

In Your Easter Bonnet ...



Spring Snowflakes—Snow white is the top hit for this year's Easter bonnets, as witness these two fresh and youthful examples from Laddie Northbridge's junior collection. Left, little white cloche bedecked with coral velvet ribbon and white lilies; right, white straw bonnet with one huge red geranium in back. (AP Wirephoto)

Teen Talk

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Easter is for rejoicing—all over the world.

Here in the United States much excitement occurs before the big day in the selection of Easter cards and fashionable new finery. The after-church breakfast party, Easter parade and egg-rolling contests are favorite ways to celebrate. What resourceful American girl would resist these opportunities to lasso compliments on her new Easter bonnet and perky togs?

Sunrise services, popular in Europe, are becoming very popular in America. Many families gather on hilltops at the crack of dawn for services and hymn singing.

North and South, East and West, a spirit of music and pagentry brightens the world at Eastertime. In some foreign lands bonfires, folk dances and torchlight parades commemorate Easter and the coming of spring.

Let us glance around the world and see how young people in other lands celebrate.

South of the border, Mexico makes Easter the gayest of all holy days. Young people and grownups shoot off fire crackers. Bullfights, song fests and folk dances are held everywhere. Shop windows are decorated with little sugar lambs wearing garlands of bright paper flowers.

Spain celebrates the day in much the same manner with holiday feasts and revelry galore. But in Denmark, it is customary to spend Easter quietly at home or visiting one's family and friends. In the British Isles, Easter eggs are exchanged, there is dancing on the village green, and handball is played for a Tansy Cake, a traditional custom.

April in Paris is more than springtime and romance. It is Eastertime splendor as this fashion center works hard to have every seam and hem in-

new raiment on Easter Sunday.

French youngsters are told that church bells "fly back from Rome" on Easter morning after being silent during Holy Week, bringing bonbons

the streets carrying lighted lanterns on long sticks. Later there is singing and dancing in the market place. Tulips are in bloom and windmills are turning in the breeze as choirs sing Easter hymns.

In Norway and Sweden, out-of-doors Easter services and spectacular ice carnivals are held in mountain resorts, skiing and skating contests fill the afternoon. Parents and children decorate Easter eggs, and hide them for others to find.

Passion Plays are presented in Germany, Italy and many other European countries. These dramas recreate the Easter story. In recent years Passion Plays have been held in Oklahoma, South Dakota and Illinois. The best known is the one staged at Oberammergau, Germany, every tenth year since 1634.

Candles are blessed during Easter services held in Italy and young people use them to kindle festive bonfires before the church. Blazing sticks are then taken home to kindle household fires—for good luck Italian pastries are wonderful at Eastertime. Corona di nove is baked in circles and decorated with Easter eggs. Italian-Americans take the same dough, shape it into Easter bunny patterns and top it with the eggs. Pastiere is said

to be another delicacy, covered with a lattice work of sweetened noodles.

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Swallows Are Week Late in Arrival Here

About a week later than a year ago, the swallows have reached their nesting places at Dr. Will J. Thompson's Riverdale Park on the Willamette river a few miles south of Salem.

A few advance scouts reached the Thompson place a few days ago but the main body did not arrive until Monday morning. A year ago they reached Riverdale Park March 18 and in 1951 it was March 13.



The birds were reported as having arrived at San Juan Capistrano, Calif., March 19.

The Queen's Coach—In a full dress rehearsal in London, eight matched greys draw the gold state coach in which Queen Elizabeth II will ride to her coronation. The coach, which weighs four tons, was completed in 1761. (UP Telephoto)

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SECOND FLOOR



Gray Easter . . . Statue gray is the color, feather-weight flannel is the fabric and Harry Frechtel is the designer of this suave suit slated for top honors in the big parade. The frosty white plique collar and cuffs button in for easy removal. Jacket has feminine tailoring.