medical research reports offered new hopes today for male heart attack victims and babies born with inoperable heart conditions.

Dr. Jeremiah Stamler and associates of Chicago told a symposium on coronary heart disease in Philadelphia Wednesday that female sex hormones apparently can give many men extra years of life after a heart attack.

At the same time, in St. Louis, four Stanford University surgeons reported a giant step forward toward heart surgery outside the body, which they said they believed might help many of the 15,000 babies born annually in the United States with inoperable heart conditions.

Stamler told the Hahnemann Medical College symposium that he used a preparation of natural, mixed female hormones, or estrogens, in a five-year study among 275 middle-aged men.

He said that among men who suffered a single, uncomplicated heart attack, only seven per cent taking the hormone died within five years, compared with 17 per cent not treated. Statistically, he said, this represented a reduction

of 59 per cent in the mortality rate.

In St. Louis, the Stanford surgeons said they had removed dogs' hearts for as long as two hours, then replaced them without apparent harm to the animals.

"So far the experiments have been successfully carried out on four dogs, which are still alive from five to nine months after the operations," the surgeons told the annual meeting of the American Thoracic Society.

The report, presented by Dr. Edward J. Hurley, said the technique may be the first step toward operations in which a patient's heart is cut out of his body to correct serious heart defects.

Stamler, director of the Chicago Board of Health's heart disease control, said female hormone was used because women seem to have an inbuilt resistance to coronaries, at least until after menopause when their production of female hormone declines.

He said the hormone (trade name Premarin) produced feminizing effects in the men, such as breast enlargement, and made some of them impotent but it did not harm their health.

Interior Department Endorses Bill To Sell Mining Claim Land

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Interior Department spokesman endorsed today a bill to sell mining claim "and to long-time residents."

John A. Carver Jr., assistant secretary of the Interior, testified at a House Interior subcommittee hearing.

The bill would permit the sale of unpatented mining claims to full-time occupants who have built homes and other improvements on the land.

The occupants would pay fair market prices for up to five acres. Mineral rights would be reserved by the government.

"Throughout California," Johnson testified, "people have built their homes and their lives, raising their families on these lands which they have occupied for 40, 50 and even 60 years, paying taxes, investing their life savings in improvements."

"These people acquired this land in good faith. . . . To evict them would constitute one of the grossest injustices of our time and a most inhumane treatment would be wrought by the federal government."

Carver told the congressmen that although the federal Bureau of Land Management is seeking to eliminate such claims, it has no wish to inflict hardship on occupants.

He said there also are such cases in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

United Radio Supply, Inc., vs. Control Dynamics, Inc. On default of defendant, plaintiff awarded judgment for \$2,122.25, plus costs and disbursements.

Satisfaction David S. Cameron, Department of Employment Commissioner, vs. Ted Osborn and Donald Osborn, doing business as Osborn Logging Co. Judgment of Feb. 26 satisfied.

Deferrings Travel Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Deferring spent a recent weekend in Cottage Grove visiting the former's brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deferring.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ashton and button's were recent guests of Ashton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashton, in Medford. While there they celebrated Ashton's birthday.

Todd Building Co. Lists OTI Lab Subcontractors

General contractor Todd Building Co. of Roseburg has issued a list of subcontractors for construction of the new laboratory and classroom building at the new Oregon Technical Institute campus in Klamath Falls.

They are: Educator Furniture & Supply, Portland, stock cabinets; Peake The Shade Man, Portland, window blinds; M. Reuter & Sons, Portland, hollow metal; Mercer Steel, Portland, reinforcing steel; John Warren, Portland, hardware; Twin City Plastering, Eugene, plastering; Perma Roofing, Roseburg, roofing; and Wallace Floorcovering, Portland, ceramic tile work.

Others include: D. R. Murno & Sons, lockers; K. C. Painting Co., painting; Lloyd Prock, excavation; Holland Sheetmetal, sheetmetal; Russell Glass, glass and glazing; Calhoun, flooring; and Commercial Tile, acoustical system and wallboard partitions. Plans and specifications on the OTI project are at Architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemley Attend Tucson Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lemley, Roseburg, returned recently from an "all-star" seminar for Farm Bureau Insurance agents held in Tucson, Ariz. Lemley is the Douglas County agent for the Oregon Farm Bureau Insurance Co.

He was runner-up in the "all-star" contest for insurance sales during the past year. Mrs. Lemley assists her husband in his work. The Lemleys had all the expenses paid on their trip in recognition of their past year's success.

Oregon's "all-star" was Bruno Reif, Prineville, Farm Bureau agent in Crook County. The Seminar recognized "all-star" producers in the eight western states affiliated with the Western states Bureau Life Insurance Co. in Denver.

Lenten Devotions

Scripture: John 19:1-42

The prelude to Jesus' death was a man of power under the lash of fear, priests driven by hate, a mob indifferent and unthinking, and a Prisoner poised and in control.

In the end, Pilate's fear of the mob and the threat of false charges to his own career was greater than his sense of justice. Once he started to run he could not stop.

The chief priests' fear and hatred of the Holy One let them manipulate a mob and use blackmail to gain the law's approval for their murderous intentions. The little man, some of whom must have shouted Hosannas and thrown palm leaves but five days before, followed their leaders, and followed the excitement.

One, and helped crucify the Kingly One. Even the Prisoner's friends were frightened and scattered.

Only He, the King, the Crucified One, the Perfect Son, the Thirsty One, moved surely in sheer goodness through these hours.

And now He is dead. The Pierced One lies cold and still in the fresh cave, smothered in spices which are the last fragrance of the hopes and joys of so many. Now dead.

It is the Saturday of Stillness. I, too, live with my thoughts this day. I remember my fear and my cowardice. I remember my resentments. I remember my indifference and my thoughtlessness. And I know that I am a part of the scene.

There is a calmness to these moments, like the calmness that comes when the wind is about to change direction, and blow fresh and new.

And in the stillness, I think. The Rev. John E. Adams First Presbyterian Church Roseburg, Oregon

U. S. Plane Crashes In South Viet Nam

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — A U.S. Air Force twin-engine transport crashed Friday near the 17th Parallel dividing Communist North Viet Nam from the pro-Western South Viet Nam.

An Air Force spokesman said one of the C123 plane's three crewmen was injured and was taken to a hospital at the coastal town of Da Nang, about 360 miles north of Saigon. The other two crew members apparently escaped injury.

First reports said the plane had been on a routine flight at the time of crash. It was not known whether its crew had time to parachute or stayed with the plane until it hit.

C123's have been used in South Viet Nam in defoliation experiments, spraying plant-killing chemicals along roadsides to deprive Communist guerrillas of cover. Experimenters so far have apparently been unsuccessful but are continuing.

There was speculation the downed aircraft might have been spraying in the area of the demilitarized zone between North and South Viet Nam. Communist infiltrators are believed to cross the zone from time to time.

EVEN THE MIGHTY TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Seven 48-ton Army tanks have shown their Achilles heel.

Officers at the Tucson Army Reserve Center told police that vandals used BB guns to break periscope and telescopic lenses atop the tanks.

Business News

FHA Insurance Up Sharply During 1961, Report Says

The Portland insuring office of the Federal Housing Administration said today that home and project mortgages insured during 1961 represented a sharp increase over volume reported in the year previous.

Oscar Pedersen, director, said the office insured 4,633 mortgages on one to four-family units, representing a total of \$55,037,800. This compared with 3,840 mortgages representing \$44,833,150 insured by the office in 1960.

Included in projects now under construction and insured by the Portland office is a home for the elderly at Canyonville.

Average mortgage on the one to four-family units insured by the Federal Housing Administration in 1961 was nearly \$12,500 as compared to \$11,129 in 1960.

As of March 31, 1961, the Portland office had insured 705 home mortgages totaling \$8,985,150. This is compared to 1,191 home mortgages insured in the first quarter of 1962 totaling \$14,032,100, the director said.

Pedersen said the increased activity stems from provisions of the Housing Act of 1961 and the liberalized financing provided by this act.

In addition to the one to four-family cases, substantially increased activity is being experienced in the multifamily housing field. At the present time there are eight projects under construction, representing an amount of \$5,245,200, he added.

Beckley Building New Unit To House Washing, Drying

The foundation has been poured for the new building unit on the Lone Rock store property by owner Lynn Beckley.

The building will be 32-47 feet, with 1,500 square feet cement floor area and frontage on the North Umpqua Highway. The building, constructed of tile blocks, is located 60 feet east of the barber shop in the Lone Rock Market building.

James and Stritzke of Roseburg are the contractors. The building, to cost \$13,000, is slated for completion May 1, Beckley said.

Beckley has leased the new building to James and Florence Wilson of Glide. They will install Launromat washing and drying machines and dry cleaning equipment. The Wilsons have resided in Glide for the past two years. Wilson is foreman at the Eugene Veneer Co. mill in Glide.

The building will be separated from the store and barber shop building by a driveway, which leads to the rear of the building for unloading supplies in the market storehouse. It goes through to the old Umpqua Highway, according to Glide correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby.

Ministers Plan Parley On European Market LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Macmillan announced Friday that a meeting of Commonwealth prime ministers will open in London Sept. 10 to discuss Britain's entry into the European Common Market.

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Myrtle Creek Doctor Moving To Brookings

Myrtle Creek is losing a doctor. Dr. J. Robert Schmidt, a Myrtle Creek physician for the last eight years, is moving to Brookings, where he has purchased a business. He expects to leave May 10.

Dr. Schmidt came to the city from Cincinnati, Ohio, to go into an association with physicians in the Myrtle Creek Hospital. For the last 2 1/2 years, he has practiced privately.

Mrs. Schmidt, a registered nurse, will remain in Myrtle Creek until the end of the school year when she and the children will join Schmidt in Brookings.

Sewing Machine Won Mrs. J. R. Houston of Tenmile has been named the winner of a new portable sewing machine in a promotion put on by the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in Roseburg. Mrs. Houston took delivery of the prize this week.

Zenith Hearing Aid Representative Now at Chapman's Pharmacy Every Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Repairs—Batteries—Accessories for most makes SOUTHERN OREGON HEARING AID CENTER

IT'S CLEANUP TIME AGAIN

Yes, it's cleanup time, all across America, and you and your neighbors will be burning last year's grass, old papers, trash, and the piles of limbs from the trees that fell last winter.

Smokey Bear says that careless debris burning is one of the principal causes of forest fires, year after year.

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Advertisement for 'The Day's News' by Frank Jenkins, featuring a 'Countdown For Original Short Story' and 'Starts As Weather Approves'.

At Geneva the other day, the United States offered a proposal to cut the world's armaments almost two-thirds within six years and to replace national armies with a United Nations peace force in about a decade.

The American plan was presented to the 17-nation disarmament conference as a draft treaty "for general and complete disarmament in a peaceful world."

In it, the U.S. took a considerable political risk by agreeing to accept Russia's word on the amount of arms and troops the Soviet would have in service at the start of disarmament.

American officials said the draft was an elaboration of the disarmament program the United States offered to the United Nations last September 25.

Question: Will complete world disarmament ever come about? Let's put it this way: When tigers are born without fangs and claws, the world may have reached the point where complete disarmament is feasible. But not, one fears, until then.

Still—There is this hope for PARTIAL disarmament: Ban NUCLEAR warfare. That might be possible. Poison gas was used in World War I. It hasn't been used since. What has been done once can often be done again.

From Accra, capital of the African Republic of Ghana: President Kwame Nkrumah has fired Industries Minister Krobo Edusei, who recently came under fire when his wife purchased a gold-plated bed in London for which she paid \$8,400.