

How Easter veers from age-old traditions

By LINDA DARIAN
Editor's note: This story was written by a student at the Alex Manooch School in Southfield. It was chosen by the faculty as the best story written about the Easter holiday.

Easter, the principal festival of the Christian church, is conceived as the period of rebirth and renewal and is symbolized by the egg.

Approximately 1,944 years ago Jesus Christ, the King of the Jews, a heretic to the Roman idol-worshipers, was crucified for treason against the state. He preached of an almighty power, one God who took the place of the previous Roman gods and goddesses.

The story of Christ, his preaching of self-sacrifice so that we may ascend to heaven, and his resurrection, is a story heard and read many times. Beginning in childhood when new clothes

are bought for Easter Sunday, through adulthood, there is exposure to the Easter story through literature.

The story of Christ's resurrection is, of course, the story of Easter. Today, however, Easter as Christmas, has taken a completely different aspect: the attainment of material rewards instead of spiritual rewards.

DURING the first and second centuries, Lent, the period of 40 days preceding Easter, was not a period of penance, as it is today, but rather a period where the laity was prepared for baptism, which took place on the eve of Easter.

There was a great emphasis placed on baptism during those centuries, which emphasized the replenishing and purifying of the soul. It was Christ that gave mankind the opportunity to replenish and purify their souls

after his resurrection. It should be kept in mind that water is a symbol of new life. Microscopic life began in the water and later evolved on land. It is water which also gives land-dwelling beings, human or plant, life.

It was during these centuries that Easter celebrations consisted of only liturgy and psalm reading; there was not the rejoicing we experience today during Easter.

Another flashback into the history of Easter demonstrates that during the second century, Christians still considered death and resurrection together as the dual celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter clearly emerged.

The date of Easter has been a controversial one throughout the ages. Some churches followed the Jewish calendar and established Easter as the week after Jewish Passover; however, the Council of Nicea decided on March 21, claiming to be based on astronomical reasons.

THERE WERE still controversies over this decision in Rome, France and England, and in a sense, there still are today. Protestants and Catholics celebrate Easter Sunday after the first full moon between March 22 through April 25, inclusive. The Orthodox Church usually celebrates Easter a week after Protestants and Catholics.

All Christians agree on the fact that the egg symbolizes Easter. This is be-

cause it is a time of renewal and rebirth (Christ passing from death to life) with the egg symbolizing new life. The Anglo-Saxon origin of Easter is thought to have come from the goddess of spring, Eostre.

Though all Christians regard the egg as a must for their Easter festivity, different nationalities participate in various traditions centering around the egg.

For example, northern Englishmen roll their decorated eggs down a hill, the Americans roll their eggs on the lawn of the White House, and the Greeks, Armenians and other Orthodox nationalities have fights. They bang each other's eggs, and the one with the damaged egg loses.

Today Easter is thought of by most people as the time of year to get a new outfit for Easter Sunday, to go to the grocery store to buy an egg-dye kit, and a few cartons of eggs, chocolate rabbits, and jellybeans.

IS THIS what Christ was crucified for—a society as capitalistic as ours? Do we tell our children Peter Rabbit brings baskets of chocolate rabbits and jellybeans?

Easter, like Christmas, is a religious holiday stretched out of proportion by our capitalistic society.

It is horrifying to think that Easter, the commemoration of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, is thought of

today as a day to meet friends at church, and give chocolate rabbits and jellybeans.

Attending church services on Easter Sunday for the sake of spiritual inspiration and meditation has become an old-fashioned tradition.

As time has changed each one of us, it has also changed the way in which we see ourselves and relate to our environment. Has our environment encouraged us to believe one gets more satisfaction from material rewards than from spiritual gratification?

Lindy not 1st

Although Charles Lindbergh captured the world's imagination with his solo New York-Paris flight in 1927, his was not the first transatlantic flight.

The first nonstop Atlantic crossing was made in 1919 by two Englishmen, Capt. J.W. Alcock and Lt. A.W. Brown. They left Newfoundland June 14 in a Vickers Vimy and flew to Clifden, Ireland in less than 16½ hours.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special election will be held in Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, for State of Michigan, on Tuesday the 30th day of April, 1977, for the purpose of submitting the following proposition:

In order to renew the four mill operating tax increase which expired in 1976, shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of Michigan, for a period of ten (10) years from 1977 to 1986, both inclusive, by four (4) mills on each dollar (\$4.00 per \$100.00) of assessed valuation of property as finally equalized, for the purpose of defraying a part of the operation expense of the school district?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and that the voting places will be as follows:

Precinct No. 1: Farmington Junior High School 33000 Thomas Street
Precinct No. 2: Dunckley Junior High School 32800 Twelve Mile Road
Precinct No. 3: Eagle Elementary School 29419 W. Fourteen Mile Road
Precinct No. 4: Middlebelt Elementary School 24400 Middlebelt Road

The following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the school district, to-wit:

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUESTED BY
ACT 263 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1947
I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of Oakland County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office as of February 23, 1977, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitations above the 15 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, affecting taxable property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
Farmington Public School District	4.00	1968 to 1977 Incl.
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	5.00	1974 to 1983 Incl.
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West Bloomfield Township	4.00	1978 to 1985 Incl.
	3.00	1973 to 1977 Incl.
	.25	1975 to 1979 Incl.
	1.00	Unlimited
County School District of Oakland County	5.00	1978 to 1982 Incl.
	Unlimited	Unlimited
Oakland Community college	.50	Unlimited
County of Oakland	1.00	Unlimited
	.25	1977 to 1981 Incl.

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE C. DOHANY, Treasurer

Dated: February 23, 1977

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

Michael Ronald Spence
Secretary of the Board of Education

Dated March 1, 1977

Published: March 2 and April 4, 1977



Something to crow about

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards, of Farmington Hills, were among 2,000 Kentucky Fried Chicken franchisees who met the Colonel in Las Vegas. The franchisees met to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Colonel's chicken business. The Richards' four stores are part of a 5,800 store system that has prepared about 45 billion pieces of chicken in 25 years.

Who's Who names top students

Two Farmington area students attending Eastern Michigan University were selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1976-77."

Mike Harris, son of Anna Harris, 13557 Archdale, Detroit and William Harris, 37221 Eisenhower, Farmington was included in the listing.

Bruce Irey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irey, 31873 North Markham, Farmington Hills was included in the book.

Harris is a senior majoring in business management. He is a resident advisor for Pittman Residence Hall and a deputy registrar for the city of Ypsilanti. He has served as security advisor for the office of campus life.

Irey is a senior majoring in business management. He is president of the Residence Hall Association.

Nurse finishes Grace school

Donna Hance, of Farmington, was graduated recently from the Grace School of Anesthesia.

She is a graduate of Rosary High School, Detroit and received her BS in nursing from Mercy College of Detroit. She worked as a critical-care nurse at Botsford Hospital, Farmington.

She also has been a psychiatric nurse at the University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor and as a critical care nurse at Marquette General Hospital.

Mrs. Hance received Grace Hospital School's Alumni Award for her essay on venous air embolism.

Grace Hospital School of Anesthesia was founded in 1918 and is the oldest continually operating anesthesia school in the country. The school has graduated 1,445 anesthesiologists.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, April 21, 1977

8:00 P.M.

Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a Proposed Amendment (Rezoning Request No. 7-27-77) which would rezone part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 19, City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, being more particularly described as:

A part of T1N, R9E, Section 19 & 30, more particularly described as Part of SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 19 & part of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 30 beg. at pt. dist. N 87-25-20 E 1575.60 ft. & N 00-44-40 W 1413 ft. from S ¼ cor. of Section 19, thence N 00-44-40 W 171.97 ft., thence N 89-15-20 E 200 ft. to why line 144 hwy, thence S 00-23-20 E 200 ft. to my line Old Grand River Rd., thence alg curve to right, rad 1800.08 ft., chord bears N 82-43-00 W 220.67 ft., dist 200.77 ft. to beg; 0.88 A.

This property lies between Grand River and 146.

The above-mentioned request would rezone the above-mentioned property from its present L-1, Light Industrial District, to ES, Expressway Service District.

The proposition in this matter is the Farmington Hills Planning Commission who seeks this rezoning in order to make this parcel compatible with adjacent parcels.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change. Blueprints and maps and zoning texts may be viewed at the Farmington Hills City Hall on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

L. DAVID STADER, Chairman

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A parcel of land in part of the S.E. ¼ of Section 19, T1N, R9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the North line of Grand River Ave., distant N 87-30-20"E, 104.15 feet along the South line of said Section 19, thence N 07-45-37"W, 49.35 feet from the South ¼ Corner of said Section 19, thence N 07-45-37"W, 517.01 feet; thence S 87-15-20"W, 249.91 feet; thence S 07-27-20"E, 111.85 feet; thence N 87-15-20"E, 156.61 feet; thence S 07-45-37"E, 385.29 feet to a point on the Northerly line of Grand River Road; thence along said Northerly line, being on a curve to the left, having a radius of 1069.96 feet, a central angle of 27°44'00", an arc of 72.80 feet and a chord bearing S 74°43'00"E, 72.80 feet to the point of beginning and contains 35,396 square feet, 1.273 acres. Reserving easements and rights-of-way of public record.

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Femme fatality

The first modern-day martyr for the cause of women's rights was a young Englishwoman named Emily Wilding Davison. On June 4, 1913, Derby Day at the race course at Epsom Downs, England, she ran onto the track directly in the path of the

king's prize horse, trying to seize the reins. The horse trampled her, and she died four

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