

# point of view

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April has to be one of the more pleasant months of the year. Spring usually begins to show itself day by day, and every part of nature seems excited about the new year, man included.

Spring, of course, means Easter, and even though this very important day of remembrance has passed, it's not too late to recall a favorite story that has been around for a long, long time. Perhaps you do not know the story.

From the beginning of time, the tree we know as the redbud had borne each spring, lovely white blossoms as delicate and sheer as the clouds in the sky. Everyone who walked along the roadsides commented on their beauty and cut off a branch or two to carry home. No flower in all the world was more sought after for festive decorations. But one spring, there was a tragedy.

A man named Judas Iscariot was to change a part of the beauty of spring for all time to come. Judas betrayed a friend for a few pieces of silver, and as a result of his betrayal, this friend was arrested and condemned to death.

Judas, upon seeing what his betrayal had done, repented of his act and brought the thirty pieces of silver he had been paid to the chief priests and elders of the city, saying, "I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood."

The priests and elders only laughed at him and said, "What is that to us? You worry about that since you are the one who betrayed him."

Upon their answer, Judas threw the pieces of silver on the floor of the temple and ran away. He was very desperate and went out into the woods alone, where he hanged himself.

Judas was never to know that it was a warm April day. He did not know that the birds were singing and that

everywhere the wild flowers were pushing their heads up toward the sun. Nor did he know that it was beneath the wild branches of the lovely white blossoms of the blossom tree that he tore his cloak in strips and made them into a rope with which he hanged himself. He only knew that he no longer desired to live, that he could not go on. The weight of the death of a friend for a few silver dollars was more than he could bear.

Judas swayed incongruously from the wide branch of the white blossom tree until the people came and found him there. They took him down with unsympathetic hands and were ready to carry his body away when one of them exclaimed, "See the white blossoms on the tree? They've turned red. The tree could not share the shame of Judas' act."

To this day, some call it the Judas tree while others call it the redbud tree. No one has

called it the white blossom tree since that April day so long ago.

April is also the time of year when most people get serious about their gardening. I used to think I was the only person in the world that couldn't wait to get into the garden. Not so.

According to a national garden advocacy group, Gardens For All, more people are gardening than ever before. It asked the Gallup Poll organization to survey the county's households on gardening, and the 1981-82 survey showed that 38 million households have gardens. This is an increase of four million over the previous year.

In addition, the survey revealed that there are 1.5 million households that garden in community plots. Regardless of how you look at it, there are a lot of sore backs and blistered hands in April.

## Bike-A-Thon Riders And Sponsors Sought

Riders for the Edenton-St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wheels for Life Bike-A-Thon are now asking citizens to back their efforts by pledging a contribution for each mile they ride.

The money our riders earn will help continue St. Jude's life saving study of childhood cancer that has become so important to children all over the world.

Please show that you care about children by helping this cause. Please support you rider with a generous pledge and then help them get the funds to us as soon as the ride is over.

Each rider will be given a lap card when they register at the old U.P.S. Building on Coke Avenue on April 9, at 9:00 A.M. Everytime they ride through the check point, the lap card will be initialed. At the end of the ride, it will be checked and signed to show that the rider earned what the sponsor pledged. Riders will then return to the sponsors to collect the pledge.

The rider will also be given a hospital bracelet saying "I'm riding for Terry" to wear during the Bike-A-Thon. Most of them will still be wearing their bracelets while making their collections. Terry is a St. Jude patient who represents all victims of the illness under study at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please remember the ride starts at the old U.P.S. Building on Coke Avenue at 9:00 A.M. on April 9.

Riders can still obtain sponsor/registration forms at C.B.S. International, Inc. or by calling 482-7766 or 482-4597.



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## Swain School Beautification Campaign

Swain school has been very active in its Beautification campaign. We would like to give this progress report and some information about the rest of the years programs.

The teachers' lounge was our first big project. Mrs. Swanner with the help of the custodial staff cleaned and rearranged it. Mrs. Swanner and Ms. Boyce then covered old faded blackboards with bright bulletin boards. The P.T.A. came through with a new couch and coffee and hot chocolate for the teachers and staff.

Then came the sickroom. The P.T.A. get all the credit. They bought new bunk beds and bedding. Now we have a nice and better suited facility.

Mrs. Swanner turned the bulletin board dragon she had painted into Principal's Choice. Art work is displayed on it. Each grade level has a month to submit work. Mr. Underwood picks the best work to display.

Mr. Parks became involved when we found we needed window lifts through out the school. He has been busy working on this, before warm weather sets in.

Mr. Underwood arranged to have our dumpster moved away from the building and repaired.

Mrs. Jordan had the milk delivery changed to eliminate so much clutter behind the cafeteria.

Mrs. Swanner set a table and chairs by the office to serve as a reception area for people waiting.

Mr. Underwood changed the bells to better move the children, cars, and buses away from the campus safely. He also arranged bus pickup so two buses at each side could load at the same time.

The Central Office staff came to our aid with plaster and paint for some of our walls.

Mrs. Jordan set up a special table in the cafeteria for teachers. She added a table cloth and display.

Mr. Underwood stopped most parking on campus. This was to protect children playing there.

Mr. Bradford is finishing up a mural by the cafeteria. He is also starting a project to paint trash cans like candy wrappers.

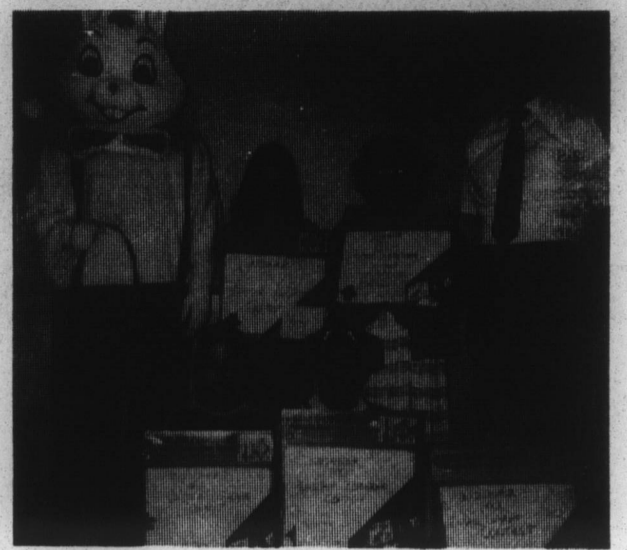
Mrs. Guard started sugges-

tion boxes for both teachers and students.

Mr. Underwood had the stage curtains cleaned and repaired.

All of this is not enough. We have bigger plans for spring. Our student council will help with our yearly flower planting. Mrs. Swanner and Mr. Bradford are sponsoring a "design a fancy school mailbox" Contest. Winners will get to paint the mailboxes themselves. Their entries were due March 31st. We have a school Dress Up day planned for April 15th. Students will come to school dressed in their finest. We will pick the best "lookers". April 22nd will be the deadline for turning poems into Mrs. Swanner on pollution. We will try to publish the winners of the poetry contest. We have still more planned for May and June but we want to save some surprises, for our next newsletter.

Mrs. Swanner  
Chairman E.A. Swain  
Beautification



IT'S EASTER TIME—The third graders at D.F. Walker School have been eagerly awaiting Easter. They have been quite excited for the past two weeks. Each student had an opportunity to enter a drawing in a contest about Easter at Mack's store. Each drawing was displayed in the front window of the store.

To the delight of the third graders, appeared the Easter Bunny. It brought treats for the students and a "special treat" for the student in each class who had the best drawing.

Pictured above are the winners. They are Easter Bunny, Meg Campen, Ava Rawls, Donald Seal, Maryanne Schroeder, Greer Sawyer, Mr. Mertz and Teresa Byrum (not shown).

The students had fun with their drawings and enjoyed the visit from the Easter Bunny. They left for their vacation happily having seen their work in the window of Mack's and having been visited by the Easter Bunny.

The largest painting ever painted was the "Panorama of the Mississippi," completed in by John Banvard in 1846. It took spectators two hours to view all of the 12-foot high, 16,000 foot long picture.

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