## Moon, rules determine when to wear your Easter bonnet



WATCH this year. Determining the date of this very creation before the pends on the phase of the mon and a few rules.

RAYMOND E. RULLOCK were set up in the year 326 A.D. walled for a Council at Nicea for the purpose of calendar reform Based on the advise of his Christian council, he decreed that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occured after the

spring).

The reason for choosing the full moon, rather than the new moon, was so persons making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land could travel at night by moonlight. Since the start of spring occurs on March 20 or 21, the earliest date that can be Easter is March 22.

But now we have to consider the inevitable exceptions to the rule: If the first full moon to occur after the start of spring fails on a Sunday, then the following Sunday is Easter. If the full moon happens to be on the same day as the vernal equinor, then the April full moon falls on a Sunday, the following Sunday is Easter UN-LESS that date is later than April 25, which is the latest date Easter

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So all things considered, Easter can come as early as March 22, which it last did in the year 1918 and will again in 2285, or it may come as late as April 25, which it did in 1943 and will again in 2038. This year Easter Sunday is April 11, which is five days after the full 1000n. Now, wan't that simple?

The moon will be found within the border of Sagittarius the archiver on the morning of the 12th. It will be sitting just above the "iid" of the "teapot" that marks that constellation. On the following morning the moon will be located four degrees above and to the right of the faint outer planets Uranus and Nep-

tune, but these planets are not visible without the aid of binocu-lars or a telescope. Later this month Uranus will overtake Nep-tune (as seen from the vantage point of the sun).

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The moon will be at last quarter phase at 3:39 p.m. on April 13. It will be starting the last quarter of its orbit around the earth, when the moon is at last quarter phase it will rise after midnight and will be in the south by sunrise.

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Look for Satum on the morning of the 16th. It will be easy to identify that planet; it will look like a star four degree below the lower cusp (point) of the waning (fading) crescent moon. Follow the moon across the sky during the next three mornings as it ap-

proaches brilliant Venus in the conjunction, or 'grouping' between the two in September.)

On the 19th a beautiful display This is algoificant in that it will will be wishle with the creatent moon less than one degree to the first passage since Neptune state of the first passage since Neptune state of the world by carting of Venus in the east. There will be a rare occultation (covering) of Venus by the moon, but sunrise in Michigan. A much cour of the world by earth-quarks murise in Michigan. A much cour for people in Hawali. (Details of the occultation will be found in the April lause of "Sily and Telescope" magazine. Check your call bookstore for evallability.)

Uranus will overtake Neptune on April 21, as seen from the perspective of the sun. (From the earth's perspective, there will be a continuation of the sun of perspective of the sun. (From the earth's perspective, there will be a conjunction of the sun of perspective of the sun. (From the earth's perspective, there will be a conjunction of the sun of the conjunction of the world by earth-quark will be conjunction. The New Moon, which happens on April 21, as seen from the perspective, there will be a conjunction of the world by earth-quark will be conjuncted by the conjunction of the world by earth-quark will be conjuncted by the conjunction of the world by earth-quark will be conjuncted by the conjunction of the world by earth-quark will be conjuncted by the conjunction of the world by earth-quark will be conjuncted by the conjunction of the world by earth-quark will be conjuncted by the conjunction of the world by earth-quark will be conjuncted by the conjunction of the world by earth-quark will be conjuncted by earth-quark will b



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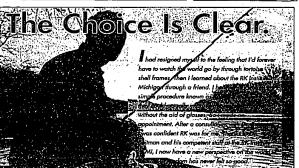
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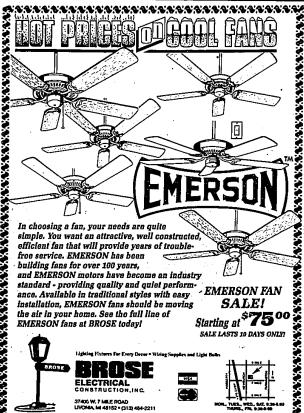
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