





## History Of Easter Presents Many Interesting, Informative Facts

How did Easter get its name?

Why was this holy day "feodum" celebrated on Sunday by the first Christians?

And why is Easter and not Christmas — considered the most ancient and most important festival of the Christian year?

The answers, unknown to many people, shed new light on the rich history and significance of the holiday.

The first Christians took relatively little notice of the anniversary of Christ's birth. Easter, to them, was the all-important holiday. As far as they — and the Gospels — were concerned, Jesus commanded men to remember not His birth, but His death.

"God raised Him up," said St. Peter in the first great Christian sermon, "having loosed the pangs of death . . . (Acts 2:24). It was not possible for death to hold Him."

Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, whose weekly address on "The Lutheran Hour" are heard by more than ten million people in 43 languages around the world, points out that "Christ's victory is unique. Surgeons skillfully revive people after their hearts have stopped by means of message or electric shock. What happened to Jesus Christ, however, is quite different from anything that ever happened before or anything that has happened since. On that first Easter Sunday, a Man rose from the grave, waking up from death as if it were nothing more than a sound sleep."

With the drama of Christ's death and resurrection firmly fixed in their minds, early Christians debated the most appropriate date for celebrating the event. At first, Easter was celebrated on the 14th of Nisan (the Hebrew month corresponding to March-April), regardless of the day on which it fell. This, the date of the Jewish Passover feast, marked the death of Christ.

Christians of Jewish descent favored this practice. But Gentile Christians disagreed, insisting that Easter be observed on Sunday, the day of the resurrection. The issue was decided by the Nicaean Council, which in the year 325 decided that Easter would be observed by everyone on the Sunday following the full moon of the vernal equinox. But the ancient connection of Easter and Passover lingers on in the names many nations give to the holiday: the French "Pâques" and the Spanish "Pascua" are derived, through the Latin, from the Hebrew "Pesach" (Passover).

Why do we call it Easter? According to the 8th century historian Bede, the name comes from Eostre or Ostara, a Germanic goddess of dawn or spring. Ancient European tribes held an annual spring festival in honor of the death of winter and the return of the sun. When they became Christians, they kept many of the

joyous customs with which they had formerly greeted the renewal of spring.

We can also thank these tribes for the Easter rabbit. They believed that a bunny always turned up to make the goddess Eostre a present of a brand new egg. The practice of giving eggs as gifts and eating them on Easter Sunday probably evolved added impetus because, in early Christian times, eggs were forbidden food during Lent. In many places, Easter games played with eggs were traditional; the Monday egg-rolling on the White House lawn is an echo of these frolics.

The white lily, symbol of the resurrection, is the traditional Easter flower. In the United States, the Bermuda lily became so popular for Easter use that it came to be known as the Easter lily.

While various folk customs enrich the holiday, the events of the first Easter are treated by some people as a mixture of myth and legend. Attempts have been made in the past, and are being made today, to explain away the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Is the resurrection an historical fact?

"He rose again the third day according to the scriptures," says the First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians. "And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve; After that He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, He was seen of James, then of all the apostles. And last of all He was seen of me also."

Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recently told his millions of listeners on "The Lutheran Hour": "You can have complete confidence that the story is really true. No event in history has been so clearly substantiated as this one . . . In the case of our Lord's resurrection, the story was written by the eyewitnesses themselves. This is primary source material of the highest credibility, written by men who never had any idea before that first Easter morning of spending their whole lives telling a story like this one."

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!" (1 Peter 1:3) NEB.

Editor's Note: Instead of running an editorial praising and discussing Religious Emphasis Week, The Trail Blazer staff has decided to present this story about the history of Easter. It goes without saying that we are strongly in favor of Religious Emphasis Week and feel its value to Morehead State College is great.

## We Should Have Better Student Attendance At The On-Campus Concerts

The Four Freshmen appeared at the Field house last Wednesday night to an audience of less than 900. The audience was small, but those who attended this concert got their money's worth, and more, of entertainment. The Four Freshmen have been singing before college and university audiences for 15 years. Their style and songs have been remembered and loved by thousands and a Four Freshmen concert, whether at a college or on television, is a prized attraction.

Why were the Four Freshmen not a prized attraction at Morehead State College? Why wouldn't students take two hours away from their studies and one dollar out of their wallets to attend this concert which was one of the highlights of this semester? These are the questions The Trail Blazer is asking, and from the turn-out at the concert, the sponsoring group, the Student Council, might be questioning, "why should we go to the trouble of having a big-name group on campus when students don't attend?"

Why was the Fieldhouse half-filled with people for the Four Freshmen concert? The general answer was that there was little publicity. True, the Student Council only found out that

they could get the Four Freshmen the previous Thursday, but posters were immediately put on bulletin boards over the campus. Somehow, the entire student body can find out within the hour about an impromptu dance after basketball games. Somehow, the auditorium will be packed with screaming frosh to hear an amateur rock and roll band for three hours in the middle of the week. But, when a top-name singing group comes to MSC, few attend.

We have had students complain to us that there are few events at the college during weekends. How should they know, for these students are always heading home on weekends? So many leave, that clubs have often found it impractical to sponsor a dance or other activities on a weekend. Therefore, the weekdays are

In preceding years, we have only had one or two top-name groups appear on campus during the year. So far, this year we have had the Lettermen, Count Basie, the Chad Mitchell Trio, the Louisville Orchestra, and the Four Freshmen. What universities can match that?

Yet, the students seem to take these concerts for granted and don't see the necessity for attending these performances.



### Top News Review

## Recent Courtroom Dramas Top The Television Shows

By David Henderson

Trail Blazer Associate Editor

In the past several years, the television industry has produced many programs which center courtroom drama as subject matter. The band of television lawyers, led by Perry Mason, has battled through many a case, ranging in subject from "who took the diamond necklace" to "who drowned the millionaire's cat". The result is that ratings have never been so good.

Yet, in recent weeks, real-life drama in courtrooms in Tennessee, Texas, and California, make poor Perry and the boys all back in insignificance. The verdicts of the three trials are in and Americans are comparing the results and concluding that crime certainly doesn't pay.

On the West Coast, Frank Sinatra Jr. is being rewarded for his 500-mile ride in a car trunk by seeing his kidnappers sentenced to life-plus terms in prison. For the most part, the public was surprised by the harshness of the sentences and it felt there is another person equally deserving of harsher sentences who got off much easier. That man is Jimmy Hoffa.

The Teamster boss stood in a Chattanooga, Tennessee, courtroom and heard his sentence after being convicted of jury-tampering in 1962: eight years in jail and a maximum fine of \$10,000. To this, Hoffa replied, "I stand here today and state that I am innocent."

### Aquila Club Sponsors College "Travel Bureau"

The Aquila Club will sponsor its semi-annual travel bureau from March 28 to April 1. All those interested in obtaining rides and pursuing riders are asked to register their names with the Aquila Club.

The travel bureau will be set up in the basement of the Student Union, open from 10:00 in the morning until 3:00 in the afternoon from March 28 to April 1.

"Let's help you find a ride or a rider to any destination during spring vacation," said Bill Couts, President of the Aquila Club.

### Norman Conducts Procedure Meeting At Morehead State

By Quentin Callahan

Diek Norman, junior student council representative, held a lecture on parliamentary procedure in Lippin Hall, on March 12. About 30 delegates from the various clubs on Morehead State College campus attended.

Norman covered in his talk the correct agenda, types of motions and advantages and disadvantages of the procedure. The student council purpose in conducting this meeting was to give them a working knowledge of this type of procedure.

### CWENS HOLD COKE PARTY

The Cwens held their annual "Coke Party" for all freshmen women with a 3.0 standing or above on March 21 to review prospective members for 1964-65.

In the next few weeks, the candidates that have been selected for the honor will be notified. Candidates will be chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership and character.

### "HE IS RISEN"

## The Editor's Desk

The Trail Blazer received a very interesting letter from an old class Saturday, and we thought that the students would be interested in reading parts of it.

The letter is from Ralph Schwartz, who was the Business Manager of the paper in 1936 and is currently running Schwartz Bayland at Fort Wayne, Indiana. The primary purpose of the letter was to ask for a change of address for his Trail Blazers; however, Schwartz also added some interesting facts about Morehead State College.

He said: "Thirty years ago, there was no science hall. The power house was across from Allie Young Hall, the campus stopped at Breezy Training School, classes were in the Ad Bldg., except for music, which was in the basement of Field's Hall. We had maybe 700 enrolled, and the cafeteria was in the basement of Allie Young Hall. Meal books that lasted a week cost \$3.50, and dormitory rent was \$27.50 a semester, and that included linen."

"I was present at the birth of the tradition of the Hawk Rifle thing between us and Eastern, and I remember standing on the lawn in front of President Babbs' house with some of the guys from the Campus Club looking at the gun. Babbs claimed it was actually a squirrel rifle, and for all I know, he may have been right."

"Morehead is a great school in the most beautiful of surroundings, and you are all fortunate to be there. I cannot look back on happier years, and I hope that you all will feel the same in later life."

### NEXT PAPER ON APRIL 21

The next edition of The Trail Blazer (the week's lapse is due to spring vacation) will be published on April 21. We would like to request that all clubs, organizations, and departments please notify us as soon as possible for future news.

The copy deadline for all stories is the Thursday before the publication date. The next deadline will be on April 16.

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MEMBERS, NEW AND OLD — Pictured above are the members of the Morehead State College

Circle K. The organization recently accepted 14 college students as new members.

## English Conference Held At Morehead State College

"This conference certainly demonstrated that English and foreign language teachers are conscious of the latest teaching materials and methods and that Morehead State College is out front in developing them," said James E. Davis, Chairman of the EREA Department of English and Foreign Languages.

Davis presided at the third annual English conference held March 13, on the Morehead State College campus. Over one hundred teachers and students attended the day long conference.

The major events of the day were the showing of audio-visual aids for the teaching of literature prepared by Morehead State College through its Division of Languages and Literature and the Department of Audio-Visual Aids.

One of these aids, "The Nature of Physical Nature in Literature,"

written by Dr. Lewis Barnes, was an 8 mm. sound and color film production. Dr. Barnes also spoke concerning the use of audio-visuals in the teaching of literature.

Dr. Norman Tant spoke briefly on the recency of the development of 8 mm. sound which makes sound films economically practical for schools. Said Tant, "A few years ago I wouldn't have believed this could have been done."

"The Essence of Romanticism," a sound, color, automatic slide production by Dr. Ruth Barnes, was shown in the afternoon. Other materials were on display and were demonstrated at various times during the program.

There was a symposium on programmed learning during the afternoon session with Dr. Charles Peirce, Bernard Hamilton, Sam Doney, and William Hampton speaking.



MOREHEAD COMBO ENTERTAINS — Lt. Gov. Harry Lee Waterfield (left) and Mrs. Waterfield held a reception at the Old Governor's Residence in Frankfort Tuesday evening (March 10) honoring members of the 1964 Kentucky General Assembly. Special music for the evening was provided by a combo from Morehead State College.

Shown (left to right) with the host and hostess are: John K. Steller, music department faculty member; David Phillips, trumpet; Gary Billups, saxophone; Mike Svec, bass; Ted Bude, pianist; and Allen Hill, pianist. John Bastolla, drummer, is not shown.

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### MSC Students

## Circle K Accepts Fourteen As New Members For 1964

The Circle K has accepted fourteen new members for 1964.

They are: Dave Dennis, Wayne Garce, Larry Klasmeyer, John Groelche, Ivan Harper, John Demare, Phil Owens, Tom Cooper,

Teddy Pass, Paul Clinton, Boyde Phillips, Dewitt Smith, James Young and Dave Norman.

Dennis is a freshman from Cincinnati and is in business administration. His college activities include, track, cross country, Student Council and M Club.

Garce is a freshman physical education major from Cincinnati. He is on the track and the cross country team and is a member of the Campus Club and Open Forum.

Demare is a junior from Frankfort and is biology chemistry major. He is a member of Mu Sigma Chi, Beta Chi Gamma, Cosmopolitan Club and Open Forum.

Owens is a sophomore math and biology major from Harlan. He is a member of Open Forum and the Mystic Club.

Cooper is a sophomore physical education major from Johnstown, Pa. He is a member of the Campus Club, Student Council and the Council of Presidents.

Pass is a junior pre-med student from Jenkins. He is a member of the Campus Club and the Latin Club.

Clinton is a sophomore biology major from Syosset, N.Y.

Phillips is a sophomore history and geography major from Pensacola. He is a member of the G.T.U.

Smith is a junior geography major from Syracuse, N.Y. He is a member of the G.T.U.

Young is a junior biology major from Louisville.

Norman is a sophomore political science major from Louisville.

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