

# Clackamas County News

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## THE ORIGIN OF EASTER

Easter Sunday, universally observed by Christians in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus, was not originally a Christian festival, but is rather an outgrowth of the Jewish Passover.

The word Easter is a survival of old Teutonic mythology, from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. Among the Romance nations—France, Spain and Italy—the name is derived from the latin "pascha," this in turn being drawn from the Hebrew name of the Passover.

No trace of the observance of Easter as a Christian festival is found in the New Testament, nor in the writings of the apostolic fathers of the Church.

The celebration of Easter originally took place at the end of the Jewish Paschal fast, regardless of the day of the week, but Gentile Christians early adopted the custom of commemorating the crucifixion on Friday and the resurrection on the following Sunday, as we do now. There were at first several different methods of calculating the date of Easter.

It is recorded that in one year no less than three different dates were observed by various churches—March 21, April 18 and April 25. Controversies over the date of Easter were among the most bitter of any disputes in the history of Christianity, as may be inferred from the fact that in the year 197, Victor, Bishop of Rome, excommunicated Polycrates, bishop of Ephesus, with his entire Asiatic following, for non-conformity to the Roman date.

Finally in 325 the Council of Nice decreed that Easter should fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon which occurs on or next after March 21. This does not necessarily refer to the actual full moon, however, but is determined by certain rather complicated calendar rules.

Many interesting popular customs have arisen at various times in connection with the celebration of Easter, of which that of sending Paschal or Easter eggs is the most widespread. This is also a survival of past ages, the egg having been to the ancients a symbol of immortality.

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The sad affair at Aurora, Ill., this week, when a lady was killed by a dry squad raider, isn't going to advance the cause of prohibition enforcement. It's a shame that such men are clothed with authority. Such incidents tend to cause more disrespect for law.

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More international complications threatened;—it is said the Prince of Wales resents the song, "I Faw Down and Go Boom."

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## TIME FOR CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

There is no "sure sign" of spring, but spring should be a "sure sign" of the arrival of that time for the community to clean up. There is no superstition or prophesy about this clean up sign.

When warm weather has come to stay every owner of property and tenant in Estacada and Sandy should instinctively feel its his duty to remove the evidences of winter's ravages and to aid and augment nature in her work of re-beautification.

Every spring cleanup program should include disposal of winter's accumulation of litter and decayed vegetation, repairing and repainting of buildings, and landscape gardening. Landscape gardening is no longer associated with large estates alone.

What is the compensation of a community-wide clean up campaign? It improves the general health of the community by removing deposits that are breeding places of disease germs and disease carrying insects. A clean town is a better place in which to live than one that is unsightly and unsanitary. And the best community advertising is the appearance of being "cleaned-up, painted up and planted up."

Sandy, situated on the Loop road, will be visited by thousands and thousands of people during the next few months, if only for a short time; there is an opportunity to create a lasting impression on the minds of those visitors at little expense, by making the buildings and grounds neat and attractive.

Estacada will be visited by many more people this year than ever before, many of whom are now property owners. The extent of the development of Estacada Lake district will depend upon the standard set by the older residents and property owners of the town and district.

When a citizen beautifies his own property he is doing his fellow townsmen a good turn. If he fails to do so, he works an injustice on those who do try to beautify their surroundings.

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## FIVE-YEAR FARM SURVEY

Two leading engineering groups will shortly begin a five year study of the entire farm problem, according to a recent announcement, the survey to include farm management, economical production, elimination of waste, the use of power and mechanical equipment and the betterment of relations between agriculture and commerce and industry.

This survey will be undertaken by the American society of Agricultural Engineers and the American Engineering council, of which President Hoover was formerly the head. The methods to be employed will be similar to those of the Hoover committee on waste in industry which

was instrumental in effecting economies extending to many lines of manufacturing.

For several years increasing attention has been given to research and fact-finding as a means toward better methods in commerce and industry. While similar work has been done in behalf of agriculture, no such comprehensive study as that now planned has ever been undertaken. The new survey will doubtless be a most important step toward putting agriculture on a more sound and business-like basis.

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President Hoover's strong desire is to abolish poverty. Probably plenty of subjects may be found who are willing to be experimented upon in the interest of science in this respect.

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The country might rid itself of the bootlegger if a law was passed compelling him to drink the poison he pans off on his public.

## THE LEGIONNAIRE

A Little Truth and a Little Hokum

Two new members of the post since last edition of The Legionnaire—Otto Jannsen of Clackamas and Rae Erickson of Camp 8—bringing the total up to 64. With 11 members needed to go over the top, this post should reach its quota within the next week.

The state officers of the Legion were told by an officer of the post at the time of the conference, that it was impossible to reach the quota set by them, because there were not enough ex-service men in the district. If all those whose names are to go on the roster board would join, Carl Douglass post would have a membership of over ninety. And this list is far from complete.

A membership of 100 is possible, and, within the next year or so will be a reality. But it is necessary that all ex-service men in the district be acquainted with the purposes and ideals of the American Legion. When this information is in the minds of ex-service men, they will deem it a great privilege to become a member of such an organization.

Sympathy is extended Bob Cooke upon the loss of his father, who died in Portland this week. Bob is finance officer of the post, a position he has held for several terms.

Next Sunday is Easter. This is a day that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus. But it appears that the day was invented for the purpose of showing off new clothes. It furnishes the opportunity to do this, because more people go to church on Easter than any other day. Many go for the purpose of seeing what the others are wearing.

Several years ago the women really did attract attention by their new Easter outfit. Now they attract attention.

Our grandmothers used to buy seven yards of cloth to make a dress. Now they buy one yard and make two dresses. But the men get a lot more for the money the women spend on clothes.

The big event for the post this year is the public meeting at Sandy Monday night. The Legion and Auxiliary will hold their first meeting in April at the Grange hall in Sandy and every ex-service man in this part of the county, as well as every lady eligible to become a member of the Auxiliary, is invited.

There will be good speakers, some entertainment, and the Auxiliary is putting on the "eats" which is free to all who attend. It is hoped that all members of the post will attend, and that every former soldier in the district will attend. It will be an interesting meeting and while everyone not a member will be given an opportunity to join the Legion, one incurs no obligation, whatever, by attending. But they will be informed as to what they are entitled to by reason of their military service, and how this has been made possible.

Grover Kiggins (to helper)—Say take hold of one of these wires for me, will you?  
Helper—Sure, I will.  
Gro.—Feel anything?  
Helper—No. Why?  
Gro.—One of these wires carries 5000 volts and I just wanted to know which one it was.

The dance at Eagle Creek Saturday night was better attended than any held since last fall. The music is said to be "grand" and is fully enjoyed by all those who like to dance. Bear in mind that there will be another dance with the same orchestra, on Saturday evening, April

6, one week from the coming Saturday evening.

Cecil O. Duke and R. E. Esson are in charge of the arrangements for the meeting, and while special invitations are being mailed to all ex-service men whose names are available, an invitation is extended to everyone, and it is hoped that all will take this as their invitation to be present Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The strength of the Legion is in numbers, and the larger membership the organization has, the greater will be its force for protecting the interests of former soldiers, and for carrying out the Legion program, which is in the interests of every good American. Commander Jonsrud of the Gresham post will be present, and while the members of this post would be glad to have the people of that community join Carl Douglass post, they hope that you will connect up with Gresham if you do not wish to join 74. In other words, the Legionnaires desire to have every man eligible become a member of the organization here or some other place.

## EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

The editorial comment of The News on the doings of the Garden club last week was a very thoughtful expression of appreciation and the club is glad to receive such spontaneous encouragement. But much credit should be given the city council for their loyal support and especially to J. C. Duus, who gave so much of his valuable time.

A project of that nature involves much more work and planning than is apparent to the casual observer and many preliminaries must be worked out. A committee, Mrs. A. G. Ames, Mrs. Blauth and Mrs. Fred Bartholomew, gave a lot of time to these details.

It is hoped the home owners along upper Main street will interest themselves in any care that may be required. The trees may need water and some protection from vandalism. Some day it may be a source of pride to owners who live along our Floral avenue. Plans had been made for the planting of shrubs and flowers also, but the club found that the expenditure would be too great to incur, all in one season. So that is held over for the future.—Mrs. A. H. Fasel.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

## All Fools' Day

The man who invented "All Fool's Day" probably had reference to the way most Americans save money. And he did not miss it far for few of us save as we should.

Jones gets \$75 a month and needs every cent of it to live. Brown gets \$100 a month; Smith gets \$150, while Johnson gets \$200 and Anderson gets \$250. All five claim they "spend all on a bare living." Something is wrong about this. All are not right. Are you right? You are if you live within your income and save some every month.

Be careful—don't let this day be your anniversary. A young man 20 years old had \$400 but he foolishly wasted it. When he is 65 years old this sum at 4 per cent would have amounted to \$2,336.

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Station	Time of Departure	Time of Arrival	Day
Lv. Portland	10:00 a. m.	2:00 p. m.	11:00 p. m.
Lv. Clackamas	10:35 a. m.	2:35 p. m.	11:35 p. m.
Lv. Carver	10:50 a. m.	2:50 p. m.	11:50 p. m.
Lv. Barton	11:05 a. m.	3:05 p. m.	12:05 a. m.
Lv. Eagle Creek	11:15 a. m.	3:15 p. m.	12:15 a. m.
Lv. Cedar Brook	11:18 a. m.	3:18 p. m.	12:18 a. m.
Ar. Estacada	11:30 a. m.	3:30 p. m.	12:30 a. m.

Station	Time of Departure	Time of Arrival	Day
Lv. Estacada	*6:15 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	4:30 p. m.
Lv. Eagle Cr.	6:30 a. m.	8:45 a. m.	4:45 p. m.
Lv. Barton	6:35 a. m.	8:55 a. m.	4:55 p. m.
Lv. Carver	6:50 a. m.	9:10 a. m.	5:10 p. m.
Lv. Clack'as	7:00 a. m.	9:20 a. m.	5:20 p. m.
Ar. Portland	7:35 a. m.	9:55 a. m.	6:00 p. m.

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