

Easter in Rogue Valley

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Today is Easter Sunday, the day when the Christian world observes the resurrection of Christ and everyone rejoices in the coming of spring, the time when the sun again shines warm, the grass turns green and flowers bloom.

Following the example of Mother Nature, who dresses the earth anew each spring, all will wear their prettiest

and newest clothing and many will exchange Easter presents. Eggs, brightly colored and decorated, are the traditional Easter Sunday gift for youngsters. The egg became a part of the Easter tradition because it is a symbol of creation and new life used by the early Greeks, Gauls and Romans.

According to Persian legend, the world was hatched from an egg on the vernal

equinox, or first day of spring, and it is said that they started the custom of dying and exchanging eggs as good luck charms.

The word Easter is derived from Eostra, pagan goddess of spring, and from this goddess comes the legend of the Easter rabbit. To delight children long ago, the legend says, Eostra magically changed her pet bird into the familiar Easter bunny and that's why he builds a nest and lays colored eggs. (Brainerd photos).



An Easter Sunday ensemble calls for a corsage of fresh flowers, and many garden club members will make their own. These three members of Grove Garden club (left to right) are Mrs. William S. Rose, 158 Janney lane, corsage chairman; Mrs. Walter L. Wilson, 232 Janney lane, workshop chairman and Mrs. Carl W. Norris, 103 Lozier lane, club president. They are using daffodils, hellebore and anemones, and Mrs. Wilson holds a completed corsage of the hellebore blossoms.

Every year Medford Kiwanis club members stage an Easter egg hunt in Hawthorne park for children of the city. Last year about 3,000 took part, and the club planned for as many for this year's hunt, held yesterday. Pictured here are members of the committee with a sample of the more than 7,000 eggs which were prepared for the 1955 hunt. Shown (left to right) are Dr. William E. Bracker, Louis C. McLaughlin, chairman; Bill Singler, Delmer L. Wright and John Dellenback, Kiwanis president, about to see how the candy eggs taste.



Children who visit Medford public library during the Easter season love the Easter egg trees which are always part of the decorations in the children's department. Here little Ted Davis, 2½, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davis, 1405 West Eighth street, and Leslie Wiewesiek, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiewesiek, 309 Howard street, admire the beautiful eggs. This tree was made by members of the Washington school Brownie troop led by Mrs. Lawrence Buonocore.



Little Cherie, Aldrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Aldrich, Jacksonville highway, poses here in the new Easter dress which she will wear today when she attends Sunday school at First Methodist church. Six-year-old Cherie holds one of her presents, a large panoramic Easter egg of a type which has provided enjoyment for many generations of children.



White lilies are the traditional Easter flower, and these blossoms will be used today to decorate churches, homes and dinner tables. The lily is associated with Easter because it is the symbol of purity and light. Pictured here with dozens of the beautiful and fragrant blooms are Mrs. Orville Bright of Rogue Valley greenhouse with her eight-year-old daughter, Kay, who is in the third grade at Roosevelt school.



Medford shops have been filled with a colorful array of be-ribboned Easter baskets for the past few weeks, and many fortunate small fry have been allowed to choose the one most to their liking. Pictured here is little Jean Ann Wright, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alva A. Wright, 320 King street, who shows her pretty Easter basket to Booth Dwayne Dyer, 5, and Rodney Allen Dyer, 7, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Booth Dyer, Butte Falls, just after she selected it in Severson's store.