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## SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER

Of all the anniversaries which humanity celebrates, Easter is the most significant. Christmas is the joyous celebration of a birth, of the beginning of the most conspicuous and potent life in human history. It relates primarily to a life on earth, to an existence that is comprehensible because it is expressed in the material forms that make it tangible, visible, and easily understood. But the whole purpose of that life related to an existence beyond the material, to another and a different life, and Easter is the symbol of that larger and greater existence for which man is designed and to which earthly life is the vestibule.

The event which commemorates a resurrection from death so well substantiated by the evidence and so tremendous in its implications, that for nearly 2,000 years it has been by far the most powerful influence in the thought and action of mankind. In that event is the promise, the assurance, the proof, the certainty, of immortality. It has given to human life an immeasurable importance, has extended it from a few hours to an eternity, has lifted it up from the dust and clothed it in the apparel of divinity. Eternal life! That is the meaning of Easter.

## DEATH ON THE HIGHWAY

The Travelers Insurance Company has issued a book entitled "Live and Let Live." It deals, through statistics and graphic illustrations, with the traffic accident record in 1935, when 36,100 lives were destroyed by automobiles. It would be a great thing for the cause of safety if every citizen could read the booklet, meditate upon it, and act upon the lessons it gives and implies.

What caused serious accidents last year? As in the past, excessive speed was the undertaker's best friend, accounting for 31 per cent of all accidents in which persons were killed and injured. A heavy foot on the accelerator smooths the path to the morgue.

Next came driving on the wrong side of the road, the cause of 17 per cent of the accidents. "Keep to the right" seems to be a laugh to many drivers.

Cars not having the right of way caused 15 per cent of the accidents. Their drivers saved a second or two at the expense of life and health. Fourteen per cent of the accidents occurred when cars drove off the roadway. Many causes may enter into this type of accident—and drunken driving, which seems to be on the increase, is among them. A substantial portion of motorists must be taught, no matter how roughly, that alcohol and gasoline make a poor mixture.

Reckless driving caused 13 per cent of the accidents, with the remaining 10 per cent laid to miscellaneous causes.

Think over this list. How often have you been guilty of one or more of the violations listed? Sure, you got away with it last time—but remember that next time you may not be so lucky.

With the filing of Col. Henry Breckinridge, of New York, last week, at Annapolis, as a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in the State primaries, a Democratic Presidential primary is made necessary. President Roosevelt had already filed as a candidate. The primary election will be on Monday, May 4 in Maryland.

Discussing his campaign, Colonel Breckinridge explained he already had filed in three other States—Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The Emergency Gross Receipts Tax Act in this State expired by limitation on March 31st, 1936, but taxpayers are reminded that they are liable for the tax from receipts arising from sales made during the period from April 1st, 1935 to March 31st, 1936, even though the receipts are received after March 31st, 1936.

It is easy to dress a profitable business in the garb of respectability.

## DISEASE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES IN THE FLOODED DISTRICTS

Five Maryland counties were especially affected by the recent floods, Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Montgomery in the Potomac area and Cecil on the Susquehanna. Disease prevention activities were immediately started in each county under the direction of the County Health Officer in cooperation with the Red Cross and other relief agencies, with the assistance of personnel and supplies from the State Department of Health.

Because of the danger of typhoid and other diseases, large quantities of typhoid vaccine, tetanus antitoxin, other biologicals, and disinfectants for the purification of wells and water supplies, and for other purposes, were rushed to the County Health Departments and to conveniently accessible supply stations.

Typhoid immunizations were begun and warnings that all water used for drinking and for household purposes must be boiled, were posted at Red Cross stations, in shelters for refugees and at other centers. Engineers from the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, assisted the local sanitarians in the inspection and chlorination of public and private water supplies and wells. After the water receded, inspections were made by representatives of the Bureau of Food and Drugs, of food supplies, provision stores and markets, restaurants and public eating places, and of other places where food is handled or prepared. Supplies unfit for use were condemned.

Sanitary surveys were begun at once in preparation for early rehabilitation of families and communities. The Board of County Commissioners in each county functioned as an advisory Board of Health.

The bacteriological laboratory at Cumberland, one of the branch laboratories of the State Department of Health, was under water for several days. While it was out of commission, laboratory service for physicians in the western part of the State and the examination of samples of water and milk for that area, were carried on at the Central Laboratory in Baltimore.

## HOW EASTER IS DETERMINED

Easter Day is determined as the first Sunday after the paschal full moon, that is 14th day of calendar moon or full moon which matures upon or after March 21. If the full moon matures upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the first Sunday following. Easter was originally celebrated on the Jewish Passover, 14th day of first Jewish month or moon and ecclesiastical authorities in later fixing date of Easter adhered to method of determination by moon, in deference to ancient custom. The present rule for finding the date was adopted at the Council of Christian Churches at Nicea, in 325. The date for Easter may vary between March 22 and April 25 over a period of 35 days. The Paschal Full Moon is on the 14th day of a lunar month, reckoned according to the ancient ecclesiastical computation and not the real, or astronomical, full moon. The reason for placing Easter Sunday on the above date was, says George Eastman, that the pilgrims needed moonlight to travel on their way to the great yearly Easter festivals.

The number of farms in Maryland using electricity has increased during the last decade and a half, from 1,000 to 7,000 farms, according to Albert V. Krewatch, specialist in agricultural engineering for the University of Maryland Extension Service, who has just completed a new bulletin on "Electric Equipment in the Home—Its Care and Repair."

Copies of the bulletin may be obtained, free of charge, from the Extension Service at College Park. The number of the bulletin is 76.

A great many people want to be devout, but no one wants to be humble.—La Rochefoucauld.

## HOBBY RIDING

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## GARDENING

Gardening must be among the oldest pastimes for we quickly recall the Garden of Eden, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the fitches, leeks, lentils and garlic; cinnamon, mint, mustard, rice, saffron, spike-nard, cummin, beans, and dozens of other foods and flowers of the Bible.

Then we think of the dwarf trees of Japan—developed by cutting and recutting the tap roots; the love apples (tomatoes) taken from the Inca country by Pizarro or his consorts to King Charles I of Spain who was suspicious of the love apple's edible qualities and grew it only for garden and table decoration. We must not forget old Charleston, Florida and the Dupont (Longwood) Gardens near Wilmington. Every type of garden may be found on the Delmarva peninsula from the back-garage kitchen garden, pools and rockeries to the priceless labyrinth boxwood gardens.

And there is a book of superstitions about gardening. Plant by the moon, the tide, the mouse ear leaves on the white oak, the migrating birds, the neighing horse, the dog barking at the moon and a thousand others and you'll harvest a bountiful crop of tubers or tulips regardless of the fact that LINNAEUS, the Swedish botanist, analyzed and classified more than three hundred thousand plants and proclaimed that the crop depended upon the germination qualities of the seed.

Gardening is getting under the hides of hundreds of young and old his spring. They're itching to "grapple" in the ground and get a whiff of the newly turned earth; a glance at the disappearing seed; the cracking soil; the unfolding leaves, the popping blooms and the deliciousness of home grown delicacies or beautiful flowers for sick friends, homes, birds, and bees. Talking about glory in grocery stores, you see it only in the springtime when the seedman opens up his colorful boxes. Who remembers the Government seeds once sent out by the Senators? Fruit and vegetables hardly ever look like the pictures on the packages. Flowers almost always do. A simple tool will do the work—primitive man used a limb—and science doesn't have a chance when a hobby riding hoe lifter can find a Dr. Miles or Hagerstown Almanac.

Among the hundreds of gardening enthusiasts are Mrs. Charles York of Denton and Mrs. S. J. Stein, Seaford, grower of old fashioned flowers. And we must not forget the Eastern Shore Potato Blossom Festival on May 29-30. This will be a good time for that trip to the interesting shore of Virginia. Watch your paper!

Try your luck with garden oddities. Plant a few "two-foot cucumbers"; "cat-gut" beans as long as a buggy whip; Australian beefsteak plant that looks like a cucumber, tastes like steak and called a bean.

Flower shows and fairs offer fanciers excellent rewards for exceptional exhibits. Who will be champion vegetable and flower gardeners of 1936? Who will offer some new idea for beautifying the towns and highways of the "Garden Spot of the World?"

What is your hobby? Gardening is good!

Books: Garden Guide—De la mare; The Little Garden for Little Money—Brewster; The Scented Garden—Rhode; Pioneering with Wildflowers—Aiken; Wild Flowers—Homer. Visit the nearest library and browse through the books on gardening. It will be a pleasant adventure.

Next week: TAXIDERM—Free Course Contest.

## LASTING PROGRESS

The agricultural legislative situation is, to put it mildly, in a chaotic state.

The Supreme Court found the AAA unconstitutional months ago. Immediately Congress was deluged with new farm relief proposals. A bill, based on the Soil Conservation Act of 1935, has been passed—but many authorities, including some of the legal experts who helped frame it, are uncertain as to its constitutionality.

During depression much progress in farming has been made. Farmers have learned how to produce better crops on smaller acreages—they have gone ahead perfecting marketing machinery that gives them a fair break in dealing with distributors. Thousands of them have gotten a new understanding of such problems as the tariff and monetary standards, which vitally, if indirectly, affect agriculture's welfare.

This progress has come, not from politics, but from farm cooperatives, created and owned by farmers to study production and distribution of farm crops. It is the kind of progress that is lasting, and is not de-

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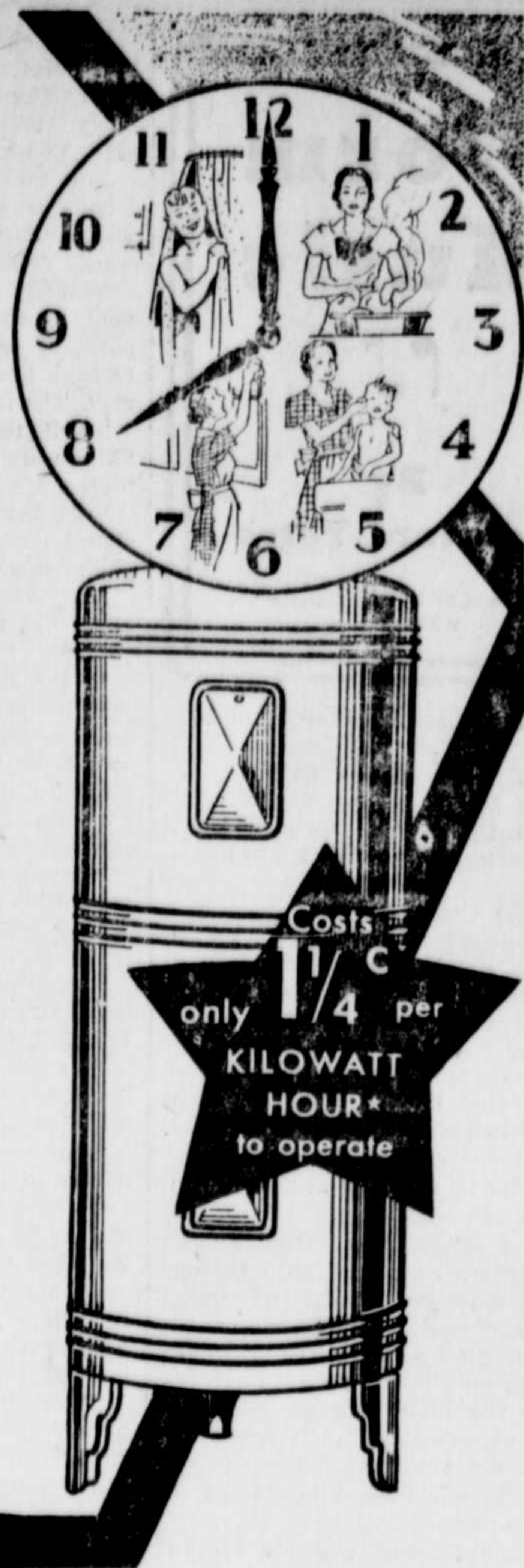
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## The Astrologer Forecasts

FOR YOU—If you were born between April 10-16, incl., of any year, your year ahead should be one of profitable expansion along mental and material lines, especially in creative effort. Travel if you have the chance. Cultivate your interests at or from a distance. Shipping, publication and advertising interests favored. Take up new studies. If the right age seek higher education. If you have any interests connected with or involving either Religion, Law or Finance do all you can to develop such between now and Dec. 22, 1936. Danger periods: July 20-Aug. 10, in home and estate; Oct. 20-Nov. 14, in matrimony, partnership and public relations affairs; Dec. 16-Jan. 12 (1937), in health, employment, and relations with fellow workers, or servants and inferiors.

FOR EVERYBODY—The period April 10-16, incl., 1936, can be made profitable and expansive in business, politics, finance and invention. Finesse in diplomacy, maneuver in politics, adroitness in financial proceedings, will mark this period. A notable achievement in arms is probable. Some outstanding event in literature may appear before the public at this time. The well-informed can make great headway. Individually: Use your intellect, be creative. Inventors and originators should make the most of this period.

April 10—Contact superiors with worth while plans. Make decisions.

April 11—The afternoon and evening hours are unfavorable. Control emotions, guard health, avoid old matters.

April 12—A favorable day. Push business plans. Close financial deals. Seek agreements in law, politics and diplomacy. Travel. Expand.

April 13—Another favorable day. Be constructive. Optimism, energy, action carries the day.

April 14—Till 3.00 P. M. the vibrations are developing and expansive. Deal with superiors and push financial plans. After 3.00 P. M. be careful in dealings with opposite sex.

April 15—Avoid sudden changes; careful with the new. The late evening hours are dangerous.

April 16—Careful with new plans and decisions involving change. The evening hours favor dealings with the opposite sex.

## "SONG OF SOLOMON"

First of a new series of exotic, interpretive Biblical paintings by the distinguished artist, Edmund Dulac, reproduced in FULL COLOR in the April 12 issue of the American Weekly, the magazine which comes regularly with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. Your local newsdealer will supply you.

terminated by the ebb and flow of political movements, or by the action of courts on legislation.

## STRESSES SAFETY AND MISUSE OF MOTORIST FUNDS

Two subjects of vital importance to motorists—highway safety and misuse of motorist funds—were stressed by J. Horton Weeks, President of the Keystone Automobile Club, addressing 15,000 motorists from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland at the 30th annual meeting of the Club, March 31st, in Philadelphia Convention Hall.

Mr. Weeks declared that the great need in the highway safety movement is State leadership. "We believe," he said, "that the leadership in promoting the safety of the highways should be assumed by the State itself, and carried out by an official whose function should be the creation of a comprehensive program and the co-ordination of the activities of all State and local authorities in carrying such program into effect."

In line with this thought he strongly advocated increase in State highway patrol forces, declaring that adequate enforcement of motor vehicle laws, with consequent decrease in accidents, is dependent upon the number of adequately trained patrolmen. "The day is past," he continued, "when an officer is entitled to be designated as an enforcer of the law when all he does is to stand at his post and 'hop' on the offender after the offense is committed. A truly modern conception of a traffic enforcement officer is one who is thoroughly trained and actively present for the purpose of preventing conduct which tends to produce accidents."

Attacking diversion of motorist funds, Mr. Weeks said:

"Expenditure of motorist funds necessarily involves the employment of many thousands of citizens and in itself constitutes a splendid contribution by the motoring public to the prevention of unemployment. Any diversion of motor funds from these normal purposes will necessarily result in throwing large numbers of persons out of work."

There can be individuals who do not want so much of "success" as to make life a treadmill.

Some philosophies are mere indifference.

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## "GORGEOUS"—NEW SERIAL

For exciting romance and adventure don't miss "Gorgeous," new serial which starts in the Fiction Section of the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN on April 12. Also several short stories in the Fiction Section. Tell your newsdealer to reserve your copy of the American each week.

## ACTIVITIES OF HANKINSON SPEEDWAYS

Ralph A. Hankinson has tabulated some very interesting data on the activities of Hankinson Speedways in 1935, and the following emanating from the offices of his organization should prove interesting to all who follow the automobile racing game.

In 1934, a total gross attendance at the combination meets sponsored by Hankinson Speedways totaled over 821,000, a new record from the standpoint of attendance at automobile races exploited by one concern. At the beginning of the 1935 season, last April, staff members of the Hankinson group were ambitious to the extent of securing an attendance of "over the million" mark during the season, and the report of attendance shows a grand total of 1,008,526 persons.

The records of the Contest Board show that Hankinson Speedways licensed 24 different courses and operated 36 sanctioned meets under the supervision of the Contest Board of the American Automobile Association.

Over 150 licensed drivers took part in the 36 events promoted by the Hankinson organization. More than \$60,000 was distributed to competing drivers in the 36 events held during the year 1935, which showed an average of \$1,147.61 paid at each of these meets to the drivers.

First place in the Hankinson National Circuit Championship of 1935 was easily won by "Doc" Mackenzie, who received as first award, and also the title of "1935 Champion," the \$300 Hamilton wrist watch. Second place went to Billy Winn, of Detroit, who received a \$200 Hamilton wrist watch. Third place was won by Bob Sall, of Paterson, N. J., who also received a Hamilton wrist watch.

Four AAA sanctioned championship events of a century distance each were held in 1935. Two of these 100-mile grinds were promoted by the Hankinson group; one at Springfield, Ill., which was won by Billy Winn, and the final at the Langhorne Speedway on Oct. 13, which was won by Kelly Pettillo. Billy Winn finished second to Pettillo at Langhorne.

Mr. Hankinson, in a recent interview stated: "The year of 1935 has been our most successful season, both from the standpoint of satisfactory financial returns and meritorious programs. We are inclined to believe that an invasion of Western drivers will be most noticeable during 1936. Our schedule at the present time calls for 14 pre-fair season operations and about 30 fair dates. We believe that the most outstanding programs of the season which command special credit occurred at Reading, Allentown, Richmond, Raleigh, Wilson, N. C., and Oct. 13 at Langhorne. In analyzing the ever-increasing popularity of automobile racing, we look forward to a decided increase in 1936."

Life is not to be alive, but to be well.—Martial.

Wisdom is rare, Lorenzo! wit abounds.—Young.