

In These United States

Americans Will Greet Easter
With Open-Air Sunrise Worship

(By WNU Feature Service)

Hours before the dawn on Easter, thousands of American families will be stirring about, getting ready to attend sunrise services, thus dramatically and reverently affirming their belief in the Resurrection. The Easter sunrise service has become an institution that has spread all over the United States in the past 25 years, and this year it will be greater than ever.

Again nature's cathedrals of the great outdoors in national parks will provide backgrounds and settings for Easter worship from New Jersey to California. Open-air services will be held at the rim of the Grand Canyon, at the base of towering Half Dome in Yosemite, by the Easter Bowl near Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley, among the fantastically carved and vividly colored sandstone cliffs of Zion in Utah, and around a rustic cross in the pines on the summit of Hot Springs mountain.

Mammoth Hot Springs terrace will be the church of the open air in Yellowstone, and special Easter services will be held on Bromide Hill in Pratt National park, Oklahoma. Scene of historic ceremonies more than 800 years ago, the Great Kiva in Aztec Ruins National park, New Mexico, will again be used for sunrise services. Deep within Carlsbad Caverns, 750 feet below the surface, hundreds of visitors will gather for Easter worship.

In the cities, too, sunrise services will be held from coast to coast. From Rodney Square in Wilmington, Del., to Soldier Field, Chicago, and the Rose Bowl at Los Angeles, more thousands will gather to sing and worship as the sun rises on Easter morn. The traditional service at the Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, will be broadcast over a nation-wide radio network.

Miami Beach, Atlantic City, Seattle, and dozens of other cities have instituted sunrise services. In Washington, everyone from the President and cabinet members to the lowliest citizen will attend the impressive Easter service at Arlington National cemetery. At San Francisco, thousands will rally at Mt. Davidson for Easter worship.

Hundreds of small communities in Texas, Kansas, Vermont, Oregon, and all the other states, will hold their own sunrise services, many of them in parks and public squares, others among the great natural settings so abundant in America.



YOSEMITE . . . Mirror Lake at the base of Half Dome is the scene of Easter sunrise services each year. Thousands of California people as well as many from other states attend the annual event.

"Off We Go"

AVIATION NOTES

FORMER PARATROOPERS

The 17th airborne division association has grown from 134 members in September, 1945, to over 3,000. But there are 20,000 eligible former 17th men for whom the association has no address. The address is 11 Ravine street, Birmingham, Mich., in case others want to join. The official publication is the "Talon."

Buy Stratocruisers
Northwest Airlines has purchased 10 Boeing stratocruisers, developed from the B-29 superfortress. Double-decked, each will carry 75 passengers.

ECONOMY FLYING CLUB
At Waukegan, Ill., Wayne Carpenter, manager of the airport, is gathering 100 members for the Economy Flying club, with annual membership set at \$25 and \$10 a month for flying training. The plan is experimental, Carpenter said, its purpose being to make it possible for anyone to learn flying.

Cleveland Foundation
Civic and business leaders of Cleveland, Ohio, have formed a non-profit air foundation to advance aviation through public education, research, and by means of scholarships.

KING FOR DAY . . . Cpl. Lawrence O. Johnson of Portland, Ore., was chosen from G.I.s in the regional hospital of the Smoky Hill army air field, Salina, Kan., as "King of McPherson for a Weekend." One of his first acts was to repeal an old law prohibiting boys from playing marbles on Sunday.

Uncle 'Stork'

WASHINGTON.—Uncle Sam is still playing stork for war veterans. The old fellow who has already played a part in bringing some 800,000 servicemen's babies safely into the world, all expenses paid, is still taking on the responsibility for an additional 30,000 or so monthly.

This function comes under the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care program which provides for service to wives of servicemen in the four lowest pay grades, including medical, hospital and nursing care for their infants during the first year of life.

Hyde Park Dedication
Is Set for April 12th

WASHINGTON.—Ceremonies formally dedicating to the nation the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt as a national historic site will be held at Hyde Park, N. Y., April 12, first anniversary of the former President's death, with President Truman scheduled to deliver the principal address. J. A. Krug, secretary of the interior, will accept the property for the department and the national park service.



AIRLINE PILOT . . . Miss Louise Schurman, who flew for the ATA in England during the war, is now working as a co-pilot with Willis Airlines, New York. She has over 1,600 pilot hours and has flown practically every type of plane.

Farm Aviators to Meet
Farmer-aviators will fly to the Hutchinson municipal airport, Hutchinson, Kan., on Friday, May 24, to organize a Kansas Flying Farmers' club. More than 100 are expected to attend.

Vets Get Airport
BETHANY, CONN.—The new owner of the Bethany airport is Bethany Airways, Inc., with Bob Halpin as president and Ben Shiffrin, secretary-treasurer. Both of the men are ex-army pilots.



DRAMATIC EXIT OF RUSSIAN DELEGATION . . . Andrei Gromyko, left, head of the USSR delegation to the United Nations security conference, followed by other delegates and accompanied by Frank Begley, right, chief of security, as he leaves the conference room after a dispute on the Iranian situation.



WISCONSIN BASKETBALL CHAMPS . . . The high school basketball five from Reedsville, which recently captured the state title in championship series held at Madison. Reedsville, with a population of only 837, is proud of John Gable, principal and coach of his team. Left to right, Karl Maertz, Henry Behnke, Bernard Kubale, Ed Shimon and Roman Kugle. Coach Gable is shown in center of group. Photo—Milwaukee Journal.



THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR . . . Says Louisiana's Gov. Jimmie H. Davis to Mayor-designated de Lesseps S. Morrison, at a recent civic gathering in the southern city. Both men are united in their efforts to expand industry in Louisiana. The two leaders are fast becoming one of the South's best sales teams.



GANDHI TALKS OVER RADIO . . . Following the announcement of Prime Minister W. Clement Attlee that India may elect her own freedom, the great leader of India, Mahatma Gandhi, went on the air to tell his followers what kind of a freedom he wanted for India. The British cabinet was on its way to discuss the matter with Gandhi. Lord Pethwick Lawrence, Sir Stafford Cripps and A. W. Alexander made up the group.



NO CONTRACT, NO WORK . . . John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, as he delivered his famous admonition to coal mine operators: "No contract, no work." The old agreement expired April 1.



STAMP TO HONOR VETS . . . This special three-cent stamp honoring veterans of World War II will be issued on May 9. It will be of standard size and will include a facsimile of the honorable discharge emblem now seen on so many lapels.



BE KIND TO ANIMALS . . . For the entire week, animals of every species have the right of lordship over humankind. Be Kind to Animals Week is sponsored by the American Humane association but widely observed.



REVAMP COURT MARTIAL . . . Dean Arthur T. Vanderbilt, New York university law school, who has been named chairman of civilian board of nine law experts to overhaul army's court martial procedure which has been severely criticized recently.



HAS NEW GODCHILD . . . Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt holds Anna Eleanor Martin, two-months-old daughter of Mrs. Hershey Martin, former Mayris Chaney. Mrs. Roosevelt was infant's godmother at San Francisco christening.

Kathleen Norris Says:

Stop Fooling Yourself

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"Tom came home and agreed to a divorce, but he took his child away from the mother whose open infidelity, the court decided, indicated that she was an unfit guardian."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

PERHAPS you are one of the thousands of American women who met another man, while dear old unromantic Bill was away at the war front, and are wondering just how to break it to Bill that you want to be free.

If you are, wake up and stop fooling yourself. This new man wouldn't continue his tender flattery, his generous presents, his breathless admiration of everything you say and do, much longer than the honeymoon. Then he'd turn into the usual exacting, unreasonable, unfeeling sort of everyday man that Bill is.

If there is one glaring lesson that stands written in letters of fire on the skyline of American domestic life, it is that a second marriage is more difficult than a first, more full of bitterness and disillusionment. And a third is worse than a second.

When a woman deliberately turns down a fairly satisfactory, unexciting husband who is far away, for a glamorous sweetheart here at home, she guarantees for herself several years of misery.

After those years, she may win to several forms of content; resignation, philosophy, other interests, a general growing-up. But the first years after a passionate leap from the cooling ardors of one man to the furious embraces of another, is a staggering disappointment. The illicit love that was so absorbing becomes something nearer hatred as the woman realizes what she has sacrificed for it, and how she has complicated every other relationship in her life.

It's All Over.

It is different when she is widowed, or when years of separation from an unfit mate have lent a sort of dignity to her selection of a new partner. But I am speaking of the many, many wives who write the distant soldier, or greet him on his return with the news that it is all over—a new love has entered their lives.

Take Carolyn Martin, for example, who writes me a frantic letter from Duluth, and threatens to take her own life unless someone does something that will restore her to her old content and self-respect.

Tom Martin went off to war; Carolyn devoted herself to little Patsy Lee. Presently she met Gregory, stationed nearby, uniformed, handsome, with a captain's pay.

Gregory had a wife in Virginia, but he was lonely, too, and misunderstood, and he adored Carolyn. They became lovers, and Carolyn's mad passion had its hour.

But look how it all turned out. Tom came home and agreed to a divorce, but he took his child away from the mother whose open infidelity, the court decided, indicated that she was an unfit guardian for Patsy Lee. Carolyn hadn't quite foreseen that.

And Gregory's wife, who also has a young daughter, refused him a divorce; Carolyn hadn't thought of that, either.

"We have quarrelled bitterly," she writes me. "For I know perfectly well that Gregory Brown could have gotten a divorce if he had insisted. But no, I'd given him everything—everything, and he'd tired of me, the way men do. That's all past."



"Why did I start proceedings?"

THE PRICE OF INFIDELITY

During the long months and years of war, many wives became restless, and felt starved emotionally. Their husbands were away in service. As time dragged on, love for the absent spouse often dwindled and faded away. She met some other man at the war plant, or through a friend. This new man seemed to be much more glamorous than her husband had ever been. In time she began to admit to herself that she loved this man, and that she was tired of her husband. She was anxious to be free of him, so she could marry again.

In the case considered today, Miss Norris points out that a woman who thinks another marriage is going to bring her glorious happiness is fooling herself. Life will soon settle into its humdrum pattern. Difficulties and quarrels will come along. The custody of the children may go to the former husband, and so be lost to their mother. Or even greater tragedy may overtake the foolish, selfish woman. She may lose both men.

"But my little Patsy Lee, I can't live without her! I can't bear the thought that she is with Tom's sister, whose own three children will, of course, come first in everything. What did I do that was so wrong—of course I know that it wasn't fair to Tom, but can a woman help loving a man as masterful—as attractive as Greg?"

Easy to Plan Divorce.
And she encloses me three of Greg's old love-letters to give me some idea of the forcefulness of his wooing.

It's easy to talk of breaking up a marriage, everyone is going to be agreeable, in the first stages. "Isn't it better for Greg and me to be happy, even if Tom isn't, than to have all three of us wretched?" the wife asks, with a great air of considering the greater good for the greater number. "Greg," they say, "adores Patsy Lee, he is going to be the kindest daddy in the world to her."

Then the law steps in; the lawyer asks all sorts of dreadful questions; Greg's sister reminds him that he has every right to his child. Carolyn's heart begins to fail her, and a thousand times as the slow processes go on, she wishes she hadn't ever started the series of acts and events that led to this change.

The other day I was in court when a divorce case was being decided; the husband was just back from service overseas, the wife—a pretty young thing who had taken on a lover during her months alone—looked miserably unhappy already. Her mother told me in an aside that the poor child couldn't marry her sweetheart until he got a job. At one stage of the proceedings the girl looked at her husband imploringly.

"Oh, are we both crazy, Alan?" she sobbed. The man growled an angry "yes," the case went on, and one more home was thrown on the junk heap.

Home Gardens Still Needed
President Truman is urging home gardeners to continue the production of vegetables in 1946 because of the worldwide shortage of food. A good garden will produce enough vegetables of various kinds for a 12-month supply. These include fresh vegetables for the growing season of five or six months and a quantity to be canned, dried, stored or frozen for the remaining six or seven months. Records show that a quarter-acre area, if well-managed, will supply a family of five.